

***CLOSING HYMN**

Our Father

***CHARGE AND BLESSING**

POSTLUDE

Fling Out the Banner by John Calkin arr. Clarence Kohlmann

Congregation remains seated

Liturgist	Marta Mojzer
Ushers	Barb Pratt, Wilson Tayong, Dillan Nyamusa
Communion Servers	Valentine Nyamusa, Emmanuel Bime, Marty Reese, Debi Hess
Director of Music	Davis McKinney
Pastor	Rev. Tom Dunlap

Bolded words are read by the congregation. *Indicates please stand as you are able.

Welcome: to all who worship with us this morning, especially our visitors! If you have a joy or concern that you would like to share with the congregation, please use the yellow card in the pew pocket and place it in the offering plate. These will be shared with the congregation during our “Joys and Concerns.” Please fill out the worship registration pad found in the pew, and pass it to the person next to you. Once the form is completed the last person to receive the form places the form in the offering plate.

We hope you feel at home at Trinity, and that you will join us again. We invite you to consider becoming part of our church family.

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3rd Sunday in Lent
March 3, 2024 10:15 AM

Worship leaders in plain type/ Congregation in bold type

ASSEMBLE IN GOD’S NAME

GATHERING MUSIC

*O Sacred Head, Now Wounded by Hans Hassler
arr. Jay Rouse*

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

***THE PEACE**

The Peace of Christ be with you.
And also with you!

INTROIT #225

Sing, My Tongue, the Glorious Battle

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

The message of the cross sounds foolish to the world;
But to us it is the power of God!
We proclaim the scandal of Christ crucified.
**The foolishness of God is wiser than human wisdom,
and the weakness of God is stronger than our strength.**

***OPENING HYMN #35**

Praise Ye the Lord, the Almighty

CALL TO CONFESSION

written by Rev. Tom Dunlap

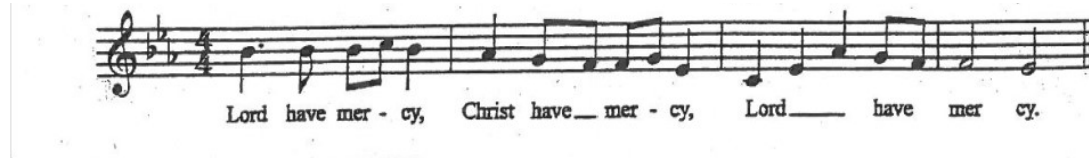
Confessing our sin means we must acknowledge that we have made choices that contradict our faith. But unless we look, we shall never see. In that spirit, let us humbly take responsibility for our actions.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Merciful God, how fickle we are; we sin against you without even knowing it. Clear us, we pray, of any unknown sin...Let your commandments rule and guide us. Forgive us for worshipping anyone or anything except you; keep us faithful. Forgive us for failing to honor all our relationships with those closest to us and those who are distant neighbors. Help us to speak words of blessing and kindness, rather than words that belittle or destroy. Turn us away from violence, falsehood, and selfishness. Forgive us for thinking everything depends on our efforts and power, for you are the God who made us and has brought us into the community of faith. Help us to depend on you alone and to rest in your peace. In Christ’s name we pray. Amen.

MINUTE OF SILENT PERSONAL CONFESSION *Let us sing to the Lord...*

KYRIE—All Sing



DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS

Brothers and sisters, in Jesus Christ, crucified, risen, and coming again, we are forgiven and set free to live in faithfulness with God and with one another!
Thanks be to God!

ANTHEM *My Shepherd Will Supply My Need; American folk hymn
arr. Austin Lovelace*

PROCLAIM GOD'S WORD

PROCESSIONAL HYMN #188 (1 verse) *Jesus Loves Me!*

CHILDREN'S MOMENT *Children's Sermon*

(The children will be dismissed to Children's Church after the Children's Moment.)

RECESSIONAL HYMN *Jesus Loves the Little Children*
Jesus loves the little children, All the children of the world.
Red, and yellow, black, and white, They are precious in His sight,
Jesus loves the little children of the world.

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Holy Spirit of God, let the words of my mouth and the meditations of our hearts be acceptable in your sight, O Lord, our rock and our redeemer. **Amen.**

SCRIPTURE READINGS: I Corinthians 1:18-25

SERMON *Upside Down* *Rev. Tom Dunlap*

MOMENT FOR REFLECTION

RESPONSE TO THE WORD

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**

Apostles' Creed

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, the Creator of heaven and earth, And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord, who was conceived of the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended into hell. The third day He arose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and sitteth at the right hand of God the Father Almighty, from whence He shall come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and life everlasting. Amen.

INVITATION TO THE OFFERING

The house of God is not a marketplace for buying and selling. It is a house of prayer, a place of healing and restoration, a place where we bring before God our provisions to be used for present needs. Let us bring our tithes and offerings to God.

MUSICAL OFFERTORY *O Word of God Incarnate arr. Gail Smith*

***DOXOLOGY Hymn #606**
*Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; Praise Him above, ye heavenly host;
Praise Him, all creatures here below; Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.*

***PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

O Lord our God, we want to follow all your commandments—to love only you, not worshipping the things of this world; to love our neighbor freely. Accept these offerings, we pray, and teach us to be generous, giving fully of ourselves that we may truly be the body of Christ in this world. **Amen.**

JOYS AND CONCERNS

SEALING THE WORD

SACRAMENT OF THE LORDS' SUPPER (see insert)

*The Lord's Table is open to all who profess faith in Jesus Christ.
Baptized children are invited to partake with their parents' blessing.
Please eat the bread when you receive it, symbolizing your personal relationship with Christ. Hold the cup until all have been served, symbolizing our unity in Christ.*

THE SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER
[Clergy expressions; **Congregation response**]

THE INVITATION TO THE LORD'S SUPPER *written by Rev. Tom Dunlap*

O Christ, we come to your Table today as emancipated people.

You have freed us to give full expression to ourselves, using the unique gifts you have blessed us with to contribute in large ways and small to the betterment of the world.

May the bread and wine before us provide spiritual nourishment for our souls as we grow into deeper and more evolved people.

(All) May we be your harvest of love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, fidelity, gentleness and self-control.

HYMN OF PREPARATION #517 (all verses) *Here, O Our Lord, We See You*

COMMUNION OF THE PEOPLE

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION (unison)

Almighty God, you provide the true bread from heaven, your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Grant that we who have received the Sacrament of his body and blood may abide in him and he in us, that we may be filled with the power of his endless life, now and forever. Amen.

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