

# The kingdom of God...

...is like a mustard seed, which is the smallest seed... Yet when planted, it grows and becomes the largest of all garden plants



Mark 4:30-32



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# Trinity Ev. Lutheran Church

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## Service of the Word

### Opening Prayer

Opening Hymn *TLH 507 – Spread, Oh, Spread, Thou Mighty Word*

### Confession and Absolution

**P** In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**C** (spoken) Amen.

**P** We have come into the presence of God, who created us to love and serve Him as His dear children. But we have disobeyed Him and deserve only His wrath and punishment. Therefore, let us confess our sins to Him and plead for His mercy.

**C** **Merciful Father in heaven, I am altogether sinful from birth. In countless ways I have sinned against You and do not deserve to be called Your child. But trusting in Jesus, my Savior, I pray: Have mercy on me according to Your unfailing love. Cleanse me from my sin and take away my guilt.**

**P** God, our heavenly Father, has forgiven all your sins. By the perfect life and innocent death of our Lord Jesus Christ, He has removed your guilt forever. You are His own dear child. May God give you strength to live according to His will.

**C** (spoken) Amen.

**P** In the peace of forgiveness, let us praise the Lord!

LORD, HAVE MERCY *Kyrie*



C: Lord, have mer - cy on us. Christ, have mer - cy



on us. Lord, have mer - cy on us.

GLORY TO GOD IN THE HIGHEST *Gloria in Excelsis*



C: 1 Glo - ry to God, we give You thanks and praise;  
2 Lord Je - sus Christ, the Fa - ther's on - ly Son,  
3 A - lone, O Christ, You on - ly are the Lord,



Of heav'n - ly joy and peace on earth we sing.  
You bore for us the load of this world's sin.  
At God's right hand in maj - es - ty most high:



We wor - ship You, to You our hearts we raise,  
O Lamb of God, Your glo - rious vic - t'ry won,  
Who, with the Spir - it wor - shipped and a - dored,



Lord God, al - might - y Fa - ther, heav'n - ly King.  
Re - ceive our prayer, grant us Your peace with - in.  
With all the heav'n - ly host we glo - ri - fy.

Salutation and Collect of the Day

**P** The Lord be with you.

**C** (spoken) And also with you.

**P** Let us pray. . .

**C** (spoken) Amen

First Reading

*Isaiah 55:10-13*

“For as the rain comes down, and the snow from heaven,  
And do not return there,  
But water the earth,  
And make it bring forth and bud,  
That it may give seed to the sower

And bread to the eater,

<sup>11</sup> So shall My word be that goes forth from My mouth;  
It shall not return to Me void,  
But it shall accomplish what I please,  
And it shall prosper *in the thing* for which I sent it.

<sup>12</sup> “For you shall go out with joy,  
And be led out with peace;  
The mountains and the hills  
Shall break forth into singing before you,  
And all the trees of the field shall clap *their* hands.

<sup>13</sup> Instead of the thorn shall come up the cypress tree,  
And instead of the brier shall come up the myrtle tree;  
And it shall be to the Lord for a name,  
For an everlasting sign *that* shall not be cut off.”

### Responsive Psalm of the Day

*Psalm 63:1-3*

**P** O God, You are my God;

**C** Early will I seek You;

**P** My soul thirsts for You; My flesh longs for You

**C** In a dry and thirsty land Where there is no water.

**P** So I have looked for You in the sanctuary, To see Your power and Your glory.

**C** Because Your lovingkindness *is better than life*, My lips shall praise You.

### Second Reading

*2 Timothy 3:10-4:5*

But you have carefully followed my doctrine, manner of life, purpose, faith, longsuffering, love, perseverance, <sup>11</sup>persecutions, afflictions, which happened to me at Antioch, at Iconium, at Lystra—what persecutions I endured. And out of *them* all the Lord delivered me. <sup>12</sup>Yes, and all who desire to live godly in Christ Jesus will suffer persecution. <sup>13</sup>But evil men and impostors will grow worse and worse, deceiving and being deceived. <sup>14</sup>But you must continue in the things which you have learned and been assured of, knowing from whom you have learned *them*, <sup>15</sup>and that from childhood you have known the Holy Scriptures, which are able to make you wise for salvation through faith which is in Christ Jesus.

<sup>16</sup>All Scripture *is* given by inspiration of God, and *is* profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness, <sup>17</sup>that the man of God may be complete, thoroughly equipped for every good work.

**4:1** I charge *you* therefore before God and the Lord Jesus Christ, who will judge the living and the dead at His appearing and His kingdom: <sup>2</sup>Preach the

word! Be ready in season *and* out of season. Convince, rebuke, exhort, with all longsuffering and teaching. <sup>3</sup>For the time will come when they will not endure sound doctrine, but according to their own desires, *because* they have itching ears, they will heap up for themselves teachers; <sup>4</sup>and they will turn *their* ears away from the truth, and be turned aside to fables. <sup>5</sup>But you be watchful in all things, endure afflictions, do the work of an evangelist, fulfill your ministry.

**P** Blessed are they who hear the Word of God and keep it!

C: Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

These words are writ - ten that we may be - lieve that

Je - sus is the Christ, the Son of God.

Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

**Apostles' Creed**

**C** I believe in God, the Father Almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth.

And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord,  
who was conceived by 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 rose again from the dead.  
He ascended into heaven  
and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty.  
From there He will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the holy Christian Church,  
the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins,

**the resurrection of the body,  
and the life † everlasting. Amen.**

## Hymn of the Day

WS 781 – Preach You the Word

### Sermon Text

Mark 4:26-32

And He said, "The kingdom of God is as if a man should scatter seed on the ground, <sup>27</sup> and should sleep by night and rise by day, and the seed should sprout and grow, he himself does not know how. <sup>28</sup> For the earth yields crops by itself: first the blade, then the head, after that the full grain in the head. <sup>29</sup> But when the grain ripens, immediately he puts in the sickle, because the harvest has come."

<sup>30</sup> Then He said, "To what shall we liken the kingdom of God? Or with what parable shall we picture it? <sup>31</sup> It is like a mustard seed which, when it is sown on the ground, is smaller than all the seeds on earth; <sup>32</sup> but when it is sown, it grows up and becomes greater than all herbs, and shoots out large branches, so that the birds of the air may nest under its shade."

Sermon Theme:

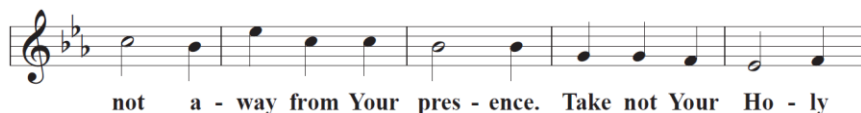
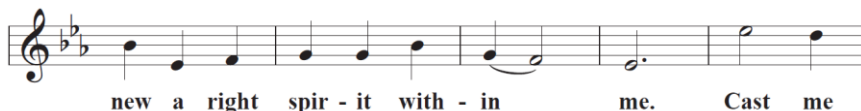
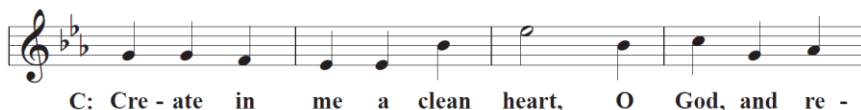
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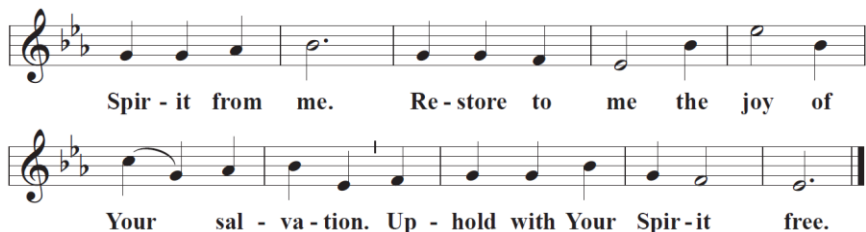
I: A little Word plants a small seed

II: Our great God produces a great harvest

**P** The peace of God, which passes all understanding, keep your hearts and minds in Christ Jesus. Amen.

### OFFERTORY





Spir - it from me. Re - store to me the joy of  
Your sal - va - tion. Up - hold with Your Spir - it free.

Hymn

*TLH 487 – How Beauteous Are Their Feet*

Offering

General Prayer + The Lord’s Prayer

**P** . . . in whose Name we also pray together:

**C** Our Father who art in heaven,  
Hallowed be thy name,  
Thy kingdom come,  
Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven;  
Give us this day our daily bread;  
And forgive us our trespasses  
As we forgive those who trespass against us;  
And lead us not into temptation,  
But deliver us from evil,  
For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory  
Forever and ever. Amen

Benediction

**P** The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make His face shine upon you and be gracious unto you.

The Lord lift up His countenance upon you and ✠ give you peace.

**C** Amen.

Closing Hymn

*TLH 574 – Come, Ye Thankful People, Come*

Silent Prayer

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# Welcome to Worship at Trinity!

**Please wait to be ushered** out of the sanctuary. Please do not leave any bulletins or other materials behind. **Offerings** may be left in the offering plate in the rear of the sanctuary or mailed to the church.

**Guest and Visitors**, we are delighted to have you here for worship with us this morning and are grateful for the opportunity to share the saving gospel message of Jesus Christ with you! Because He lives, we shall live also! We invite you to sign our guest book in the entryway. Please speak to the members and pastor if you wish to learn more about the Gospel ministry here at *Trinity*, and we hope to see you again!

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Women's Circle + Church Council** – The church council and Women's Circle will meet today after worship. Councilmen, your reports are in your church mailboxes.

**Immanuel Tour Choir** – The traveling choir from our school, Immanuel, in Eau Claire WI is coming here the weekend of March 16<sup>th</sup>. They will be singing at Trinity on the 16<sup>th</sup> at 3pm and there will be a meal to follow. Please invite your family, friends, neighbors, and coworkers to come hear their beautiful Gospel in song!

**Evangelism Committee** – Last week, the voters approved the formation of an evangelism committee. If you are willing and able to help direct Trinity's outreach efforts here in Spokane, please speak with Pastor Naumann.

**Pastoral Visit Schedule** – Don't forget: the signup sheet for visiting with Pastor Naumann in 2025 is on the table in the entryway and there are plenty of openings in the couple of months!

## PRAYERS REQUESTED

- **Connie Estes**, sister-in-law to Randy Estes, was undergoing chemotherapy for kidney cancer when they recently discovered that the cancer has spread to her other kidney. We pray that, if it is His will, God might heal Connie. Above all, may the Gospel bring Connie and her family peace and comfort in the face of this disheartening news.
- Kathy Conway's husband **Bob** recently had some tests to determine his health. May God grant clean scans and good results according to His will.
- **Vicki Loomis**, one of our members living in Helena, MT, fell recently and



broke her wrist and hip. She had surgery and has been in rehabilitation since. This week, she has been discharged from rehab and moved into a memory care facility. May God continue to be with her in her recovery, granting strength and hope through our Savior!

- **Tom Steger** had his follow-up appointment to see how his cancer treatment has progressed and there is no cancer to be found! We thank God for his grace on Tom and his wife, Jackie, and pray that He would continue to bless Tom's health.
- **Pastor Timothy Wheaton**, who serves Prince of Peace Lutheran Church in Loveland, Colorado, has been diagnosed with a rare form of inoperable and highly aggressive stage-4 thyroid cancer. As his time on earth appears to be drawing to a close, may God give grace a comfort to Pastor Wheaton, his family, and our brothers and sisters at Prince of Peace during this difficult time.
- Please keep **Pastor John Hein and his family** in your prayers as he continues treatment for his thymic carcinoma. For updates on his care, visit: <https://www.caringbridge.org/visit/pastorjohnhein>. Additionally, a GoFundMe has been set up to help offset medical and travel expenses: <https://www.gofundme.com/f/john-and-janelle-hein-family>.

## CALL NEWS

Teacher Mikkela Schmitt of St. Stephen Lutheran School has **accepted** the call to Trinity Lutheran School, Watertown, SD. <> Teacher Cathy Augustin of Berea Lutheran School, Inver Grove Heights, MN, has announced her **retirement** at the end of the current school year. <> Pastor Cory Drehle of Berea Lutheran Church, Sioux Falls, SD has **received** the call to Pastor Faith Lutheran Church, Manchester, MO. <> Pastor Paul Nolting of Grace Lutheran Church, Valentine, NE, Peace Lutheran Church, Mission, SD, and St. Paul's Ev. Lutheran Church, White River, SD has announced his **retirement** effective Summer 2025. <> Pastor George Dumann of Salem Lutheran Church, Eagle Lake, MN has **received** the call to Faith Lutheran Church, New Ulm, MN to serve as their pastor along with his current call. <> Pastor Paul Krause of Trinity Lutheran Church and School, Watertown, SD and Zion Lutheran Church, Hidewood Township, SD has **returned** the call to St. Stephen Lutheran Church and School, Mountain View, CA.

| <b>FRUITS OF FAITH AT TRINITY</b> |                   |                 |
|-----------------------------------|-------------------|-----------------|
| <b>Date</b>                       | <b>Attendance</b> | <b>Offering</b> |
| <b>1/12/25</b>                    | <b>25</b>         | <b>\$680</b>    |
| <b>1/19/25</b>                    | <b>23</b>         | <b>\$1,665</b>  |
| <b>1/26/25</b>                    | <b>27</b>         | <b>\$1,229</b>  |
| <b>2/2/25</b>                     |                   | <b>\$</b>       |

| <b>GREETER SCHEDULE</b> |                           |
|-------------------------|---------------------------|
| <b>Next Sunday</b>      | <b>Joyce Miller</b>       |
| <b>2/23</b>             | <b>Kevin Shaffer</b>      |
| <b>3/2</b>              | <b>Dennis + Linda Lux</b> |
| <b>3/9</b>              |                           |

| <b>FEBRUARY CLEANING SCHEDULE</b> |                  |
|-----------------------------------|------------------|
| <b>North Entry</b>                | <b>Clark</b>     |
| <b>Sanctuary</b>                  | <b>Bettinger</b> |
| <b>Basement</b>                   | <b>Helke</b>     |

# From the Pastor's Report

February 9<sup>th</sup>, 2025

**Psalm 122:8-9** – *I have become a stranger to my brothers, And an alien to my mother's children; Because zeal for Your house has eaten me up, And the reproaches of those who reproach You have fallen on me.*

The theology of the cross is one of the greatest mysteries of the Gospel. To believe that glory and salvation have been won for us through Christ's humiliation and suffering challenges general conventions of who and what we think God ought to be. God is all-powerful, all-knowing, and filled with love and peace. Yet God humbled Himself and became man, suffered rebuke and scorn, and was cursed, beaten, and nailed to a cross. Were we there to stand at the foot of Christ's cross, it isn't far-fetched to imagine ourselves joining in with the scoffers: "If You are the Son of God, save Yourself!"

Even more perplexing is that one of the results of Jesus' glorious triumph over sin and death is that we, His people, will suffer in this world for it. As the Psalmist writes, faith in God alienates and separates us from friends and family. Jesus said as much in Matthew 10:34-39. And the anger and disgust that the world has toward God and His Word is something that we Christians will also bear. This happens when our zeal for the LORD and our worship of Him, as the Psalmist says, consumes us (as it should). But this suffering isn't a bad thing, nor is it unexpected. In bearing our own cross, we are reminded of how Christ bore His for our salvation. In our suffering, the Spirit tests and strengthens our faith.

We can't change how people react to the Gospel, but we can change our response to the world's anger with the Spirit's aid. Like the Apostles, we can rejoice when we are counted worthy to suffer for Christ's sake (Acts 5:41). Like Paul, we remember that any present sufferings we may endure are not worthy to be compared with the glory that awaits (Romans 8:18). Like the hymnist, our song has been and will remain "*All for Christ I have forsaken And have taken up my cross; Worldly joy, its fame and fortune, Now I count as worthless dross*" (LSB 753).

*All Scripture*  
*is*  
BREA**HED**  
O**UT**  
*by God.*



2 TIMOTHY 3:16, ESV

