

This service is a five-part liturgy designed for use during the Lenten season. It is intended to center our five senses as a way of exploring the significance of Christ’s incarnation throughout our Lenten journey. We all are made in the image of God, who chose to share our humanity by joining in our embodied experience. God’s image in us is beautifully diverse.

**Tonight’s Ministers**

Presider: Vicar Aaron Carr

Preaching: Vicar Aaron Carr

Assisting Minister: **TBD**

Reader: **TBD**

Music: **TBD**

Audio/Streaming:

Ushers:

Counters:

Altar Guild:

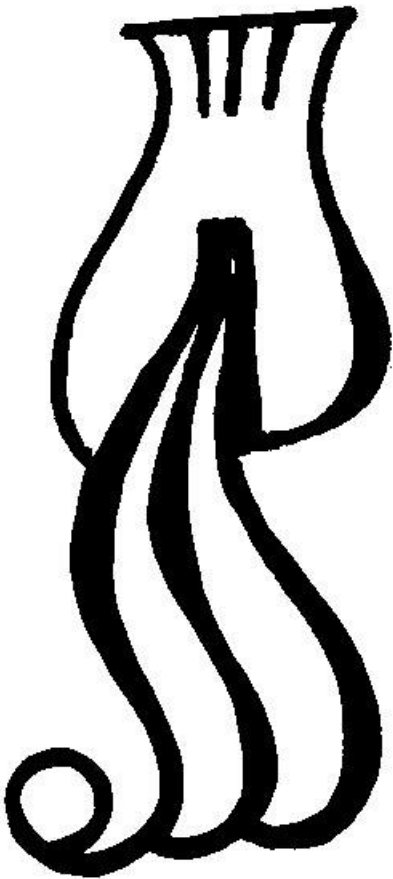
Wine: Phil Cronk

Bread: Judy Kellar

Eternal Candle: Phil Cronk

**CALENDAR**

<b>THIS WEEK</b>		
Thursday	6:30 pm	Al-Anon (Fellowship Hall)
<b>NEXT WEEK</b>		
April 6	9:00 am	Intergenerational Sunday School
	10:00 am	Worship
	11:15 am	Fellowship (Fellowship Hall)
Tuesday	12:00 pm	Al-Anon (Sunday School room)
	2:00 – 4:00 pm	Study Group (Koinonia Room)
Wednesday	6:15 pm	Lenten Soup Supper
	7:00 pm	Lenten Mid-Week Service (Taste)
Thursday	6:30 pm	Al-Anon (Fellowship Hall)



Lenten Midweek Service  
Year C  
April 2, 2025



## Welcome!

### Mission Statement

*Trinity Lutheran is a place to gather, refresh the faithful,  
and reach out with word and service to all others  
through the Holy Gospel.*

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### Land Acknowledgement

Trinity Lutheran Church is located on the original and ancestral homeland of the Shoshone-Bannock, Nüümü (Northern Paiute), Cayuse, Umatilla, and Walla Walla tribes. Our location here was made possible by the displacement and dispossession of these tribes. We acknowledge and honor these tribes, who have and continue to care for this land, which is their home since time immemorial.

*Follow us on*



### Who We Are

**Trinity Lutheran Church** is a congregation in the **Treasure Valley Cluster**  
in the **Northwest Intermountain Synod**  
of the **Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (ELCA)**  
which is one of 150 member churches in 96 countries that are  
part of the **Lutheran World Federation**.

### SENDING HYMN

**Guide Me Ever Great Redeemer**

**ELW #618**

*Please see insert.*

### BLESSING

**P:** God our tender parent, God the crucified one, God the reconciling Spirit, ✝ bless you now and forever.

**C: Amen.**

### DISMISSAL

**A:** Go in peace, open to the presence of Christ all around you.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

*The greeting of peace may be shared by all.*



*Please rise as you are able.*

## THANKSGIVING FOR AN EMBODIED GOD

P: God has created and blessed us. In Jesus, God has joined us in the experience of embodied life as an expression of God's own love and joy. Through exploration of our own physical senses we are invited to know God in new ways.

**C: In thanksgiving for the gift of incarnation, we light our candles.**

*Pause for the sharing of the light.*

P: Through the beauty of the candle's light,

**C: We see the brightness of God's love shining in every darkness.**

P: Through the warmth of the candle's heat,

**C: We feel the strength of God's love burning through all obstacles.**

P: In the scent of the candle's wax,

**C: We remember the promise that our prayers rise up as incense to God.**

P: In the flavor of the candle's smoke on our breath,

**C: We taste the persistence of God's love, surviving the flames and taking new form.**

P: In the sound of the candle's flame crackling,

**C: We hear the dance of God's love, which we are invited to join.**

P: May the light, warmth, scent, flavor, and sound of our candles lead us deeper into the love of God today and always.

**C: Amen.**

## THE LORD'S PRAYER

P: Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us.

**C: Our Father in heaven,  
hallowed be your name,  
your kingdom come,  
your will be done,  
on earth as in heaven.**

**Give us today our daily bread.**

**Forgive us our sins  
as we forgive those who sin against us.**

**Save us from the time of trial  
and deliver us from evil.**

**For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours,  
now and forever. Amen.**

# LENTEN MIDWEEK SERVICE SERVICE OF THE SENSES (SOUND)

## Guide to the Bulletin

**C: Congregation** P: Presider A: Assisting Minister R: Reader

*Please rise as you are able.*

## GATHERING LITANY:

P: For these forty days, we journey with Jesus down the Lenten path. As we gather, we seek to experience the ways Christ's embodied life demonstrates God's love for us.

**C: We come with hearts open to learn.**

P: We will listen to stories of Jesus' life and of God's people, because they teach us how God calls us to live in the world.

**C: We come to learn from the stories of God's ancient people, Christ's life, and the church.**

P: We will engage through our senses with the power and mystery of the world God made, because this exploration calls us into wonder.

**C: We come to learn through the gifts of our senses.**

P: We will light candles to remind each other of the fullness of Christ's presence with us in our worship and in our world.

**C: We come to learn how to better see and reflect the light of Christ.**

P: We will pray as Jesus taught us and send each other back into daily life with a deeper connection to the life and love of Jesus.

**C: We come to learn how to live more fully in the embodied image of God.**

## OPENING PRAYER

P: God incarnate,

**C: You have given us a sense of touch to experience the world you made with such creative diversity, and to give and receive care. Open our minds and our hearts to receive the gifts you have for us and teach us to share these gifts with the world. Amen.**

**ELW #791**

1 We sing to you, O God, the Rock who gave us  
2 We wan-dered far from home out in a des-ert  
3 You bear us through the world, an ea-gle to its  
4 O God, e-ter-nal God, we hide with-in your

birth, let our re-joic-ing sing your name in  
land, you shield-ed with your love our fear-ful  
young; you rise up on your wings and bear us  
wings, the ev-er-last-ing arms to whom our

all the earth. To you, O God, let  
pil-grim band. You kept us safe with-  
toward the sun. We ride the vaults of  
prais-es ring. Your word is true, your

songs be raised, in joy-ful hymns, our feast of praise.  
in your arms and shel-tered us a-against the storm.  
light and air and trust in your un-fail-ing care.  
way is just, you are the God in whom we trust.

P: *You may be seated.*

**A: READING FOR THE JOURNEY OF LENT: Luke 8:42b-48**

*As we listen to this story, notice how touch can be both oppressive and life-giving. Consider the agency of the different characters in the ways they touch and are touched, and the lessons this can teach us about how we might change how we move through the world.*

<sup>42</sup>for he had an only daughter, about twelve years old, who was dying. As he went, the crowds pressed in on him. <sup>43</sup>Now there was a woman who had been suffering from

hemorrhages for twelve years; and though she had spent all she had on physicians, no one could cure her. <sup>44</sup>She came up behind him and touched the fringe of his clothes, and immediately her hemorrhage stopped. <sup>45</sup>Then Jesus asked, "Who touched me?" When all denied it, Peter said, "Master, the crowds surround you and press in on you." <sup>46</sup>But Jesus said, "Someone touched me; for I noticed that power had gone out from me." <sup>47</sup>When the woman saw that she could not remain hidden, she came trembling; and falling down before him, she declared in the presence of all the people why she had touched him, and how she had been immediately healed. <sup>48</sup>He said to her, "Daughter, your faith has made you well; go in peace."

A: The word of the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

## MEDITATION

*Verbal introduction of the stations concludes with the following dialogue.*

A: God gave us a sense of touch to perceive the world around us.

**C: Our hands are open for the lessons God provides.**

