

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

THIS WEEK		
Thursday	2:00 pm 6:30 pm	Gospel & Growth Al-Anon (Fellowship Hall)
NEXT WEEK		
April 13	9:00 am 10:00 am 11:15 am	Intergenerational Sunday School Worship Fellowship (Fellowship Hall)
Tuesday	12:00 pm 1:00 – 3:00 pm 7:00 pm	Al-Anon (Sunday School room) Study Group (Koinonia Room) Church Council Meeting
Thursday	6:30 pm 7:00 pm	Al-Anon (Fellowship Hall) Maundy Thursday Service
Friday	7:00 pm	Good Friday Service



Lenten Midweek Service
Year C
April 9, 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

Please see insert.

What Feast of Love

ELW #487

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 (TASTE)

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 taste so that food becomes more than physical nourishment and allows our bodies to consciously engage with the nutrition we absorb. Open our minds and our hearts to receive the gifts you have for us, and call us into the hospitality that you share with the world. Amen.

GATHERING HYMN

All Who Hunger Gather Gladly

ELW #461



1 All who hun-ger, gath-er glad-ly; ho-ly man-na is our bread.
2 All who hun-ger, nev-er strang-ers; seek-er, be a wel-come guest.
3 All who hun-ger, sing to- geth-er, Je-sus Christ is liv-ing bread.



Come from wil-der-ness and wan-d'ring. Here in truth we will be fed.
Come from rest-less-ness and roam-ing. Here in joy we keep the feast.
Come from lone-li-ness and long-ing. Here in peace we have been fed.



You that yearn for days of full-ness, all a-round us is our food.
We that once were lost and scat-tered in com-mu-nion's love have stood.
Blest are those who from this ta-ble live their days in grat-i-tude.



Taste and see the grace e-ter-nal. Taste and see that God is good.
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P: *You may be seated.*

A: READING FOR THE JOURNEY OF LENT: Luke 22:14-20
As we listen to this story, consider the significance of tasting the same flavors in this shared meal, and how Jesus' words might have complicated the simple act of eating and drinking familiar flavors for his disciples.
¹⁴When the hour came, he took his place at the table, and the apostles with him. ¹⁵He said to them, "I have eagerly desired to eat this Passover with you before I suffer; ¹⁶for I tell you, I will not eat it until it is fulfilled in the kingdom of God." ¹⁷Then he took a cup, and after giving

thanks he said, "Take this and divide it among yourselves; ¹⁸for I tell you that from now on I will not drink of the fruit of the vine until the kingdom of God comes." ¹⁹Then he took a loaf of bread, and when he had given thanks, he broke it and gave it to them, saying, "This is my body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me." ²⁰And he did the same with the cup after supper, saying, "This cup that is poured out for you is the new covenant in my blood.

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 taste to engage that which gives us life.
C: **Together we taste the goodness of God.**

