

SEXAGESIMA



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Saturday Worship 6:00 p.m. • Sunday Worship 8:00 and 10:45 a.m.

WELCOME IN THE NAME OF OUR RISEN LORD

Welcome to Trinity! Today in the Divine Service God proclaims to us through Word and Sacrament the forgiveness, love, and salvation that He has won for us through the death and resurrection of His Son Jesus Christ. If you are new to Trinity or looking for a church home, we invite you to join our family. Please introduce yourself to our Pastors following the service. After the 8:00 a.m. worship service, please join us for coffee, fellowship, and Christian Education. At various points in the service you will be invited to refer to our hymnal, the **Lutheran Service Book** or LSB (image to the right), located on the back of the seat in front of you.



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SEXAGESIMA

Sexagesima comes around sixty days before Easter, its very name recalling the **six days of creation multiplied across a symbolic decade**. This number signals that, on our journey out of exile toward redemption, we depend upon the **ongoing creative work of God's Word**. Fittingly, the Parable of the Sower proclaims **Scripture Alone** for the seed's power lies entirely in the Word's divine efficacy, not in the soil's condition. As God once spoke light into darkness, so now He speaks faith into existence through His Holy Word. Sexagesima teaches us that every step toward Easter is sustained not by human labor but by the ever-creating, ever-fruitful Word of God.

THOSE SERVING IN WORD & SACRAMENT MINISTRY

Preacher: Pastor Matthew B. Synnott / **Liturgist:** Pastor Mark J. Nelson

Organist: Cantor Peter Wykert

Saturday 6:00 Service – Comm. Asst.: Bill Allen, Randy Irwin; Altar Guild: Bill and Debbie Allen; Sound: Chris Pasold

Sunday 8:00 Service – Comm. Asst.: Bill Wagner, Jason Marks, Randy Neff; Altar Guild: Pat Schultz; Acolytes: Samantha Brown, Ben Hipple; Sound: Mark Baker; Ushers: Randy Neff, Mark Morrow

Sunday 10:45 Service – Comm. Asst.: Jon Reick; Altar Guild: Betty Hohlfeld; Acolytes: Chloe Carmean, Ava McClure; Sound: Simon French; Ushers: Mark King, Kim Merkle

Divine Service - Setting Three

+ We Come Into God's Presence +

Prelude

Ringing of the Bell

Opening Hymn

"May God Bestow on Us His Grace"

Hymn 824



1 May God be - stow on us His grace, With bless - ings rich pro -
2 Thine o - ver all shall be the praise And thanks of ev - 'ry
△ 3 O let the peo - ple praise Thy worth, In all good works in -
vide us; And may the bright - ness of His face
na - tion; And all the world with joy shall raise
creas - ing; The land shall plen - teous fruit bring forth,
To life e - ter - nal guide us, That we His sav - ing
The voice of ex - ul - ta - tion. For Thou shalt judge the
Thy Word is rich in bless - ing. May God the Fa - ther,
health may know, His gra - cious will and plea - sure,
earth, O Lord, Nor suf - fer sin to flour - ish;
God the Son, And God the Spir - it bless us!
And al - so to the na - tions show Christ's rich - es with - out
Thy peo - ple's pas - ture is Thy Word Their souls to feed and
Let all the world praise Him a - lone, Let sol - emn awe pos -
mea - sure And un - to God con - vert them.
nour - ish, In righ - teous paths to keep them.
sess us. Now let our hearts say, "A - men!"

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Invocation: The sign of the cross may be made by all in remembrance of their Baptism.

P In the name of the Father and of the ☩ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

G Amen.

Confession of Sins *(please read responsively)*

Psalm 51:1–4

- ¹Have mercy on me, O God, according to Your steadfast love;
according to Your abundant mercy blot out my transgressions.
- ²Wash me thoroughly from my iniquity,
and cleanse me from my sin!
- ³For I know my transgressions,
and my sin is ever before me.
- ⁴Against You, You only, have I sinned and done what is evil in Your sight,
so that You may be justified in Your words and blameless in Your judgment.

Silence for reflection on God's Word and for self-examination.

Absolution

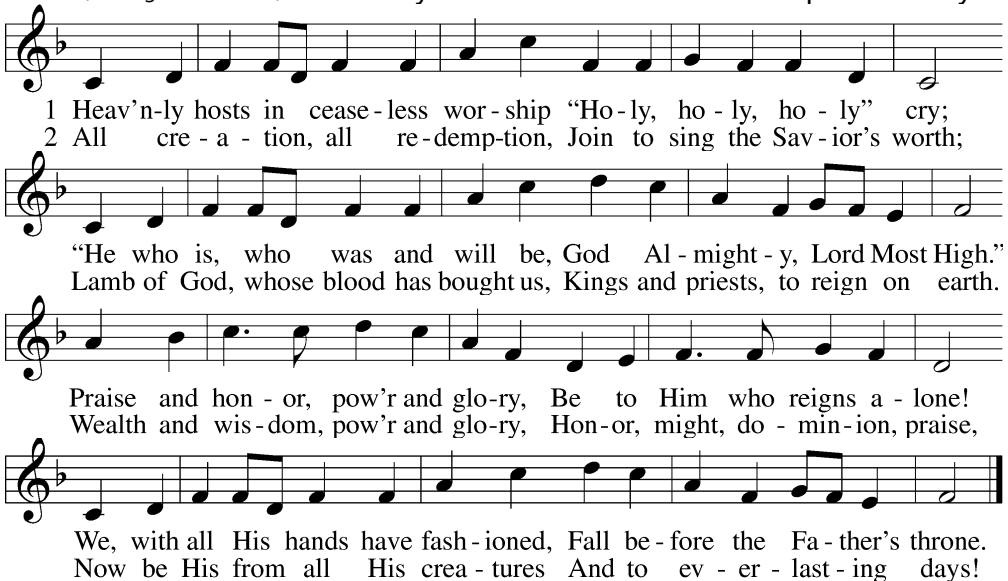
John 20:19–23

- P** Upon this your confession, I, by virtue of my office, as a called and ordained servant of the Word, announce the grace of God unto all of you, and in the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ☩ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

Dignus es (A Song to the Lamb) “Heavenly Hosts in Ceaseless Worship”

Hymn 949



1 Heav'n-ly hosts in cease-less wor-ship “Ho-ly, ho - ly, ho - ly” cry;
2 All cre - a - tion, all re-demp-tion, Join to sing the Sav-ior's worth;

“He who is, who was and will be, God Al - might - y, Lord Most High.”
Lamb of God, whose blood has bought us, Kings and priests, to reign on earth.

Praise and hon - or, pow'r and glo-ry, Be to Him who reigns a - lone!
Wealth and wis-dom, pow'r and glo-ry, Hon-or, might, do - min-ion, praise,

We, with all His hands have fash - ioned, Fall be - fore the Fa - ther's throne.
Now be His from all His crea - tures And to ev - er - last - ing days!

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Salutation

P The Lord be with you.

C And also with you.

Collect of the Day

P Let us pray.

C **O God, the strength of all who put their trust in You, mercifully grant that by Your power we may be defended against all adversity; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

Please be seated

+ God Speaks to Us +

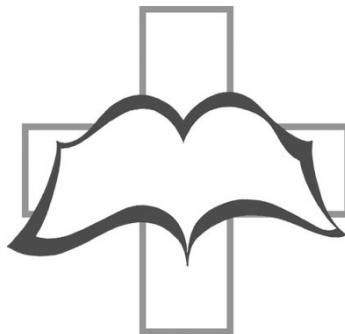
Old Testament Reading

Isaiah 55:10-13

¹⁰"For as the rain and the snow come down from heaven and do not return there but water the earth, making it bring forth and sprout, giving seed to the sower and bread to the eater, ¹¹so shall my word be that goes out from my mouth; it shall not return to me empty, but it shall accomplish that which I purpose, and shall succeed in the thing for which I sent it. ¹²"For you shall go out in joy and be led forth in peace; the mountains and the hills before you shall break forth into singing, and all the trees of the field shall clap their hands. ¹³Instead of the thorn shall come up the cypress; instead of the brier shall come up the myrtle; and it shall make a name for the LORD, an everlasting sign that shall not be cut off."

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**



Psalm 84 (Psalm Tone A)



¹How lovely is your | dwelling place,*
O | LORD of hosts!

²My soul longs, yes, faints
for the courts | of the LORD;*
**my heart and flesh sing for joy
to the | living God.**

³Even the sparrow finds a home,
and the swallow a nest for herself,
where she may | lay her young,*
**at your altars, O LORD of hosts,
my King | and my God.**

⁴Blessèd are those who dwell | in your house,*
ever sing- | ing your praise!

⁵Blessèd are those whose strength is | in you,*
in whose heart are the highways to | Zion.

⁶As they go through the Valley of Baca
they make it a | place of springs;*
the early rain also covers | it with pools.

⁷They go from | strength to strength;*
each one appears before God in | Zion.

⁸O LORD God of hosts, | hear my prayer;*
give ear, O God of | Jacob!

⁹Behold our shield, | O God;*
look on the face of your a- | noointed!

¹⁰For a day in your courts is better
than a thousand | elsewhere.*
**I would rather be a doorkeeper in the house of my God
than dwell in the tents of | wickedness.**

¹¹For the LORD God is a sun and shield;
the LORD bestows favor and | honor.*
**No good thing does he withhold
from those who walk up- | rightly.**

¹²O | LORD of hosts,*
blessèd is the one who | trusts in you!

**Glory be to the Father and | to the Son*
and to the Holy | Spirit;
as it was in the be- | ginning,*
is now, and will be forever. | Amen.**

Epistle Reading

Hebrews 4:9-13

⁹So then, there remains a Sabbath rest for the people of God, ¹⁰for whoever has entered God's rest has also rested from his works as God did from his.

¹¹Let us therefore strive to enter that rest, so that no one may fall by the same sort of disobedience. ¹²For the word of God is living and active, sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing to the division of soul and of spirit, of joints and of marrow, and discerning the thoughts and intentions of the heart. ¹³And no creature is hidden from his sight, but all are naked and exposed to the eyes of him to whom we must give account.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

G **Thanks be to God.**

Luther's Small Catechism: The Fifth Commandment

G **You shall not murder.**

A *What does this mean?*

G **We should fear and love God so that we do not hurt or harm our neighbor in his body, but help and support him in every physical need.**

Please stand

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the eighth chapter.

G **Glory to You, O Lord.**

Holy Gospel

Luke 8:4-15

⁴When a great crowd was gathering and people from town after town came to [Jesus], he said in a parable: ⁵"A sower went out to sow his seed. And as he sowed, some fell along the path and was trampled underfoot, and the birds of the air devoured it. ⁶And some fell on the rock, and as it grew up, it withered away, because it had no moisture. ⁷And some fell among thorns, and the thorns grew up with it and choked it. ⁸And some fell into good soil and grew and yielded a hundredfold." As he said these things, he called out, "He who has ears to hear, let him hear."

⁹And when his disciples asked him what this parable meant, ¹⁰he said, "To you it has been given to know the secrets of the kingdom of God, but for others they are in parables, so that 'seeing they may not see, and hearing they may not understand.' ¹¹Now the parable is this: The seed is the word of God. ¹²The ones along the path are those who have heard. Then the devil comes and takes away the word from their hearts, so that they may not believe and be saved. ¹³And the ones on the rock are those who, when they hear the word, receive it with joy. But these have no root; they believe for a while, and in time of testing fall away. ¹⁴And as for what fell among the thorns, they are those who hear, but as they go on their way they are choked by the cares and riches and pleasures of life, and their fruit does not mature. ¹⁵As for that in the good soil, they are those who, hearing the word, hold it fast in an honest and good heart, and bear fruit with patience."

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

G **Praise to You, O Christ.**

Please be seated

Hymn of the Day

"Almighty God, Your Word Is Cast"

Hymn 577

1 Al - might - y God, Your Word is cast Like
2 Let not the sly sa - tan - ic foe This
3 Let not the world's de - ceit - ful cares The
4 So when the pre - cious seed is sown, Life -

seed in - to the ground; Now let the dew of
ho - ly seed re - move, But give it root in
ris - ing plant de - stroy, But let it yield a
giv - ing grace be - stow That all whose souls the

heav'n de - scend And righ - teous fruits a - bound.
ev - 'ry heart To bring forth fruits of love.
hun - dred - fold The fruits of peace and joy.
truth re - ceive Its sav - ing pow'r may know.

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Sermon

Please stand



+ We Respond to God's Word +

Nicene Creed

C I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth and of all things visible and invisible.

And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of His Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God, begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father, by whom all things were made; who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary and was made man; and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate. He suffered and was buried. And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures and ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of the Father. And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead, whose kingdom will have no end.

And I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified, who spoke by the prophets. And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church, I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins, and I look for the resurrection of the dead and the life \dagger of the world to come. Amen.

Offertory

Psalm 51:10–12



C Cre - ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re -
new a right spir - it with - in me. Cast me not a -
way from Thy pres - ence, and take not Thy Ho - ly Spir - it
from me. Re - store un - to me the joy of Thy sal - va -
tion, and up - hold me with Thy free spir - it. A - men.

Prayers of the Church

P ... let us pray to the Lord: **C** Lord, have mercy.

+ God Serves Us His Holy Feast +

Preface

- P** The Lord be with you.
C **And also with you.**
P Lift up your hearts.
C **We lift them to the Lord.**
P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
C **It is right to give Him thanks and praise.**
P It is right that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, O Lord, holy Father, through Jesus Christ our Lord, who alone is our salvation. Therefore, with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we glorify Your name and praise You singing:

Sanctus

Isaiah 6:3; Matthew 21:9

C Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord God of Sab - a - oth;
heav'n and earth are full of Thy glo - ry. Ho - san - na,
ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is He,
bless - ed is He, bless - ed is He that com - eth in the name of the Lord.
Ho - san - na, ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est.

Lord's Prayer

Matthew 6:9–13

The Words of Our Lord

*Matthew 26:26–28; Mark 14:22–24
Luke 22:19–20; 1 Corinthians 11:23–25*

Pax Domini

John 20:19

- P** The peace of the Lord be with you always.
C **Amen.**

Agnus Dei

John 1:29

O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that tak-est a-way the sin of the world, have mer-cy up - on us. O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that tak-est a-way the sin of the world, have mer-cy up - on us. O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that tak-est a-way the sin of the world, grant us Thy peace. A - men.

Please be seated

Distribution

Communion Statement

As a Lutheran Church–Missouri Synod (LCMS) church, we believe and confess that through the Sacrament of the Lord’s Supper we receive the true body and blood of Christ in, with, and under the elements of bread and wine. As we commune with faith and repentance, we receive the forgiveness of sins and power to amend our sinful lives. If you would like to commune with us but are not a member of a church in fellowship with the LCMS, we ask that you schedule a visit with our pastor before communing. Our communion practice is not intended to exclude anyone, but rather to make certain that we, in love, faithfully administer the sacrament according to Christ’s institution.

If you are not communing, but wish to come forward to receive a blessing, please fold both arms across your heart. Children are also encouraged to come forward for a blessing.

Sunday: Music During the Distribution

“The Gospel Shows the Father’s Grace”

LSB 580

“Preach You the Word”

LSB 586

“Faith and Truth and Life Bestowing”

LSB 584

Saturday: Post-Communion Blessing

Please stand

Nunc Dimittis

Luke 2:29–32

C Lord, now lettest Thou Thy servant de - part in peace ac -
cord - ing to Thy word, for mine eyes have seen Thy salvation,
which Thou hast pre - pared be - fore the face of all people,
a light to light - en the Gen - tiles and the glo - ry of Thy
peo - ple Is - ra - el. Glo - ry be to the Father and
to the Son and to the Ho - ly Ghost; as it was in the beginning,
is now, and ev - er shall be, world without end. A - men.

Post-Communion Prayer

- P** O Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, in giving us Your body and blood to eat and to drink, lead us now to remember and confess Your holy cross and passion, Your blessed death, Your rest in the tomb, Your resurrection from the dead, Your ascension into heaven, and Your coming again.
- C** **Amen. Come, Lord Jesus!**

+ God Sends Us Out +

Thanksgiving

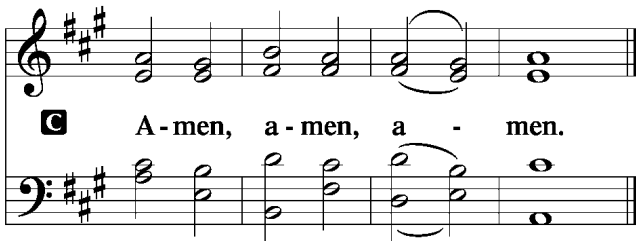
Psalm 107:1

- P** O give thanks unto the Lord, for He is good,
C and His mercy endures forever.

Benediction

Numbers 6:24–26

- P** The Lord bless you and keep you.
The Lord make His face shine on you
and be gracious to you.
The Lord look upon you with favor and ✠ give you peace.



Please be seated

Closing Hymn

"On What Has Now Been Sown"

Hymn 921

1 On what has now been sown Thy bless - ing, Lord, be - stow;
2 To Thee our wants are known, From Thee are all our pow'rs;
3 O grant that each of us, Now met be - fore Thee here,

The pow'r is Thine a - lone To make it sprout and grow. Do Thou
Ac - cept what is Thine own And par - don what is ours. Our prais -
May meet to - geth - er thus When Thou and Thine ap - pear And fol -

in grace the har - vest raise, And Thou a - lone shalt have the praise!
es, Lord, and prayers re - ceive, And to Thy Word a bless - ing give.
low Thee to heav'n, our home. E'en so, a - men, Lord Je - sus, come!

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Silent Prayer

Dismissal

P Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

G Thanks be to God!

Announcements and Welcome

Postlude

✝ **ALTAR FLOWERS** are given by Mark and Deborah Morrow in thanksgiving to God for their 40th wedding anniversary.

2025 Budget Recap

We give glory to God that our congregation generously responded with offerings for the month of December, which exceeded our estimated amount needed to meet 2025 expenses. After a review by our accountant, our 2025 Net Operating Income ended with a surplus of \$60,290.

We ask you to pray with us:

Gracious Father in Heaven, we thank You for the generosity You provided throughout our 2025 budget year in support of the ministry of Word and Sacrament at Trinity. We ask for Your blessing upon us spiritually, relationally, physically, intellectually, and financially in 2026, that through our Lord Jesus Christ we may continue to abound in every good work. In His name. Amen.

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