

CONFESSION

L: Our faith tells us to love our neighbor as we love ourselves, but you and I know that is often easier said than done. Fortunately for us, prayer can be a tool for transformation. When we are honest before God and each other, we open the door to growth and change. Join me now, in the prayer of confession so that tomorrow, we will be even better at loving our neighbors as ourselves.

L: Let us Pray: Holy God,

A: you have told us to love our neighbors as ourselves, but we get tripped up on logistics. We want to know: who is our neighbor? Do we have to love the stranger? Must we have compassion for our enemy? Forgive our human tendency to create exceptions in the face of love. Rewire our hearts so that we might see the face of a neighbor in every stranger we pass. We hope, we pray. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

L: Family of faith, when we set limits on love, God loves extravagantly. When we forget that we are neighbors, God claims us as God's own. When we judge, hold back, or harm, God surrounds us with grace. There is nothing we can do or leave undone that could separate us from the love of God.

A: This is the good news of the Gospel. Thanks be to God! Amen.

HYMN "When Pain of the World Surrounds Us" ELW #704

PRAYER OF THE DAY

L: Gracious God, we love to ask you questions.

A: We love to throw our wonderings at the sky,

L: to bring our curiosity to your feet,

A: to examine, beseech, and imagine all day long.

L: But when the answers come,

A: we don't always like what we hear.

L: Awaken a curiosity in us. Awaken a penchant for listening..

A: and make room in our spirits for your Word to land.

L: We hope, we question,

A: we wonder,

L: we dream,

A: we listen. Amen.

CHOIR ANTHEM "Holy" Trinity Choir

WORD

SCRIPTURE READING Psalm 15 NRSV Bible pg. 469

L: The Word of our Lord. A: Thanks be to God!

GOSPEL READING Luke 10:25-37 NRSV Bible N.T. pg. 67

L: The Gospel of our Lord. A: Thanks be to God!

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE Laura Kessler

MESSAGE Pastor Megan Clapp

HYMN OF THE DAY "O God of Every Nation" ELW #713

APOSTLES' CREED

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

After each petition: L: God of grace, A: hear our prayer.

SHARING OF THE PEACE

OFFERING IS RECEIVED

MEAL

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

LORD'S PRAYER ELW pg. 154

DISTRIBUTION

"Lamb of God" ELW pg. 154

Music during distribution: "Jesu, Jesu, Fill Us with Your Love" ELW #708

BLESSING AND PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

SENDING

ANNOUNCEMENTS

BENEDICTION

L: As you leave this place, may you find God in every messy middle. May you know that the world is bigger than two sides. May you trust that you are made in the image of God, and therefore, you contain multitudes. So may you move through this world with an open heart, with a curious mind, and with the confidence that you do not go alone. God, Father, Son+, and Holy Spirit is with you in the mountains, in the valleys, and everywhere in between. Believe that good news, and go in peace.

SENDING HYMN "O God of Mercy, God of Light" vs. 1,3,4,5 ELW #714

DISMISSAL

L: We are Disciples of Christ..... A: Called to grow in faith and action!

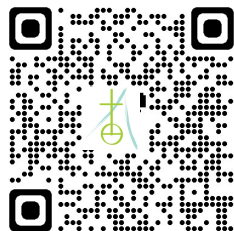
POSTLUDE Greta Johnson

Accompanist: Greta Johnson Technology: Bill Simmons
Ushers: Tom & Sheri Gray Song Leader: Rocky Hadrava Reader: David Vogt
Communion Assistants: Leola Olson, Pam Ross Choir Director: Tom Young

PRAYERS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

- ▶ **Today we pray for:** Sara Moen, Elaine Brattland, Erlene & Fran DeCock, Karl Hagen, Bob Hoover, Mary Thompson, Dick & Kathie Lundeen, Katie Gaugert, Clarice Hanson, Christine Fankhanel, Megan (Wes and Betty Jo Sorenson's daughter), Kathryn (Dorothy Hoover's niece), Cheryl (Fran Leland's daughter), and all of our service connected personnel and their families, serving here and abroad in any capacity.
- ▶ **Please call the church office if you or someone you know will be or is in the hospital.**
- ▶ **Monthly Donation to the Lakes Crisis & Resource Center** - The donations for the LCRC for March is women's deodorant & body wash.. Please leave donations in the Fellowship Hall. ▶ Thank you to everyone who brought in combs & brushes in February!
- ▶ **MN FOOD SHARE MARCH CAMPAIGN** - "One Can, Two Cans. Who Can? You Can" We invite you to participate in the March Food Share Campaign to help support our MN Food Shelves! Use your giving envelope and designate 'Food Pantry.' Or, put any donations in the Soup Can in the Fellowship Hall.
- ▶ **EASTER FLOWERS** - Yes - it's time to order Easter Flowers in memory or in honor of someone. There are several choices for flowers. Order forms are in the Fellowship Hall or in the office. Deadline for ordering is March 14.
- ▶ **FOOD, FUN, & FELLOWSHIP** is scheduled for Tues., March 18, 11:30 am. All are welcome!
- ▶ **The HABITAT FOR HUMANITY trip** is looking for YOU. Join others (ages 16+) on the Iron Range, June 8-13. Come for a full or a partial week. All experience levels welcome! Check on the Trinity website: www.trinitylutherandl.org for more information. Contact Suzie to sign-up or for more questions!!
- ▶ **JOIN TRINITY** - If you, or someone you know is interested in membership at Trinity, please let Teri in the office know so we are able to send them some info. Or please fill out one of the blue cards from the back of the pews and turn it in.
- ▶ **MISSION SUPPORT FOR 2025** - the Mission Support calendar is in the Fellowship Hall on the sign-up counter (beneath the TV). Please sign up to help support Trinity's Missionary, Rev. Chandran Paul Martin and our sister congregation, Beersheba in India. You can sign up on-line too!! The goal is \$75.00 each week, with 2/3 going to Rev. Martin, and 1/3 to Beersheba.

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Welcome to Worship
First Sunday in Lent
March 9, 2025 9:00 am



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Detroit Lakes, Minnesota
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PRELUDE

Greta Johnson

GATHERING

WELCOME

L: Here in this place, we can ask big questions.

A: Who is my neighbor? How can I help? What do I have to learn? Where is God in it all?

L: Here in this place, we can ask big questions.

A: So may we listen. May we learn. May we stay curious, and may we look for God.

L: This is our invitation to lean in. Let us worship our Holy God.