



# LORD'S DAY SERVICE

3<sup>RD</sup> SUNDAY OF LENT

MARCH 23, 2025



**TRINITY**  
REFORMED CHURCH



# WELCOME!

We are thankful to have you worshipping with us this morning.

Lent is the season of the Church calendar that spans the 40 days leading up to Easter. Lent is from the old English word which means “lengthening” and refers to springtime, when the days are getting longer and lighter. Another name for this season is “Quadragesima” which simply means “fortieth,” counting backwards from Easter to the fortieth day before Resurrection Sunday. Historically, Lent began as a discipleship class for new believers. It became customary to have baptisms at Easter, and so new believers would be enrolled in these classes prior to Easter to teach them the basics of the faith, frequently working through the Apostles’ Creed, the most basic Christian confession. Eventually, many leaders in the Church saw the need for all Christians to be annually reminded of the basics of the Christian faith and disciplines. Over time, practices like fasting and various forms of abstinence became forms of oppression and guilt manipulation, as well as confused as means to earning God’s favor. Therefore many of the great Protestant Reformers taught their congregations to disregard the Roman church’s rules and regulations for Lent. Standing squarely in the Reformation tradition, we remember and embrace their wisdom and courage in freeing the people of God from man-made traditions and rules.

In Christ, we are free, and no Christian is bound by man-made customs or traditions regarding eating or fasting, days or seasons. At the same time, we also stand with the older, historic Church believing that it is fitting and good for the people of God to be annually reminded of the basics of the faith, to be called to greater faithfulness, and to be called to war against sin and the devil and the flesh in the hope of the Resurrection. In that spirit, we observe Lent as a season of growing light, the light of Christ come into the world, and a time to examine our lives and families, to cast off the works of “darkness,” and to put on the armor of light.

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If you would like to talk to someone about who Jesus is or what it means to be a Christian, please contact the church office to set up an appointment: [office@trinitykirk.com](mailto:office@trinitykirk.com) // 208.882.2300

If you are new or visiting with us today, below is some information to help you make the most use of our facility:

- *The nursery and women’s lounge are located through the back door of the sanctuary, and beyond the back foyer. The nursery is wired for sound. Please feel free to make use of these rooms as needed.*
- *Please join us after the service for fellowship & refreshments. We do ask that you keep your snacks and beverages in the narthex during this time, and not in the sanctuary.*
- *There is gluten free bread and grape juice in the north narthex table for use during communion.*
- *The offering box is in the north narthex. Please place your offerings there before the service begins.*

# CALL TO WORSHIP

## PRELUDE

*The people shall stand*

PROCESSIONAL // *O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing, Cantus 315*

## GREETING

*MINISTER: Let us worship God in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.*

**PEOPLE: Amen.**

*God has demonstrated His love toward us;*

**For while we were still sinners, Christ died for us.**

*While we were still enemies,*

**We were reconciled to God through the death of His Son.**

*Christ our Passover has been sacrificed for us,*

**Let us therefore keep the feast with the unleavened bread of sincerity and truth.**

## COLLECT FOR PURITY

*Almighty God,*

**Unto whom all hearts are open,**

**All desires known,**

**And from whom no secrets are hid:**

**Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of Your Holy Spirit,**

**That we may perfectly love You**

**And worthily magnify Your Glorious Name,**

**Through Jesus Christ our Lord.**

**Amen.**

*The people shall sit*

CHORAL ANTHEM // *O Guds Lamm* // Teen Choir

Composer: Harald Fryklöf

Text: from the Mass Ordinary

*O, Guds Lamm, som borttar världens synder:  
fräls oss, milde Herre Gud.*

*O, Guds Lamm, som borttar världens synder:  
hör oss, milde Herre Gud.*

*O, Guds Lamm, som borttar världens synder:  
giv oss frid, och din välsignelse.*

O, Lamb of God, who takes away the sins of the world:  
save us, merciful Lord God.

O, Lamb of God, who takes away the sins of the world:  
hear us, merciful Lord God.

O, Lamb of God, who takes away the sins of the world:  
grant us peace, and your blessing.



# ASCENSION

SURSUM CORDA

*Lift up your hearts.*

**We lift them up to the Lord.**

*Let us give thanks unto the Lord our God.*

**It is proper and right to do so.**

*It is good, right and beneficial that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, O Lord, Holy Father, Almighty God, heavenly King . . . Therefore, with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven, and with all the church on earth, we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and singing:*

SANCTUS // Cantus 407

1. Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly is the Lord!  
2. Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly is the Lord!

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, wor - shiped and a - dored.  
Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, wor - shiped and a - dored.

He with - out be - gin - ning, age - less and the same,  
Lord of hosts, the glo - ry from thy throne out - poured

is and ev - er shall be, glo - ry to his name.  
fills the earth and heav - ens; ho - ly is the Lord!

COLLECT FOR PEACE

*O God,*

**The Author of peace and lover of concord,**

**To know You is eternal life**

**And to serve You is perfect freedom.**

**Defend us, Your humble servants, in all assaults of our enemies,**

**So that we, trusting in Your defense,**

**May not fear the power of any adversaries.**

**Through the might of Jesus Christ our Lord,**

**Who died that we might have peace with You. Amen.**

*The people shall sit*

## PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON // *2 Samuel 22:21-31*

*After the reading, the reader and people shall say*

*The Word of the Lord.*

**Thanks be to God.**

*The people shall remain seated*

PSALM 18:20-30 // *Psalms 18:20-30, opposite page*

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON // *Philippians 3:1-11*

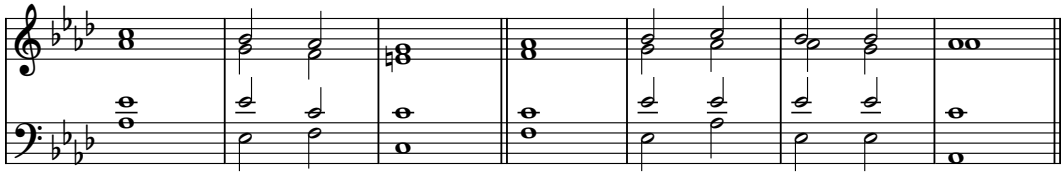
*After the reading, the reader and people shall say*

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20 The LORD dealt with me according | to my | righteousness;  
according to the cleanness of my | HANDS | he re | warded me.

21 For I have kept the | ways • of the | LORD,  
and have not wickedly de | parted | from my | God.

22 For all his rules | were be | fore me,  
and his statutes I did not | put a | WAY | from me.

23 I was | blameless be | fore him,  
and I | kept myself | from my | guilt.

24 So the LORD has rewarded me according | to my | righteousness,  
according to the cleanness of my | HANDS | in his | sight.

25 With the merciful you | show yourself | merciful;  
with the blameless man you | show your | SELF | blameless;

26 with the purified you | show yourself | pure;  
and with the crooked you | make your | self seem | tortuous.

27 For you save a | humble | people,  
but the haughty | eyes you | BRING | down.

28 For it is you who | light my | lamp;  
the LORD my | GOD | lightens my | darkness.

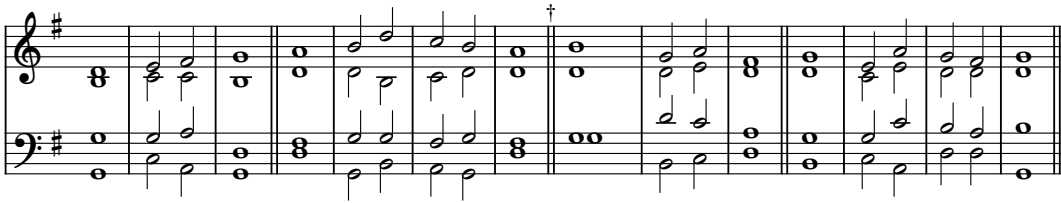
29 For by you I can run a | gainst a | troop,  
and by my God I can | LEAP | over a | wall.

30 This God—his | way is | perfect;  
the word of the LORD proves true;  
he is a shield for all those who | TAKE | refuge in | him.

Glory | be • to the | Father,  
And to the Son, and | to the | Holy | Ghost;

As it was in the beginning, is now, and | ever | shall be,  
World without | END. | A | men.

CANTICLE // *Colossians 1:15-20*



He is the image of the in | visi · ble | God,  
The | first born · over | all cre | ation,  
For in Him were cre | ated all | things,  
In the | heavens and | on the | earth,  
†Visible | and in | visible,  
Whether thrones or do | minions or | rulers or | powers.

All things were created | THROUGH | Him,  
And | FOR | – | Him,  
And He is be | fore all | things,  
And in | Him all | things co | here.

And He is the Head of the | body, the | church,  
Who is the beginning, the | Firstborn | from the | dead,  
That in everything He might | be pre | eminent,  
For in Him all God's | fullness was | pleased to | dwell.

And through Him to reconcile to Him | self all | things,  
Making peace through the | BLOOD | of His | cross,  
Whether | things on | earth  
Or | THINGS | in the | heavens.

Glory to the Father and | to the | Son  
And | to the | Holy | Spirit;  
As it was in the beginning, is now and | ever | shall be;  
Age after | AGE | A-| men.

*The people shall remain standing*

GOSPEL LESSON // *Matthew 5:38-48*

*After the reading, the reader and people shall say*

*The Gospel of our Lord.*

**Glory be to You, Lord Christ.**

*The people shall sit*

SERMON // *The God of Righteousness // 2 Samuel 22:21-31 // Joshua Appel*

*The people shall stand*

PASTORAL PRAYER

# LORD'S PRAYER

Our Fa - ther, which art in heav - en, hal - low - ed be thy name.

Thy king - dom come. Thy will be done in earth, as it is in heav - en,

Give us this day our dai - ly bread. And for - give us our tres - pass - es,

as we for - give them that tres - pass a - gainst us. And let us not be

led in - to temp - ta - tion, but de - liv - er us from e - vil. A - men.

Text: Matthew 6:9-13, alt.  
Music: Nikolai Kedrov, 1871-1940; arr. Joshua A. Roberts, 2024

OTCHE NASH [KEDROV]  
Irregular

8:30 service only: *The people shall sit*

## BAPTISM // *Ivy Sarah Meeker Handermann*

*Individuals and families celebrating baptisms, reaffirmations, or joining the church are invited to remain at the front during the passing of the peace so that the congregation may greet them. If you or someone you know would like to be baptized or become a member of Trinity or learn more about either, please see one of the elders or pastors.*

*The people shall stand*

## HEIDELBERG CATECHISM FIRST QUESTION & ANSWER

*What is your only comfort in life and in death?*

**That I am not my own, but belong—body and soul, in life and in death—  
To my faithful Savior, Jesus Christ.**

**He has fully paid for all my sins with His precious blood,  
And has set me free from the tyranny of the devil.**

**He also watches over me in such a way that not a hair can fall from my head  
Without the will of my Father in heaven;**

**In fact, all things must work together for my salvation.**

**Because I belong to Him, Christ, by His Holy Spirit, assures me of eternal life  
And makes me wholeheartedly willing and ready from now on to live for Him.**

## PASSING OF THE PEACE

*The Peace of the Lord be always with you.*

**And with your spirit.**

*The people exchange peace. As the piano begins to play, the people shall return to their seats.*

*Behold how good and pleasant it is for brethren to dwell together in unity.*

**Amen.**

*The people shall sit*

OFFERTORY // *He Takes But What He Gave*, v. 3

The image shows a musical score for a two-part setting. It consists of two staves of music in a single system. Both staves are in the treble clef and have a key signature of one flat (B-flat). The first staff begins with a treble clef and a B-flat key signature. The melody consists of quarter notes and half notes. The lyrics are: 'Tis God that lifts our com - forts high, or sinks them in the grave; he gives, and, bles - sed be his name! He takes but what he gave. The second staff continues the melody with similar note values. The lyrics are: he gives, and, bles - sed be his name! He takes but what he gave. The piece ends with a double bar line.

'Tis God that lifts our com - forts high, or sinks them in the grave;  
he gives, and, bles - sed be his name! He takes but what he gave.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE // *See page 17*

*Following each thanksgiving or petition, the leader and people shall say*

*Lord, in your mercy,*

**Hear our prayers.**

# CELEBRATION OF THE EUCHARIST

*At Trinity, we eat and drink the elements as they pass. As you give the elements to your neighbor, say “**The body of Christ broken for you**” or “**The blood of Christ shed for you.**” As you receive the elements, say “**Thanks be to God.**” We invite all who profess faith in the Lord Jesus Christ, have been baptized, and are not under church discipline to share the meal with us. If you have any questions about your participation, please see one of the elders or pastors before or after the service.*

EUCHARISTIC MEDITATION

THANKSGIVING FOR THE BREAD

DISTRIBUTION HYMN // *God Moves in a Mysterious Way, Cantus 353*

THANKSGIVING FOR THE CUP

DISTRIBUTION HYMN // *O Let My Name Engraven Stand, Cantus 370-371*

*The people shall stand*

FINAL THANKSGIVING

*Almighty God,*

**Who has given Your only Son**

**To be both a sacrifice for sin**

**And an example of godly life,**

**And has fed us with spiritual food and drink;**

**Give us grace that we may always thankfully receive His benefits,**

**And daily take up our cross and follow Him.**

**Through the same Jesus Christ our Lord,**

**Who was crucified,**

**But now ever lives and reigns with You**

**And with the Holy Spirit,**

**Unto ages of ages.**

**Amen.**

# COMMISSION

PASTORAL CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

RECESSIONAL // *The Son of God Goes Forth to War, Cantus 282, v. 1*

**The Son of God goes forth to war, a kingly crown to gain;  
His blood-red banner streams afar! Who follows in His train?  
Who best can drink His cup of woe, triumphant over pain,  
Who patient bears his cross below, he follows in His train.**

*The people shall sit*

ANNOUNCEMENTS

DISMISSAL

*Go in peace, and may the God of peace go with you.*

**Amen.**



# PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Following each thanksgiving or petition, the leader and people shall say:  
Lord, in your mercy, **Hear our prayers.**

## OUR THANKSGIVINGS

### **Our marriages**

**Our people:** Matt Voorhies, David & Angel Warner, Grace Warner, Aaron & Emily Wells (Henry, Sophia, Mary, Roy)

**Engaged:** Noelle Franco & Josiah Eaton (5/20), Liese Wiechers & Samuel Kleyn, *Alita Edmonds & Ezra Lortz (ERC - 7/18)*

**Baptism:** Ivy Sarah Meeker Handermann

**Recently Married:** Tim & Meg Morgan

## OUR LOCAL CHURCH

**Provision and Protection for Widows, Single Mothers, and their Children**

**Wives who wish to become pregnant**

**Those who have rejected the gospel:** Luciano Marazzo

**Mothers who are expecting:** April: Jessica Krause, *Hannah Shearouse (ERC)*; May: Lizzy Clemans, *Amanda Dorney (ERC)*, Alexis Friedel, Victoria Owsley; June: Grace Black, Karlee Griffith, Zoe Roberts; July: Ruth Lopez; August: Eliza Law, Anne Paul, Kathleen Ready; September: Sydney Bennett, Christy Meyer, Grace Roberts, Maddie Williams

**Those who are sick or injured:** Noai Meyer, Rachel Lorenzana, Sarah (Sebourn) Galvin

**Our Leadership & Church Staff:** Our Pastors

## OUR BROADER CHURCH COMMUNITY

**Churches in our Presbytery:** The King's Congregation - Meridian, ID, & Pastor Alan Burrow

**Churches around the world:** Reformed Church of St. Andrew, Pastor Volodymyr Yakubovsky, Pidhaychyky, Ukraine

**Ministries and educators associated with TRC:** Logos School

### **Christians in Iran:**

- Pray for Mina Khajari who was arrested in 2020 for her work in a house church. She is not expected to be released until December 2029.
- Pray for Fatehmeh, an Iranian Christian who lives in fear due to government persecution and frequent police raids on house churches. He husband is imprisoned.

## OUR BROADER COMMUNITY

**Local government:** Moscow City Council

**National government:** The United States Congress

**Public needs and recent events:** End of the unjust prison system and for a recovery of biblical criminal justice

*If you wish to be added to the TRC prayer list, please contact the church office: [office@trinitykirk.com](mailto:office@trinitykirk.com).*

# UPCOMING EVENTS

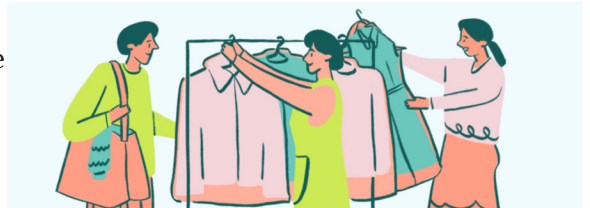
## April 6: Evensong

- 6pm
- Music by Nathan Davy
- TRC Chamber Choir



## April 7: Hope Center Work Day

- Sign up for a slot through the link in the church emails.



# SERMON NOTES

*The God of Righteousness // 2 Samuel 22:21-31 // Joshua Appel*

# TRC LEADERSHIP & STAFF

## ELDERS

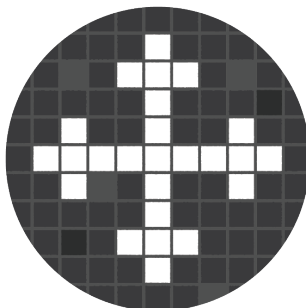
Joshua Appel, *Pastor*  
Ryan Handermann, *Pastor*  
Roy Atwood, *Teaching Elder*  
Patch Blakey, *Ruling Elder (commissioned to establish ERC)*  
Jeff Harlow, *Teaching Elder (commissioned to establish ERC)*  
Chris Schlect, *Teaching Elder*  
Joseph Schoolland, *Ruling Elder*  
Kaleb Trotter, *Ruling Elder*  
Timothy van den Broek, *Teaching Elder / Moderator*

## DEACONS

Sam Paul, *Moderator*  
Ethan Brandt, *(Sabbatical)*  
Eric Burnett, *Treasurer*  
Zach Hurt, *(commissioned to establish ERC)*  
Justin Swift, *(commissioned to establish ERC)*  
Jon Williams, *Benevolence*  
Isaac Lopez, *Deacon in Training, Worship / Social*  
Ethan Oldham, *Deacon in Training, Social / Secretary*  
Bennett Schlect, *Deacon in Training, Facilities*

## STAFF

Ella Appel, *Office Intern*  
Sara Appel, *Youth Choir Director*  
CJ Bowen, *Head of Church Operations*  
Alice Courtney, *Event Coordinator*  
Devon Doornbos, *AV Tech*  
Isaiah Evans, *Organist*  
Tony Evans, *Facilities Technician*  
Jeff Harlow, *Marriage & Family Counselor*  
Meg Morgan, *Secretary*  
Joshua Roberts, *Music Director*  
Jacob Rush, *Pastoral Intern / Virtus Fellowship Leader*  
Nathan Shearouse, *Facilities Technician*  
Christine Stokes, *Bookkeeper*  
Maddie Williams, *Ladies' Fellowship Coordinator*



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