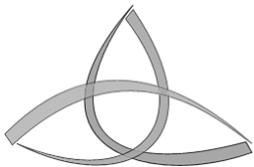




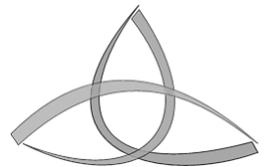
**Worship with Holy Communion  
Second Sunday in Lent  
March 13, 2022**



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## God Gathers Us In to Worship

**Welcome**

**Prelude**

Alice Christianson

*Please stand as you are able*

**Gathering Song**    *“Eternal Lord of Love, Behold Your Church”*    ELW 321

*Please be seated*

**Confession and Forgiveness**

*All may make the sign of the cross, the sign that is marked at baptism, as the presiding minister begins.*

Pastor:        In the name of God,  
                    who makes a way in the wilderness,  
                    walks with us,  
                    and guides us in our pilgrimage.

**People:        Amen.**

Pastor:        Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one  
                    another.

*Silence is kept for reflection*

Pastor        Holy One,

**People:        we confess that we have wandered far from you:  
                    we have not trusted your promises,  
                    we have ignored your prophets in our own day,  
                    we have squandered our inheritance of grace,  
                    we have failed to recognize you in our midst.**

**Have mercy on us!  
Forgive us and turn us again to you.  
Teach us to follow in your ways,  
assure us again of your love,  
and help us to love our neighbor.  
Amen.**

Pastor: Beloved in Christ,  
the Word draws near to you,  
and all who call out to God shall be saved.  
In Jesus, God comes to you again and again  
and gathers you under wings of love.  
In ✝ Jesus' name, your sins are forgiven.  
God journeys with you and teaches you how to live in love.

People: **Amen**

### **Greeting**

Pastor: The grace of our Lord, Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the  
Communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

People: **And also with you**

### **Prayer of the Day**

Pastor: God of the Covenant,

People: **in the mystery of the cross you promise everlasting life to the  
world. Gather all peoples into your arms, and shelter us with  
your mercy, that we may rejoice in the life we share in your  
Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns  
with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.  
Amen.**

*Please be seated*

## God Proclaims His Holy Word

### **First Reading: Genesis 15:1-12, 17-18**

*God promises a childless and doubting Abram that he will have a child, that his descendants will be as numerous as the stars, and that the land of Canaan will be their inheritance. Abram's trust in God is sealed with a covenant-making ceremony, a sign of God's promise.*

<sup>1</sup>After these things the word of the LORD came to Abram in a vision, "Do not be afraid, Abram, I am your shield; your reward shall be very great." <sup>2</sup>But Abram said, "O Lord GOD, what will you give me, for I continue childless, and the heir of my house is Eliezer of Damascus?" <sup>3</sup>And Abram said, "You have given me no offspring, and so a slave born in my house is to be my heir." <sup>4</sup>But the word of the LORD came to him, "This man shall not be your heir; no one but your very own issue shall be your heir." <sup>5</sup>He brought him outside and said, "Look toward heaven and count the stars, if you are able to count them." Then he said to him, "So shall your descendants be." <sup>6</sup>And he believed the LORD; and the LORD reckoned it to him as righteousness.

<sup>7</sup>Then he said to him, "I am the LORD who brought you from Ur of the Chaldeans, to give you this land to possess." <sup>8</sup>But he said, "O Lord GOD, how am I to know that I shall possess it?" <sup>9</sup>He said to him, "Bring me a heifer three years old, a female goat three years old, a ram three years old, a turtledove, and a young pigeon." <sup>10</sup>He brought him all these and cut them in two, laying each half over against the other; but he did not cut the birds in two. <sup>11</sup>And when birds of prey came down on the carcasses, Abram drove them away.

<sup>12</sup>As the sun was going down, a deep sleep fell upon Abram, and a deep and terrifying darkness descended upon him.

<sup>17</sup>When the sun had gone down and it was dark, a smoking fire pot and a flaming torch passed between these pieces. <sup>18</sup>On that day the LORD made a covenant with Abram, saying, "To your descendants I give this land, from the river of Egypt to the great river, the river Euphrates."

Reader: Word of God, Word of Life

**People: Praise be to God**

## **Gospel: Luke 13:31-35**

*Neither Herod's plotting nor Jerusalem's resistance to maternal love will deter Jesus from his sacrificial mission.*

<sup>31</sup>At that very hour some Pharisees came and said to [Jesus,] "Get away from here, for Herod wants to kill you." <sup>32</sup>He said to them, "Go and tell that fox for me, 'Listen, I am casting out demons and performing cures today and tomorrow, and on the third day I finish my work. <sup>33</sup>Yet today, tomorrow, and the next day I must be on my way, because it is impossible for a prophet to be killed outside of Jerusalem.' <sup>34</sup>Jerusalem, Jerusalem, the city that kills the prophets and stones those who are sent to it! How often have I desired to gather your children together as a hen gathers her brood under her wings, and you were not willing! <sup>35</sup>See, your house is left to you. And I tell you, you will not see me until the time comes when you say, 'Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.'"

Pastor: Gospel of the Lord

People: **Praise to you, O Christ**

*Please be seated*

Message "The Stronghold"

Pastor Jodi Golden-Lund

*Please stand as you are able*

Song "Thy Holy Wings"

ELW 613

## **Confession of Faith/Apostle's Creed**

Pastor: Let us confess our faith, using the words of the Apostles' Creed:

**People: I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth. I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the Virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended into hell. On the third day he rose again. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen**

## **Prayers of the People**

*A series of petitions will be offered for the sake of those in need within the church and within the community and world.*

Pastor: Merciful God,

**People: Receive our prayer**

## **Passing the Peace**

Pastor: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

**People: And also with you.**

## **God Nourishes Us at His Holy Table**

## **Offering Prayer**

Pastor Extravagant God,  
you have blessed us with the fullness of creation.

Now we gather at your feast  
where you offer us the food that satisfies.  
Take and use what we offer here, come among us,  
and feed us with the body and blood of Christ,

**People:**      **Amen.**

### **Words of Institution**

**Pastor:**      On the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, gave thanks, broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: "Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me." And again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks and gave it for all to drink, saying: "This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me."

*Please stand as you are able*

### **The Lord's Prayer**

**Pastor:**      Remember us in your Kingdom, Lord. Teach us to pray, saying from our hearts:

**People:**      **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.**

### **Invitation to Communion**

**Pastor:**      Here is food and drink for the journey  
Take and be filled.

## **Distribution of Holy Communion**

*All Christians are welcome to share with us in Holy Communion. The gift of Holy Communion is given by God without condition; therefore, we do not condition who may receive. If you would like to receive Jesus in, with, and under the bread and wine, simply do so.*

## **Songs During Communion**

*“Tree of Life and Awesome Mystery”*

*ELW 334*

*vs 1-3, Lent 2*

*“We Sing to You, O God”*

*ELW 791*

## **Post Communion Blessing**

**Pastor:** May these gifts of Jesus’ body and blood strengthen you and keep you always in his grace.

**People:** Amen

## **God Sends Us Out To Love and Serve Others**

## **Post Communion Prayer**

**Pastor:** Blessed Jesus,

**People:** in this rich meal of grace, you have fed us with your body, the bread of this life. Now send us forth to bear your life-giving hope to a world in need.  
Amen.

*Please stand as you are able*

## **Benediction and Blessing**

**Pastor:** You are children of God,  
anointed with the oil of gladness  
and strengthened for the journey.

Almighty God,  
motherly, majestic, and mighty,  
✠ bless you this day and always.

**People:** Amen.

**Sending Song**      *“All Who Love and Serve Your City”*

*ELW 724*

## **Dismissal**

**Pastor:** Go in peace. Jesus meets you on the way.

**People:** Thanks be to God.

## **Postlude**

Alice Christianson

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*The mission of Trinity Lutheran Church:  
Sharing God's love and grace, we invite, embrace and nurture everyone,  
unconditionally, into a relationship with God through Jesus Christ.*

Reader: Muriel Josten  
Ushers: Marvin Sharp  
Servers: Carolyn Sharp  
Song Leader: Dave Hensley  
Camera: Ray Cauwet  
Altar Care: Karin Wiseman, Marga Schaefer  
Multi-Media: Jan Gibson

**Staff of TLC:**

Pastor: Jodi Golden-Lund  
Office Manager: Toni Dumont  
Custodian: Ron Benander  
Worship Director: Jan Gibson  
Organist: Alice Christianson  
Choir Director: Dave Hensley  
Keyboard: Jan Gibson

Weekly Scriptures to read at home:

Isaiah 55: 1-9  
Psalm 63: 1-8  
I Corinthians 10: 1-3  
Luke 13: 1-9

**Birthdays:** No Birthday this week

**Anniversaries:** No Anniversaries this month

## Prayer List

### **New Prayer Concerns**

For Family and friends of Sherman Gibson (brother-in-law) in the hope of resurrection (Jan Gibson)

For Sheila Gibson, (sister-in-law) for complete healing and recovery from hip surgery (Jan Gibson)

For Tim Olson who was recently diagnosed with Parkinson's Disease, for adjustment to his new health challenge (Nancy Chadwell)

For the friends and family of my good friend, Jeanette Davis, who died suddenly on Friday, March 4<sup>th</sup> (Carolyn Sharp)

For Paula and her family for the loss of their father to cancer (Susan Firestone)

For family and friends of Stanley due to him succumbing to cancer (Susan Firestone)

### **Continued Prayer Concerns**

Carol Thornburg - for complete and swift healing after her surgery (Muriel Josten)

Julie Elston - for complete recovery from bronchial pneumonia (Muriel Josten)

For the people of Ukraine (Muriel Josten)

For the family of Sylvia, who lost her battle with cancer (Muriel Josten)

For all who are facing hardships (Juanita Baldwin)

Peggy Holt - for continued healing after surgery

Julie Elston - for continued health concerns

Brian Nelson (Scott Nelson) - for continuing health concerns

La Vida Nueva UMC - for God to prosper our partnership in the gospel

The Sierra-Pacific Synod - for wisdom and a spirit of true fellowship in our shared ministries

Foothill Presbyterian - for God's blessing on our partnership with their community

### **Those unable to worship with us:**

June Mowles - Sierra Hills

Rose Johnson - Sierra Hills

Phyllis Rengsdorf - Kaweah Manor,  
Visalia



Join us every Sunday!

Bible Study  
Worship w/Communion

9:45am  
11:00am