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WEDNESDAY, APRIL 2, 2025

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS (*please stand as you are able)

Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God, who writes the law on our hearts, who draws all people together through Jesus. **Amen.**

Held in God's mercy, let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

Holy God, **we confess that we are caught in snares of sin and cannot break free. We hoard resources while our neighbors are hungry and cold. We speak in ways that silence others. We are silent when we should speak up. We keep score in our hearts. We let hurts grow into hatred. For all these things and for sins only you know, forgive us Lord. Amen.**

Here is a flood of grace: out of love for the world, God draws near to us, breaks every snare of sin, washes away our wrongs, and restores the promise of life through Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

HYMN:

"I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say"

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GREETING

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.
And also with you.

LITANY

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.

We come with hearts open to learn.

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.

We come to learn from the stories of God's ancient people, Christ's life, and the church.

We will engage through our senses with the power and mystery of the world God made, because this exploration calls us into wonder.

We come to learn through the prophets.

We will light candles to remind each other of the fullness of Christ's presence with us in our worship and in our world.

We come to learn how to better see and reflect the light of Christ.

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.

We come to learn how to live more fully in the embodied image of God.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Merciful God, **sometimes we feel powerless and weak. Give us your strength and spirit to speak up for our neighbors. Empower us to serve those in need. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

SCRIPTURE READING: Habakkuk 1:1-4, 2:1-4, 3:17-18

¹The oracle that the prophet Habakkuk saw. ²O LORD, how long shall I cry for help, and you will not listen? Or cry to you "Violence!" and you will not save? ³Why do you make me see wrongdoing and look at trouble? Destruction and violence are before me; strife and contention arise. ⁴So the law becomes slack and justice never prevails. The wicked surround the righteous — therefore judgment comes forth perverted. ¹I will stand at my watchpost, and station myself on the rampart; I will keep watch to see what he will say to me, and what he will answer concerning my complaint. ²Then the LORD answered me and said: Write the vision; make it plain on tablets, so that a runner may read it. ³For there is still a vision for the appointed time; it speaks of the end, and does not lie. If it seems to tarry, wait for it; it will surely come, it will not delay. ⁴Look at the proud! Their spirit is not right in them, but the righteous live by their faith. ¹⁷Though the fig tree does not blossom, and no fruit is on the vines; though the produce of the olive fails, and the fields yield no food; though the flock is cut off from the fold, and there is no herd in the stalls, ¹⁸yet I will rejoice in the LORD; I will exult in the God of my salvation.

Response: The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

SERMON

HYMN:

"Lord, Whose Love in Humble Service"

#712

APOSTLE'S CREED (p. 105)

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried;
he descended to the dead.*
On the third day he rose again;
he ascended into heaven,
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and he will come 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

Response: Let us pray to the Lord, **Lord have mercy.**

LORD'S PRAYER (p. 145)

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.

OFFERING HYMN:

“As the Grains of Wheat”

#465

(offering plates are located on the table at the back of the sanctuary)

THANKSGIVING FOR OFFERING AND PRAYER

Gracious Provider, you set your immense treasures among us, opening your heart to the world. As we prepare to feast on your bountiful love, deepen our commitment to share those treasures with others, through our Savior, Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

BLESSING

Beloved, we are God’s own people, holy, washed, renewed. God bless you and keep you, shower you with mercy, fill you wit courage, and give you peace. **Amen.**

HYMN

“Christ, Be Our Light”

#715

SENDING

Go in peace. Care for others as God cares for you. **Thanks be to God!**

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Lenten Midweek Wednesdays

*Turning the World Around:
Majoring in the Minor Prophets*

Suppers – 5:30 p.m. | Worship (In Person and Online) – 6:30 p.m.

Wed., Mar 12th – “Joel”

Guest Preacher: Pr. Diane Krumm, Trinity Lutheran

Wed., Mar 19th – “Amos”

Guest Preacher: Pr. Jamie Desai, Faith Lutheran

Wed., March 26th – “Malachi”

Preacher: Pr. Nicholas

Wed., April 2nd – “Habakkuk”

Preacher: Pr. Rich

Wed., April 9th – “Zechariah”

Preacher: Pr. Nicholas

Sundays in Lent

Where is the Spirit is leading you this Lent?

Lent I – Sunday, March 9th

Lent II – Sunday, March 16th

Lent III – Sunday, March 23rd

Lent IV – Sunday, March 30th

Lent V – Sunday, April 6th

Palm/Passion Sunday – Sunday, April 13th