



Lent

RETURN TO THE LORD
your God,
FOR HE IS
gracious and
MERCIFUL.

JOEL 2:13

TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH

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LENTEN MIDWEEK 6

The Heart of Christ

WE WELCOME YOU!



THE LUTHERAN CHURCH – MISSOURI SYNOD

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March 25, 2026

AS WE GATHER

During this 2026 Lenten Season, our theme will be: **The Body of Christ**. Lent is a season of repentance and renewal, a marvelous opportunity to meditate on our Savior's passion – His suffering and death, so that we might more deeply appreciate His sacrifice that saved us and grow spiritually into a deeper relationship with Christ our Lord.

Feet, hands, mouth, ears, eyes, heart, blood – the body of Christ crucified for our redemption. Christ crucified and resurrected in body and soul is the focal point of our worship and the source of all our spiritual and physical blessings. Without the passion of the Lamb of God, His willingness to sacrifice His own body on the tree of the cross, we would have no share in God's kingdom of grace, the Church, and no spiritual life today and no eternal life in heaven. But thanks be to God, Jesus willingly surrendered His body on the cross to purchase our forgiveness and our place in God's everlasting kingdom.

ORGAN PRELUDE

WELCOME

OPENING HYMNPAGE 437

“ALAS! AND DID MY SAVIOR BLEED”

- 1 Alas! And did my Savior bleed, And did my sov'reign die?
Would He devote that sacred head For such a worm as I?.
- 2 Was it for crimes that I had done He groaned upon the tree?
Amazing pity, grace unknown, And love beyond degree!
- 5 But drops of grief can ne'er repay The debt of love I owe;
Here, Lord, I give myself away: 'Tis all that I can do.

Text: Isaac Watts, 1674-1748, alt.

Tune: Hugh Wilson, 1764-1824, setting: *The Lutheran Hymnal*, 1941

CALL TO WORSHIP

P In the name of the Father, and of the (+) Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C **Amen.**

PSALM *Portions of Psalm 22 (NIV)*

P My God, my God, why have You forsaken me? Why are You so far from saving me, so far from the words of my groaning?

C **O my God, I cry out by day, but You do not answer, by night and am not silent.**

P Yet You are enthroned as the Holy One; You are the praise of Israel.

C **In You our fathers put their trust; they trusted and You delivered them.**

P They cried to You and were saved; in You they trusted and were not disappointed.

C **But I am a worm and not a man, scorned by men and despised by the people.**

P All who see Me mock Me; they hurl insults, shaking their heads:

C **He trusts in the Lord; let the Lord rescue Him. Let Him deliver Him, since He delights in Him."**

P Dogs have surrounded Me; a band of evil men has encircled Me, they have pierced My hands and My feet.

C **I can count all My bones; people stare and gloat over Me.**

P They divide My garments among them and cast lots for My clothing.

C **But You, O Lord, be not far off; O My Strength, come quickly to help Me.**

P From You comes the theme of My praise in the great assembly; before those who fear You will I fulfill My vows.

C **The poor will eat and be satisfied; they who seek the Lord will praise Him-may your hearts live forever!**

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

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P The Lord be with you.

C **And also with you.**

P Let us pray.

Lord Jesus, it is by Your grace that we have been given forgiveness, life and salvation. May we daily live in a way that points others to the hope we have in You; for You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, world without end.

C **Amen.**

PASSION NARRATIVE – Jesus’ Death on the Cross, Part 1

HYMNPAGE 427

“IN THE CROSS OF CHRIST I GLORY”

1. In the cross of Christ I glory, Tow’ring o’er the wrecks of time.
All the light of sacred story Gathers round its head sublime.
2. When the woes of life o’er take me, Hopes deceive, and fears annoy,
Never shall the cross forsake me; Lo, it glows with peace and joy.

PASSION NARRATIVE –Part 2

3. When the sun of bliss is beaming Light and love upon my way,
From the cross the radiance streaming Adds more luster to the day.
4. Bane and blessing, pain and pleasure By the cross are sanctified;
Peace is there that knows no measure, Joys that through all time
abide.

THE MESSAGE – The Heart of Christ – John 11:17-44

Preacher: Rev. John A. Flamme

OFFERING (DROPPED IN PLATE AS YOU ENTER THE SANCTUARY)

“THE LAMB”

- 1 The Lamb, the Lamb,
O Father, where’s the sacrifice?
Faith sees, believes
God will provide the Lamb of price! Refrain
*refrain Worthy is the Lamb whose death makes me His own!
The Lamb is reigning on His throne!*
- 2 The Lamb, the Lamb,
One perfect final offering.
The Lamb, the Lamb,
Let earth join heav’n His praise to sing. *Refrain*
- 3 The Lamb, the Lamb,
As wayward sheep their shepherd kill
So still, His will
On our behalf the Law to fill. *Refrain*

PRAYERS

- P Hear my prayer, O Lord;
- C **listen to my cry for mercy.**
- P In the day of trouble I will call to You,
- C **for You will answer me.**
- P Create in me a pure heart, O God.
- C **and renew a steadfast spirit in me.**
- P Do not cast me away from Your presence
- C **or take Your Holy Spirit from me.**
- P Because Your loving kindness is better than life.
- C **my lips shall praise You.**
- P We pray for the sick, for those who are enduring grief or pain in body or spirit. Grant divine healing and health to the hospitalized, to those recovering at home and to our shut-ins, along with the awareness of your divine presence. May your Spirit-given peace and blessings in Word and Sacrament continue to unite, strengthen and empower this body of Christ. May we grow in grace and devotion to you, throughout our Lenten Journey, so that your plan of

salvation may be witnessed to the world. We bring all of these prayers before your throne of grace, for the sake of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

C **Amen.**

THE LORD'S PRAYER

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.

BENEDICTION

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.

C *(sung)* **Amen.**

CLOSING HYMNPAGE 878

"ABIDE WITH ME"

- 1 Abide with me, fast falls the eventide.
The darkness deepens; Lord, with me abide.
When other helpers fail and comforts flee,
Help of the helpless, O abide with me.
- 2 I need Thy presence ev'ry passing hour;
What but Thy grace can foil the tempter's pow'r?
Who like Thyself my guide and stay can be?
Through cloud and sunshine, O abide with me.
- 6 Hold Thou Thy cross before my closing eyes;
Shine through the gloom, and point me to the skies.
Heav'n's morning breaks, and earth's vain shadows flee;
In life, in death, O Lord, abide with me.

SILENT PRAYER

ORGAN POSTLUDE

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2026 LENTEN SCHEDULE

April 2, 2026, Maundy Thursday (with Holy Communion) 7:00 p.m.
The Blood of Christ – Luke 22:7-20

April 3, 2026, Good Friday Tenebrae 7:00 P.M.
The Body of Christ Crucified – John 19:17-30

GUEST PASTOR: REV. JOHN A. FLAMME

April 5, 2026, Easter Sunday 10:15 A.M
The Risen Body of Christ – Luke 24:1-12

VACANCY PASTOR: WARREN GRAFF

- **Easter Breakfast (8:30 a.m – 9:30 a.m.)**