



# 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 4

The Mouth of Christ

WE WELCOME YOU!



THE LUTHERAN CHURCH – MISSOURI SYNOD

**Lenten Midweek 4**  
**March 11, 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 HYMN** ..... *PAGE 430*

**“MY SONG IS LOVE UNKNOWN”**

- 1 My song is love unknown, My Savior’s love to me,  
Love to the loveless shown That they might lovely be.  
Oh, who am I That for my sake  
My Lord should take Frail flesh and die?
  
- 3 Sometimes they strew His way And His sweet praises sing;  
Resounding all the day Hosannas to their King.  
Then “Crucify!” Is all their breath,  
And for His death They thirst and cry.
  
- 7 Here might I stay and sing, No story so divine!  
Never was love, dear King, Never was grief like Thine.

This is my friend, In whose sweet praise  
I all my days Could gladly spend!

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## 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 103: 1-13 (NIV)*

P Praise the Lord, O my soul; all my inmost being, praise His holy name

C **Praise the Lord, O my soul, and forget not all His benefits--**

P Who forgives all your sins and heals all your diseases,

C **who redeems your life from the pit and crowns you with love and compassion,**

P who satisfies your desires with good things so that your youth is renewed like the eagle's.

C **The Lord works righteousness and justice for all the oppressed.**

P He made know his ways to Moses, his deeds to the people of Israel;

C **The Lord is compassionate and gracious, slow to anger, abounding in love.**

P He will not always accuse, nor will He harbor His anger forever;

C **He does not treat us as our sins deserve or repay us according to our iniquities.**

P For as high as the heavens are above the earth, so great is His love for those who fear Him.

C **as far as the east is from the west, so far He removed our transgressions from us.**

P As a father has compassion on his children, so the Lord has compassion on those who fear him.

A **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.

Gracious and forgiving God, we thank You for the forgiveness that You daily grant us because of the suffering, death and resurrection of Jesus. Enable us who have received Your forgiving love, to share that same forgiveness with others; through Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C **Amen.**

***PASSION NARRATIVE – Jesus’ Before the Sanhedrin, Part 1***

**HYMN** ..... *PAGE 433*

**“GLORY BE TO JESUS”**

- 1. Glory be to Jesus, Who in bitter pains
- 2. Poured for me the lifeblood From His sacred veins!
- 2 Grace and life eternal In that blood I find;  
Blest be His compassion, Infinitely kind!

***PASSION NARRATIVE –Part 2***

**HYMN** ..... *PAGE 433*

**“GLORY BE TO JESUS”**

- 3. Blest through endless ages Be the precious stream  
Which from endless torment Did the world redeem!
- 4. Abel’s blood for vengeance Pleaded to the skies;  
But the blood of Jesus For our pardon cries.

***THE MESSAGE – The Ears of Christ – Mark 7:31-37***

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  
**ref** 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 HYMN** ..... *PAGE 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.
- 4 Swift to its close ebbs out life's little day;  
Earth's joys grow dim, its glories pass away;  
Change and decay in all around I see;  
O Thou who changest not, abide with me.

**SILENT PRAYER**

**ORGAN POSTLUDE**

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## 2026 LENTEN SCHEDULE

**March, 18, 2026, Midweek 5** **7:00 P.M.**  
**The Eyes of Christ – John 9:1-11**

**March, 25, 2026, Midweek 6** **7:00 P.M.**  
**The Heart of Christ – John 11:17-44**

**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.)**