



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 5

The Eyes of Christ

WE WELCOME YOU!



THE LUTHERAN CHURCH – MISSOURI SYNOD

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March 18, 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 436*

“GO TO DARK GETHSEMANE”

- 1 Go to dark Gethsemane, All who feel the tempter's pow'r;
Your Redeemer's conflict see, Watch with Him one bitter hour;
Turn not from His griefs away; Learn from Jesus Christ to pray.

- 3 Follow to the judgment hall, View the Lord of life arraigned;
Oh, the wormwood and the gall! Oh, the pangs His soul sustained!
Shun not suff'ring, shame, or loss; Learn from Him to bear the cross.

- 7 Calv'ry's mournful mountain climb; There, adoring at His feet,
Mark that miracle of time, God's own sacrifice complete.
“It is finished!” hear Him cry; Learn from Jesus Christ to die.

Text: James Montgomery, 1771-1854

Tune: Richard Redhead, 1820-1901; 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 27 (NIV)*

P The Lord is my light and my salvation—whom shall I fear?

The Lord is the stronghold of my life—of whom shall I be afraid?

C **When evil men advance against me to devour my flesh,
when my enemies and my foes attack me, they will stumble and fall.**

P Though an army besiege me, my heart will not fear, though war break out against me, even then will I be confident.

C **One thing I ask of the Lord, this is what I seek: that I may dwell in
the house of the Lord all the days of my life, to gaze upon the beauty
of the Lord and to seek Him in His temple.**

P For in the day of trouble He will keep me safe in His dwelling; He will hide me in the shelter of His tabernacle and set me high upon a rock.

C **Then my head will be exalted above the enemies who surround me,
at His tabernacle will I sacrifice with shouts of joy; I will sing and
make music to the Lord.**

P Hear my voice when I call, O Lord; be merciful to me and answer me.

C **My heart says of You, “Seek His face!” Your face, Lord, I will seek.**

P Do not hide Your face from me, do not turn Your servant away in anger;
You have been my Helper. Do not reject me or forsake me, O God my
Savior.

C **Though my father and mother forsake me, the Lord will receive me.**

P Teach me Your way, O Lord; Lead me in a straight path because of my
oppressors.

C **Do not turn me over to the desire of my foes, for false witnesses rise
up against me, breathing out violence.**

P I am still confident of this: I will see the goodness of the Lord in the land
of the living.

C **Wait for the Lord; be strong and take heart and wait for the Lord.**

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.

O Holy Spirit, it is by Your power that we have been brought to faith and have been united into the fellowship of faith called the Church. Enable us always to live by the light of faith You have given us, and may we, together with all believers, be instruments to bring the light of hope and faith to those still lost in darkness; for You live and reign with the Father and the Son, one God, world without end.

C **Amen.**

PASSION NARRATIVE – Jesus Condemned to Death, Part 1

HYMN *PAGE 702*

“MY FAITH LOOKS UP TO THEE”

- 1. My faith looks up to Thee, Thou Lamb of Calvary,
Savior divine. Now hear me while I pray;
Take all my guilt away; O let me from this day
Be wholly Thine!
- 2. May Thy rich grace impart Strength to my fainting heart;
My zeal inspire! As Thou hast died for me,
Oh, may my love to Thee Pure, warm, and changeless be,
A living fire!

PASSION NARRATIVE –Part 2

- 3. While life’s dark maze I tread And griefs around me spread,
Be Thou my guide; Bid darkness turn to day,
Wipe sorrow’s tears away, Nor let me ever stray
From Thee aside.
- 4. When ends life’s transient dream, When death’s cold, sullen stream
Shall o’er me roll, Blest Savior, then, in love,
Fear and distrust remove; O bear me safe above,
A ransomed soul!

THE MESSAGE – The Eyes of Christ – John 9:1-11

Preacher: Rev. John A. Flamme

OFFERING (DROPPED IN PLATE AS YOU ENTER THE SANCTUARY)

OFFERING HYMN PAGE 550

“LAMB OF GOD”

- 1 Your only Son, no sin to hide,
But You have sent Him from Your side
To walk upon this guilty sod,
And to become the Lamb of God. *Refrain*

Refrain

*O Lamb of God, sweet Lamb of God, I love the holy Lamb of God!
O wash me in His precious blood, My Jesus Christ, the Lamb of God.*

- 2 Your Gift of love they crucified,
They laughed and scorned Him as He died;
The humble King they named a fraud,
And sacrificed the Lamb of God. *Refrain*
- 3 I was so lost, I should have died,
But You have brought me to Your side
To be led by Your staff and rod,
And to be called a Lamb of God. *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

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| 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 | |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Easter Breakfast (8:30 a.m – 9:30 a.m.) | |