



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 3

The Mouth of Christ

WE WELCOME YOU!



THE LUTHERAN CHURCH – MISSOURI SYNOD

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March 4, 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 420*

“CHRIST, THE LIFE OF ALL THE LIVING”

- 1 Christ, the life of all the living,
Christ, the death of death, our foe,
Who, Thyself for me once giving
To the darkest depths of woe:
Through Thy sufferings, death, and merit
I eternal life inherit.
Thousand, thousand thanks shall be,
Dearest Jesus, unto Thee.
- 2 Thou, ah! Thou, hast taken on Thee
Bonds and stripes, a cruel rod;
Pain and scorn were heaped upon Thee,

O Thou sinless Son of God!
Thus didst Thou my soul deliver
From the bonds of sin forever.
Thousand, thousand thanks shall be,
Dearest Jesus, unto Thee.

3 Thou hast borne the smiting only
That my wounds might all be whole;
Thou hast suffered, sad and lonely,
Rest to give my weary soul;
Yea, the curse of God enduring,
Blessing unto me securing.
Thousand, thousand thanks shall be,
Dearest Jesus, unto Thee.

Text: Ernst Christoph Homburg, 1605–81; (sts. 1–2, 5, 7): tr. Catherine Winkworth, 1827–78, alt.; (sts. 3–4, 6): tr. Evangelical Lutheran Hymn-Book, 1912, St. Louis
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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.**

P (Our Lord Jesus says:) For whoever wants to save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for Me will find it.

C **It is with your heart that you believe and are justified, and it is with your mouth that you confess and are saved.**

P If anyone desires to come after Me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross, and follow Me.

C **I am not ashamed of the gospel, because it is the power of God for the salvation of everyone who believes:**

P You are my God, and I will praise You; You are my God, I will exalt You.

C **Whoever confesses Me before men, him I will also confess before My Father who is in heaven. Amen. Praise to You, O Christ, Lamb of our salvation.**

(Matthew 16:24 & 25, Romans 10:10, Romans 1:6, Psalm 118:28, Matthew 10:32)

PSALM *Portions of Psalm 51 (NIV)*

P Have mercy on me, O God, according to your unfailing love;

C **according to your great compassion blot out my transgressions.**

P Wash away all my iniquity.
C **and cleanse me from my sin.**
P For I know my transgressions,
C **and my sin is always before me.**
P Against you, you only, have I sinned and done what is evil in your sight,
C **so that you are proved right when you speak and justified when you judge...**
P Cleanse me with hyssop, and I will be clean;
C **wash me, and I will be whiter than snow...**
P Hide your face from my sins
C **and blot out all my iniquity.**
P Create in me a pure heart, O God.
C **and renew a steadfast spirit within me.**
P Do not cast me from your presence
C **or take your Holy Spirit from me.**
P Restore to me the joy of your salvation
C **and grant me a willing spirit, to sustain me.**
P Then I will teach transgressors your ways,
C **and sinners will turn back to you.**
P **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 God our Heavenly Father, by the power of the Holy Spirit you have given us faith in Jesus as our Savior and have called us into a life of discipleship in His name. Forgive us for the many times we have failed to follow Christ, and give us your grace to empower us to follow wherever Jesus might lead, so that through us others may be led to faith in Him; through the same Jesus Christ, your Son, 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

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“JESUS, LEAD THOU ON”

- 1 Jesus, lead Thou on
Till our rest is won;
And although the way be cheerless,
We will follow calm and fearless.
Guide us by Thy hand
To our fatherland.
- 2 If the way be drear,
If the foe be near,
Let not faithless fears o’ertake us;
Let not faith and hope forsake us;
For through many a woe
To our home we go.

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PASSION NARRATIVE –Part 2

HYMN **PAGE 718**

“JESUS, LEAD THOU ON”

- 3 When we seek relief
From a long-felt grief,
When temptations come alluring,
Make us patient and enduring.
Show us that bright shore
Where we weep no more.
- 4 Jesus, lead Thou on
Till our rest is won.
Heav’nly leader, still direct us,
Still support, console, protect us,
Till we safely stand
In our fatherland.

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THE MESSAGE – The Mouth of Christ – Luke 4:14-22a

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

- ref 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

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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.

5 I fear no foe with Thee at hand to bless;
Ills have no weight and tears no bitterness.
Where is death's sting? Where, grave, thy victory?
I triumph still if Thou abide with me!

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SILENT PRAYER

ORGAN POSTLUDE

2025 LENTEN SCHEDULE

March, 11, 2026, Midweek 4	7:00 P.M.
The Ears of Christ – Mark 7:31-37	
Lenten Supper	
March, 18, 2026, Midweek 5	7:00 P.M.
The Eyes of Christ – John 9:1-11	
Lenten Supper	
March, 25, 2026, Midweek 6	7:00 P.M.
The Heart of Christ – John 11:17-44	
Lenten Supper	
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 Bod of Christ Crucified – John 19:17-30	
April 5, 2026, Easter Sunday	7:00 P.M.
The Risen Body of Christ – Luke 24:1-12	
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Easter SonRise Worship – 7:30 a.m.• Easter Breakfast (8:00 a.m – 9:30 a.m.)• Easter Worship Service – 10:15 A.M.	

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