



*Nurturing a Living Faith  
with Open Hearts  
and Serving Hands*

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*Midweek of Lent 4  
Mar. 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2023  
12:15 & 6 p.m.*

*“Voices from the Edge...  
Inviting us to the Center”*

**PRELUDE**

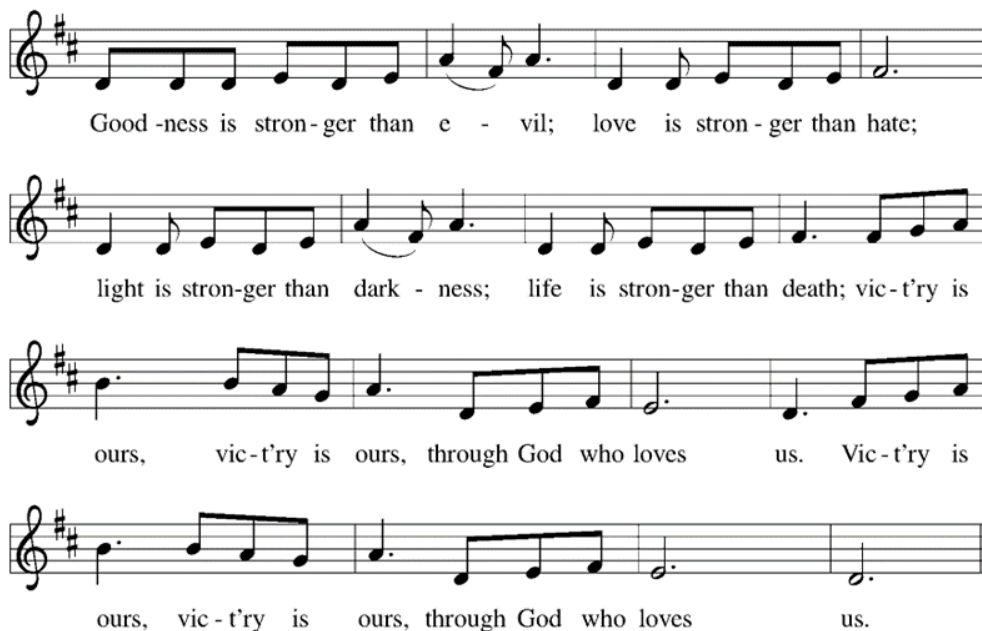
**WELCOME & GREETING**

The love of God poured into our hearts, the saving grace of Jesus Christ that guards our hearts and minds, and the joy and consolation of the Holy Spirit be with your all.  
And also with you.

**SONG**

ELW #721

**Goodness Is Stronger than Evil**



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Music: GOODNESS IS STRONGER, John L. Bell, b. 1949  
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**PRAYER**

O God,

rich in mercy, full of kindness, out of your great love, you raise us up from sin and death and make us alive together with Christ. Write your word upon our hearts and restore in us the image of your love that, by your Spirit, our way of life may become the way of Christ, through whom we pray. Amen.

***Welcome to  
Worship at Trinity  
Lutheran***

*Whether this is your first time worshipping with us, or if you regularly attend, we are very glad that you are with us! Today, we gather to worship God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ.*

*The church is not a building – it is you, the people. So “church,” thanks for showing up today. If you look around what you will see are imperfect people. Some with smiles, some with broken hearts, some with secrets they are ashamed to share... and yet all of us together are the “church.”*

*We are thankful you are here. Through God’s Holy Spirit we pray you hear a word of grace and hope today.*

### **READING: 2 KINGS 4:1-7**

The wife of a man from the company of the prophets cried out to Elisha, "Your servant my husband is dead, and you know that he revered the LORD. But now his creditor is coming to take my two boys as his slaves."

<sup>2</sup> Elisha replied to her, "How can I help you? Tell me, what do you have in your house?"  
"Your servant has nothing there at all," she said, "except a small jar of olive oil."

<sup>3</sup> Elisha said, "Go around and ask all your neighbors for empty jars. Don't ask for just a few. <sup>4</sup> Then go inside and shut the door behind you and your sons. Pour oil into all the jars, and as each is filled, put it to one side."

<sup>5</sup> She left him and shut the door behind her and her sons. They brought the jars to her and she kept pouring. <sup>6</sup> When all the jars were full, she said to her son, "Bring me another one."

But he replied, "There is not a jar left." Then the oil stopped flowing.

<sup>7</sup> She went and told the man of God, and he said, "Go, sell the oil and pay your debts. You and your sons can live on what is left."

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

### **MESSAGE**

Pastor Mark Narum

### **SONG/GATHERING OF GIFTS**

"Baptized and Set Free"

ELW #453

- 1 We are people created, chosen by God.  
Then we're washed, ever gently, in mercy and love.  
Sin has power no more. Jesus opened the door  
to a fountain bringing healing, and wholeness and more.
- 2 We are fed and we're nourished, filled and refreshed.  
Then our hunger returns and again we are blessed.  
For whatever the need, God is greater indeed:  
endless ocean, always deeper than all of our need.
- 3 We are nourished by water, all living things,  
and by life that the Spirit abundantly brings.  
As we journey toward home, may your presence be known:  
precious river, ever-flowing, now carry us home.
- 4 Now with praise and thanksgiving, we join the song.  
All are welcome! We gather to sing loud and strong.  
Not enslaved, but set free! From now on, all will be  
one in Jesus, one in water, baptized and set free!

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### **INSTALLATION OF PASTOR MARTHA HARRISON (6 p.m.)**

#### **INVITATION TO PRAYER**

In Christ Jesus we meet the God who knows our weakness and bears the wounds of the world. Therefore, let us be bold as we pray, trusting that God draws near to those in any kind of need.

*(prayers of thanks and care)*

God of all compassion,

**gather our prayers in your mercy and grant to us what you know we need, that we may walk in the life and peace of your Spirit, through Jesus, our hope and our salvation. Amen.**

#### **WORDS OF INSTITUTION/THE LORD'S PRAYER (traditional)**

**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.**

#### **COMMUNION BLESSING**

#### **POST-COMMUNION PRAYER**

**Almighty God, you provide the true bread from heaven, your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Grant that we who have received the Sacrament of his body and blood may abide in him and he in us, that we may be filled with the power of his endless life, now and forever.**

## **BENEDICTION**

May Christ Jesus dwell in our hearts through faith,  
as we are being rooted and grounded in love,  
strengthened by the Spirit,  
and filled with all the fullness of God.

**Amen.**

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

## **CHILDREN'S TIME (6 p.m.)**

## **SENDING SONG**

ELW #446

### **I'm Going on a Journey**

1 I'm go-ing on a jour-ney, and I'm start-ing to - day. My  
head is wet, and I'm on my way. Christ's mark is on me;  
it's on you, too; it says he loves me, and he loves you, too!

2 I'm be-com-ing this day a saint of God. It  
real-ly does-n't mat-ter what roads I trod. Wher-ev-er I go, God's  
been there, too. God's love has touched me and will car-ry me through.

3 There are oth-er saints who have said a-men. They'll  
keep me faith-ful to my jour-ney's end. A - long the way  
I want to be the kind of per-son that God set free.

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## ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR WEDNESDAY, MARCH 22, 2023

**WE EXTEND OUR CONGREGATION'S SYMPATHY** to the family of Taya Swenson Schmid, daughter of Lois & Wayne Swenson. Please keep their family in your prayers.

**RADIO BROADCAST/LIVE STREAM** is in memory of Beata Jasmann, given by family.

**ALTAR FLOWERS** are in memory of Gene Aune. His family will remember him with joy on March 23, 2023, his 100th birthday! Given by his daughters.

**HOLY BAPTISM** - We welcome Kyler Thomas McCann to the family of God, baptized this past Sunday at the 10:30 a.m. service.

**TRINITY FUNERAL** - We continue to pray for the family of Arlys Fowler as they grieve her death.

**TRUST FUND SCHOLARSHIPS** - We are now accepting scholarship applications for the upcoming Fall '23/Spring '24 school year. These Scholarships are meant to honor the dedication of students who have shown a desire to grow in their faith and serve God by serving their neighbor. Eligible applicants are members of Trinity who are either:

- High school seniors preparing to graduate
- Post-secondary students in a certificate, associate degree, or bachelor's degree program
- Seminary students

Check out further information on our website under Trust Fund Scholarship. You can print a form there or pick-up one in the office.

**Deadline to apply is Friday, March 31<sup>st</sup>.**

**PLANTING SEEDS FOR MINISTRY SUNDAY** – Sunday, March 26<sup>th</sup> we will welcome Faith Simonieg as our special guest preacher at both services. At 9:35 a.m. she will lead a conversation in the Community Center about the impact Trinity's Trust Fund is having on our ministry now and into the future.

**BRASS PLAYERS NEEDED** - Join the ensemble who will accompany hymns at the 8:30 and 10:30 a.m. Easter worship services! Players from middle school to adult are all invited to come and play. We'll have ONE rehearsal on Saturday, April 8<sup>th</sup> @ 11 a.m. Please send an email or voicemail to Pastor Mary Lou: [aune@trinitybismarck.com](mailto:aune@trinitybismarck.com), or 223-3560. We're counting on you!

**YOUTH EVENT** - All youth are invited to come for a fun time of games, faith talk and pretzel making here at Trinity. We'll meet on Sunday, March 26<sup>th</sup>. Use the North Doors. Hope to see you there! 3<sup>rd</sup> – 5<sup>th</sup> Graders @ 2 - 3 p.m. Middle Schoolers @ 3:30 - 4:30 p.m.

**FIRE DETECTION TASK FORCE UPDATE** - The Fire Detection/ Alarm Task Force including – Kyle Gebhardt, Colleen Peterson, Wanda Benz, Mike Horan, Dan Welsh, Lee Herberg and Pastor Mark Narum met on Tuesday, March 14<sup>th</sup>.

- shared that our current system does automatically contact a call center if an alarm is tripped.
- directed Core Facilities Solutions to get line item break-downs of the system costs.
- invited the city fire marshal to a third meeting with the committee and to invite the city building official as well to clarify code and safety issues.
- are seeking information from our insurance carrier about our current coverage.

Next meeting will depend on city official availability.



**Games,  
Faith Talk &  
Pretzel Making!**

**3rd - 5th Grade**  
@ 2 - 3 p.m.

**Middle School**  
@ 3:30 - 4:30 p.m.

**Sunday, March 26**

Use North Doors  
See Gracia with questions.

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# Lay Preaching Academy

A group of pastors in our synod is exploring the possibility of launching a preaching academy in order to support lay people who have been called to preach. You're invited to a conversation to dream and vision what this might look like.

The conversation will be via Zoom video call on **Saturday, April 1 at 10 a.m. (CT)**. Please fill out a survey at the link below if you are interested in learning more and being included in the Zoom call.

[www.bit.ly/LayPreachingSurvey](http://www.bit.ly/LayPreachingSurvey)