



March 23, 2025

10:00 am

3RD SUNDAY OF LENT

Facebook Live/Virtual
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**We are blessed that you
have joined us today.**

Notes on worship:

BOLD type = people of God =You

Regular type = leader

Italic type = directions or explanations

Introduction to the Day



The warnings are plentiful and blunt on the third Sunday in Lent. Cut it out or get cut down! The warnings are accompanied by God's invitation to attentiveness: "Incline your ear, and

come to me; listen, so that you may live." The landowner's ultimatum is forestalled by the gardener's readiness to till the ground one more year. That is good news for all of us. Thanks be to God!

WELCOME

*Welcome to worship at Holy Trinity Lutheran Church in Bellerose! We are so glad that you are here to worship with us either in person or online. **If you are seeking a church to call home, welcome and we hope you find the comfort of Christ's Beloved Community here.** If Pastor Analyse or the Prayer Team can provide any care for you at present, please reach out in person or at pastoranalyse@holytrinitybellerose.org or the church office at office@holytrinitybellerose.org.*

~Please stand as you are able.~

CONFESSION & FORGIVENESS

Blessed be the holy Trinity, ✚ one God,
who forgives all our sin,
whose mercy endures forever.

Amen.

Let us return to God, confessing our sin in the
assurance of God's abiding love.

Silence is kept for reflection.

Compassionate One,

**you are slow to anger and abounding in
steadfast love,**

**but our lives do not always reflect you
and your love for the world.**

**We do not show others the tender
compassion**

you have shown to us.

**We do not welcome others with the radical
hospitality**

you grant to all people.

We oppress others,

**even though you have set us free again and
again.**

**We squander the abundant gifts of the
earth.**

Transform our lives

and guide us again in the way of the cross.

Amen.

Beloved in Christ,

God's arms are always stretched open wide
to welcome the wandering ones home.

In ✚ Christ your sins are forgiven.

You have a place in God's house forever.

Amen.

GATHERING HYMN ELW 774 vs 1 & 2

What a Fellowship, What a Joy Divine

- 1 What a fellowship, what a joy divine,
leaning on the everlasting arms;
what a blessedness, what a peace is
mine,
leaning on the everlasting arms.**

Refrain

Leaning, leaning,

safe and secure from all alarms;

leaning, leaning,

leaning on the everlasting arms.

**2 Oh, how sweet to walk in this pilgrim way,
leaning on the everlasting arms;
oh, how bright the path grows from day to day,
leaning on the everlasting arms. Refrain**

GREETING

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

And also with you.

HYMN OF PRAISE W&P 76 2x
Jesus, Lamb of God

**Jesus, Lamb of God,
worthy is your name.
Jesus, Lamb of God,
worthy is your name.**

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray.

Eternal God, your kingdom has broken into our troubled world through the life, death, and resurrection of your Son. Help us to hear your word and obey it, and bring your saving love to fruition in our lives, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
Amen.

~Please be seated.~

FIRST READING: Isaiah 55:1-9 NRSV

To those who have experienced long years in exile, the return to their homeland is a celebration of abundant life. God calls them into an everlasting covenant of love. Those who return to God will enjoy new life and forgiveness, because God's ways are not our ways.

The first reading is from Isaiah beginning at the fifty-fifth chapter.

¹ Ho, everyone who thirsts,
come to the waters;
and you that have no money,
come, buy and eat!
Come, buy wine and milk
without money and without price.

² Why do you spend your money for that

which is not bread,
and your labor for that which does not satisfy?

Listen carefully to me, and eat what is good,
and delight yourselves in rich food.

³ Incline your ear, and come to me;
listen, so that you may live.

I will make with you an everlasting covenant,
my steadfast, sure love for David.

⁴ See, I made him a witness to the peoples,
a leader and commander for the peoples.

⁵ See, you shall call nations that you do not know,

and nations that do not know you shall run to you,

because of the Lord your God, the Holy One of Israel,

for he has glorified you.

⁶ Seek the Lord while he may be found,
call upon him while he is near;

⁷ let the wicked forsake their way,
and the unrighteous their thoughts;

let them return to the Lord, that he may have mercy on them,

and to our God, for he will abundantly pardon.

⁸ For my thoughts are not your thoughts,
nor are your ways my ways, says the Lord.

⁹ For as the heavens are higher than the earth,

so are my ways higher than your ways
and my thoughts than your thoughts.

Word of God, word of life.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM 63: 1-8

We will now read responsively from Psalm 63.

¹ O God, you are my God; eagerly I seek you; my soul thirsts for you, my flesh faints for you, as in a dry and weary land where there is no water.

² **Therefore I have gazed upon you in your holy place, that I might behold your power and your glory.**

³ For your steadfast love is better than life itself; my lips shall give you praise.

⁴ **So will I bless you as long as I live and lift up my hands in your name.**

⁵ My spirit is content, as with the richest of foods, and my mouth praises you with

joyful lips,

⁶ **when I remember you upon my bed,
and meditate on you in the night
watches.**

⁷ For you have been my helper, and under
the shadow of your wings I will rejoice.

⁸ **My whole being clings to you;
your right hand holds me fast.**

SECOND READING 1 Corinthians 10:1-13 NRSV

*Paul uses images from Hebrew Scriptures and prophecy
to speak the truth of Jesus Christ: He is our rock, our
water, our food, and our drink. Christ is the living sign of
God's faithfulness.*

The second reading is from first Corinthians
beginning at the tenth chapter.

¹ I do not want you to be unaware, brothers and
sisters, that our ancestors were all under the
cloud, and all passed through the sea, ² and all
were baptized into Moses in the cloud and in
the sea, ³ and all ate the same spiritual
food, ⁴ and all drank the same spiritual drink.
For they drank from the spiritual rock that
followed them, and the rock was
Christ. ⁵ Nevertheless, God was not pleased
with most of them, and they were struck down
in the wilderness.

⁶ Now these things occurred as examples for
us, so that we might not desire evil as they
did. ⁷ Do not become idolaters as some of them
did; as it is written, "The people sat down to eat
and drink, and they rose up to play." ⁸ We must
not indulge in sexual immorality as some of
them did, and twenty-three thousand fell in a
single day. ⁹ We must not put Christ to the test,
as some of them did, and were destroyed by
serpents. ¹⁰ And do not complain as some of
them did, and were destroyed by the
destroyer. ¹¹ These things happened to them to
serve as an example, and they were written
down to instruct us, on whom the ends of the
ages have come. ¹² So if you think you are
standing, watch out that you do not fall. ¹³ No
testing has overtaken you that is not common
to everyone. God is faithful, and he will not let
you be tested beyond your strength, but with

the testing he will also provide the way out so
that you may be able to endure it.

Word of God, word of life.

Thanks be to God.

~Please stand as you are able.~

THE HOLY GOSPEL Luke 13:1-9 NRSV

*Asked about current tragic events, Jesus turns a lesson
about whether suffering is deserved into a hard call to
obedience. He then tells a parable that holds out hope
that the timeline for ultimate judgment will be tempered by
patience.*

The Holy Gospel according to Luke beginning
at the thirteenth chapter.

Glory to you, O Lord.

¹ At that very time there were some present
who told him about the Galileans whose blood
Pilate had mingled with their
sacrifices. ² [Jesus] asked them, "Do you think
that because these Galileans suffered in this
way they were worse sinners than all other
Galileans?" ³ No, I tell you; but unless you
repent, you will all perish as they did. ⁴ Or those
eighteen who were killed when the tower of
Siloam fell on them—do you think that they
were worse offenders than all the others living
in Jerusalem? ⁵ No, I tell you; but unless you
repent, you will all perish just as they did."

⁶ Then he told this parable: "A man had a fig
tree planted in his vineyard; and he came
looking for fruit on it and found none. ⁷ So he
said to the gardener, 'See here! For three
years I have come looking for fruit on this fig
tree, and still I find none. Cut it down! Why
should it be wasting the soil?' ⁸ He replied, 'Sir,
let it alone for one more year, until I dig around
it and put manure on it. ⁹ If it bears fruit next
year, well and good; but if not, you can cut it
down.'"

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

~Please be seated.~

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

SERMON

~Please stand as you are able.~

HYMN OF THE DAY ELW 319 VS 1 & 3

As Rain from the Clouds

**1 As rain from the clouds will your word
come to earth,
as snow from the heavens refreshing the
land.**

**Then soften our soil that the good seed
may grow
and ripen rich fruit to return to your hand.
We praise you, our God, for the dew of your
word;
we thank you, good gard'ner, for your
tender toil.
We bless you, best farmer, for hundredfold
yield,
for harvest of grace in our once-barren soil.**

**3 As rays of the sun shall your word light
the world,
awaking and warming and healing our land.
Then shine in our hearts that the good seed
may grow
and ripen rich fruit to return to your hand.
We praise you, our God, for the light of your
word;
we thank you, good gard'ner, for your
tender toil.
We bless you, best farmer, for hundredfold
yield,
for harvest of grace in our once-barren soil.**

THE APOSTLES' CREED

Let us confess our faith saying the words of the
Apostles' Creed.

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ,
God's only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy spirit,
born of the virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried;
he descended to the dead.
On the third day he rose again;
he ascended into heaven,
he is seated at the right hand of the
Father, and he will come to judge the
living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

***~Please remain standing as you desire,
otherwise please be seated~***

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Led by the Spirit, let us turn to God in prayer for the
church, the world, and all those in need.

A brief silence.

We pray for the church, called to be a witness to all
peoples. Grant humility and wisdom to bishops,
pastors, deacons, elders, councils, and
congregations, that they may call upon you in
making decisions. God, in your mercy,
receive our prayer.

We pray for the earth, called to provide abundantly.
Teach your people the goodness of your generosity,
that in sharing what we have been given, all life
may flourish on the planet that is our shared home.
God, in your mercy,
receive our prayer.

We pray for the nations, called to protect their
inhabitants and collaborate in the work of justice
and peace. Forge bonds of compassion and mutual
care across human borders and boundaries, that all
the world may have enough to live. God, in your
mercy,
receive our prayer.

We pray for those in need, called to receive your
compassion *especially Bob Sarro, Janice
Rajgopaul, Susan Henyan, Peter Stiefel, Ruth
Loomis, Peter A. Westgard, Eleanor Gotz, Sarah
Simon, and Gladys Simpson.* Comfort those whose
lives have been disrupted through natural disasters
and human conflict. Aid communities in coming
together to mourn, heal, and rebuild. God, in your
mercy,
receive our prayer.

We pray for this assembly, called to welcome its
neighbors to the table of your grace. Bless food
pantries, community gardens and kitchens, clean

water projects, and all ministries that address human hunger and thirst. God, in your mercy,
receive our prayer.

We pray for the marginalized. You equip us to transform economic, political, and social systems that oppress vulnerable people, especially systems of structural racism and generational poverty. God, in your mercy,
receive our prayer.

We give thanks for the faithful lives of those who proclaimed your gospel in times of challenge and strife, and for all those whose lives of love and service have ended. May their witness inspire our own. God, in your mercy,
receive our prayer.
Receive the prayers of your people and draw all things together in your love, in the name of Jesus, who leads us from death to life.
Amen.

SHARING OF CHRIST'S PEACE

The peace of the Lord be with you always!
And also with you!
Let us share a sign of Christ's peace with one another. (In the method of your comfort level.)

~Please be seated.~

OFFERING

~Please stand as you are able.~

OFFERTORY HYMN ELW 465

As the Grains of Wheat

Refrain

***As the grains of wheat
once scattered on the hill
were gathered into one to become our
bread;
so may all your people from all the ends of
earth be gathered into one in you.***

**1 As this cup of blessing is shared within
our midst, may we share the presence of
your love.**

Refrain

**2 Let this be a foretaste of all that is to
come when all creation shares this feast
with you. *Refrain***

OFFERTORY PRAYER

Let us pray.

Gracious Provider,
you set your immense treasures among us,
opening your heart to the world.
As we prepare to feast on your bountiful love,
deepen our commitment to sharing those
treasures with others,
through our Savior, Jesus Christ.
Amen.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

Gracious God, loving all of your family with a mother's tender care: As you sent the angel to feed Elijah with heavenly bread, assist those who set forth to share your word and sacrament with those who are gathered here this morning. In your love and care, nourish and strengthen those who will receive this sacrament, and give us all the comfort of your abiding presence through the body and blood of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**
When our congregation gathers in worship, we hear again of God's mighty acts and the love shown to us in Jesus' life, death and resurrection. We share in the holy meal of the Lord's supper. Now we bring to you this word of life, and this bread and cup of blessing, so that you may share in these same gifts and be strengthened in communion with all the people of God.

Merciful God, we do not presume to come to your table trusting in our own righteousness, but in your abundant mercy. Grant us, therefore, gracious Lord, so to eat and drink the body and blood of your dear Son, Jesus Christ, that we may live in him and he in us, now and forever. **Amen**

EUCHARISTIC PRAYER

Gathered at the Lord's table, our congregation remembers with thanksgiving that In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, He gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: "Take and eat; this is my body, given for you." Again, after supper, He took the cup, He gave thanks, and He gave it for all to drink, saying: "This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all

people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me.”

This is the supper of our Lord Jesus Christ. This same bread and cup of blessing, shared in our community of faith, are here given for you.

I would ask now, that as we pray the Lord’s Prayer, that you pray it not only for yourself, but pray it for the person sitting next to you, and for anyone who for whatever reason on this day cannot pray it for themselves.

**We pray now as our Lord has taught us:
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.**

~Please be seated.~

COMMUNION

All are welcome to the Lord’s Table. We receive communion in the form of a wafer and a small cup of wine or grape juice.

Please tell the ushers if you need the bread and wine brought to you. If you are not yet receiving communion, or do not wish to receive today, please come forward and cross your arms over your chest to receive a blessing. Follow the usher’s directions.

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

All who are hungry, come!
The feast of grace is spread.

COMMUNION HYMN ELW 623 vs. 1, 3 & 4
Rock of Ages, Cleft to Me

1 **Rock of Ages, cleft for me,
let me hide myself in thee;
let the water and the blood,
from thy riven side which flowed,
be of sin the double cure;
cleanse me from its guilt and pow’r.**

3 **Nothing in my hand I bring;
simply to thy cross I cling.
Naked, come to thee for dress;
helpless, look to thee for grace;
foul, I to the fountain fly;
wash me, Savior, or I die.**

4 **While I draw this fleeting breath,
when mine eyelids close in death,
when I soar to worlds unknown,
see thee on thy judgment throne,
Rock of Ages, cleft for me,
let me hide myself in thee.**

~Please stand as you are able.~

TABLE BLESSING & COMMUNION PRAYER

The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.

Amen.

Let us pray.

Generous Host,

you have shared your feast with us and made us new.

Send us now to set tables of love and grace in our communities,
that your liberating love might nourish the world into freedom,
in the name of the crucified one, Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

~Please be seated.~

ANNOUNCEMENTS

~Please stand as you are able.~

BLESSING

God our tender parent,

God the crucified one,

God the reconciling Spirit,

✠ bless you now and forever.

Amen.

SENDING HYMN ELW 618 vs 1 & 2
Guide Me Ever, Great Redeemer

1 **Guide me ever, great Redeemer,
pilgrim through this barren land.
I am weak, but you are mighty;
hold me with your pow’rful hand.
Bread of heaven, bread of heaven,**

**feed me now and evermore,
feed me now and evermore.**

- 2 Open now the crystal fountain
where the healing waters flow;
let the fire and cloudy pillar
lead me all my journey through.
Strong deliv'rer, strong deliv'rer,
shield me with your mighty arm,
shield me with your mighty arm.**

DISMISSAL

What is our Mission?

**Welcoming all to grow in faith; living
Christ's message of serving and loving
neighbors near and far.**

Go in peace. Care for others as God cares for
you.

Thanks be to God.

***Thank you for worshipping
with us today. We are blessed by your
presence.***

ANNOUNCEMENTS & COMING EVENTS

IN PERSON SERVICES every Sunday Live and via
Facebook Live @ 10:00 am. You don't have to
belong to Facebook to watch. Video will also be
available on our interactive bulletin at:
holytrinitybellerose.wordpress.com.

COUNCIL MEETING

Next meeting: April 8 @ 7:30 pm.

HOLY TRINITY'S CENTENNIAL

Holy Trinity turns 100 in 2026! ***If you would like to
be on a sub-committee*** to plan celebrations
throughout the year, please sign up on one of the
sign-up sheets in the Narthex. The next Centennial
Meeting is **April 1, 2025. At 7:00pm (No joke!)**

CHURCH MERCHANDISE

We have a webstore! As a certified non-profit Holy
Trinity receives money back for every item
purchased. Purchase Holy Trinity shirts, hats, mugs
etc. by visiting

**[https://www.bonfire.com/store/holy-trinity-
lutheran-church-merch/](https://www.bonfire.com/store/holy-trinity-lutheran-church-merch/)**

THRIVENT CHOICE DOLLARS

The window to designate your Thrivent Choice
dollars is open! Please remember to direct your
Thrivent Choice Dollars to Holy Trinity between
January 24th and March 31st. Please see the
bulletin for a letter with instructions on how to do

that. If you have any questions, please contact Ken
Henyan.

LENT DEVOTIONALS

Regular and large print versions are available in the
Narthex.

LENTEN BIBLE STUDY

Our Lenten Bible Study continues through **April 7,
2025** 10:00am will meet in person and 7:00pm is
partnering with St. John's Lutheran in Albany for a
bible study taking place on Zoom. See sign-up
sheet.

YOUTH GROUP

The youth meet twice a month on the first and third
Saturday's from 6:00 pm – 8:00 pm for 2nd – 8th
grades and 7:30 pm – 9:30 pm for 9th grade and up.
Contact Diane Gilroy for more information.

ALTAR GUILD

Looking for volunteers to help Denice, Joe, &
Pastor Analyse with Altar responsibilities.

WOMEN'S GROUP

This group is women getting together to discuss
relevant topics and books, spend time uplifting and
supporting each other. Meetings are on the third
Wednesday of each month from 7-9 pm. All are
welcome. Any questions contact Carol Robinson or
Denice Watkins.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

All positions available. Learn a new skill. The video
camera is really user friendly. See Pastor Analyse
for additional information.

YOGA PRACTICE Yoga, Thursdays, at 7 pm in the
Friendship Hall. One hour for only \$10. Contact
Carol

Robinson, 917-208-7340, for additional information.

GIVING TREE

Our Giving Tree in the Narthex has some new
foliage! Help us replace needed equipment in our
kitchen!

March Celebrations

- 1 Ray Holm
- 7 Ruth Loomis & Michael Greene
- 9 Patrick Clark
- 10 Katie Charach
- 16 Carole Zahner
- 17 Marilyn Weickert
- 24 Helen & Rich Kunz
- 27 Joyce Holm
- 28 Charlotte Williams
- 28 Leonard Scala
- 28 Jeff Slatkin



HOLY WEEK & EASTER SCHEDULE

PALM SUNDAY † APRIL 13, 2025

Service at 10am
Palm Sunday Breakfast
after Worship

MAUNDY THURSDAY † APRIL 17, 2025

Potluck & Service at 6pm

GOOD FRIDAY † APRIL 18, 2025

Tenebrae Service at 7:30pm

HOLY SATURDAY EGG HUNT † APRIL 19, 2025

Egg Hunt at 11am
Pasta Lunch to follow

EASTER SUNDAY † APRIL 20, 2025

Service at 10am

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