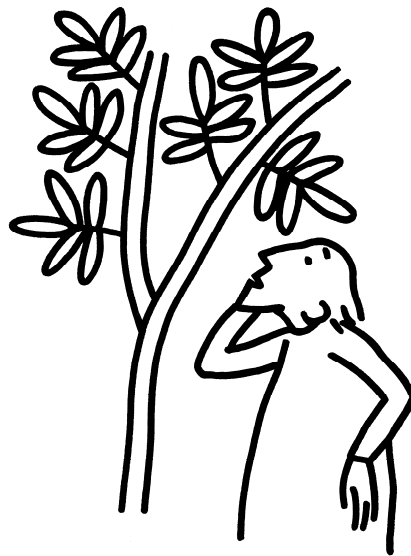




*To KNOW Christ. To SHARE Christ.*

**Worship & Holy Communion**  
**March 7, 2010**  
**“Hungering and Thirsting for God”**  
**10:45 am**



*The Mission of Trinity Lutheran Church:  
Sharing God’s love and grace, we invite, embrace  
and nurture everyone unconditionally into a  
relationship with God through Jesus Christ.*

The Rev. Sandra L. Bentz, Pastor  
Cassandra Sauter, Intern Pastor

# Welcome!

We're glad you're here to worship this morning. We trust that in the songs we sing, the Word we hear and the Communion we share, Jesus' presence will touch your life.

Gray Welcome Cards are in the pew racks. Please use them to let us know you are here, to share prayer requests, or to request more information about Trinity ministries. When filled out, please pass them to the outside aisle for the ushers to collect.

- Pre-Service Music

Alice Christianson

- Welcome and Announcements

- Call to Worship

- Confession and Forgiveness

*All are invited to make the sign of the cross † in remembrance of our baptism*

Pastor: Trusting in the word of life given in baptism, we are gathered in the name of the Father † Son and Holy Spirit.

People: **Amen**

Pastor: Let us confess our sins in the presence of God and of one another.  
*silence for reflection and self-examination*

Pastor: Merciful God,

People: **we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, and are not worthy to be called your children. Have mercy on us and turn us from our sinful ways. Bring us back to you as those who once were dead but now have life, through our Savior Jesus Christ. Amen.**

Pastor: The Lord is gracious and full of compassion, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love. Through the Holy Spirit, God gives life, freedom from the power of sin, and resurrection from the dead. In the name of † Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven. Live in newness of life.

People: **Amen**

- Opening Song

*please stand as you are able*

*“Eternal Father, Strong to Save”*

ELW (red) #756

- Greeting

Pastor: From our God who loves us with an everlasting love, who brings forth a new creation in Christ, who leads us by the Spirit in the wilderness: Grace and abundant mercy be with you all.

People: **And also with you.**

- Kyrie

- Prayer of the Day

Pastor: Let us pray. Eternal God,

People: **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**

*following the prayer, the congregation may be seated*

## Hearing God's Word

- Psalm 63:1-8 *read responsively* front of the pew Bible pg 516

Reader: <sup>1</sup>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.

People: <sup>2</sup>**Therefore I have gazed upon you in your holy place, that I might behold your power and your glory.**

Reader: <sup>3</sup>For your steadfast love is better than life itself; my lips shall give you praise.

People: <sup>4</sup>**So will I bless you as long as I live and lift up my hands in your name.**

Reader: <sup>5</sup>My spirit is content, as with the richest of foods, and my mouth praises you with joyful lips,

People: <sup>6</sup>**when I remember you upon my bed, and meditate on you in the night watches.**

Reader: <sup>7</sup>For you have been my helper, and under the shadow of your wings I will rejoice.

People: <sup>8</sup>**My whole being clings to you; your right hand holds me fast.**

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God!**

- Gospel Acclamation

*"Return to the Lord"*

front of the ELW (red) pg 151

- Luke 13:1-9

back of the pew Bible pg 950

<sup>1</sup>At that very time there were some present who told him about the Galileans whose blood Pilate had mingled with their sacrifices. <sup>2</sup>He asked them, "Do you think that because these Galileans suffered in this way they

were worse sinners than all other Galileans? <sup>3</sup>No, I tell you; but unless you repent, you will all perish as they did. <sup>4</sup>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? <sup>5</sup>No, I tell you; but unless you repent, you will all perish just as they did."

<sup>6</sup>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. <sup>7</sup>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?' <sup>8</sup>He replied, 'Sir, let it alone for one more year, until I dig around it and put manure on it. <sup>9</sup>If it bears fruit next year, well and good; but if not, you can cut it down.'"

Reader: The Gospel of the Lord.      **People: Thanks be to God!**

- **Message**      *"Hungering & Thirsting for God"*

Intern Pastor Cassie Sauter

## **Responding to God's Word**

- **Song**      *"Beneath the Cross of Jesus"*      ELW (red) #338

- **Prayers of the People**

*The Pastor will end each petition with "Lord, in your mercy,"*

*The people respond: "**hear our prayer.**"*

- **Sharing Christ's Peace**

Pastor:      May the peace of Christ be with you always.

**People: And also with you.**

*The people of God are invited to share Christ's peace with one another.*

- **Offering**      Alice Christianson

*please place your gifts for the Lord in the offering plate*

- **Offering Prayer**

Pastor:      Let us pray. Holy God, gracious and merciful,

**People: you bring forth food from the earth and nourish your whole creation. Turn our hearts toward those who hunger in any way, that all may know your care; and prepare us now to feast on the bread of life, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.  
Amen**

# The Celebration of Holy Communion

## • Words of Institution and the Lord's Prayer

Pastor: On the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: "Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me." Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and 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.

Pastor: Remember us in your Kingdom, Lord.  
Teach us to pray, saying from our hearts:

**People: Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and forever. Amen**

Pastor: This is the feast of victory for our God.

**People: Lord, I am not worthy to receive you, but say the word and I shall be healed.**

## • Distribution of Holy Communion

*All Christians are welcome to share with us in Holy Communion.*

*The gift of Holy Communion is given by God without condition; therefore, we do not condition who may receive. If you would like to receive Jesus in, with, and under the bread and wine, simply come forward as directed.*

*Communion today will be by individual cup (wine and white grape juice) at the altar rail. A common cup of wine will follow. Receive the wafer and eat; receive the cup and drink. Return to your seat when ready.*

## • Songs During Communion *please join in singing . . .*

*"Lamb of God"* front of the ELW (red) pg 154

*"As the Grains of Wheat"* ELW (red) #465

*"Let Us Break Bread Together"* ELW (red) #471

Pastor: May these gifts of Jesus' body and blood strengthen you and keep you always in his grace.

**People: Amen**

## • Prayer

Pastor: Compassionate God, you have fed us with the bread of heaven. Sustain us in our Lenten pilgrimage: may our fasting be hunger for justice; our alms, a making of peace; and our prayer, the song of grateful hearts, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

People: **Amen**

## • Blessing

Pastor: The God who formed us in love, who renews us through grace, and who will transform us into glory, Almighty God, Father †, Son and Holy Spirit, bless you this day and always.

People: **Amen**

## • Sending Song      *“As Rain from the Clouds”*      ELW (red) #508

Pastor: Go in peace and share the Good News!  
Remember the poor. Heal the sick. Feed the hungry.

People: **Thanks be to God!**

Thank you for joining us today in worship! We are glad that you were here with us to experience the joy and the celebration of worshipping our Lord.

We hope this morning has been an inspiring time and that you have felt the Holy Spirit’s presence here among the people of Trinity. If you currently do not have a church home and you would like more information about Trinity and our ministries, please call the church office. You do not have to be a member of Trinity to share in all of what God is doing here!

## Our Regular Sunday Morning Worship Schedule

8:30 am – Contemporary Worship featuring *Spiritborn*

10:45 am – Traditional Worship

9:40 am – Bible Study

# Lent Suppers & Mid-Week Worship

6 pm supper

7 ~ 7:30 pm worship

## “Lead Me to the Cross”

What obstacles get in the way as we follow Jesus  
to the cross & resurrection?

February 24 “Too Familiar”

March 3 “Too Comfortable”      March 10 “Too Entertained”

March 17 “Too Busy”                      March 24 “Too Consumed”

## **Assisting Ministers for Worship Today**

<u>Ushers</u>	The Buecheler Family	<u>Reader</u>	Richard Amrhein
<u>Servers</u>	Lori Buecheler, Bryn Buecheler	<u>Nursery</u>	Courtney Badgett
<u>Organist</u>	Alice Christianson	<u>Song Leader</u>	Jill Stokes
<u>Altar Care</u>	Lori Buecheler	<u>Multi-Media</u>	Don Anderson, Patty Rueger
<u>Choir Director</u>	Dale Anderson		

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