



February 25th, 2024

**SECOND SUNDAY IN LENT
10 A.M. WORSHIP**



**Holy Trinity Lutheran Church
Lifting Up, Reaching Out**

WELCOME TO HOLY TRINITY!

We are so glad you are joining in our worship. Whether this is your first time or you are a regular participant, we are happy to welcome you today.

Humanity Sunday

To Dominate or to Serve (Gen. 1.26-28; Gen. 2.15)

How should human beings relate to Earth, our planet home? Does Scripture give us the right to dominate and subdue creation as many have claimed in the past? This right to dominate has even been used as justification for suppressing Indigenous peoples as mere animals! As it stands, Genesis 1.26-28 reflects the language of royalty, of ruling and subjugation. But should we be satisfied with that text as the basis for our relationship with Earth and the creatures of Earth. No! Because the very next chapter (2.15) reinterprets this relationship! Rather than being hailed as a ruler of Earth Adam, our ancestor, is given the responsibility of 'serving and preserving Earth'. It is time to confess that we, especially in Western Christianity, have often abused our role as human beings by assuming we have the right to dominate the rest of creation without considering the word of God that calls us to serve and preserve what God has given us as our home.

To Serve as Christ Served (Mark 10.41-45)

This text from Mark is often cited as a guide to the way we should live as disciples of Christ, serving others rather than dominating them. Jesus reminds us that among the Romans of his day, the aspiration of leaders was to dominate and control, to have power over others. Jesus declares that his way is just the opposite. His followers are to serve rather than rule. The language used here reflects a reversal of the language in Gen. 1.26-28. Those who follow Christ are not rulers, but servants. And that is true for our relationships with creation and the creatures of Earth as well as our relationship with other humans. In short, Jesus' words make it clear that the way of serving Earth (in Gen. 2.15) is more consistent with the way of the cross than the way of domination (in Gen. 1.26-28). The text from Philippians 2 reinforces this truth.

PRELUDE *Alle Menschen*..... J.S. Bach

ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO WORSHIP FOR LENT

Please stand as you are able

P Lent calls us to journey, this and every day,
following Jesus wherever he leads us.

C **Lent calls us to journey:
to the place where God covenants with us,
to receive the new names we are given.**

P Lent calls us to worship together,
to tell future generations the good news.

C **Lent calls us to practice justice,
to bring God's hope to all people.**

P Lent calls us to faithful living,
to trust the One who gives us life.

C **Lent calls each of us to take up our cross,
to trust the One who bears it with us.**

P Lent calls us to journey with God.

C **Let us worship God, who walks with us,
this and every day.**

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

All may make the sign of the cross, the sign that is marked at baptism, as the presiding minister begins.

P Blessed be the holy Trinity, ✠ one God,
who writes the law on our hearts,
who draws all people together through Jesus.

C **Amen.**

P Held in God's mercy, let us confess our sin
in the presence of God and of one another.

Silence is kept for reflection.

P Holy God,
C **we confess that we are caught in snares of sin
and cannot break free.
We hoard resources while our neighbors
are hungry and cold.
We speak in ways that silence others.
We are silent when we should speak up.
We keep score in our hearts.
We let hurts grow into hatred.
For all these things and for sins only you know,
forgive us, Lord.**

C **Amen.**

P Here is a flood of grace:
Out of love for the whole world,
God draws near to us,
breaks every snare of sin,
washes away our wrongs,
and restores the promise of life through ✠ Jesus Christ.

C **Amen.**

GATHERING HYMN

Let Us Ever Walk with Jesus.....ELW 802

(Verses 1-3)



1 Let us ev - er walk with Je - sus, fol - low his ex - am - ple pure,
2 Let us suf - fer here with Je - sus, and with pa - tience bear our cross.
3 Let us glad - ly die with Je - sus. Since by death he con - quered death,
4 Let us al - so live with Je - sus. He has ris - en from the dead



through a world that would de - ceive us and to sin our spir - its lure.
Joy will fol - low all our sad - ness; where he is there is no loss.
he will free us from de - struc - tion, give to us im - mor - tal breath.
that to life we may a - wak - en. Je - sus, you are now our head,



On - ward in his foot - steps tread - ing, trav - 'lers here, our home a - bove,
Though to - day we sow no laugh - ter, we shall reap ce - les - tial joy:
Let us mor - ti - fy all pas - sion that would lead us in - to sin;
we are your own liv - ing mem - bers; where you live, there we shall be



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full of faith and hope and love, let us do our Sav - ior's bid - ding.
 all dis - com - forts that an - noy shall give way to mirth here - af - ter.
 and the grave that shuts us in shall but prove the gate of heav - en.
 in your pres - ence con - stant - ly, liv - ing there with you for - ev - er.

Faith - ful Lord, with me a - bide; I shall fol - low where you guide.
 Je - sus, here I share your woe; help me there your joy to know.
 Je - sus, here with you I die, there to live with you on high.
 Je - sus, let me faith - ful be; life e - ter - nal grant to me.

Text: Sigmund von Birken, 1626–1681; tr. *Lutheran Book of Worship*, alt.
 Music: LASSET UNS MIT JESU ZIEHEN, Georg G. Boltze, 18th cent.
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GREETING

- P The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God,
 and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.
- C **And also with you.**

PRAYER OF THE DAY

- P Let us pray.
 O God, by the passion of your blessed Son you made an instrument of
 shameful death to be for us the means of life. Grant us so to glory in the
 cross of Christ that we may gladly suffer shame and loss for the sake of your
 Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and
 the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
- C **Amen.**

FIRST READING: Genesis 1:26-28

²⁶Then God said, "Let us make humankind in our image, according to our likeness; and let them have dominion over the fish of the sea, and over the birds of the air, and over the cattle, and over all the wild animals of the earth, and over every creeping thing that creeps upon the earth."

²⁷So God created humankind in his image,
in the image of God he created them;
male and female he created them.

²⁸God blessed them, and God said to them, "Be fruitful and multiply, and fill the earth and subdue it; and have dominion over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the air and over every living thing that moves upon the earth."

A Word of God, word of life.

C **Thanks be to God**

ANTHEM

Stand by Me (1961).....Ben E. King, Jerry Leiber, and Mike Stoller
arr. Mac Huff
Christus Choir

SECOND READING: Psalm 8

¹O LORD, our Sovereign,
how majestic is your name in all the earth!
You have set your glory above the heavens.

²Out of the mouths of babes and infants
you have founded a bulwark because of your foes,
to silence the enemy and the avenger.

³When I look at your heavens, the work of your fingers,
the moon and the stars that you have established;

⁴what are human beings that you are mindful of them,
mortals that you care for them?

⁵Yet you have made them a little lower than God,
and crowned them with glory and honor.

⁶You have given them dominion over the works of your hands;
 you have put all things under their feet,
⁷all sheep and oxen,
 and also the beasts of the field,
⁸the birds of the air, and the fish of the sea,
 whatever passes along the paths of the seas.
⁹O LORD, our Sovereign,
 how majestic is your name in all the earth!

A Word of God, word of life.
 C **Thanks be to God**

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE HYMN.....*Walk With Me*

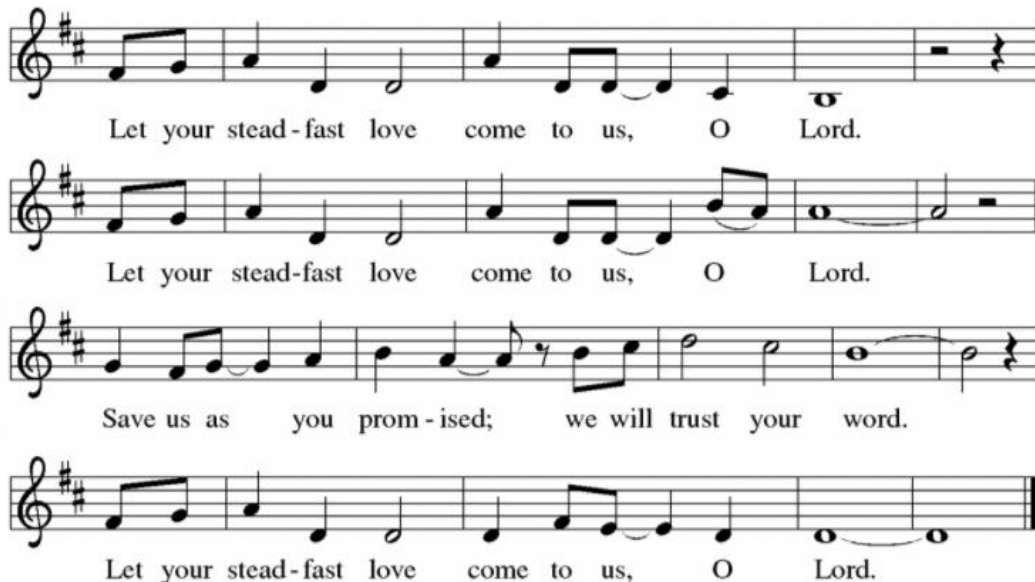
CHILDREN'S MESSAGE.....Pastor Mike Gutzler

Walk with me, I will walk with you and build the land that
 God has planned where love shines through. *Fine* We come to lis - ten and to learn what
 God wants us to do. To share our love and share our gifts, to be di-sci-ples true. *D.C. al Fine*

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LENTEN VERSE ELW S189

Please stand as you are able



Let your stead-fast love come to us, O Lord.

Let your stead-fast love come to us, O Lord.

Save us as you prom-ised; we will trust your word.

Let your stead-fast love come to us, O Lord.

GOSPEL READING: Mark 10:41-45

P The Holy Gospel according to Mark, the tenth chapter.

C **Glory to you, O Lord.**

⁴¹When the ten heard this, they began to be angry with James and John. ⁴²So Jesus called them and said to them, "You know that among the Gentiles those whom they recognize as their rulers lord it over them, and their great ones are tyrants over them. ⁴³But it is not so among you; but whoever wishes to become great among you must be your servant, ⁴⁴and whoever wishes to be first among you must be slave of all. ⁴⁵For the Son of Man came not to be served but to serve, and to give his life a ransom for many."

P The Gospel of the Lord.

C **Praise to you, O Christ.**

MESSAGE HYMN

O Master, Let Me Walk with You.....ELW 818

1 O Mas - ter, let me walk with you in low - ly
2 Help me the slow of heart to move by some clear,
3 Teach me your pa - tience; share with me a clos - er,
4 In hope that sends a shin - ing ray far down the

paths of ser - vice true; tell me your se - cret;
win - ning word of love; teach me the way - ward
dear - er com - pa - ny, in work that keeps faith
fu - ture's broad - ning way, in peace that on - ly

help me bear the strain of toil, the fret of care.
feet to stay, and guide them in the home - ward way.
sweet and strong, in trust that tri - umphs o - ver wrong,
you can give; with you, O Mas - ter, let me live.

Text: Washington Gladden, 1836-1918, alt.
Music: MARYTON, H. Percy Smith, 1825-1898

NICENE CREED

We believe in one God,

the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,

the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God,
begotten, not made,

of one Being with the Father;
through him all things were made.

For us and for our salvation

he came down from heaven,
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary
and became truly human.

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered death and was buried.

On the third day he rose again
in accordance with the scriptures;
he ascended into heaven

and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,

who proceeds from the Father and the Son,*
who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified,
who has spoken through the prophets.

We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church.

We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.

We look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come. Amen.

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

A Trusting in God's promise to reconcile all things, let us pray for the church, the well-being of creation, and a world in need.

A brief silence.

A We turn to you for meaning, holy God. Nurture in your children the gifts of the Spirit poured out in baptism and let the mind of Christ guide the church. Give wisdom and discernment to our bishops, pastors, deacons, teachers, and leaders. Hear us, O God.

C Your mercy is great.

A We turn to you for renewal. Save lives and ecosystems threatened by pollution and a changing climate. Cleanse the earth's waters and restore the soil. Preserve rainforests, deserts, and wildlife, that generations to come may cherish your creation. Hear us, O God.

C Your mercy is great.

A We turn to you for justice. Uphold the worth and dignity of every person, especially any who experience hatred and rejection because of gender, ability, sexual orientation, color, ethnicity, or religion. Hear us, O God.

C Your mercy is great.

A We turn to you for healing. Send compassionate helpers to any who suffer because of war and violence. Shelter unhoused people, befriend those who are lonely, bring hope to any in despair, and console the bereaved (*especially*). Hear us, O God.

C Your mercy is great.

A Watch over our military and members of agencies serving to keep us safe and free. Bless, strengthen, and defend them with your heavenly grace, give them courage in the face of peril, and grant them a sense of your abiding love and presence wherever they may be throughout the world. Hear us, O God.

C Your mercy is great.

A Watch over all your children, Lord, including any who have not felt welcomed by the members of your church. Help us to truly be a Reconciling in Christ congregation: a welcoming and safe community for all. Hear us, O God.

C Your mercy is great.

A We turn to you for purpose. Remind us of your faithfulness to this congregation. Increase our trust in your guidance and keep us near the cross. Grant that our acts of service will express Christ's sacrificial love. Hear us, O God.

C **Your mercy is great.**

Here other intercessions may be offered.

A We turn to you for peace. We honor the saints who lived in service to others (*especially Elizabeth Fedde, deaconess, whom we commemorate today*). Inspire us by their example until you gather us into your kingdom. Hear us, O God.

C **Your mercy is great.**

A Accompany us on our journey, God of grace, and receive the prayers of our hearts, through Jesus Christ, our Savior.

C **Amen.**

PEACE

P May the peace of Christ be with you always.

C **And also with you.**

The ministers and congregation may greet one another in the name of the Lord, and then be seated. Please also sign the red Friendship Register and pass it to the next person in your pew.

OFFERING HYMN

Create in Me a Clean Heart.....W&P 35

The image shows a musical score for the hymn "Create in Me a Clean Heart". It consists of two staves: a treble clef staff for the melody and a bass clef staff for the accompaniment. The key signature has one flat (Bb) and the time signature is 4/4. The melody is written in a simple, hymn-like style. The lyrics are: "Cre - ate in me a clean heart, O God, that I might serve". Above the treble staff, the following chords are indicated: F, C/E, C/D Dm, Dm/C, Bb, and Gm. The bass staff provides a simple harmonic accompaniment with chords corresponding to the melody.

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C⁷sus C⁷ F C/E C/D Dm Dm/C
 you; cre - ate in me a clean heart, O God, that

Gm F/A F/B♭ C F Am⁷ Dm⁷
 I might be re - newed. So fill me and

Am⁷ Dm⁷ Gm⁷ Gm/D C⁷sus C⁷
 heal me, and bring me back to you. Cre -

F C/E C/D Dm Dm/C Gm F/A F/B♭ C F
 ate in me a clean heart, O God, that I might serve you.

Your offering can be received in many ways. You may use the offering plate in the Sanctuary, sign-up for online giving at www.holytrinityfallschurch.org/giving, mail your offering to the church, or drop your offering in the mail slot by the office door.

OFFERING PRAYER

Please stand as you are able

- A Let us pray.
Jesus, you are the bread of life
and the host of this meal.
Bless these gifts that we have gathered
that all people may know your goodness.
Feed us not only with this holy food
but with hunger for justice and peace.
We pray this in your name
- C **Amen.**

THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

- P Holy God,
our living Water and our merciful Guide,
together with rivers and seas, wells and springs
we bless and magnify you.
You led your people Israel through the desert,
and provided them water from the rock.
We praise you for Christ, our Rock and our Water,
who joined us in our desert,
pouring out his life for the world.
In the night in which he was betrayed,
our Lord Jesus took bread, and 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.
Remembering, therefore,
his life, death, and resurrection,
we await your salvation for all this thirsty world.

Pour out your Spirit on this holy food
and on all the baptized gathered for this feast:
wash away our sin,
that we may be revived for our journey by the love of Christ.
Through him all glory and honor is yours,
Almighty Father, with the Holy Spirit,
in your holy Church,
both now and forever.

C **Amen**

LORD'S PRAYER

P Lord, remember us in your kingdom and teach us to pray

C **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.

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

P Come, for all things are now ready.
Come to the table with all your kin
and share with all in need—
the gift of healing for those in pain,
the gift of forgiveness for those in sin,
the gift of assurance for those in doubt,
and the gift of hope for those in tears.

C **May we who share these gifts,
share Christ with one another
and with all our kin. Amen**

LAMB OF GOD.....ELW S191



Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have
mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the
world; have mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the
world; grant us peace, grant us peace, Lamb of God.

P This is the body of Christ, given for you.

C **Amen.**

P This is the blood of Christ, shed for you.

C **Amen.**

COMMUNION HYMN *For the Bread Which You Have Broken*.....ELW 494

1 For the bread which you have bro - ken, for the wine which you have poured,
 2 By this prom - ise that you love us, by your gift of peace re - stored,
 3 With the saints who now a - dore you, scat - ed at the heav'n - ly board,
 4 In your ser - vice, Lord, de - fend us; in our hearts keep watch and ward;

for the words which you have spo - ken, now we give you thanks, O Lord.
 by your call to heav'n a - bove us, hal - low all our lives, O Lord.
 may the church still wait - ing for you keep love's tie un - bro - ken, Lord.
 in the world to which you send us let your king - dom come, O Lord.

Text: Louis F. Benson. 1855-1930, alt.
 Music: OMNI DIE. *Gross Catolisch Gesangbuch*, Nürnberg, 1631; arr. William Smith Rockstro, 1823-1895
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COMMUNION HYMN *Christ Be Our Light*.....ELW 715



1 Long - ing for light, we wait in dark - ness. Long - ing for
 2 Long - ing for peace, our world is trou - bled. Long - ing for
 3 Long - ing for food, man - y are hun - gry. Long - ing for
 4 Long - ing for shel - ter, man - y are home - less. Long - ing for
 5 Man - y the gifts, man - y the peo - ple, man - y the



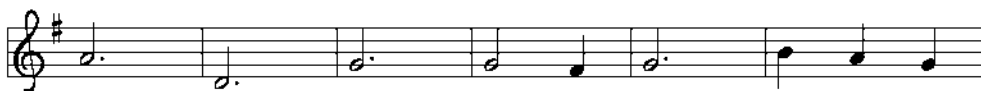
truth, we turn to you. Make us your own,
 hope, man - y de - spair. Your word a - lone
 wa - ter, man - y still thirst. Make us your bread,
 warmth, man - y are cold. Make us your build - ing,
 hearts that yearn to be - long. Let us be ser - vants



your ho - ly peo - ple, light for the world to see.
 has pow'r to save us. Make us your liv - ing voice.
 bro - ken for oth - ers, shared un - til all are fed.
 shel - ter - ing oth - ers, walls made of liv - ing stone.
 to one an - oth - er, signs of your king - dom come.



Refrain
 Christ, be our light! Shine in our hearts. Shine through the



dark - ness. Christ, be our light! Shine in your



church gath - ered to - day.

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PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Please stand as you are able

P Let us pray.
Generous God,
at this table we have tasted your immeasurable grace.
As grains of wheat are gathered into one bread,
now make us one loaf to feed the world;
in the name of Jesus, the Bread of life.

C Amen.

BLESSING

P Beloved,
we are God's own people,
holy, washed, renewed.
God bless you and keep you,
shower you with mercy,
fill you with courage,
and ✚ give you peace.

C Amen.

SENDING HYMN

Lord of the Dance (1963)..... **GATHER 708**
(Verses 1-4)



1. I danced in the morn - ing when the world was be - gun, And I
2. I danced for the scribe and the phar - i - see, But
3. I danced on the Sab - bath and I cured the lame: The
4. I danced on a Fri - day when the sky turned black; It's
5. They cut me down and I leapt up high; †



danced in the moon and the stars and the sun, And I
they would-n't dance, and they would-n't fol - low me; I
ho - ly peo - ple said it was a shame. They
hard to dance with the dev - il on your back. They
I am the life that - 'll nev - er, nev - er die; I'll



came down from heav - en and I danced on the earth; At
 danced for the fish - er - men, for James and John; They
 whipped and they stripped and they hung me high, And
 bur - ied my bod - y and they thought I'd gone; But
 live in you if you'll live in me: ?



Beth - le - hem I had my birth,
 came with me and the dance went on.
 left me there on a cross to die.
 I am the dance and I still go on.
 I am the Lord of the Dance, said he.



Dance then wher - ev - er you may be; I am the



Lord of the dance, said he, And I'll lead you all, wher -



ev - er you may be. And I'll lead you all in the dance, said he.

Text: Sydney Carter, b.1915

Tune: LORD OF THE DANCE. Irregular; adapt. from a traditional Shaker melody by Sydney Carter, b.1915

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DISMISSAL

P Go in peace. Share your bread.

C Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE *Herzliebster Jesu*..... J. Brahms

PARTICIPANTS IN WORSHIP

Presiding/Preaching Minister	Pastor Mike Gutzler
Assisting Minister	Vicar Allison Vincent-Beckman
Tech Team	Ben French and Jeff Taylor
Musicians	Josh Brown, Director of Music & Cantor Greg Bloy, Organ Christus Choir

REMEMBER IN PRAYER - Prayers for strength and comfort for Anne Anderson and family on the passing of her husband, Joe.

Prayers of healing for Katie Blomquist's mother and for Lynn Tedesco, recovering from surgery.

Prayers for strength and comfort for Joanna Forbes and her family during this time after the passing of her father.

Prayers of healing and strength for Kathy Chelsen. (Kathy would appreciate phone calls from HT members. Please contact the HT office for details.).

Prayers also for Joel and Donna Cook (health concerns); Anne Simmons' husband, Rich (liver transplant); and Rita Juhasz (ongoing health concerns).



In 2024, Holy Trinity is celebrating our 75th Anniversary! Each month we will be celebrating a different decade of our history.

February: The 1960s

Our thanks to Laura Daugherty, Bill Richards and Sharon Tope for leading us thru the 1960s.

March: The 1970s

Our Celebration Team: Jerry Artman and David Popelier

LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT – Holy Trinity Lutheran Church is located on the original and ancestral homelands of the Piscataway, and we give thanks for their presence here since time immemorial. We also wish to recognize and honor all our Indigenous siblings who have and continue to call this land their home.

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Laying of Cornerstone, June 14th, 1964



Construction of Roof (upside down boat), July 5th, 1964