

ORDER OF WORSHIP

March 9, 2025

Worship 10:30 AM

First Sunday in Lent

Gather

Prelude

“When Jesus Came to Jordan”

arr. Jim West

Welcome and Announcements

Choral Introit

“I Love You, Lord” (*Renew*, #36)

Laurie Klein

Praise

Prepare for Call to Worship

**Call to Worship

Leader: Jesus began his ministry to the world,
led by the Spirit into the wilderness.

**People: As we begin our Lenten journey,
let us be led by the Spirit,
even into the uncomfortable places.**

Leader: In those forty days, and in that place,
Jesus was faced with hunger, doubt, and temptation.

**People: As we seek to follow Jesus, we would be led,
even into the uncomfortable choices.**

Leader: Jesus left the wilderness, faithful and obedient to God,
rejoicing in the One in whom he trusted.

**People: As we continue on our path to faithfulness,
we will be led by our Christ,
rejoicing in the Lord our God.**

ALL: Amen

**Hymn

“Lord, Who Throughout These Forty Days” (on separate sheet)

Prepare

Call to Confession

Lenten Candle Extinguishing Liturgy

Pastor: During this time of Lenten preparation, we think of those who turned away from the light of Jesus.

People: **And we remember that we, too, turn away.**

Pastor: Jesus healed many who were sick in mind, body, or spirit. Only a few returned to give thanks.

People: **We realize that we have taken the gifts of God for granted . . . that our lives have lacked gratitude. Our lack of gratitude shields the light of Christ from us and others.**

Pastor: We extinguish the first candle, confessing our own failure to give thanks to God . . .
(*1st candle is extinguished*).

Time for Silent Confession ([Wait 15 seconds.](#)) **Amen.**

All: **As we watch the smoke rise, we remember that God’s spirit is with us in mysterious and tangible ways. We are reminded that God comforts, encourages and supports us as we face the challenges of following the Way of Jesus.**

**Congregational Response *Spirit of the Living God* (Hymn #288)
**Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me; Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.
Melt me, mold me, fill me, use me. Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.**

**Passing the Peace

Listen

Children’s Message

Prayer of Illumination -

Old Testament Reading *Isaiah 42:1-9*

Anthem “God Is So Good” Douglas Wagner

Psalm Reflection Video Psalm 91:1-2, 9-16

Gospel Reading Matthew 3:13-17 (CEV)

Sermon “Come, Follow Me: A Disciple’s Journey Through Lent”
What does it mean for us to be baptized into Christ?

Respond

Hymn “On the Day When Christ Was Baptized” (on separate sheet)

Offering

Prayer of Dedication

****Doxology** “A Lenten Doxology” Shepherd/Bourgeois
Praise God throughout these forty days. Praise Christ, our Lord, whom God did raise.
And praise the Spirit who imparts, God’s love in Christ into our hearts. Amen

The Sacrament of Holy Communion

Invitation
Great Prayer of Thanksgiving
The Lord’s Prayer
Communion of the People
Communion Meditation “Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence” arr. Jim West
Prayer after Communion

****Lenten Hymn** “Throughout These Lenten Days and Nights” (on separate sheet)

****Benediction**

Choral Response “Go Now in Peace” Don Besig/Nancy Price

Postlude “O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing” arr. Jim West

**Those who are able, please stand.

Leaders in and for Worship

Preaching Today	Reverend Ronnie Osborn
Liturgist	Carol Virkler
Organist	Jim West
Pianist	Bill Daly
Director of Music	J. West
Audio/Visual Technicians	Rob Humfeld, Bill Kennedy, Karen Neely
Greeter	Judy Hughes
Ushers	Ted Groshong, Cathy Nelson

Announcements for March 9, 2025

PALM SUNDAY MUSICAL PRESENTATION: All children ages Kindergarten—High School are invited to stay after worship today for a few minutes to meet with choir member Janet Krause about a special musical presentation for Palm Sunday (April 13).

FORTY DAYS OF PRAYER LENTEN STUDY: Our Transitional Pastor, Ronnie Osborn, has prepared Lenten study booklets for the congregation which you will want to pick up today from the table in the lobby. Trinity's session invites you to join in 40 days of praying for Trinity as we learn how to sail with the Spirit and go where God is leading us. **It's never too late to get started!** This Lenten practice will lead us into further discernment after Easter.

MEN'S BREAKFAST: Join other men of Trinity at JJ's Café, 1712 N. Providence Rd., this Wednesday morning at 8:00 a.m. for breakfast and fellowship. No reservations are needed.

LOAVES AND FISHES: Trinity will serve the evening meal this Thursday, March 13, at Loaves and Fishes. We still need some additional volunteers to serve the meal at the Ashley St. Center and assist with clean up. We also need a number of food items. Please sign up to help using the link sent out in last Friday's email or contact Bob or Susan Winkelmann, our Loaves and Fishes Coordinators.

WOMEN'S COFFEE CLUB: Come to Love Coffee, 15 Bus. Loop 70 E., at 9:30 a.m. this Friday for coffee and conversation with other Trinity women.

COMO MOBILE AID COLLECTIVE UNDERWEAR DRIVE: Throughout March, we are collecting new men's boxer briefs in all sizes and women's (bikini-style) underwear for those served by COMO Mobile Aid. Collection bins are in the front lobby.