



building God's Church...blessing our community

THE LORD'S DAY

MARCH 8, 2026

REFLECTION & PREPARATION

***CALL TO WORSHIP**FROM PSALMS 31 & 145

Love the LORD, all you His saints!

The LORD is gracious and merciful, slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love.

The LORD is good to all, and His mercy is over all that He has made.

We will extol You, our God and King, and bless Your name forever and ever!

All Your works shall give thanks to You, O LORD, and all Your saints shall bless You!

Every day I will bless You and praise Your name forever and ever!

Great is the LORD and greatly to be praised!

***GLORIA PATRI**

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost:
as it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be,
world without end. Amen, Amen.

***INVOCATION**

***HYMN OF PRAISE**ALL CREATURES OF OUR GOD AND KING

All creatures of our God and King, Lift up your voice and with us sing
O praise Him! Alleluia!

Thou, burning sun with golden beam, Thou, silver moon with softer gleam
O praise Him! O praise Him! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

Let all things their Creator bless, And worship Him in humbleness
O praise Him! Alleluia!

Praise, praise the Father, praise the Son, And praise the Spirit, Three-in-One
O praise Him! O praise Him! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

All the redeemed washed by His blood, Come and rejoice in His great love
O praise Him! Alleluia!

Christ has defeated every sin, Cast all your burdens now on Him
O praise Him! O praise Him! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

He shall return in pow'r to reign, Heaven and earth will join to say
O praise Him! Alleluia!

Then who shall fall on bended knee? All creatures of our God and King
O praise Him! O praise Him! Alleluia! Alleluia!

O praise Him! O praise Him! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

***CONFESSION OF FAITH**THE APOSTLES CREED¹

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth.
And in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell²; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sits on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from there he shall come to judge the living and the dead.
I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic³ Church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. AMEN.

SCRIPTURE READINGNUMBERS 31:1-31

READER: The Word of the Lord
CONGREGATION: **Thanks be to God**

HYMN OF ADORATIONWHEN ALL THY MERCIES

WORDS: JOSEPH ADDISON MUSIC: JOHN ANDREW SCHREINER

When all Thy mercies, O my God My rising soul surveys
Transported with the view, I'm lost In wonder, love, and praise.

Unnumbered comforts to my soul Thy tender care bestowed,
Before my infant heart could know From whom those comforts flowed.

When worn with sickness oft hast Thou, With health renewed my face,
And when in sins and sorrows bowed, Revived my soul with grace.

Through ev'ry period of my life, Thy goodness I'll pursue,
And after death, in distant worlds, The glorious theme renew.

¹ Although not written by the apostles, the Apostles' Creed is a concise summary of their teachings. It originated in the 2nd century and developed into its present form by the 6th century. ² By referring to Jesus' descent into hell, the Christian embraces three truths. First, we acknowledge the reality of Jesus' suffering 33 years of temptation. Second, he received the full sentence of hell on behalf of his people while on the cross. Thirdly, he experienced the reign of death by remaining in the tomb after the crucifixion. ³ The term catholic refers to the church universal, knowing no racial, economic, or geographic barriers.

CORPORATE CONFESSION OF SIN

Most merciful Father, we have sinned against and are guilty before you.

Forgive us the sins of our tongues—

For deception and untruthfulness in our dealings with others;
for resentment, coldness, impatience,
and tempers out of control. (Silence)

Forgive us for the sins of our eyes—

For impurity in our glances and imagination;
for pining after more beauty, comfort, status,
and wealth than you have given us. (Silence)

Forgive us the sins of our hearts—

For hard-heartedness towards you and our neighbors;
for pride, self-absorption, and self-pity;
and above all, for rebelling against your Lordship
and doubting your love. (Silence)

Forgive us, we pray, most merciful Father,
and free us from our sin.

Renew us in the grace and strength of your Holy Spirit,
for the sake of Jesus Christ your Son, our Savior. Amen.

*ASSURANCE OF PARDON.....ROMANS 8:1

“There is therefore now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus.”

*HYMN OF ASSURANCEO LOVE THAT WILL NOT LET ME GO

WORDS: GEORGE MATHESON

MUSIC: CHRISTOPHER MINER

O Love that will not let me go, I rest my weary soul in thee;
I give thee back the life I owe, that in thine ocean depths its flow,
may richer, fuller be.

O light that followest all my way, I yield my flickering torch to thee;
My heart restores its borrowed ray, that in thy sunshine's blaze its day,
may brighter, fairer be.

O Joy that seekest me through pain, I cannot close my heart to thee;
I trace the rainbow through the rain, & feel the promise is not vain,
that morn shall tearless be.

O Cross that liftest up my head, I dare not ask to fly from thee;
I lay in dust life's glory dead, and from the ground there blossoms red,
life that shall endless be.

SONG OF PREPARATION.....SHOW US CHRIST

WORDS: DOUG PLANK MUSIC: DOUG PLANK & BOB KAUFMAN

Prepare our hearts, O God, help us to receive
Break the hard and stony ground, help our unbelief
Plant Your Word down deep in us, cause it to bear fruit
Open up our ears to hear, lead us in Your truth

**Show us Christ, show us Christ
O God, reveal Your glory
through the preaching of Your Word
Until every heart confesses Christ is Lord**

Your Word is living light upon our darkened eyes
Guards us through temptations, makes the simple wise
Your Word is food for famished ones, freedom for the slave
Riches for the needy soul, come speak to us today

Where else can we go, Lord, where else can we go
You have the words of eternal life

SHEPHERDING PRAYER.....RE WOODY WATFORD

SERMON.....2 CORINTHIANS 8:1-9

¹ We want you to know, brothers, about the grace of God that has been given among the churches of Macedonia, ² for in a severe test of affliction, their abundance of joy and their extreme poverty have overflowed in a wealth of generosity on their part. ³ For they gave according to their means, as I can testify, and beyond their means, of their own accord, ⁴ begging us earnestly for the favor of taking part in the relief of the saints—⁵ and this, not as we expected, but they gave themselves first to the Lord and then by the will of God to us. ⁶ Accordingly, we urged Titus that as he had started, so he should complete among you this act of grace. ⁷ But as you excel in everything—in faith, in speech, in knowledge, in all earnestness, and in our love for you—see that you excel in this act of grace also.

⁸ I say this not as a command, but to prove by the earnestness of others that your love also is genuine. ⁹ For you know the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, that though he was rich, yet for your sake he became poor, so that you by his poverty might become rich.

SERMON NOTES

SURPRISING GENEROSITY **2 CORINTHIANS 8:1-9**

1. CONTEXT

2. THE GOOD EXAMPLE

3. THE BEST EXAMPLE

4. MOVING BEYOND EXAMPLES

THE SACRAMENT OF COMMUNION

A WORD ABOUT COMMUNION AT TRINITY:

This is a time for all people to seek the Lord. For Christians, Communion is a time to meet with their Savior by faith, to be strengthened and renewed by Him as they eat bread and drink juice. All baptized Christians who trust in Christ alone as their Savior and Lord, belong to a church that embraces the gospel, are at peace with their fellow neighbor, and seek strength and grace to live more faithfully to Christ, are invited to participate. If you are not a Christian, or if you are not prepared to share in this meal, we encourage you to spend this time in prayer and to consider more deeply your relationship to Jesus Christ. We also ask that children who have not yet publicly professed their faith in Christ refrain from partaking until doing so.

Our communion bread is gluten free

***HYMN OF RESPONSE**THOU WHO WAST RICH BEYOND ALL SPLENDOR

Thou who wast rich beyond all splendor,
All for love's sake becamest poor;
Thrones for a manger didst surrender,
Sapphire-paved courts for stable floor.
Thou who wast rich beyond all splendor,
All for love's sake becamest poor.

Thou who art God beyond all praising,
All for love's sake becamest man;
Stooping so low, but sinners raising
Heavenwards by thine eternal plan.
Thou who art God beyond all praising,
All for love's sake becamest man.

Thou who art love beyond all telling,
Savior and King, we worship thee.
Emmanuel, within us dwelling,
Make us what thou wouldst have us be.
Thou who art love beyond all telling,
Savior and King, we worship thee.

***BENEDICTION**

BULLETIN BOARD

BIBLE READING PLAN FOR 2026

We have begun a new Bible reading plan this year called The Bible Recap, reading through the entire Bible in one year and in chronological order. For more information about The Bible Recap, go to www.thebiblerecap.com/start and explore the options for using either the digital or print format. Copies of the reading calendar for January through March are available on the information counter.

THIS WEEK @ TRINITY

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CALENDAR

SUN 3/8	8:45AM 9:30AM 10:30AM	PRAYER SUNDAY SCHOOL MORNING WORSHIP
TUES 3/10	7:00AM	MEN'S BIBLE STUDY
WED 3/11	5:30PM	PRAYER
SUN 3/15	8:45AM 9:30AM 10:30AM	PRAYER SUNDAY SCHOOL MORNING WORSHIP

VISITATION SCHEDULE

WEEK OF MAR 9-15	WEEK OF MAR 16-22	WEEK OF MAR 23-29
Jane Junquet	Alan & Susan Ulmer	Kathy Forwood

TRINITY READING TOGETHER

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
NUMBERS 33-34	NUMBERS 35-36	DEUTERONOMY 1-2	DEUTERONOMY 3-4	DEUTERONOMY 5-7	DEUTERONOMY 8-10

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REMEMBERING IN PRAYER THIS WEEK

Ministry Partner: Ed & Vicki Germann - serving with International Students, Inc. in the Southeast and Great Lakes regions.

Our Troops: pray for all of our troops and their chaplains around the world

Church of the week: Point Hope Presbyterian, Daniel Island - Rob Hamby, church planter

TRINITY FAMILY

Adam Pate: battling severe weakness; pray for healing and renewed energy

Susan Gonzalez: seeking an accurate diagnosis from testing

Deborah Finkelstein: ongoing medical concerns

Brush Babb: continued strengthening and improvement

Joe Junquet: adjustment to the loss of his vision

Melonie Anderson: recovering from knee replacement surgery

Claudia Wilkes: for her kidney function to continue at 25 percent to avoid dialysis, balance issues

Lawton Porter: ongoing therapy

Christie Churchwell: relief from headaches

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