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Quinquagesima

Divine Service

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**Holy Communion** is celebrated this Sunday at Trinity Lutheran Church in the glad confidence that our Lord, as His Words say, gives not only bread and wine, but also His true Body and Blood for us to eat and drink for the forgiveness of sins. Our Lord invites to His table those who believe He is truly present, repent of all sin, and set aside any refusal to forgive as He forgives us. Because Saint Paul reminds us that we can receive the Lord's Supper to our judgment, we are very careful to administer the Sacrament only to those who are properly prepared. When we receive Holy Communion, we publicly declare our agreement with the teachings of the church from which we receive it. *Therefore, if you are not yet a member of this congregation, a sister congregation of the Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod and if you have not previously spoken to the Pastor about Holy Communion, please refrain from coming forward to receive Communion until you have first spoken with the Pastor.* If you cannot receive the Lord's Supper but desire a blessing, please join us at the Communion rail and cross your arms over your chest to tell the pastor of your intent.

**Opening Hymn**

*O Son of God, In Galilee*

LSB 841

**Liturgy**

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**Introit**

- P: Be a rock of ref- | uge for me,\*  
a strong fortress to | save me!  
For you are my rock and my | fortress;\*  
and for your name's sake you lead me and | guide me;
- C: **In you, O LORD, do I take refuge; let me never be | put to  
shame;\***  
**in your righteousness de- | liver me!**  
**Into your hand I commit my | spirit;\***  
**you have redeemed me, O LORD, | faithful God.**  
**Be gracious to me, O LORD, for I am | in distress;\***  
**my eye is wasted from grief; my soul and my body | also.**  
**Make your face shine on your | servant;\***  
**save me in your | steadfast love!**

**All: Glory be to the Father and | to the Son\*  
and to the Holy | Spirit;  
as it was in the be- | ginning,\*  
is now, and will be forever. | Amen.**

**P:** Be a rock of ref- | uge for me,\*  
a strong fortress to | save me!  
For you are my rock and my | fortress;\*  
and for your name's sake you lead me and | guide me;

**Kyrie  
Collect**

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**P:** O Lord, mercifully hear our prayers and having set us free from the bonds of our sins deliver us from every evil; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C: Amen**

**Old Testament**

Isaiah 35:3-7 (ESV)

Strengthen the weak hands, and make firm the feeble knees. Say to those who have an anxious heart, "Be strong; fear not! Behold, your God will come with vengeance, with the recompense of God. He will come and save you."

Then the eyes of the blind shall be opened, and the ears of the deaf unstopped; then shall the lame man leap like a deer, and the tongue of the mute sing for joy. For waters break forth in the wilderness, and streams in the desert; the burning sand shall become a pool, and the thirsty ground springs of water; in the haunt of jackals, where they lie down, the grass shall become reeds and rushes.

**Gradual**

**C: You are the God who works | wonders;\*  
you have made known your might among the | peoples.  
You with your arm redeemed your | people,\*  
the children of Jacob and | Joseph.**

**Epistle**

1 Corinthians 13:1-13 (ESV)

If I speak in the tongues of men and of angels, but have not love, I am a noisy gong or a clanging cymbal. And if I have prophetic powers, and understand all mysteries and all knowledge, and if I have all faith, so as to remove mountains, but have not love, I am nothing. If I give away all I have, and if I deliver up my body to be burned, but have not love, I gain nothing.

Love is patient and kind; love does not envy or boast; it is not arrogant or

rude. It does not insist on its own way; it is not irritable or resentful; it does not rejoice at wrongdoing, but rejoices with the truth. Love bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things.

Love never ends. As for prophecies, they will pass away; as for tongues, they will cease; as for knowledge, it will pass away. For we know in part and we prophesy in part, but when the perfect comes, the partial will pass away. When I was a child, I spoke like a child, I thought like a child, I reasoned like a child. When I became a man, I gave up childish ways. For now we see in a mirror dimly, but then face to face. Now I know in part; then I shall know fully, even as I have been fully known.

So now faith, hope, and love abide, these three; but the greatest of these is love.

## **Tract**

**C:        Make a joyful noise to the LORD, | all the earth!\***  
              **Serve the LORD with gladness! Come into his presence**  
              **with | singing!**  
              **Know that the LORD, | he is God!\***  
              **It is he who made us, and we are his; we are his people, and**  
              **the sheep of his | pasture.**

## **Gospel**

Luke 18:31-43 (ESV)

And taking the twelve, he said to them, “See, we are going up to Jerusalem, and everything that is written about the Son of Man by the prophets will be accomplished. For he will be delivered over to the Gentiles and will be mocked and shamefully treated and spit upon. And after flogging him, they will kill him, and on the third day he will rise.” But they understood none of these things. This saying was hidden from them, and they did not grasp what was said.

As he drew near to Jericho, a blind man was sitting by the roadside begging. And hearing a crowd going by, he inquired what this meant. They told him, “Jesus of Nazareth is passing by.” And he cried out, “Jesus, Son of David, have mercy on me!” And those who were in front rebuked him, telling him to be silent. But he cried out all the more, “Son of David, have mercy on me!” And Jesus stopped and commanded him to be brought to him. And when he came near, he asked him, “What do you want me to do for you?” He said, “Lord, let me recover my sight.” And Jesus said to him, “Recover your sight; your faith has made you well.” And immediately he recovered his sight and followed him, glorifying God. And all the people, when they saw it, gave praise to God.

<b>Hymn of the Day</b>	<i>Praise the One Who Breaks the Darkness</i>	LSB 849
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### Coming Events

<i>Date</i>	<i>Event</i>	<i>Time</i>
3/05/2025	Ash Wednesday Service	7:00 pm
3/12/2025 - 4/09/2025	Noon Responsive Prayer	12:00 pm
3/12/2025 - 4/09/2025	Wednesday Evening Lent Vespers	7:00 pm