

MIDWEEK LENT 3

MARCH 26, 2025

**congregation stands*

AS WE GATHER

Tonight, we recognize that Jesus encourages us in our faith to live our life for him.

OPENING HYMN

BE THOU MY VISION

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| <p>1 Be thou my vision, O Lord of my heart;
Naught be all else to me, save that thou art;
Thou my best thought, by day or by night;
Waking or sleeping, thy presence my light.</p> <p>2 Be thou my wisdom, and thou my true Word;
I ever with thee and thou with me, Lord;
Thou my great Father and I, thy true son;
Thou in me dwelling, and I with thee one.</p> | <p>3 Riches I heed not, nor man's empty praise;
Thou mine inheritance, now and always;
Thou and thou only, first in my heart;
O high King of heaven, my treasure thou art.</p> <p>4 High King of heaven, thou heaven's bright Sun,
Rule and reign in me 'til thy will be done;
Heart of my own heart, whatever befall;
Still be my vision, O Ruler of all.</p> |
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*INVOCATION AND CALL TO WORSHIP

- P In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.
C **Amen.**

*CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

- P We gather together as friends knowing that we are heard by the Triune God. We gather together in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.
C **Amen.**
P Answer me when I call, O God of my righteousness!
C **You have given me relief when I was in distress.**

P Be gracious to me
 C **And hear my prayer. (Psalm 4:1)**
 P O Lord, you hear the desire of the afflicted;
 C **You will strengthen their heart; you will incline your ear (Psalm 10:17)**
 P I call upon you, for you will answer me, O God;
 C **Incline your ear to me; hear my words. (Psalm 17:6)**
 P Hear, O Lord, when I cry aloud;
 C **Be gracious to me and answer me! (Psalm 27:7)**

*PRAYER OF THE DAY

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Isaiah 41:8–11

⁸But you, Israel, my servant,
 Jacob, whom I have chosen,
 the offspring of Abraham, my friend;
⁹you whom I took from the ends of the earth,
 and called from its farthest corners,
 saying to you, "You are my servant,
 I have chosen you and not cast you off";
¹⁰fear not, for I am with you;

be not dismayed, for I am your God;
 I will strengthen you, I will help you,
 I will uphold you with my righteous right hand.
¹¹Behold, all who are incensed against you
 shall be put to shame and confounded;
 those who strive against you
 shall be as nothing and shall perish.

A This is the Word of the Lord.
 C **Thanks be to God.**

EPISTLE READING

1 Thessalonians 5:5–11

⁵For you are all children of light, children of the day. We are not of the night or of the darkness. ⁶So then let us not sleep, as others do, but let us keep awake and be sober. ⁷For those who sleep, sleep at night, and those who get drunk, are drunk at night. ⁸But since we belong to the day, let us be sober, having put on the breastplate of faith and love, and for a helmet the hope of salvation. ⁹For God has not destined us for wrath, but to obtain salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ, ¹⁰who died for us so that whether we are awake or asleep we might live with him. ¹¹Therefore encourage one another and build one another up, just as you are doing.

A This is the Word of the Lord.
 C **Thanks be to God.**

*GOSPEL READING

Matthew 8:5-13

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the eighth chapter.
 C **Glorify to You, O Lord.**

⁵When he entered Capernaum, a centurion came forward to him, appealing to him, ⁶"Lord, my servant is lying paralyzed at home, suffering terribly." ⁷And he said to him, "I will come and heal him." ⁸But the centurion replied, "Lord, I am not worthy to have you come under my roof, but only say the word, and my servant will be healed. ⁹For I too am a man under authority, with soldiers under me. And I say to one, 'Go,'

and he goes, and to another, 'Come,' and he comes, and to my servant, 'Do this,' and he does it." ¹⁰When Jesus heard this, he marveled and said to those who followed him, "Truly, I tell you, with no one in Israel have I found such faith. ¹¹I tell you, many will come from east and west and recline at table with Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob in the kingdom of heaven, ¹²while the sons of the kingdom will be thrown into the outer darkness. In that place there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth." ¹³And to the centurion Jesus said, "Go; let it be done for you as you have believed." And the servant was healed at that very moment.

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

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

SERMON HYMN

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SERMON

SAVIOR, SERVANT, FRIEND: ENCOURAGER

OFFERING

*PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

P We are not worthy to come under your roof and enter into your presence, our Savior, Servant, Friend. And still you welcome us to come draw near to you in prayer. You promise that when we gather in your name, you will be present among us. And so, you encourage us to pray. Jesus, hear us now as we lift our prayers and raise our petitions to you.

C **Lord, hear our prayer.**

P Fortify our wavering hearts and encourage us with your unflinching love.

C **Lord, hear our prayer.**

P Encourage the leaders of this world to be about the work of peace and justice, fostering care for the sojourner, the lonely and the forgotten.

C **Lord, hear our prayer.**

P Build up the faith of those who are wandering in doubt, rescue those who are lost in sin and redeem all who are plagued by shame and guilt.

C **Lord, hear our prayer.**

P Strengthen the souls of those who are near the point of death or mourning the loss of loved ones.

C **Lord, hear our prayer.**

P Embolden our faith so that we can be witnesses for you in this world and that many may come to know you and your love.

C **Lord, hear our prayer.**

P Give hope and joy to your Church so that we can faithfully live as the Body of Christ amongst our neighbors.

C **Lord, hear our prayer and encourage us as only you can. Amen.**

*LORD'S PRAYER

*BENEDICAMUS

*BENEDICTION

HYMN TO DEPART

ROCK OF AGES

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Serving our Lord

		Wed. March 26	Wed. April 2
Meal	5:15pm	served by: Church Council	served by: WoW Bible study
Musician	6:30pm	Diane Streich	Marsha Workman
Cantor	6:30pm	Dave Workman	Dave Workman
Altar Guild	6:30pm	Roxanne and Gary Foley	Sharon Drews
Elder(s)	6:30pm	Bill Breitingner	Kurt Vallin
Reader	630pm	Jim Kohn	Kurt Vallin
Usher Team	6:30pm	Open	Andy Olson
Acolyte	6:30pm	Joshua Jebin	Dana Vallin
Projection	6:30pm	Jean Peterson	Open
Live Stream	6:30pm	Jim Nicklas	Jim Nicklas

Join us for Holy Week and Easter Worship

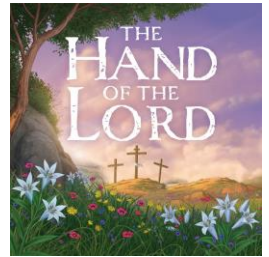


Maundy Thursday—Thursday, April 17

5:00pm Seder Meal;

please reserve by April 13 in the church narthex

6:30pm Worship with Holy Communion



Good Friday—Friday, April 18

6:30pm* Worship



Easter—Sunday, April 20

8:00am* and 10:30am Worship with Holy Communion

9:15am BOUNTIFUL Food and Fellowship; no Sunday school, no Adult Bible Class

*livestream at www.trinityloneoak.org



Holy Week and Easter Invitations in the narthex

Who can **YOU** invite to Holy Week and Easter activities? Pick up an invitation in the narthex to help start the conversation about worshipping our Savior who died and rose for us.



Easter flower orders

Place your flower order today to add to TLO's Easter Garden. Choose from lilies, tulips, mums, hydrangeas, azaleas, and pansy bowls. Order forms with complete details are in the narthex. The plants are yours to take home after the 10:30am Easter service.