
We Welcome YOU to Worship at Trinity Lutheran Church ~ Abbotsford March 22, 2026 NEWSLETTER



Holy Communion – The 1st and 3rd Sunday of the month.

We, Lutherans, believe and teach that in this precious meal we receive is not only the bread and wine, but also Christ's true Body and true Blood given and shed for the forgiveness of sins. Proper spiritual preparation is necessary to rightly receive this sacrament. Please read the Communion policy card in the bookrack of your pew.



Please be attentive to the ushers. They will guide you to come forward to receive the Holy Communion.

AS WE GATHER ~ FIFTH SUNDAY IN LENT

This week's Bible Readings

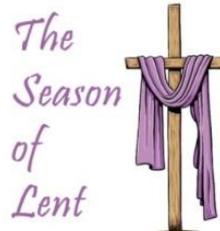
Ruth 3

Romans 8:1–11

John 11:1–45 (46–53) or John 11:17–27, 38–53

Jesus Christ Is the Resurrection and the Life

The illness and death of Lazarus happened “*that the Son of God may be glorified through it*” (John 11:4). Jesus’ miracle of raising Lazarus prompted His arrest and crucifixion, whereby He would die “*for the nation*” and gather “*into one the children of God who are scattered abroad*” (John 11:51–52). As He called Lazarus from the tomb and commanded others to “*unbind him, and let him go*” (John 11:44), Jesus also calls us and releases us from the bondage of sin and death. We would not “*submit to God’s law,*” nor could we “*please God*” (Rom. 8:7–8), but “*he condemned sin*” in His own flesh so “*that the righteous requirement of the law might be fulfilled in us*” (Rom. 8:3–4). Now through the Gospel, “*the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead dwells*” in us (Rom. 8:11). His Word breathes His Spirit into our mortal flesh, animating us with His own life. As His ministers preach according to His divine command, the Lord Jesus calls us from the grave into the good land that He gives us (Ezek. 37:12, 14).



a New Visitor to Trinity Lutheran Church? Please sign our “Guest Book” on the Narthex table.

Free Copies of “PORTAL OF PRAYERS” are available in the Narthex.

We Uplift in Prayer:

Faye Ulmer, Inez Johnson,
Loretta Brown, Alice Topnik,
Elizabeth Scheier.



ANNOUNCEMENTS

Dear members,

Please pray for the family and friends of Pat Frisk who mourn her passing.



PLEASE UPDATE YOUR CHURCH DIRECTORY:

**Big Welcome to ~ Michael and Lynne Gillingham;
as Trinity's newest members!**

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Sew & Sews

Thank you so much for your prayers and generous donations.

We now have a display set up with some of the items we have sewn for the hygiene kits for Samaritan's Purse.

If you would like to **join us**, we meet **every second Wednesday** and we would love to have you!

Thank you again for your continued support of this mission's project.

Automatic Door Opener Installation – South Entrance

We are pleased to share that the South entrance glass door will be upgraded with an automatic door opener. The work is scheduled to be completed in March.

The total cost of this accessibility improvement is **\$5,250**. We are grateful to share that the church has received a **\$2,000 grant from the Maplewood Care Community**, reducing the remaining cost to **\$3,250**.

To date, **we have received \$2,550 in member donations** (tax receiptable). Thank you for your generosity!

If you would like to contribute to this worthwhile renovation, please indicate **“Automatic Door Opener”** on your offering envelope.

Thank you for helping us make our church more welcoming and accessible to all.

LENTEN SCHEDULE FOR 2026

March 25th –Lenten Service

Service @ 7:00pm



April 2nd – Maundy Thursday

A PASSOVER HAGGADAH Service @ 5:30pm

April 3rd – Good Friday

Service @ 7:00pm

April 5th - Easter Sunday

9:00am – Breakfast

10:30am – Communion Service

The **Christian Passover Seder** (or Haggadah Seder) will be on Maundy Thursday at 5:30 p.m. in the gym **and includes dinner.**

The Fellowship Committee needs to know how many people will attend to prepare for. Please sign up in the narthex if you are planning to attend.

There will be an **Easter breakfast** in the Narthex on Easter Sunday at 9:00 a.m. Come and enjoy the fellowship. There is no need to sign up.

TLC'S UPCOMING SCHEDULE & EVENTS March 2026

March 21st 11:30 am Board of Elders Meeting

March 22nd 10:30 am Divine Service / Guest Speaker Rodney Wiebe -
Director of Family Support
and Community Development.

March 25th 7:00 pm Lenten Service

March 29th 10:30 am Divine / Vajda Hymn Service – PALM SUNDAY



Sponsorship Program Update

We want to thank everyone for your prayers and support for our Sponsorship Program. Our church is in the process of sponsoring Fnan Arefaine, a 32-year-old young adult, who is currently in South Sudan.

Fnan is originally from Eritrea. He immigrated to South Sudan in 2019, as he was persecuted in Eritrea because he belonged to an Evangelical Christian movement.

He has extensive experience in road construction and enjoys helping people.

Fnan is a devoted follower of Christ. He is passionate about serving the Lord and

others and seeks to grow daily in his walk with the Lord.

Thank you note from Fnan: "I am deeply thankful for your decision to sponsor me. I believe God intervened through your church, your prayers, compassion, and donations, giving me hope during this difficult time as a refugee. May the Lord bless you abundantly."



MISSION PRAYERS

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This week, we pray for **Rev. Henry Everlert Ramirez** who serves as pastor for two congregations in the Leon area.

Prayer: Heavenly Father, as Your Son sent forth His Church to make disciples in all nations, we lift up before You, Pastor Ramirez, asking You to sustain him by Your Spirit and bless his labours for the sake of the Gospel; Lord in Your mercy,

C: Hear our prayer.

**TLC Mission Statement ~
"Proclaiming Christ in Word and Deed"**

Secretary Holidays: March 24th –April 2nd / Returning to office April 7th

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TLC Office Regular Hours 2026

Tues – Thurs: 9:00am - 3:00pm ~ Monday, Friday & Holidays-Closed