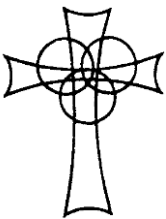




*A man had a fig tree planted in
his vineyard; and he came
looking for fruit on it ...*

LUKE 13:6, NRSV



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THIRD SUNDAY IN LENT

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WELCOME TO WORSHIP!

The Pastor and People of Trinity Lutheran are glad that you are joining us for worship today. During this Lenten Season we remember and recall the great acts of love which Christ Jesus our Lord worked out for us to free us from the power of sin, death and the devil. We pray that as you worship this morning you will discover or rediscover the love that God in Jesus has for you.

PRAYER UPON ENTERING WORSHIP

Eternal God, Your kingdom has broken into our troubled world through the life, death, and resurrection of Your Son. Help us to hear Your Word and obey it, and bring Your saving love to fruition in our lives, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

CONCERNING HOLY COMMUNION

Lutherans believe that in this Sacrament the very Body and Blood of our Lord Jesus Christ are present in, with, and under the physical elements of bread and wine. And this Sacrament is distributed to the Baptized of the Church who believe in the Presence of Christ in the Sacrament, sincerely repent of their sins, and desire to receive God's forgiveness in this Holy Meal. Those who are present at this celebration who are baptized, have been instructed in the meaning of this Supper, and believe likewise are welcome to commune with us at this Altar today. Anyone who desires, child or adult, may come forward to receive a blessing.

Persons who have questions about what Lutherans believe or have any spiritual concerns are asked to speak with an Usher so that they can direct you to the Pastor so that you may speak with him before communing.



The Divine Service of Word and Sacrament in the Season of Lent

Divine Service, Setting Four
Lutheran Service Book, Page 203ff

✠ *In the Name of Jesus Christ* ✠

✠ **The Preparation** ✠

The Lenten Music for Meditation

The Prelude

“In the Cross of Christ I Glory”

The Words of Welcome

The Congregation rises.

The Opening Hymn

Lutheran Service Book Hymn # 427

“In the Cross of Christ I Glory”

- 1 **In the Cross of Christ I glory,
Tow’ring o’er the wrecks of time.
All the light of sacred story
Gathers round its head sublime.**
- 2 **When the woes of life o’ertake me,
Hopes deceive, and fears annoy,
Never shall the Cross forsake me;
Lo, it glows with peace and joy.**
- 3 **When the sun of bliss is beaming
Light and love upon my way,
From the Cross the radiance streaming
Adds more luster to the day.**
- 4 **Bane and blessing, pain and pleasure
By the Cross are sanctified;
Peace is there that knows no measure,
Joys that through all time abide.**

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The Invocation:

The sign of the cross may be made by all in remembrance of their Baptism.

P In the Name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

The Confession of Sins and Absolution:

P Our help is in the Name of the Lord,

C who made heaven and earth.

P If You, O Lord, kept a record of sins, O Lord, who could stand?

C But with You there is forgiveness; therefore You are feared.

P Since we are gathered to hear God's Word, call upon Him in prayer and praise, and receive the Body and Blood of our Lord Jesus Christ in the fellowship of this altar, let us first consider our unworthiness and confess before God and one another that we have sinned in thought, word, and deed, and that we cannot free ourselves from our sinful condition. Together as His people let us take refuge in the infinite mercy of God, our heavenly Father, seeking His grace for the sake of Christ, and saying: God, be merciful to me, a sinner.

C Almighty God, have mercy upon us, forgive us our sins, and lead us to everlasting life. Amen.

P Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the Name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.



✂ The Service of the Word ✂

The Introit of the Day

Psalm 5:4-8; antiphon: Psalm 1:6

- P** For the LORD knows the way of the righteous,
but the way of the wicked will perish.
- C** **For you are not a God who delights in wickedness;
evil may not dwell with you.**
- P** The boastful shall not stand before your eyes;
you hate all evildoers.
- C** **You destroy those who speak lies;
the LORD abhors the bloodthirsty and deceitful man.**
- P** But I, through the abundance of your steadfast love, will enter your house.
I will bow down toward your holy temple in the fear of you.
- C** **Lead me, O LORD, in your righteousness because of my enemies;
make your way straight before me.**
- C** **Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit;
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.**
- P** For the LORD knows the way of the righteous,
but the way of the wicked will perish.

The Kyrie Eleison Hymn:

Lutheran Service Book Hymn # 945

“Your Heart, O God, Is Grieved”

1 *Cantor:*

O God, Father in heaven,
have mercy upon us.

Congregation:

**Your heart, O God, is grieved, we know,
By ev’ry evil, ev’ry woe;
Upon Your cross-forsaken Son
Our death is laid, and peace is won.**

The Hymn continues on the next page...

2 *Cantor:*

O Son of God, Redeemer of the world,
have mercy upon us.

Congregation:

**Your arms extend, O Christ, to save
From sting of death and grasp of grave;
Your scars before the Father move
His heart to mercy at such love.**

3 *Cantor:*

O God, Holy Spirit,
have mercy upon us.

Congregation:

**O lavish Giver, come to aid
The feeble child Your grace has made.
Now make us grow and help us pray;
Bring joy and comfort; come to stay.**

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The Salutation and Collect of the Day:

P The Lord be with you.

C **And also with you.**

P Let us pray.

O God, whose glory it is always to have mercy, be gracious to all who have gone astray from Your ways and bring them again with penitent hearts and steadfast faith to embrace and hold fast the unchangeable truth of Your Word; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C **Amen.**

The Congregation is seated.



The Old Testament Reading

Ezekiel 33:7-20

⁷“So you, son of man, I have made a watchman for the house of Israel. Whenever you hear a word from my mouth, you shall give them warning from me. ⁸If I say to the wicked, O wicked one, you shall surely die, and you do not speak to warn the wicked to turn from his way, that wicked person shall die in his iniquity, but his blood I will require at your hand. ⁹But if you warn the wicked to turn from his way, and he does not turn from his way, that person shall die in his iniquity, but you will have delivered your soul.

¹⁰“And you, son of man, say to the house of Israel, Thus have you said: ‘Surely our transgressions and our sins are upon us, and we rot away because of them. How then can we live?’ ¹¹Say to them, As I live, declares the Lord GOD, I have no pleasure in the death of the wicked, but that the wicked turn from his way and live; turn back, turn back from your evil ways, for why will you die, O house of Israel?

¹²“And you, son of man, say to your people, The righteousness of the righteous shall not deliver him when he transgresses, and as for the wickedness of the wicked, he shall not fall by it when he turns from his wickedness, and the righteous shall not be able to live by his righteousness when he sins. ¹³Though I say to the righteous that he shall surely live, yet if he trusts in his righteousness and does injustice, none of his righteous deeds shall be remembered, but in his injustice that he has done he shall die. ¹⁴Again, though I say to the wicked, ‘You shall surely die,’ yet if he turns from his sin and does what is just and right, ¹⁵if the wicked restores the pledge, gives back what he has taken by robbery, and walks in the statutes of life, not doing injustice, he shall surely live; he shall not die. ¹⁶None of the sins that he has committed shall be remembered against him. He has done what is just and right; he shall surely live.

¹⁷“Yet your people say, ‘The way of the Lord is not just,’ when it is their own way that is not just. ¹⁸When the righteous turns from his righteousness and does injustice, he shall die for it. ¹⁹And when the wicked turns from his wickedness and does what is just and right, he shall live by them. ²⁰Yet you say, ‘The way of the Lord is not just.’ O house of Israel, I will judge each of you according to his ways.”

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

The Epistle

1 Corinthians 10:1-13

¹I want you to know, brothers, that our fathers were all under the cloud, and all passed through the sea, ²and all were baptized into Moses in the cloud and in the sea, ³and all ate the same spiritual food, ⁴and all drank the same spiritual drink. For they drank from the spiritual Rock that followed them, and the Rock was Christ. ⁵Nevertheless, with most of them God was not pleased, for they were overthrown in the wilderness.

⁶Now these things took place as examples for us, that we might not desire evil as they did. ⁷Do not be idolaters as some of them were; as it is written, “The people sat down to eat and drink and rose up to play.” ⁸We must not indulge in sexual immorality as some of them did, and twenty-three thousand fell in a single day. ⁹We must not put Christ to the test, as some of them did and were destroyed by serpents, ¹⁰nor grumble, as some of them did and were destroyed by the Destroyer. ¹¹Now these things happened to them as an example, but they were written down for our instruction, on whom the end of the ages has come. ¹²Therefore let anyone who thinks that he stands take heed lest he fall. ¹³No temptation has overtaken you that is not common to man. God is faithful, and he will not let you be tempted beyond your ability, but with the temptation he will also provide the way of escape, that you may be able to endure it.

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

The Gradual and Verse:

Hebrews 12:2; 2 Peter 3:9b, c

P [O come, let us fix our eyes on] Jesus,
the founder and perfecter of our faith,

C **who for the joy that was set before him endured the cross, despising the shame,
and is seated at the right hand of the throne of God.**

P [The Lord] is patient towards you, not wishing that any should perish,

C **but that all should reach repentance.**

The Congregation rises.

The Holy Gospel

Luke 13:1-9

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the thirteenth chapter.

C **Glory to You, O Lord.**

¹There were some present at that very time who told [Jesus] about the Galileans whose blood Pilate had mingled with their sacrifices. ²And he answered them, “Do you think that these Galileans were worse sinners than all the other Galileans, because they suffered in this way? ³No, I tell you; but unless you repent, you will all likewise perish. ⁴Or those eighteen on whom the tower in Siloam fell and killed them: do you think that they were worse offenders than all the others who lived in Jerusalem? ⁵No, I tell you; but unless you repent, you will all likewise perish.”

⁶And he told this parable: “A man had a fig tree planted in his vineyard, and he came seeking fruit on it and found none. ⁷And he said to the vinedresser, ‘Look, for three years now I have come seeking fruit on this fig tree, and I find none. Cut it down. Why should it use up the ground?’ ⁸And he answered him, ‘Sir, let it alone this year also, until I dig around it and put on manure. ⁹Then if it should bear fruit next year, well and good; but if not, you can cut it down.’”

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to You, O Christ.

The Apostles' Creed:

C 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 Spirit,
born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died and was buried.
He descended into hell.
The third day He rose again from the dead.
He ascended into heaven
and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty.
From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.
I believe in the Holy Spirit;
the holy Christian Church,
the communion of saints;
the forgiveness of sins;
the resurrection of the body;
and the life † everlasting. Amen.

The Congregation is seated.



The Hymn of the Day

Lutheran Service Book Hymn # 824

“May God Bestow on Us His Grace”

- 1** **May God bestow on us His grace,
 With blessings rich provide us;
 And may the brightness of His face
 To life eternal guide us,
 That we His saving health may know,
 His gracious will and pleasure,
 And also to the nations show
 Christ’s riches without measure
 And unto God convert them.**
- 2** **Thine over all shall be the praise
 And thanks of ev’ry nation;
 And all the world with joy shall raise
 The voice of exultation.
 For Thou shalt judge the earth, O Lord,
 Nor suffer sin to flourish;
 Thy people’s pasture is Thy Word
 Their souls to feed and nourish,
 In righteous paths to keep them.**
- △ 3** **O let the people praise Thy worth,
 In all good works increasing;
 The land shall plenteous fruit bring forth,
 Thy Word is rich in blessing.
 May God the Father, God the Son,
 And God the Spirit bless us!
 Let all the world praise Him alone,
 Let solemn awe possess us.
 Now let our hearts say, “Amen!”**

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The Sermon

Time to Bear Fruit

The Congregation rises.

The Prayer of the Church:

- P** Let us pray for the whole people of God in Christ Jesus and for all people according to their needs.
- P** Let us pray for the Church of Christ, that God would watch over and guide it, granting peace and unity throughout the world. And let us pray for the congregations of our Synod, especially for our Trinity and Mekane Yesus congregations; that God would keep us steadfast in His Word to proclaim with boldness the faith that comes to us from the holy apostles. Lord, in Your mercy,
- C** **hear our prayer.**
- P** Let us pray for the Church throughout the world and in this place, that Christ's salvation may be proclaimed to all; For Matthew, our synodical president, John, our district president, and for all faithful missionaries, pastors, teachers, deaconesses, and church workers, that they may boldly call sinners to repentance and lead us in the Lord's saving truth. Lord, in Your mercy,
- C** **hear our prayer.**
- P** Let us pray for the nations of the world, that they may promote peace and justice, and especially in troubled places like Ukraine, that hostilities with their neighboring nations may cease and the citizens protected from all danger; For our own nation, and for our president, our governor, the congress, and all who make, administer and judge our laws, that they may serve us with wisdom and be kept from all harm; and for our military personnel and their families, for police officers and all public servants, that they may faithfully fulfill their duties and be kept in safety. Lord, in Your mercy,
- C** **hear our prayer.**
- P** Let us pray for those suffer poverty, hunger, homelessness, and unemployment, that the Lord's great mercy and love would preserve and relieve them; and we pray for us and for all Christians, that the Spirit would lead us to give cheerfully and generously from the bounty the Lord provides us in order to support the Church and to help those in need. Lord, in Your mercy,
- C** **hear our prayer.**
- P** Let us pray for those who are ill, especially _____, that God would grant healing, patience and new strength so that each one regains full health according to His will for them. Lord, in Your mercy,
- C** **hear our prayer.**

P Let us pray for those who mourn (especially _____), that God would be with them in their time of loss, ease their grief, and comfort them with the hope of our resurrection through Christ. Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

P Let us pray for the children of God as they give thanks for His goodness, (especially _____), that we may never forget the Source from whom all blessings flow. Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

P Let us pray for all those persons and concerns that have been committed to our prayers, especially _____ and for all that which is unspoken and hidden in our hearts... , that God who knows all and sees all would give His gracious and wise attention to our needs and desires, conforming all things to His holy will. Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

P Let us pray for those who partake this day of the Holy Supper, that they be given faith to receive Christ's Body and Blood for the forgiveness of sins, for the sanctification of body and soul, for the fellowship of the Holy Spirit and the fullness of the kingdom, and for a sure and lively confidence in God. Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

P Let us give thanks to the Lord for the Blessed Virgin Mary and all of God's faithful people who have finished their course and now rest from their labors. And we pray that, following their example, we too may ever fix our eyes on Jesus, the Author and Perfecter of our faith, and following Him, even to death, we might enter into heaven's joy. Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

P Into Your hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in Your mercy, through Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord.

C **Amen.**

The Sharing of the Peace:

P Since we are justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, who has given us access to His grace.

The Peace of the Lord be with you always.

C **And also with you.**

The Congregation is seated.

✠ The Service of the Sacrament ✠

The Hymn of Preparation

Lutheran Service Book Hymn # 704

“Renew Me, O Eternal Light”

- 1 **Renew me, O eternal Light,
And let my heart and soul be bright,
Illumined with the light of grace
That issues from Your holy face.**
- 2 **Remove the pow’r of sin from me
And cleanse all my impurity
That I may have the strength and will
Temptations of the flesh to still.**
- 3 **Create in me a new heart, Lord,
That gladly I obey Your Word.
Let what You will be my desire,
And with new life my soul inspire.**
- 4 **Grant that I only You may love
And seek those things which are above
Till I behold You face to face,
O Light eternal, through Your grace.**

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The Congregation rises.

The Preface Dialogue:

- P** The Lord be with you.
C **And also with you.**
- P** Lift up your hearts.
C **We lift them to the Lord.**
- P** Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
C **It is right to give Him thanks and praise.**

- P** It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, O Lord, holy Father, almighty and everlasting God, for the countless blessings You so freely bestow on us and all creation. Above all, we give thanks for Your boundless love shown to us when You sent Your only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ, into our flesh and laid on Him our sin, giving Him into death that we might not die eternally. Because He is now risen from the dead and lives and reigns to all eternity, all who believe in Him will overcome sin and death and will rise again to new life. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious Name, evermore praising You and saying:

The *Sanctus*:



C Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord God of Sab - a - oth a - dored;



Heav'n and earth with full ac-claim shout the glo-ry of Your name.

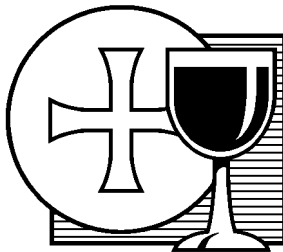


Sing ho - san-na in the high-est, sing ho - san - na to the Lord;



Tru - ly blest is He who comes in the name of the Lord!

Text: Stephen P. Starke



The Prayer of Thanksgiving and the Lord's Prayer:

P Blessed are You, O Lord our God, King of all creation, for You have had mercy on us and given Your only-begotten Son that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have eternal life. At Your command, Abraham prepared to offer his son Isaac as a sacrifice on the mountain; yet, in mercy You provided a ram as a substitute. We give You thanks that on Calvary You spared not Your only Son but sent Him to offer His life as a ransom for many. As we eat and drink His Body and Blood, grant us, like Abraham our father, to trust in Your promise now fulfilled in Christ, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world. Hear us as we pray in His Name and as He has taught us:

C **Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy Name, Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven; give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever and ever. Amen.**

The Words of Our Lord:

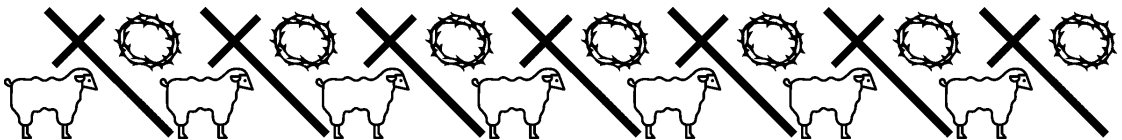
P Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: "Take, eat; this is My ✠ Body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me."

In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: "Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in My ✠ Blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."

The *Pax Domini*:

P The Peace of the Lord be with you always.

C **Amen.**



The Agnus Dei:

1 O Je - sus Christ, true Lamb of God,
2 O Je - sus Christ, true Lamb of God,

You take the sin of the world a - way;
You take the sin of the world a - way;

O Je - sus Christ, true Lamb of God,
Have mer - cy on us, Je - sus Christ,

Have mer - cy on us, Lord, we pray.
And grant us peace, O Lord, we pray.

Text: Stephen P. Starke

The Congregation is seated.

The Distribution of Holy Communion

Holy Communion is celebrated in this place in the joyful confidence that Jesus Christ Himself comes to us to give us in bread and wine His very Body and Blood to offer to us the forgiveness of sins. All Baptized Christians who have been instructed in the meaning of this Sacrament and confess with us Christ's Real Presence in this Holy Meal are welcome to commune with us at this Altar. A fuller explanation of what Lutherans believe concerning Holy Communion may be found on page one of this worship folder.

Holy Communion is distributed to the congregation in a continuous manner in front of the altar. Please follow the direction of the ushers to make your way to the Altar. The Sacrament is distributed in the following way...Please extend your hand to the Pastor to receive the Body of Christ. Christ's Blood is then received from individual cups from the assistant (wine and white grape juice are available). After receiving, please place your empty cup into the tray at the end of the communion rail and return to your seat by way of the side aisle. Children and those not wishing to receive the Sacrament are welcome to come forward to receive a blessing from the Pastor.

Music During the Distribution: “Renew Me, O Eternal Light”

After all have communed, the Pastor continues:

The Eucharistic Blessing:

P The Body and Blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen and preserve you in body and soul to life everlasting. Depart ✠ in peace.

C **Amen.**

The Congregation rises.

The Post-Communion Hymn:

Lutheran Service Book Hymn # 692

“Praise to You and Adoration”

- 1 Praise to You and adoration,
Blessèd Jesus, Son of God,
Who, to serve Your own creation,
Came to share our flesh and blood.
Guide me that I never may
From Your fold or pastures stray,
But with zeal and joy exceeding
Follow where Your steps are leading.**

- 2 Hold me ever in Your keeping;
Comfort me in pain and strife.
In my laughter and my weeping
Be with me throughout my life.
Give me greater love for You,
And my faith and hope renew
In Your birth, Your life, and passion,
In Your death and resurrection.**

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The Thanksgiving and Post-Communion Prayer:

P As often as we eat this bread and drink this cup:

C **We proclaim the Lord’s death until He comes.**

P Let us pray.

We give You thanks, almighty and merciful God, that You have refreshed us with Your Holy Sacrament; and we beseech You to strengthen us in the confidence that by the death of Your Son, which we show forth in this Eucharist, You have given Your people everlasting life; for the sake of the same Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

The *Benedicamus* and Benediction:

P Let us bless the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

P The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.

The Lord look upon you with favor and ✠ give you peace.

C Amen.

The Hymn to Depart

Lutheran Service Book Hymn # 718

“Jesus, Lead Thou On”

- 1 **Jesus, lead Thou on
Till our rest is won;
And although the way be cheerless,
We will follow calm and fearless.
Guide us by Thy hand
To our fatherland.**

- 2 **If the way be drear,
If the foe be near,
Let not faithless fears o’ertake us;
Let not faith and hope forsake us;
For through many_a woe
To our home we go.**

The Hymn continues on the next page...

- 3 **When we seek relief
From a long-felt grief,
When temptations come alluring,
Make us patient and enduring.
Show us that bright shore
Where we weep no more.**

- 4 **Jesus, lead Thou on
Till our rest is won.
Heav'nly Leader, still direct us,
Still support, console, protect us,
Till we safely stand
In our fatherland.**

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The Silent Worship

The Parish Announcements

The Postlude

“Jesus, Lead Thou On”

✠ *To God Be All Praise and Glory!* ✠

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NOTES AND NEWS

The flowers on the altar are given to the glory of God and in prayerful solidarity with the people of Ukraine as we ask the Lord to bring peace to them and the world.

COVID UPDATE ... We are happy to know that the COVID metrics in our local area have improved to the place that County officials have made the decision to lift the indoor mask mandate. The wearing of masks while in the church building is now optional, and you are free to wear or not wear them as you choose, or as your personal needs determine. We ask, in love for one another, that everyone continue to observe our “Stay Safe Rules” as printed in the bulletin and posted at the church entrances. Thank you all for your continued patience and loving concern for our Trinity Family during this time.

MIDWEEK LENTEN SERVICES ... We are holding Midweek Services this Lent, bringing back this tradition once more to Trinity. These spoken services of Vespers will be held on Wednesday evenings at 7:00 PM, and you are welcome to join us for them either in person at Trinity, or by our livestream on our church Facebook Page. Also, the services will be available for viewing at any time after the livestream on the video archive, also found on our church Facebook Page. More information on these services can be found on the full page announcement in today’s bulletin. We hope that you will be able to join us for these times of reflection and thanksgiving for our Lord’s work of redemption for our salvation.

CHURCH OFFICE HOURS ... have been extended. The office will be open Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday from 9 AM to Noon.

PORTALS OF PRAYER ... The new booklets for April-June, both in regular and large print, are now available for you to pick up from the literature table at the rear of the sanctuary. If you need us to mail a copy, please contact the church office.

THE LUTHERAN HOUR ... Why is Easter a story of redemption and not of revenge? Listen to the Lutheran Hour with guest speaker Rev. Dr. Jason Broge next Sunday, March 27, 2022, for this message, "What Shall We Do?", on WMZQ 98.7 FM at 7:00 AM or on Sundays at 1:30 PM and 6:30 PM on WFAX 1220 AM. If you are out of the radio station's range you may listen on line to WFAX worldwide at WFAX.com.

OUR PRAYER LIST ... We are pleased to have an active ministry of prayer among us, attested by the weekly "O Christ, Hear Us" page in the bulletin, inviting us all to remember these persons and needs in our prayer during worship at Trinity and in our own personal prayers during the week. We kindly ask you to also help us keep this list current and up to date by letting us know of any changes or deletions which need to be made. To do this please contact Pastor or the church office with a note that can be placed in the offering basket at church, or with an email.

SOME WORSHIP CHANGES ... Just like the return of the swallows are a sign of spring, you may have noticed some changes here at church during our worship which we hope are a sign of us making some "return to normal". The first change you hold in your hand. We have returned to using our "usual size" bulletin format which we hope will be just as easy to use. The service will continue to be printed out in full, not only for those who find it helpful, but also to continue to provide the order of service for those who worship with us online. The other change you may have noticed is that the hymnals have returned to the pew racks. We hope that this is helpful for those who have missed having the music of the hymns available to them as they worship. We will be reviewing other changes that we made because of COVID; some will change, others may remain in place. If you have any questions or concerns to help us as we make this review, please speak with Pastor or with any member of the Ministry Planning Group.

ALTAR FLOWERS ... The flower chart for 2022 is available for you to donate floral arrangements to adorn the Lord's Altar in honor of special occasions or in memory of loved ones. The chart can be found on the bulletin board in the narthex. The donation for a single arrangement is \$30.00. If you have any questions, please contact Rona by calling the church office or by email (trinity-elc-office@verizon.net).

REMEMBERING THE SAINTS ... In our weekly Prayer of the Church, the final petition is dedicated to all of the Faithful Departed who are now with the Lord and a part of the Church Triumphant. As a part of this remembrance, we recall by name the saints who are on the calendar of Feasts, Festivals, and Commemorations of our church and remembered during the current week. Some have asked for more information about these saints; so, biographies for each saint, along with a prayer and suggested Scripture readings, are now available for you on our church website.

THIS WEEK'S FEAST...

March 25 **The Annunciation of Our Lord**

Visit <http://tlcmr.org/worship/celebrating-the-saints/> where you can learn more about the cycle of saints' days on the church calendar and find the biographies for each saint listed by month.

COMPASSION CENTER NEWS... Our Compassion Center is open and is once again serving members of our community with their needs for food and clothing. Please see the full page announcement in the bulletin for more information. If you are able to volunteer during the Center's open hours, please contact Elma. Thank you all for your continued help and support and prayers.

In an effort to keep the cupboards full at the Compassion Center during this time of great need in our community we will continue to need your generous donations of food. All non-perishable foods are welcome, and especially needed items include:

Peanut Butter; Pasta; Pasta Sauce; Macaroni & Cheese; Canned Tuna and Chicken;
Canned Fruit; Soup.

There is also a need for diapers, especially sizes 4, 5, and 6.

Donations can be dropped off at the Center during Center hours. And you can also leave your donations at church, and we will make sure that it is delivered to the Compassion Center. Thank you for your loving and generous support.

Elma Pervaiz, Coordinator, LMS Compassion Center, Hyattsville, MD

PREPARING FOR THE COMING WEEK ...

The Fourth Wednesday of Lent, March 23, 2022

The Passion History, Part 3

Drawn from Matthew 26:57-27:10; Mark 14:53-72; Luke 22:54-71; John 18:15-27

The Fourth Sunday in Lent (*Laetare*-Rejoice Sunday), March 27, 2022

Scripture Readings: Isaiah 12:1-6; 2 Corinthians 5:16-21; Luke 15:1-3, 11-32



The Sacred Season of Lent 2022
Places of the Passion

You are invited during these Lenten days to walk with Our Lord Jesus in traveling on the way of His Passion. Our Midweek Services will lead us to reflect on these places and the events which took place there through our hearing of the Passion History as drawn from the accounts of the Four Evangelists.

Services will be held in person at Trinity as well as being livestreamed on our church Facebook Page. The videos will also be available for viewing at any time following the live service.

Wednesday Evenings During Lent
7:00 PM Lenten Vespers

March 23	The Palace of the High Priest
March 30	The Praetorium
April 6	Calvary



Trinity Stay-Safe Rules

- ❖ If you are sick, PLEASE STAY HOME, and please get under a doctor's care.
- ❖ If you are over 65 or immunocompromised, please be careful, follow the rules here at church, or feel free to stay home with God's blessing and ours. (We'll be here when you are ready to come back to worship.)
- ❖ While in the church building, wearing of a mask is optional. In love and care for one another, use your best judgment with regards to current health guidelines as to whether or not you wear a mask.
- ❖ Physical Distancing Requirements have been lifted, so you are free to sit where and as you wish. Use your own best judgement as to how close you wish to sit to others.
- ❖ Wash your hands often. 20 seconds with soap and water. Hand sanitizer is available for you to use as well. Try not to touch your face.
- ❖ Cough and sneeze into a tissue or into your elbow.
- ❖ Please, no handshaking. Use an elbow bump or wave for now.
- ❖ All Worship materials are printed for each service. As we will not be reusing them, please take them home with you to recycle.
- ❖ Offerings will not be collected during the service. Please place your offering in the basket on the table in the rear of the nave, or continue to mail in your offering to the church office.
- ❖ Holy Communion will be distributed in a continuous fashion using individual wafers and cups. Please follow the direction of the usher to go forward and receive the Sacrament, and please keep a distance in line between persons.

Thank you all for your continued patience and concern for one another during this time.



Hyattsville Compassion Center

*A shared ministry of
Redeemer & Trinity Congregations
and the Lutheran Mission Society*

Ms. Elma Pervaiz, Center Coordinator
Center Phone Number: 301-277-2302, ext. 23

We are happy to announce that our Compassion Center has reopened!

Our operating hours are:
Monday: 10 AM – 4 PM
Tuesday: 10 AM – 4 PM
Wednesday: 10 AM – 2 PM

Food and Clothing Ministry is available by appointment
during the center's open hours.
Please call Elma to make arrangements for us to assist you.

The thrift center will be open during our operating hours
with the following safety guidelines:

- Masks must be worn at all times
- Please observe social distancing
- Number of persons in the center at a time will be limited

In-Kind Donations for the thrift center are limited at this time
owing to reduced staffing at the center.

If you have donations, please contact Elma at the center
before bringing your items during center hours.

PARISH CALENDAR FOR THE WEEK OF MARCH 20 – 27

May Be Subject to Change

Today	<i>The Third Sunday in Lent</i>
	8:30 AM Bible Study
	9:30 AM Worship Service with Holy Communion (at church in person and via Facebook Live)
	12:00 PM EECMYM Worship (at church in person)
Monday	10:00 AM – 4:00 PM Compassion Center Open
Tuesday	9:00 AM—Noon Church Office Open
	10:00 AM – 4:00 PM Compassion Center Open
Wednesday	<i>The Fourth Wednesday of Lent</i>
	9:00 AM—Noon Church Office Open
	10:00 AM – 2:00 PM Compassion Center Open
	7:00 PM Midweek Lenten Service (at church in person and via Facebook Live)
Thursday	9:00 AM—Noon Church Office Open
Next Sunday	<i>The Fourth Sunday in Lent</i>
	8:30 AM Bible Study
	9:30 AM Worship Service with Holy Communion (at church in person and via Facebook Live)
	10:30 AM Trinity Singers Rehearsal
	12:00 PM EECMYM Worship (at church in person)

CHURCH STATISTICS

Sunday, March 13, 2022 Worship Attendance: 15; Communed: 15.
Wednesday, March 16, 2022 Worship Attendance: 7.



✠ **O Christ, Hear Us!** ✠

Intercessions for the Week of March 20, 2022

Prayers for Continued Healing and Help

For Members of Our Trinity Family:

John, Diane, Carole, Julie & Kenny, Elizabeth, Joseph, Diane, John Tyler, Elizabeth, Waymond, Alan, August, Clara, David, Ernie, Paul, and Angela

For Those Who Have Asked of Our Prayers:

Luke, grandson of Charlie & Jean; Betty, mother of Helen;
Susan, relative of Gus & Betty; Joe, friend of Cullen; Britnany, niece of Lynda;
Juliet, mother of Ras-I; Linda, daughter of Gus & Betty; Allan, cousin of Kim;
Lisa, neighbor of Peter & Kim; Dennis & Caron, former Concordia School Teachers;
Zoila, mother of David; Jeff, husband of Mary; Jari, former Concordia Teacher;
Catelyn, step-granddaughter of Ernie; Ray, relative of Kim; Sandy, relative of Kim;
Cherra, mother-in-law of Meghan; Nathan, son of Art; Helen, aunt of Judy;
Susan, friend of Kim; Jim, uncle of Paul; Kathy, co-worker of Joyce;
Sherri, co-worker of Joyce; Bernie, friend of Trinity; Nicy, aunt of Tracy;
Howard, relative of Tracy; Jessica, co-worker of Tracy; Donna, friend of Gus

All those affected by or who are in fear of the Coronavirus Outbreak.

For our Medical Community, First Responders, and other Workers who aid us in this time.

We Keep In Our Prayers

- ✠ Our Trinity family, our ministries, and our mission.
- ✠ Pastor Gugssa Biru and the people of the Ethiopian Evangelical Church Mekane Yesus in Maryland.
- ✠ For the Lord to continue to move the hearts of our Trinity Members to a deeper realization of our part in His mission to the world and to be *Ablaze!* with a desire to tell the Good News about Jesus with those whom we come into contact in our lives.
- ✠ For the work of our Compassion Center, for Elma Pervaiz, our center coordinator, and for Redeemer Lutheran and the Lutheran Mission Society, our mission partners.
- ✠ Our government leaders, and for the members of our armed forces.
- ✠ For peace and justice among the residents of our nation's cities and towns where there is unrest from fear and distrust.
- ✠ For an end to racism and bigotry in our nation and world.

- ✘ For all those still affected and recovering from the effects of natural disasters.
- ✘ For our brothers and sisters in Christ who suffer persecution for the faith and Name of Jesus, even to the point of shedding their blood.
- ✘ For peace in our world, especially in those places that are affected by war, oppression, or acts of terror.
- ✘ For all those we know who are sick, who grieve, and who are in any need of prayer.

