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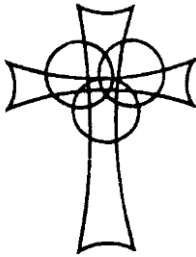
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Fourth Sunday in Lent



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WELCOME TO WORSHIP!

The Pastor and People of Trinity Lutheran are glad that you are joining us in 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

Bend Your ear to our prayers, Lord Christ, and come among us. By Your gracious life and death for us, bring light into the darkness of our hearts, and anoint us with Your Spirit, for You live and reign with the Father 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 Flute & Piano Prelude

“Allegretto” – Albinoni

The Words of Welcome

The Congregation rises.

The Opening Hymn

Lutheran Service Book Hymn # 904

“Blessed Jesus, at Your Word”



1 Bless - ed Je - sus, at Your Word We are gath - ered
2 All our knowl - edge, sense, and sight Lie in deep - est
3 Gra - cious Sav - ior, good and kind, Light of Light, from
△ 4 Fa - ther, Son, and Spir - it, Lord, Praise to You and



all to hear You. Let our hearts and souls be stirred
dark - ness shroud - ed Till Your Spir - it breaks our night
God pro - ceed - ing, O - pen now our heart and mind;
ad - o - ra - tion! Grant that we may trust Your Word,



Now to seek and love and fear You, By Your teach - ings,
With the beams of truth un - cloud - ed. You a - lone to
Help us by Your Spir - it's plead - ing. Hear the cry Your
Con - fi - dent of our sal - va - tion, While we here be -



sweet and ho - ly, Drawn from earth to love You sole - ly.
 God can win us; You must work all good with - in us.
 Church now rais - es; Hear and bless our prayers and prais - es.
 low must wan - der, Till we sing Your prais - es yon - der.

Text (sts. 1–3): Tobias Clausnitzer, 1619–84; (sts. 1–3): tr. Catherine Winkworth, 1827–78, alt.; (st. 4): Geistreiches Gesang-Büchlein, 1707, Berlin; (st. 4): tr. unknown, alt.

Tune: Johann Rudolph Ahle, 1625–73, alt.

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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 27:4-6; antiphon: Psalm 25:15

- P** My eyes are ever toward the LORD,
for he will pluck my feet out of the net.
- C** **One thing have I asked of the LORD, that will I seek after:
that I may dwell in the house of the LORD all the days of my life, to gaze upon the
beauty of the LORD and to inquire in his temple.**
- P** For he will hide me in his shelter in the day of trouble;
he will conceal me under the cover of his tent; he will lift me high upon a rock.
- C** **And now my head shall be lifted up above my enemies all around me, and I will
offer in his tent sacrifices with shouts of joy;
I will sing and make melody to the LORD.**
- 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** My eyes are ever toward the LORD,
for he will pluck my feet out of the net.



The Congregation is seated.

The Old Testament Reading

Isaiah 42:14-21

- ¹⁴For a long time I have held my peace;
I have kept still and restrained myself;
now I will cry out like a woman in labor;
I will gasp and pant.
- ¹⁵I will lay waste mountains and hills,
and dry up all their vegetation;
I will turn the rivers into islands,
and dry up the pools.
- ¹⁶And I will lead the blind
in a way that they do not know,
in paths that they have not known
I will guide them.
I will turn the darkness before them into light,
the rough places into level ground.
These are the things I do,
and I do not forsake them.
- ¹⁷They are turned back and utterly put to shame,
who trust in carved idols,
who say to metal images,
“You are our gods.”
- ¹⁸Hear, you deaf,
and look, you blind, that you may see!
- ¹⁹Who is blind but my servant,
or deaf as my messenger whom I send?
Who is blind as my dedicated one,
or blind as the servant of the LORD?
- ²⁰He sees many things, but does not observe them;
his ears are open, but he does not hear.
- ²¹The LORD was pleased, for his righteousness’ sake,
to magnify his law and make it glorious.

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

The Epistle

Ephesians 5:8-14

⁸For at one time you were darkness, but now you are light in the Lord. Walk as children of light ⁹(for the fruit of light is found in all that is good and right and true), ¹⁰and try to discern what is pleasing to the Lord. ¹¹Take no part in the unfruitful works of darkness, but instead expose them. ¹²For it is shameful even to speak of the things that they do in secret. ¹³But when anything is exposed by the light, it becomes visible, ¹⁴for anything that becomes visible is light. Therefore it says,

“Awake, O sleeper,
and arise from the dead,
and Christ will shine on you.”

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

The Trinity Singers

“Open Our Eyes, Lord”

The Congregation rises.

The Holy Gospel

John 9:1-41

P The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the ninth chapter.

C Glory to You, O Lord.

¹As [Jesus] passed by, he saw a man blind from birth. ²And his disciples asked him, “Rabbi, who sinned, this man or his parents, that he was born blind?” ³Jesus answered, “It was not that this man sinned, or his parents, but that the works of God might be displayed in him. ⁴We must work the works of him who sent me while it is day; night is coming, when no one can work. ⁵As long as I am in the world, I am the light of the world.” ⁶Having said these things, he spat on the ground and made mud with the saliva. Then he anointed the man’s eyes with the mud ⁷and said to him, “Go, wash in the pool of Siloam” (which means Sent). So he went and washed and came back seeing.

⁸The neighbors and those who had seen him before as a beggar were saying, “Is this not the man who used to sit and beg?” ⁹Some said, “It is he.” Others said, “No, but he is like him.” He kept saying, “I am the man.” ¹⁰So they said to him, “Then how were your eyes opened?” ¹¹He answered, “The man called Jesus made mud and anointed my eyes and said to me, ‘Go to Siloam and wash.’ So I went and washed and received my sight.” ¹²They said to him, “Where is he?” He said, “I do not know.”

¹³They brought to the Pharisees the man who had formerly been blind. ¹⁴Now it was a Sabbath day when Jesus made the mud and opened his eyes. ¹⁵So the Pharisees again asked him how he had received his sight. And he said to them, “He put mud on my eyes, and I washed, and I see.” ¹⁶Some of the Pharisees said, “This man is not from God, for he does not keep the Sabbath.” But others said, “How can a man who is a sinner do such signs?” And there was a division among them. ¹⁷So they said again to the blind man, “What do you say about him, since he has opened your eyes?” He said, “He is a prophet.”

¹⁸The Jews did not believe that he had been blind and had received his sight, until they called the parents of the man who had received his sight ¹⁹and asked them, “Is this your son, who you say was born blind? How then does he now see?” ²⁰His parents answered, “We know that this is our son and that he was born blind. ²¹But how he now sees we do not know, nor do we know who opened his eyes. Ask him; he is of age. He will speak for himself.” ²²(His parents said these things because they feared the Jews, for the Jews had already agreed that if anyone should confess Jesus to be Christ, he was to be put out of the synagogue.) ²³Therefore his parents said, “He is of age; ask him.”

²⁴So for the second time they called the man who had been blind and said to him, “Give glory to God. We know that this man is a sinner.” ²⁵He answered, “Whether he is a sinner I do not know. One thing I do know, that though I was blind, now I see.” ²⁶They said to him, “What did he do to you? How did he open your eyes?” ²⁷He answered them, “I have told you already, and you would not listen. Why do you want to hear it again? Do you also want to become his disciples?” ²⁸And they reviled him, saying, “You are his disciple, but we are disciples of Moses. ²⁹We know that God has spoken to Moses, but as for this man, we do not know where he comes from.” ³⁰The man answered, “Why, this is an amazing thing! You do not know where he comes from, and yet he opened my eyes. ³¹We know that God does not listen to sinners, but if anyone is a worshiper of God and does his will, God listens to him. ³²Never since the world began has it been heard that anyone opened the eyes of a man born blind. ³³If this man were not from God, he could do nothing.” ³⁴They answered him, “You were born in utter sin, and would you teach us?” And they cast him out.

³⁵Jesus heard that they had cast him out, and having found him he said, “Do you believe in the Son of Man?” ³⁶He answered, “And who is he, sir, that I may believe in him?” ³⁷Jesus said to him, “You have seen him, and it is he who is speaking to you.” ³⁸He said, “Lord, I believe,” and he worshiped him. ³⁹Jesus said, “For judgment I came into this world, that those who do not see may see, and those who see may become blind.” ⁴⁰Some of the Pharisees near him heard these things, and said to him, “Are we also blind?” ⁴¹Jesus said to them, “If you were blind, you would have no guilt; but now that you say, ‘We see,’ your guilt remains.”

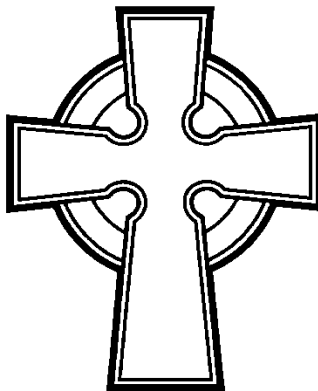
P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

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 # 846

“Your Hand, O Lord, in Days of Old”

1 Your hand, O Lord, in days of old
 2 Your touch then, Lord, brought life and health,
 3 O be our great de - liv - 'er still,

Was strong to heal and save; It tri - umphed o - ver
 Gave speech and strength and sight; And youth re - newed and
 The Lord of life and death; Re - store and quick - en,

ills and death, O'er dark - ness and the grave.
 fren - zy calmed Re - vealed You, Lord of light.
 soothe and bless, With Your life - giv - ing breath.

To You they came, the blind, the mute,
 And now, O Lord, be near to bless,
 To hands that work and eyes that see

The pal - sied and the lame, The lep - ers in their
 Al - might - y as be - fore, In crowd - ed street, by
 Give wis - dom's heal - ing pow'r That whole and sick and

mis - er - y, The sick with fe - vered frame.
 beds of pain, As by Gen - nes - 'ret's shore.
 weak and strong May praise You ev - er - more.

Text: Edward H. Plumptre, 1821–91, alt.

Tune: English; adapt. and harm. Ralph Vaughan Williams, 1872–1958, alt.

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The Sermon

Chronicles of God's Amazing Grace
The Man Born Blind: Grace for the Blind
Text: John 9:1-41

The Congregation rises.

The Prayer of the Church:

- P** Let us pray for the whole Church of God in Christ Jesus and for all people according to their needs.
- P** O holy Lord, You have opened the eyes of Your Church to behold the light of Christ. Grant that we may always walk in His light and not return to the darkness of sin that blinds us to the truth of Your saving Gospel. Lord, in Your mercy,
C **hear our prayer.**
- P** Merciful Father, through holy Baptism You grant us the forgiveness of sins and the gift of the Holy Spirit, who grants us spiritual sight. Keep us firmly in the faith that You established in us, that we may always look to Christ alone for salvation with our eyes fixed upon His cross where He died for our sins, trusting in His resurrection for our justification. Lord, in Your mercy,
C **hear our prayer.**
- P** Everlasting God, grant Your peace to all the nations of our world, and especially give wisdom and compassion to the leaders of our nation. Bless us also with faithful and devout citizens who will defend the weak and helpless, including the unborn and the infirm. Lord, in Your mercy,
C **hear our prayer.**
- P** Gracious Lord, there are many in our world and community who are in need. We pray for those who are poor, homeless or hungry among us, that You would grant them all that they need to support this body and life. Open the hearts of all who are blessed with more than they need, that they would be generous toward those in want. Lord, in Your mercy,
C **hear our prayer.**
- P** Heavenly Father, we pray that You would grant gainful employment to all who are able to work but cannot find jobs that meet their needs or the needs of their families. Provide for their necessities and keep them from losing heart. Lord, in Your mercy,
C **hear our prayer.**

P Blessed Lord, we pray that You would grant healing to all those who suffer from any affliction of body or soul, including _____. Shine upon them with Your mercy, according to Your good and gracious will, and continually remind them of Your love and care for them. Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

P Generous Lord, You bless all of our days with Your goodness. We rejoice with those who rejoice in Your kindness, especially with _____. Help us all to remember that all that we are and have comes from Your loving hand, that we may always bless You, the Giver of every good and perfect gift. Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

P Comforting Father, Your love for us stills the sorrows of our hearts. Be with (____ and) all those who mourn the loss of loved ones, that they may rely on You, that Your presence will bring them hope, and that hoping in You they may trust in Your promise of Resurrection. Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

P Lover of souls, You look with compassion and love upon all of Your children. To Your fatherly care we commend all those who have asked for our prayers. Especially we remember before you _____ and all the other people and concerns we name now in the silence of our hearts... Hear these prayers, we beseech You, and grant them all according to Your good and gracious will. Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

P Lord God, we thank You for feeding us in the holy Supper of Jesus' Body and Blood. Grant that we may receive this blessed gift in repentant faith, trusting in the words of Jesus, that we may receive the benefits of forgiveness and life offered here. Strengthen our faith through this meal, and give us the will to serve our neighbors in love. Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

P Faithful Keeper of every promise, Your Son has told us that whoever lives and believes in Him shall never die. With joy, we thank You for the Blessed Virgin Mary, St. Joseph, and for those who live in Him, though their bodies rest in the earth. Bring us to the unspeakable joys they know in Your nearer presence. Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

P O Lord, we know that You hear us as we pray and promise to answer in accord with Your will. Grant these things and whatsoever else You know that we need. Thanks be to You for Your mercy, 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 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 # 435

“Come to Calvary’s Holy Mountain”



1 Come to Cal - v'ry's ho - ly moun - tain, Sin - ners, ru - ined
 2 Come in pov - er - ty and mean - ness, Come de - filed, with -
 3 Come in sor - row and con - tri - tion, Wound - ed, im - po -
 4 They that drink shall live for - ev - er; 'Tis a soul - re -



by the fall; Here a pure and heal - ing foun - tain
 out, with - in; From in - fec - tion and un - clean - ness,
 tent, and blind; Here the guilt - y, free re - mis - sion,
 new - ing flood. God is faith - ful; God will nev - er



Flows for you, for me, for all, In a full, per -
 From the lep - ro - sy of sin, Wash your robes and
 Here the trou - bled, peace may find. Health this foun - tain
 Break His cov - e - nant of blood, Signed when our Re -



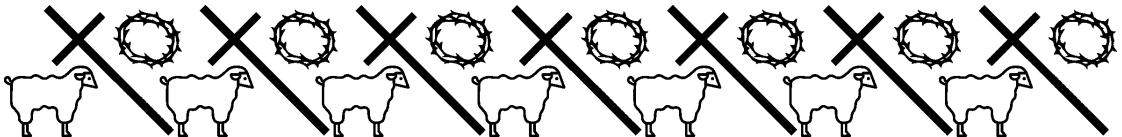
pet - ual tide, O - pened when our Sav - ior died.
 make them white; Ye shall walk with God in light.
 will re - store; They that drink shall thirst no more.
 deem - er died, Sealed when He was glo - ri - fied.

Text: James Montgomery, 1771–1854, alt.

Tune: Ludvig M. Lindeman, 1812–87

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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!

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 at the chancel rail. Please follow the direction of the ushers to make your way to the Altar. You may kneel or stand as you feel comfortable. The Sacrament is distributed in the following manner...Please extend your hand to the assistant to receive the Body of Christ. Christ's Blood may be received in one of three ways, using that which you feel most comfortable: 1) individual cups containing wine and white grape juice will be offered by the Pastor, 2) intinction: dipping the bread lightly into the chalice held by the Pastor, or 3) drinking from the chalice. Children and those not wishing to receive the Sacrament are welcome to come forward to receive a blessing.

Music During the Distribution:

The Trinity Singers

“Amazing Grace”

The Distribution Hymn

Lutheran Service Book Hymn # 570

“Just as I Am, without One Plea”



1 Just as I am, with - out one plea But that Thy
 2 Just as I am and wait - ing not To rid my
 3 Just as I am, though tossed a - bout With man - y a
 4 Just as I am, poor, wretch - ed, blind; Sight, rich - es,



blood was shed for me And that Thou bidd'st me come to
 soul of one dark blot, To Thee, whose blood can cleanse each
 con - flict, man - y a doubt, Fight - ings and fears with - in, with -
 heal - ing of the mind, Yea, all I need, in Thee to



Thee, O Lamb of God, I come, I come.
 spot, O Lamb of God, I come, I come.
 out, O Lamb of God, I come, I come.
 find, O Lamb of God, I come, I come.

5 Just as I am, Thou wilt receive,
 Wilt welcome, pardon, cleanse, relieve;
 Because Thy promise I believe,
 O Lamb of God, I come, I come.

6 Just as I am; Thy love unknown
 Has broken ev'ry barrier down;
 Now to be Thine, yea, Thine alone,
 O Lamb of God, I come, I come.

Text: Charlotte Elliott, 1789–1871
Tune: William B. Bradbury, 1816–68
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The Congregation rises.

The Post-Communion Hymn:

Lutheran Service Book Hymn # 692

“Praise to You and Adoration”

1 Praise to You and ad - o - ra - tion, Bless - ed Je - sus,
2 Hold me ev - er in Your keep - ing; Com - fort me in

Son of God, Who, to serve Your own cre - a - tion, Came to
pain and strife. In my laugh - ter and my weep - ing Be with

share our flesh and blood. Guide me that I nev - er may
me through - out my life. Give me great - er love for You,

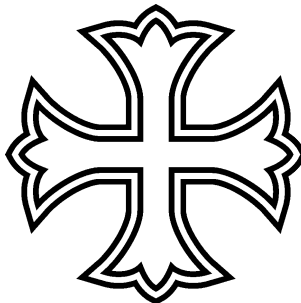
From Your fold or pas - tures stray, But with zeal and
And my faith and hope re - new In Your birth, Your

joy ex - ceed - ing Fol - low where Your steps are lead - ing.
life, and pas - sion, In Your death and res - ur - rec - tion.

Text: Thomas Hansen Kingo, 1634–1703; (st. 1): tr. Kristen Kvamme, 1866–1938, alt.; (st. 2): tr. Christian Worship, 1993

Tune: Trente quatre Pseaumes de David, 1551, Geneva, ed. Louis Bourgeois

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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

Tune: Ach bleib bei uns (*LSB # 585*)

“Eternal Light, Shine in My Heart”

- 1 Eternal Light, shine in my heart;
Eternal Hope, lift up my eyes;
Eternal Pow'r, be my support;
Eternal Wisdom, make me wise.**
- 2 Eternal Life, raise me from death;
Eternal Brightness, help me see;
Eternal Spirit, give me breath;
Eternal Savior, come to me:**
- 3 Until by Your most costly grace,
Invited by Your holy Word,
At last I come before Your face
To know You, my eternal God.**

Text: Christopher Idle (b. 1938); from a prayer by Alcuin of York (735?-804)

Tune: Geistliche Lieder D. Martini Lutheri, Leipzig, 1589

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The Silent Worship

The Parish Announcements

The Postlude

“Eternal Light, Shine in My Heart”

✠ *To God Be All Praise and Glory!* ✠

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Divine Service, Setting Four from *Lutheran Service Book*

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THOSE WHO SERVE US THIS MORNING IN WORSHIP

The Celebrant & Preacher	The Reverend Peter A. Schiebel
The Lector	Tracy Peele
The Communion Assistant	Paul Ritter
The Worship Assistant	Paul Ritter
The Choir	The Trinity Singers
The Flutist	Susan Kennedy
The Parish Musician	Skip Hall

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NOTES AND NEWS

COVID UPDATE ... The wearing of masks while in the church building remains 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 posted at the church entrances. Thank you all for your continued patience and loving concern for our Trinity Family during this time.

LARGE PRINT HYMNALS ... Copies of the *Lutheran Service Book* in Large Print are available for use during worship for those who may have need of them. You may find them on the literature table at the rear of the sanctuary, and please return them there following the service.

LENTEN DEVOTIONAL MATERIALS ... for use in your homes during the coming Lenten days, were mailed to member families. Extra copies are available in limited quantities on the literature table in the rear of the Sanctuary.

***MIDWEEK LENTEN VESPERS* ... are held here at Trinity each Wednesday evening during Lent at 7:00 PM.** These services will be spoken with hymns being sung acapella. The sermons will continue on the theme of our Lenten series from the hymn, “Amazing Grace”. We hope that you will be able to join us, either in person at church or by the livestream on our church Facebook Page. The services will also be available for viewing at any time following the livestream.

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.

EASTER FLOWERS ... The Trinity Family is invited to make donations towards beautifying our Lord's Altar and church home with lilies for our Easter celebrations. Order forms are available on the literature table in the rear of the sanctuary for you to place your order and to give information regarding any dedication you would like to have made for your gift in the Easter Sunday bulletin. Orders can be placed until **Palm Sunday, April 2nd**.

LUTHERAN RADIO ONLINE AND ON THE AIR FOR YOU THIS WEEK:

KFUO Radio, the broadcast voice of The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod, shares Christ for you anytime, anywhere on **KFUO.org** via worship services, Bible and theology studies, practical talk programs, and sacred music. Find programs on demand at kfuo.org and wherever you get your podcasts! Find us on social: @**KFUOradio** on [Facebook](#), [Twitter](#), and [Instagram](#).

CHRIST FOR YOU this week on KFUE.org: Study John 14-16 on Sharper Iron's "The Word Became Flesh" (weekdays at 9:00 a.m. ET), study Hosea 11-14 on Thy Strong Word (weekdays at 12:00 p.m. ET), and study Christ's Words in the Sacrament of the Altar on Concord Matters (March 25 at 11:00 a.m. ET). Find your favorite programs on demand at kfuo.org or on the KFUE Radio app!

THE LUTHERAN HOUR ... Is God "missing in action?" Not if we see things from God's eternal perspective. Listen to the Lutheran Hour next Sunday, March 26, 2023, for this message from Lutheran Hour Guest Speaker, Rev. Dr. John Nunes, "Is God Missing in Action?", locally on WFAX 1220 AM or 100.7 FM at 11:00 AM and 10:00 PM, as well as at 5:00 AM and 6:00 PM on Saturdays. If you are out of the radio station's range you may listen online to WFAX worldwide at WFAX.com. The Lutheran Hour can also be heard online on KFUE.org on Sundays at 12:30 PM and 5:00 PM. For more information on this media ministry, or to listen to messages on demand, visit the Lutheran Hour Ministries website at lhm.org, under "Media" and "The Lutheran Hour".

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.

ALTAR FLOWERS ... The flower chart for **2023** is now 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 **\$35.00** (this is an increase from previous years). 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 FEASTS ...

March 19 **St. Joseph, Guardian of Our Lord**

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.

Center Hours: Mondays & Tuesdays: 10 AM – 4 PM
Wednesdays: 10 AM – 2 PM

Elma Pervaiz, Coordinator, LMS Compassion Center, Hyattsville, MD
Center Phone Number: 301-277-2302, ext. 23



PREPARING FOR THE COMING WEEK ...

The Fifth Wednesday of Lent: March 22, 2023

Lenten Vespers

Scripture Readings: Psalm 6; Isaiah 57:15-19; 5:6-11; Luke 22:31-34, 54-62

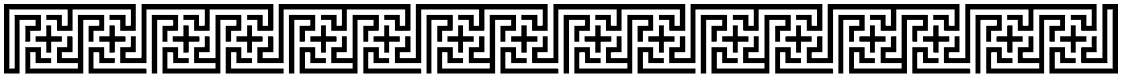
The Fifth Sunday in Lent: March 26, 2023

Divine Service

Scripture Readings: Ezekiel 37:1-14; Romans 8:1-11; John 11:1-53

PARISH CALENDAR FOR THE WEEK OF MARCH 19 – 26
May Be Subject to Change

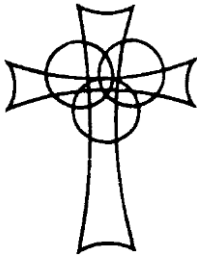
Today	<i>The Fourth Sunday in Lent</i>
	8:30 AM Adult Bible Study
	9:30 AM Worship with Holy Communion (at church in person and via Facebook Live)
	10:45 AM Trinity Singers Rehearsal
	12:00 PM EECMYM Worship (at church in person)
Monday	10:00 AM – 4:00 PM Compassion Center Open
Tuesday	9:00 AM – Noon Church Office Open
	10:00 AM – 4:00 PM Compassion Center Open
Wednesday	<i>The Fifth Wednesday of Lent</i>
	9:00 AM – Noon Church Office Open
	10:00 AM – 2:00 PM Compassion Center Open
	7:00 PM Lenten Vespers (at church in person and via Facebook Live)
Thursday	9:00 AM – Noon Church Office Open
Next Sunday	<i>The Fifth Sunday in Lent</i>
	8:30 AM Adult Bible Study
	9:30 AM Worship with Holy Communion (at church in person and via Facebook Live)
	12:00 PM EECMYM Worship (at church in person)



CHURCH STATISTICS



Sunday, March 12, 2023
Worship Attendance: 19; Communed: 19.
Wednesday, March 15, 2023
Worship Attendance: 9.



✠ **O Christ, Hear Us!** ✠

Intercessions for the Week of March 19, 2023

Prayers for Continued Healing and Help

For Members of Our Trinity Family:

John, Diane, Julie & Kenny, Joseph, Diane, John Tyler, Elizabeth, Waymond, Alan, George, August, David, Ernie, Paul, Art & Shirley, 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;
Dennis & Caron, former Concordia School Teachers; Jari, former Concordia Teacher;
Catelyn, step-granddaughter of Ernie; Ray, relative of Kim;
Nathan, son of Art; Helen, aunt of Judy; Bernie, friend of Trinity;
Randy, friend of Pepper; Joan, friend of Tracy; Sally, SED Staff;
Robin, daughter of Vincent & Tracy; George, friend of Dave & Joyce;
Danny, friend of Dave & Joyce; Hudson, son of Brendan; Paul III, grandson of Paul;
Debbie, cousin of Kim; Allan, cousin of Kim

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.

Thanksgivings and Blessings

Carolyn Beus, who celebrates her birthday this week.

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.



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Sunday Mornings:
Adult Bible Study – 8:30 AM
Worship with Holy Communion – 9:30 AM

Midweeks in Lent:
Lenten Vespers
Wednesday Evenings – 7:00 PM

*Worship Services are livestreamed on Facebook Live
For more information, please visit the church website.*

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The Reverend Peter A. Schiebel, Pastor



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