

Welcome to Trinity Lutheran Church

Sunday

March 8, 2015

8:30

Love God,

Love our neighbors,

Serve the World

*You are invited to stand if able

Welcome

***Confession & Forgiveness**

Blessed be the holy Trinity, one God, who brings us out of captivity into freedom, out of the wilderness into the promised land, out of death into life. **Amen.**

Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

Gracious God,

we confess that we have sinned in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. Forgive us and give us strength to turn from sin and to serve you in newness of life. Amen.

By water and the Holy Spirit, God gives us a new birth, and through the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ, God forgives us all our sins. Almighty God strengthen us in all goodness and keep us in eternal life. **Amen.**

***Gathering Hymn**

"God of Grace and God of Glory"

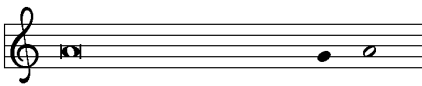
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***Greeting**

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

And also with you.

Cantor




In peace, let us pray to the Lord.

Congregation



Lord, have mer - cy.

Cantor




For the peace from a-bove, and for our sal - vation, let us pray to the Lord.

Congregation




Lord, have mer - cy.

Cantor




For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God,



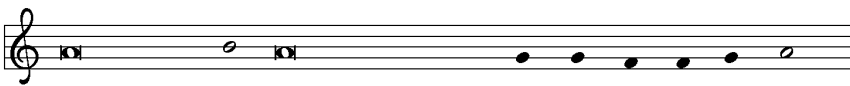
and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.

Congregation




Lord, have mer - cy.


Cantor



For this holy house, and for all who offer here their wor-ship and praise,



let us pray to the Lord. Lord have mer - cy.



Help, save, comfort, and de-fend us, gra-cious Lord. A - men.

***Prayer of the Day**

Let us pray.

Holy God, through your Son you have called us to live faithfully and act courageously. Keep us steadfast in your covenant of grace, and teach us the wisdom that comes only through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

(Please be seated.)

First Reading: Exodus 20:1-17

After escaping from slavery, the Israelites come to Mount Sinai, where God teaches them how to live in community. The ten commandments proclaim that God alone is worthy of worship. Flowing from God, the life of the community flourishes when based on honesty, trust, fidelity, and respect for life, family, and property.

Then God spoke all these words:

²I am the LORD your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery; ³you shall have no other gods before me.

⁴You shall not make for yourself an idol, whether in the form of anything that is in heaven above, or that is on the earth beneath, or that is in the water under the earth. ⁵You shall not bow down to them or worship them; for I the LORD your God am a jealous God, punishing children for the iniquity of parents, to the third and the fourth generation of those who reject me, ⁶but showing steadfast love to the thousandth generation of those who love me and keep my commandments.

⁷You shall not make wrongful use of the name of the LORD your God, for the LORD will not acquit anyone who misuses his name.

⁸Remember the sabbath day, and keep it holy. ⁹Six days you shall labor and do all your work. ¹⁰But the seventh day is a sabbath to the LORD your God; you shall not do any work — you, your son or your daughter, your male or female slave, your livestock, or the alien resident in your towns. ¹¹For in six days the LORD made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that is in them, but rested the seventh day; therefore the LORD blessed the sabbath day and consecrated it.

¹²Honor your father and your mother, so that your days may be long in the land that the LORD your God is giving you.

¹³You shall not murder.

¹⁴You shall not commit adultery.

¹⁵You shall not steal.

¹⁶You shall not bear false witness against your neighbor.

¹⁷You shall not covet your neighbor's house; you shall not covet your neighbor's wife, or male or female slave, or ox, or donkey, or anything that belongs to your neighbor.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Psalm: Psalm 19

¹The heavens declare the glory of God, and the sky proclaims its maker's handiwork.

²**One day tells its tale to another, and one night imparts knowledge to another.**

³Although they have no words or language, and their voices are not heard,

⁴**their sound has gone out into all lands, and their message to the ends of the world, where God has pitched a tent for the sun.**

⁵It comes forth like a bridegroom out of his chamber; it rejoices like a champion to run its course.

⁶**It goes forth from the uttermost edge of the heavens and runs about to the end of it again; nothing is hidden from its burning heat.**

⁷The teaching of the LORD is perfect and revives the soul; the testimony of the LORD is sure and gives wisdom to the simple.

⁸**The statutes of the LORD are just and rejoice the heart; the commandment of the LORD is clear and gives light to the eyes.**

⁹The fear of the LORD is clean and endures forever; the judgments of the LORD are true and righteous altogether.

¹⁰**More to be desired are they than gold, more than much fine gold, sweeter far than honey, than honey in the comb.**

¹¹By them also is your servant enlightened, and in keeping them there is great reward.

¹²**Who can detect one's own offenses? Cleanse me from my secret faults.**

¹³Above all, keep your servant from presumptuous sins; let them not get dominion over me; then shall I be whole and sound, and innocent of a great offense.

¹⁴**Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be acceptable in your sight, O LORD, my strength and my redeemer.**

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Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 1:18-25

The word of the cross is pure foolishness and nonsense to the world because it claims that God is mostly revealed in weakness, humiliation, and death. But through such divine foolishness and weakness, God is working to save us. The center of Paul's preaching is Christ crucified.

¹⁸For the message about the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God. ¹⁹For it is written,

"I will destroy the wisdom of the wise,
and the discernment of the discerning I will thwart."

²⁰Where is the one who is wise? Where is the scribe? Where is the debater of this age? Has not God made foolish the wisdom of the world? ²¹For since, in the wisdom of God, the world did not know God through wisdom, God decided, through the foolishness of our proclamation, to save those who believe. ²²For Jews demand signs and Greeks desire wisdom, ²³but we proclaim Christ crucified, a stumbling block to Jews and foolishness to Gentiles, ²⁴but to those who are the called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God. ²⁵For God's foolishness is wiser than human wisdom, and God's weakness is stronger than human strength.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God

Gospel Acclamation



Re - turn to the Lord, your God, for he is gra - cious and mer - ci - ful,



slow to an - ger, and a - bound - ing in stead - fast love.

***Gospel:** The holy gospel according to John, the 2nd chapter.

Jesus attacks the commercialization of religion by driving merchants out of the temple. When challenged, he responds mysteriously, with the first prediction of his own death and resurrection. In the midst of a seemingly stable religious center, Jesus suggests that the center itself has changed.

¹³The Passover of the Jews was near, and Jesus went up to Jerusalem. ¹⁴In the temple he found people selling cattle, sheep, and doves, and the money changers seated at their tables. ¹⁵Making a whip of cords, he drove all of them out of the temple, both the sheep and the cattle. He also poured out the coins of the money changers and overturned their tables. ¹⁶He told those who were selling the doves, "Take these things out of here! Stop making my Father's house a marketplace!" ¹⁷His disciples remembered that it was written, "Zeal for your house will consume me." ¹⁸The Jews then said to him, "What sign can you show us for doing this?" ¹⁹Jesus answered them, "Destroy this temple, and in three days I will raise it up." ²⁰The Jews then said, "This temple has been under construction for forty-six years, and will you raise it up in three days?" ²¹But he was speaking of the temple of his body. ²²After he was raised from the dead, his disciples remembered that he had said this; and they believed the scripture and the word that Jesus had spoken.

The gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

(Please be seated.)

Sermon

Pastor Erik Feig

Hymn of the Day

"In the Cross of Christ I Glory"

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***Apostles' Creed**

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, God's 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. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

***Prayers of Intercession**

Lord, in your mercy,
Hear our prayer.

***Lord's Prayer**

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.

***Peace**

The peace of Christ be with you always.

And also with you.

(Please extend a greeting of peace to those around you.)

(Please be seated.)

Offering

Offering Prayer

Let us pray.

God our provider, you have not fed us with bread alone, but with words of grace and life. Bless us and these your gifts, which we receive from your bounty, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

Announcements

***Blessing**

The blessing of God Almighty, the wisdom and power of Christ Jesus, and the light of the Holy Spirit be among you and remain with you always. **Amen.**

***Sending Hymn**

“Great is Thy Faithfulness”

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Dismissal

Go in peace. Remember the poor.

Thanks be to God.

Postlude

Worship

News & Announcements

Lent Worship

Why the “Fat” in Fat Tuesday?

Mardi Gras or “Fat Tuesday” is the day before Lent starts.

In earlier times, as people were preparing for Lent as a time of fasting and repentance they cleaned out their cabinets of sugar and yeast in sweet breads. They fixed meals with all the meat available. They did this to not be tempted by sweets, meat and other distractions in the house. It was a great feast! (Info taken from The Upper Room)

Small Groups

Service

News & Announcements

From the Heart Food Pantry

The March Foods of the month for From the Heart Food Pantry: **Hamburger Helper & Fruit**

The Love Thy Neighbor jar for March is for **Hunger Task Force**. This is a unique giving opportunity provided at each weekend worship service with money gathered going to different ministries outside of the church each month.

Children & Youth

News & Announcements

Confirmation Schedule

March 11: Fellowship
March 18: Instruction
March 25: Service



JOLT Youth Group Lock-in

Don't forget about the lock-in this Friday, 3/13. All youth grades 6-12 are invited to join us at the church for games, movies and food. Please bring \$6 to cover food and supplies. We will meet at 6:30pm Friday in the fellowship hall and will end about 7:30 Saturday morning. Please contact Laura Cunliffe (784-9134) with any questions.

Summer High School Service Trip

YouthWorks is needing to know our group size. We are looking for youth that will be in high school this fall to join us on a service trip to Kansas City, Kansas from 7/26-8/1/15. In addition to making new friends, we will share our faith with other Christian youth and the Kansas City community through work and service. Please consider joining us. We will have several fundraising opportunities to help cover the cost of the trip. Please contact Laura Cunliffe (784-9134 or cuninlax@outlook.com) or leave a message in the church office for information or with questions on the trip. All we need is the name of the adult name and contact information as well as the student's name.

Palm Sunday Pancake Breakfast

Thank you to everyone who has signed up with food or time donations for the pancake breakfast. We appreciate the support the congregation is showing toward our youth. There are still opportunities to help, so please check the sign-up board in the narthex to see what is still available. The proceeds earned from the breakfast will be used to offset the cost of the program and our travel costs. Even if you are unable to donate toward the breakfast, please come down and join us March 29th for breakfast. The cost is \$6.00 per person ages 13 and over, \$4.00 for children ages 4–12 and free for children ages 3 and under. Please contact Laura Cunliffe (784-9134 or cuninlax@outlook.com) with any questions.

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Congregational Life Ministry is looking for new people and new ideas. Join us on Monday, March 9 at 7:00 in the church library! Bring your ideas.

No March Sunday Brunch. Instead, attend the youth Palm Sunday Breakfast March 29!

Lenten Meals and Fellowship continue. Don't miss out on great fellowship time!

Lunch: Wednesday, March 11 following 11:00 church. A good old comfort food lunch of Tomato Soup and Grilled Cheese. **Dinner:** Make your evening more relaxing with no fuss at home before church. Join us for a Taco Bar dinner. Bring the whole family. Five and under eat free. \$5.00. 5:30-6:30.

Love God,
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10:30 Service This week

Gifts: Luke 22:14-20

Don't mistake this love language for materialism: the receiver of gifts thrives on the love, thoughtfulness, and effort behind the gift. If you speak this language, the perfect gift or gesture shows that you are known, you are cared for, and you are prized above whatever was sacrificed to bring the gift to you. A missed birthday, anniversary, or a hasty, thoughtless gift would be disastrous—so would the absence of everyday gestures. This week we hear God speak this language to us, and learn how to speak this language to others. Come and check it out, you'll love it!

Next Week

Physical Touch—Mark 10:13-16

Memorials

General Fund:

In honor of Pastor Erik's 50th Birthday

The bulletin for the 8:30 radio worship service and the monthly newsletter are available on our website:
trinitylutheranlax.org

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Next Week in Worship

Fourth Weekend in Lent

Next week's Readings

Numbers 21:4-9

Psalm 107:1-3, 17-22

Ephesians 2:1-10

John 3:14-21

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February Giving

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\$16,825

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February Budgeted

\$23,296

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Year to Date

Giving: \$33,214

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Budgeted giving

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through March: \$86,768

Prayer Requests

Please keep the following people in your prayers: Mike Sanding, Hilda Melde, Pat Bogie, & Military Members Austin Bekkum & Justin Boardman

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Office Hours

Monday—Thursday 8:30-4:30

Bulletin deadline: Noon at Wed.

Service Times

Saturdays 5:30pm

Sundays 8:30 & 10:30

Radio Broadcast Sunday morning at 8:30

WKTY 580 AM

This Week at Trinity

SUNDAY, MARCH 8

No JOLT

MONDAY, MARCH 9

9a TOPS

4-7 Northside Kids' Clothes Closet

5-6p Monday's Meals

5:30-7:30p From the Heart Food Pantry

7p Congregational Life meeting (library)

TUESDAY, MARCH 10

7p Boy Scouts

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 11

11a Worship (lunch following)

7p Worship (dinner 5:30-6:30)

Confirmation: fellowship

THURSDAY, MARCH 12

FRIDAY, MARCH 13

6:30p Youth Lock-in

SATURDAY, MARCH 14