

Welcome to Trinity Lutheran Church

Sunday

March 22, 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

"My Hope is Built on Nothing Less"

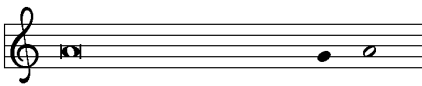
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*Greeting

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,



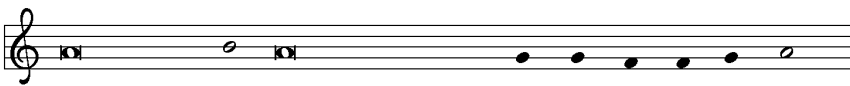
and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.

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.

O God, with steadfast love you draw us to yourself, and in mercy you receive our prayers. Strengthen us to bring forth the fruits of the Spirit, that through life and death we may live in your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Special Music

“I Will Rise”

4K-7th grade students

(Please be seated.)

First Reading: Jeremiah 31:31-34

The Judeans in Babylon blamed their exile on their ancestors, who had broken the covenant established at Sinai. Here the prophet looks to a day when God will make a new covenant with the people. There will be no need to teach the law, because God will write it on their hearts.

³¹The days are surely coming, says the LORD, when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and the house of Judah. ³²It will not be like the covenant that I made with their ancestors when I took them by the hand to bring them out of the land of Egypt — a covenant that they broke, though I was their husband, says the LORD. ³³But this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, says the LORD: I will put my law within them, and I will write it on their hearts; and I will be their God, and they shall be my people. ³⁴No longer shall they teach one another, or say to each other, "Know the LORD," for they shall all know me, from the least of them to the greatest, says the LORD; for I will forgive their iniquity, and remember their sin no more.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Psalm: Psalm 51:1-12

¹Have mercy on me, O God, according to your steadfast love; in your great compassion blot out my offenses.

²**Wash me through and through from my wickedness, and cleanse me from my sin.**

³For I know my offenses, and my sin is ever before me.

⁴**Against you only have I sinned and done what is evil in your sight; so you are justified when you speak and right in your judgment.**

⁵Indeed, I was born steeped in wickedness, a sinner from my mother's womb.

⁶**Indeed, you delight in truth deep within me, and would have me know wisdom deep within.**

⁷Remove my sins with hyssop, and I shall be clean; wash me, and I shall be purer than snow.

⁸**Let me hear joy and gladness; that the body you have broken may rejoice.**

⁹Hide your face from my sins, and blot out all my wickedness.

¹⁰**Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me.**

¹¹Cast me not away from your presence, and take not your Holy Spirit from me.

¹²**Restore to me the joy of your salvation and sustain me with your bountiful Spirit.**

Second Reading: Hebrews 5:5-10

Using priestly imagery and references to the Old Testament, the author explains how Christ lived in trusting obedience to God, and so God has made Christ the source of our eternal salvation.

⁵So also Christ did not glorify himself in becoming a high priest, but was appointed by the one who said to him,

"You are my Son, today I have begotten you"; ⁶as he says also in another place,

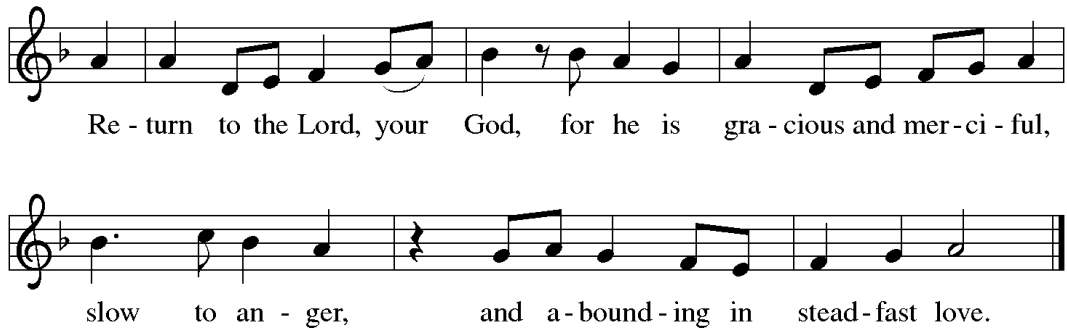
"You are a priest forever, according to the order of Melchizedek."

⁷In the days of his flesh, Jesus offered up prayers and supplications, with loud cries and tears, to the one who was able to save him from death, and he was heard because of his reverent submission. ⁸Although he was a Son, he learned obedience through what he suffered; ⁹and having been made perfect, he became the source of eternal salvation for all who obey him, ¹⁰having been designated by God a high priest according to the order of Melchizedek.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God

Gospel Acclamation



***Gospel:** The holy gospel according to John, the 12th chapter.

Jesus entered Jerusalem for the last time to celebrate the Passover festival. Here Jesus' words about seeds planted in the ground turn the disaster of his death into the promise of a harvest in which everyone will be gathered.

²⁰Now among those who went up to worship at the festival were some Greeks. ²¹They came to Philip, who was from Bethsaida in Galilee, and said to him, "Sir, we wish to see Jesus." ²²Philip went and told Andrew; then Andrew and Philip went and told Jesus. ²³Jesus answered them, "The hour has come for the Son of Man to be glorified. ²⁴Very truly, I tell you, unless a grain of wheat falls into the earth and dies, it remains just a single grain; but if it dies, it bears much fruit. ²⁵Those who love their life lose it, and those who hate their life in this world will keep it for eternal life. ²⁶Whoever serves me must follow me, and where I am, there will my servant be also. Whoever serves me, the Father will honor.

²⁷Now my soul is troubled. And what should I say — 'Father, save me from this hour'? No, it is for this reason that I have come to this hour. ²⁸Father, glorify your name." Then a voice came from heaven, "I have glorified it, and I will glorify it again." ²⁹The crowd standing there heard it and said that it was thunder. Others said, "An angel has spoken to him." ³⁰Jesus answered, "This voice has come for your sake, not for mine. ³¹Now is the judgment of this world; now the ruler of this world will be driven out. ³²And I, when I am lifted up from the earth, will draw all people to myself." ³³He said this to indicate the kind of death he was to die.

The gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

(Please be seated.)

Sermon

Pastor Erik Feig

Hymn of the Day

“Jesus, Keep Me Near the Cross”

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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**

“Now the Green Blade Rises”

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Dismissal

Go in peace. Remember the poor.

Thanks be to God.

Postlude

Worship

News & Announcements

Holy Week Worship

Holy Week is fast approaching. Here are ways you are able to participate in this spiritual journey:

Saturday, March 28 and Sunday March 29: We will be waving Palms and celebrating Jesus' entrance into Jerusalem. We are excited to celebrate with Dixieland style music at the 8:30 service!

Thursday, April 2: Maundy Thursday services will be held 11:00AM and at 7:00PM on April 2.

Friday, April 3: Good Friday will be a time for your own self directed, spiritual journey. There will be booklets provided for you to read and reflect on the Stations of the Cross set up in the sanctuary.

Sunday, April 5: We celebrate Jesus' resurrection from the death of the cross! Sunrise service at 6:30AM. Easter services at 8:30 and 10:30

Easter Lilies

If you would like to order an Easter Lily or flowering plant to enhance our Easter Sunday Sanctuary, you may call and place your order with Cottage Floral (784-6966). They will take your order and put your name on the back of the plant so you may pick it up after the Easter services. They will deliver orders to the church on Thursday, April 2. You could also have an option of purchasing your own plant from a vendor of your choice and bringing it to the church. All arrangements need to be at the church on Thursday, April 2.

Small Groups

Service

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Food of the Month: Hamburger Helper & Fruit

Do you know where the food goes that you place in the bin in the narthex? Every Monday night from 5:30-7:30 and also the last Saturday morning of the month, a group called From the Heart Food Pantry works out of Trinity's basement to help our neighbors. They offer food to anyone who may need it, including many who are out of work, and some whose paycheck just doesn't make it through the month. They have been helping 20-25 families each week and everything you donate is usually given to one of our neighbors before the week is over.

Matthew 25:35 For I was hungry and you gave me food.

The **Love Thy Neighbor** jar for March is for **Hunger Task Force**. This is a unique giving opportunity provided at each weekend worship service. Children from the congregation gather money during the worship service and put in the jar up by the altar. The money is given to a different ministry outside of the church each month.

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News & Announcements

Our Church in a New World

Have you noticed how much the world has changed, even from a few years ago? So much in our society has changed, and it's had an effect on churches across the United States. What does that have to do with Trinity? Come and find out! The Church Council invites you to an informational presentation and discussion about the Christian Church in the 21st Century, and what that means for Trinity Lutheran Church and the La Crosse Area Synod. We will be meeting in the Fellowship Hall on Sunday, April 19 after the 830 service. Brunch is served that day, so come and grab a bite to eat and join in the conversation. See you there!

Children & Youth

News & Announcements

Confirmation Schedule

March 25: Service

April 1: No Class

April 8: Instruction

April 15: Fellowship

April 22: Instruction

April 29: 9th grade Make Stoles

8th grade TBA



JOLT Youth Group

We meet this week for pajama night. This will include a movie, popcorn and ice cream sundaes. Hope to see you there. We will also brainstorm ideas for JOLT themes for future months and for spring service opportunities.

Summer High School Service Trip

We are needing to fill one last spot on the service trip this summer. Our journey will take us to Kansas City, Kansas from 7/26-8/1/15. We will be serve through work projects half of the week and with work with community organizations for the other half. All youth entering grades 9-12 are invited to join us. The student portion will stay under \$100. Please consider joining us. Contact Laura Cunliffe (784-9134 or cuninlax@gmail.com) or leave a message in the church office for information or with questions on the trip. Please include your name, your child's name and a phone number or email address where we can contact you.

Palm Sunday Pancake Breakfast, March 29

It's almost here! The Palm Sunday pancake breakfast is next weekend. We are still in need of a few food items, but what we really need are people. People to help us that morning to donate time that morning in the kitchen or with tables. There is a board in the narthex to sign up. Just pick a time you would be available. The most help will be needed from 9-11. We also need people to come enjoy the breakfast which will be served from 7:30 – 11:30. 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. Thank you for supporting our youth. Please contact Laura Cunliffe (784-9134 or cuninlax@gmail.com) with any questions.

10:30 Service This week

Acts of Service—John 3:16

Can vacuuming the floors really be an expression of love/ Absolutely! Anything you do to ease the burden of responsibilities weighing on an “Acts of Service” person will speak volumes. The words he or she most wants to hear: “Let me do that for you.” Laziness, broken commitments, and making more work for them tell speakers of this language their feelings don’t matter. 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 Palm Sunday

Be sure to check out Trinity’s Facebook page for current happenings and photos.
(Trinity Lutheran Church—ELCA)

You can find the 8:30 radio worship service bulletin and the monthly newsletter online at
www.trinitylutheranlax.org

Next Week in Worship

Palm Sunday

Next week’s Readings

Isaiah 50:4-9a

Psalm 31:9-16

Philippians 2:5-11

Mark 14:1-15:4

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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: \$47,910

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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, Janet Mannel

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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 22

JOLT—Pajama night

MONDAY, MARCH 23

9a TOPS

4-7 Northside Kids' Clothes Closet

5-6p Monday's Meals

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

TUESDAY, MARCH 24

7p Boy Scouts

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 25

Easter memorial deadline

11a Worship (lunch following)

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

Confirmation: Service

THURSDAY, MARCH 26

FRIDAY, MARCH 27

SATURDAY, MARCH 28