

# Welcome to Trinity Lutheran Church



1010 Sill St, La Crosse, WI

*Sunday, March 29, 2020  
8:30 am  
Fifth Sunday in Lent*

*Love God,  
Love Our Neighbors,  
Serve the World*

*\*Please stand if able*

**Prelude**

**Welcome**

**\*Opening Hymn**

**"O for a Thousand Tongues"**

**#886**



*The Mouth  
of Christ*

## **\*Call to Worship**

*O God, our mouths are often full of lies and deceit; our lips drip the poison of asps that would strike and destroy the happiness of others.*

**The words which proceed out of Your mouth are gracious, O Lord.**

*Not one of us is righteous, O God. We do not seek after You as surely as we seek after the things of the world. We hunger for bread and many things but not for everything that proceeds out of the mouth of the Lord.*

**The words which proceed out of Your mouth are gracious, O Lord.**

*Our mouths are like open graves, O God; but You preach good news to the poor, You proclaim release to the captives, Your words bring sight and liberty, You proclaim the acceptable year of the Lord.*

**The words which proceed out of Your mouth are gracious, O Lord.**

*To whom shall we go, O Lord? You have the words of eternal life.*

**Speak to us now that we may hear again the gracious words which proceed from Your mouth.**

**Lord Jesus, You draw near us  
In garb of human flesh,  
An earthly form, to cheer us,  
To kindle faith afresh.  
Your body for us broken  
On the accursed tree  
Becomes a sacred token  
Of glory yet to be.**

## **\*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.**

## **\*Confession and Forgiveness**

Blessed be the holy Trinity, ✠ one God,  
who is present, who gives life,  
who calls into existence the things that do not exist.

**Amen.**

If you were to keep watch over sins, O Lord, who could stand?  
Yet with you is forgiveness, and so we confess.

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

Gracious God,

**have mercy on us.**

**We confess that we have turned away from you,  
knowingly and unknowingly.**

**We have wandered from your resurrection life.**

**We have strayed from your love for all people.**

**Turn us back to you, O God.**

**Give us new hearts and right spirits,  
that we may find what is pleasing to you  
and dwell in your house forever. Amen.**

Receive good news: God turns to you in love.

“I will put my spirit in you, and you shall live,” says our God.

All your sin is forgiven in the name of ✠ Jesus Christ,  
who is the free and abounding gift of God’s grace for you.

**Amen.**

## **\*Prayer of the Day**

Oh, speak to us, dear Savior,  
Your true and faithful word.  
Proclaim to us Your favor  
Let us be thus assured.  
O Word-made-flesh, forever  
Your name shall be adored.  
Oh, let us cherish ever  
The mouth of Christ, our Lord.

## **Special Music**

*Trina Schlifer*

## **First Lesson: Deuteronomy 8:1-3**

<sup>1</sup>This entire commandment that I command you today you must diligently observe, so that you may live and increase, and go in and occupy the land that the LORD promised on oath to your ancestors. <sup>2</sup>Remember the long way that the LORD your God has led you these forty years in the wilderness, in order to humble you, testing you to know what was in your heart, whether or not you would keep his commandments. <sup>3</sup>He humbled you by letting you hunger, then by feeding you with manna, with which neither you nor your ancestors were acquainted, in order to make you understand that one does not live by bread alone, but by every word that comes from the mouth of the LORD.

The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

## **Psalmody: from Psalm 81**

*I heard a voice I had not known:*

**With great compassion speaks God's voice  
To those He holds most dear.**

*"I took the burdens from your backs. When you were in trouble you called to me, and I saved you."*

**Let all the faithful now rejoice  
God's words of love to hear.**

*"O Israel, if you would but listen to me! I am the Lord your God, who brought you up out of the land of Egypt. Open your mouth wide, and I will fill it."*

**With great compassion speaks God's voice  
To those He holds most dear.**

*"Oh, that my people would listen to me. Then I would feed you with the finest of the wheat, and with honey from the rock I would satisfy you."*

**Let all the faithful now rejoice  
God's words of love to hear.**

## **Second Lesson: Romans 10:8-17**

<sup>8</sup>But what does it say?

"The word is near you,  
on your lips and in your heart"

(that is, the word of faith that we proclaim); <sup>9</sup>because if you confess with your lips that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. <sup>10</sup>For one believes with the heart and so is justified, and one confesses with the mouth and so is saved. <sup>11</sup>The scripture says, "No one who believes in him will be put to shame." <sup>12</sup>For there is no distinction between Jew and Greek; the same Lord is Lord of all and is generous to all who call on him. <sup>13</sup>For, "Everyone who calls on the

name of the Lord shall be saved."

<sup>14</sup>But how are they to call on one in whom they have not believed? And how are they to believe in one of whom they have never heard? And how are they to hear without someone to proclaim him? <sup>15</sup>And how are they to proclaim him unless they are sent? As it is written, "How beautiful are the feet of those who bring good news!" <sup>16</sup>But not all have obeyed the good news; for Isaiah says, "Lord, who has believed our message?" <sup>17</sup>So faith comes from what is heard, and what is heard comes through the word of Christ.

The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

**With great compassion speaks God's voice**

**To those He holds most dear.**

*Out of the mouths of babes and nursing infants you have brought perfect praise, O Lord. Give us faith to praise You perfectly with our lips, and love to praise You perfectly with our lives.*

**Let all the faithful now rejoice**

**God's words of love to hear.**

### **\*Gospel Acclamation**



We are turn - ing, Lord, to hear you; you are mer - ci - ful and kind -



slow to an - ger, rich in bless - ing, and with love to us in - clined.

## **\*Gospel Lesson: Luke 4:14-22a**

The Holy Gospel according to Luke, the 4th Chapter.

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

<sup>14</sup>Then Jesus, filled with the power of the Spirit, returned to Galilee, and a report about him spread through all the surrounding country. <sup>15</sup>He began to teach in their synagogues and was praised by everyone.

<sup>16</sup>When he came to Nazareth, where he had been brought up, he went to the synagogue on the sabbath day, as was his custom. He stood up to read, <sup>17</sup>and the scroll of the prophet Isaiah was given to him. He unrolled the scroll and found the place where it was written:

<sup>18</sup>"The Spirit of the Lord is upon me,  
because he has anointed me  
to bring good news to the poor.  
He has sent me to proclaim release to the captives  
and recovery of sight to the blind,  
to let the oppressed go free,  
<sup>19</sup>to proclaim the year of the Lord's favor."

<sup>20</sup>And he rolled up the scroll, gave it back to the attendant, and sat down. The eyes of all in the synagogue were fixed on him. <sup>21</sup>Then he began to say to them, "Today this scripture has been fulfilled in your hearing." <sup>22</sup>All spoke well of him and were amazed at the gracious words that came from his mouth.

The gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

**Sermon**

**THE MOUTH OF CHRIST**

*Rev. Roger Grow*

**Hymn of the Day**

"I Love to Tell the Story"

#661

## **Apostle's 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 to the dead. 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 for the Body of Christ**

Let us pray for the whole body of Christ and for all people according to their needs.

**Song:** "O Lord, Hear My Prayer" #751

*For all nations of the world, that their leaders may proclaim justice to all the citizens of the earth, let us pray to the Lord.*

**Lord, speak the word and it shall be.**

*For your body, the church, that the words of Your mouth may strengthen us to proclaim Your love to all in need, let us pray to the Lord.*

**Lord, speak the word and it shall be.**

*For our congregation, that by our lips and through our deeds we may show Your love in welcoming new members into the body of Christ, let us pray to the Lord.*

**Lord, speak the word and it shall be.**

*For the sick, (especially...) that You would bring Your mouth near to them to breathe Your Holy Spirit into them, bringing them health and strength, let us pray to the Lord.*

**Lord, speak the word and it shall be.**



Into your care, O Lord, we entrust all for whom we pray, believing in your mercy, through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

**Song:** "Lord, Listen to Your Children Praying" #752

**The mouth of Christ, our Brother,  
Still speaks from heav'n above,  
As we address each other  
With Spirit-given love.  
May we, such grace receiving,  
Become, with one accord,  
In all our daily living  
The Body of the Lord.**

## **Passion History**

### **\*Lord's Prayer**

## **Announcements**

### **\*Benediction**

Now is the acceptable time.  
Now is the day of salvation.  
Holy God,  
speaking, spoken, and inspiring,  
✠ bless you, unbind you,  
and send you in love and in peace. **Amen.**

**\*Sending Hymn** "Shout to the Lord" #821

### **\*Dismissal**

Go in peace. Share the good news.  
**Thanks be to God.**





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of Lent