

Fourth Sunday in Lent
Sunday, March 14, 2021 – Traditional Service

For God so loved the world,
that he gave his only

BEGOTTEN SON

that whosoever
believeth in him
should not perish, but
have everlasting life.

JOHN 3:16, KJV

WELCOME TO ALL

Welcome to worship at Trinity Lutheran Church! We are glad you are here. Even though we are spread out and wearing masks, we are delighted to gather as one people in the name of the risen Lord Jesus, in whose power over disease and death we take hope. Please use this bulletin to participate in the liturgy and take it with you when the service is ended. Don't forget to register each week on our website or by calling the office (717-263-8156) for the service that you wish to attend, so that we can maintain appropriate physical distancing in our sanctuary. If you are a guest or visitor worshipping with us and did not know to register for today's service, no problem; we have kept open some extra seating just in case. Simply plan to register for the service next week – and we do invite you to worship with us again!

Bathrooms are located down the hall from the side entrance to the sanctuary. Our nursery is not yet open, but the space is available for special use by individual families. If you visit the nursery to settle a child or change a diaper, please let one of the pastors or ushers know so that we can be sure to sanitize the room before the next service.

Ushers will dismiss worshippers at the end of the service row by row. Please wait to be dismissed, and conduct conversations and fellowship in the fresh, open air outside. We trust that as we take such precautions together, we follow our Lord's command to love our neighbor, and we help to ensure that we will be able to continue to gather for worship during the pandemic. Thank you for working with us toward that end!

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*The fourth of the Old Testament promises providing a baptismal lens
this Lent is the promise God makes to Moses:
those who look on the bronze serpent will live.*

*In today's gospel Jesus says he will be lifted up on the cross
like the serpent, so that those who look to him in faith will live.*

*When we receive the sign of the cross in baptism,
that cross becomes the sign we can look to in faith for healing,
for restored relationship to God,
for hope when we are dying.*

WELCOME / ANNOUNCEMENTS

Congregation responds in bold print.

Please respect the silence of those around you preparing for worship.

PRELUDE

"God's Great Grace"

Curtis

Please stand as you are able.

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God,
the keeper of the covenant,
the source of steadfast love,
our rock and our redeemer.

Amen.

God hears us when we cry, and draws us close in Jesus Christ.
Let us return to the one who is full of compassion.

Silence is kept for reflection.

Fountain of living water,
pour out your mercy over us.
Our sin is heavy, and we long to be free.
Rebuild what we have ruined
and mend what we have torn.
Wash us in your cleansing flood.
Make us alive in the Spirit
to follow in the way of Jesus,
and bring healing and restoration to the world you so love,
Amen.

Beloved,
God's word never fails.
The promise rests on grace:
by the saving love of Jesus Christ,
the wisdom and power of God,
your sins are † forgiven,
and God remembers them no more.
Journey in the way of Jesus.
Amen.

APOSTOLIC GREETING

P: 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.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray.

**O God,
rich in mercy,
by the humiliation of your Son
you lifted up this fallen world
and rescued us from the hopelessness of death.
Lead us into your light,
that all our deeds may reflect your love,
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.



WORD

FIRST READING

Numbers 21:4-9

⁴From Mount Hor [the Israelites] set out by the way to the Red Sea, to go around the land of Edom; but the people became impatient on the way. ⁵The people spoke against God and against Moses, “Why have you brought us up out of Egypt to die in the wilderness? For there is no food and no water, and we detest this miserable food.” ⁶Then the Lord sent poisonous serpents among the people, and they bit the people, so that many Israelites died. ⁷The people came to Moses and said, “We have sinned by speaking against the Lord and against you; pray to the Lord to take away the serpents from us.” So Moses prayed for the people. ⁸And the Lord said to Moses, “Make a poisonous serpent, and set it on a pole; and everyone who is bitten shall look at it and live.” ⁹So Moses made a serpent of bronze, and put it upon a pole; and whenever a serpent bit someone, that person would look at the serpent of bronze and live.

L: Word of God. Word of Life.
Thanks be to God!

Moses
made a
serpent
of *bronze*,
and put
it upon
a *pole* ...



Numbers 21:9, NRSV

PSALMODY

Psalm 107:1-3, 17-22

We will speak the Psalm responsively.

- ¹Give thanks to the LORD, for the LORD is good,
for God's mercy endures forever.
- ²**Let the redeemed of the LORD proclaim
that God redeemed them from the hand of the foe,**
- ³gathering them in from the lands;
from the east and from the west, from the north and from the south.
- ¹⁷**Some were fools and took rebellious paths;
through their sins they were afflicted.**
- ¹⁸They loathed all manner of food
and drew near to death's door.
- ¹⁹**Then in their trouble they cried to the LORD
and you delivered them from their distress.**
- ²⁰You sent forth your word and healed them
and rescued them from the grave.
- ²¹**Let them give thanks to you, LORD, for your steadfast love
and your wonderful works for all people.**
- ²²Let them offer sacrifices of thanksgiving
and tell of your deeds with shouts of joy.



SECOND READING

Ephesians 2:1-10

¹You were dead through the trespasses and sins ²in which you once lived, following the course of this world, following the ruler of the power of the air, the spirit that is now at work among those who are disobedient. ³All of us once lived among them in the passions of our flesh, following the desires of flesh and senses, and we were by nature children of wrath, like everyone else. ⁴But God, who is rich in mercy, out of the great love with which he loved us ⁵even when we were dead through our trespasses, made us alive together with Christ—by grace you have been saved—⁶and raised us up with him and seated us with him in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus, ⁷so that in the ages to come he might show the immeasurable riches of his grace in kindness toward us in Christ Jesus. ⁸For by grace you have been saved through faith, and this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God—⁹not the result of works, so that no one may boast. ¹⁰For we are what he has made us, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand to be our way of life.

L: Word of God. Word of Life.
Thanks be to God!

*...by grace
you
have
been
saved...*
*Ephesians 2:5,
NRSV*

What Wondrous Love Is This

1 What won-drous love is this, O my soul, O my soul! What
 3 To God and to the Lamb I will sing, I will sing; to

won - drous love is this, O my soul! What won-drous love is this
 God and to the Lamb I will sing; to God and to the Lamb,

that caused the Lord of bliss to bear the dread-ful curse for my
 who is the great I AM, while mil - lions join the theme, I will

soul, for my soul, to bear the dread-ful curse for my soul?
 sing, I will sing, while mil - lions join the theme, I will sing.

Please stand as you are able.

GOSPEL

John 3:14-21

The Holy Gospel according to John, the 3rd chapter.

Glory to you, O Lord.

[Jesus said:] ¹⁴“Just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, ¹⁵that whoever believes in him may have eternal life.

¹⁶“For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life.

¹⁷“Indeed, God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him. ¹⁸Those who believe in him are not condemned; but those who do not believe are condemned already, because they have not believed in the name of the only Son of God. ¹⁹And this is the judgment, that the light has come into the world, and people loved darkness rather than light because their deeds were evil. ²⁰For all who do evil hate the light and do not come to the light, so that their deeds may not be exposed. ²¹But those who do what is true come to the light, so that it may be clearly seen that their deeds have been done in God.”

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

Please be seated.

CHILDREN’S SERMON

SERMON *“He sent out his Word and healed them”* Pastor Spomer

SPECIAL MUSIC *A Quiet Moment with “Amazing Grace”* McDonald

Please stand as you are able.

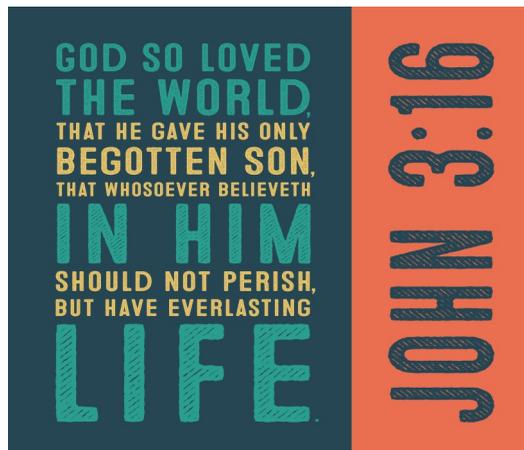
APOSTLES' CREED

With the whole church, let us confess our faith.

**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 OF INTERCESSION

Relying on the promises of God, we pray boldly for the church, the world, and all in need.

A brief silence.

You sustained your people in the wilderness. Give courage to your church in times of crisis and scarce resources. Forgive our doubts and fears. Multiply your provision, especially the grace of your Son, whose sacrifice heals and renews us.

Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

You sent your Son that the world might be saved through him. Empower missionaries, Bible translators, and ministries of service in his name. Bless our partners in ministry: Chambersburg churches and especially our siblings in the LARC dialogue, the South Central Community Action Program and Franklin County Homeless Shelter, The Salvation Army, Network Ministries, the Maranatha Food Pantry, the House of Grace, Lutheran World Relief, our ELCA global partner churches, and Young Adults in Global Mission.

Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

From east to west your steadfast love is shown. Nourish seas and deserts, wilderness areas and cities. Give water to thirsty lands; encourage spring growth that feeds hungry creatures; bless farmers as they prepare for the growing season.

Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

Your mercy endures forever. Deliver all who cry to you, especially those who are hungry or without homes. Give life in places where death seems triumphant; give healing to those who are sick and comfort to those who mourn, especially,

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Scott, Jim, Dottie, Shirley, Christine, Kayla, Larry, Mary, Sherry, Cameron, Ron, Cheryl, Bernice, Ayano, Marlene, Bob, Kelly, Denise, Carl, Beth, Harry, Jane, William, Rick, Belva, Matt, Malina, Grayson, and Phyllis.

Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

By grace we have been saved. Fill this congregation to overflowing with that grace, that we show it to others. Nurture the faith of our members: Ace Schwarz; Marjorie Schweitzer; Robert Secrist; Dorothy Sentz; Neil, Michele, Morgan, Landon, & Brendan Shaner; Robert E. & Robert Shannon; Joseph Sharar; Donna Shetter; and Stanley & Shirley Shilling. Give us patience and courage when the way seems long.

Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

Your Son was lifted up that whoever believes in him might have eternal life. We praise you for all who have died in Christ. Comfort those who grieve a loved one, especially the family and friends of Bertie Roberts. Bless the church's new grief ministry. Give patience, wisdom, and compassion to its leaders, and solace and hope to its participants. Bring us with all the saints into the fullness of your promises.

Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

P: We entrust ourselves and all our prayers to you, O faithful God,
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.



THE LORD'S PRAYER

Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us:

**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.**

SENDING

THE BENEDICTION

You are what God made you to be:
created in Christ Jesus for good works,
chosen as holy and beloved,
freed to serve your neighbor.

God bless you † that you may be a blessing,
in the name of the holy and life-giving Trinity.
Amen.

DISMISSAL

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

Please be seated.

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Senior Pastor	<i>Pastor Aaron</i>	
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Livestream Team		<i>Jason Brown Christie Brown</i>



The children’s bulletins are given to the Glory of God and in honor of Trinity’s children by Barbara Montgomery.

Altar Flowers are given to the Glory of God and in memory of Bertie by Lynn and Rick Lerew.



LAST WEEKS ATTENDANCE:	
<i>Sunday, March 7, 2021</i>	
In-Person	76
Online Worship Service Views:	284

STEWARDSHIP SNIPPET

“For we are what he has made us, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand to be our way of life.” – Ephesians 2:10

We have been created to love God and neighbor
and to live a life marked by good works and radical generosity.

During the season of Lent
we are reminded to devote our time and resources
to go the second mile for the sake of the good news.

Budgeted amount needed: \$8,072.12 03/07/2021 Offering: \$8,973.00
Thank You!



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Vision

"Growing in God"

Mission Statement

*"Seed - Planting and Growing in our Faith
Sow - Sharing the word of God with our community
Steward - Giving to all the love of God
Service - Showing the love of God with our community"*