

Fifth Sunday in Lent
Sunday, March 21, 2021 – Traditional Service

The hour has come
for the

SON
of
MAN

to be glorified.

JOHN 12:23, NRSV

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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*God promises Jeremiah that a “new covenant” will be made in the future:
a covenant that will allow all the people to know God by heart.*

*The church sees this promise fulfilled in Christ,
who draws all people to himself when he is lifted up on the cross.
Our baptismal covenant draws us to God’s heart through Christ
and draws God’s love and truth into our hearts.*

*We join together in worship,
sharing in word, song, and meal,
and leave strengthened to share God’s love with all the world.*

WELCOME / ANNOUNCEMENTS

Congregation responds in bold print.

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

PRELUDE ***“When I Survey the Wondrous Cross”***

Lani Smith

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,

**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.

Please be seated.



WORD

FIRST READING

Jeremiah 31:31-34

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.

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



PSALMODY

Psalm 51:1-12

We will speak the Psalm responsively.

- 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

⁵Christ 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.

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Beneath the Cross of Jesus

1 Be - neath the cross of Je - sus I long to take my stand;
3 I take, O cross, your shad - ow for my a - bid - ing place;

the shad - ow of a might - y rock with - in a wea - ry land,
I ask no oth - er sun - shine than the sun - shine of his face;

a home with - in a wil - der - ness, a rest up - on the way,
con - tent to let the world go by, to know no gain nor loss,

from the burn - ing of the noon - tide heat and bur - dens of the day.
my . . . sin - ful self my on - ly shame, my glo - ry all, the cross.

Please stand as you are able.

GOSPEL

John 12:20-33

The Holy Gospel according to John, the 12th chapter.

Glory to you, O Lord.

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.

²⁷“Now 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.

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

Please be seated.

CHILDREN’S SERMON

SERMON

“In, With, Under, & All Around”

Pastor Arlyn

SPECIAL MUSIC

*“He giveth More Grace/
No One Ever Cared for Me Like Jesus”
Gloria McCauley, Pianist*

Arr. Hayes

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.

Cleansing God, you wash us through and through and remember our sin no more. May your church be a community of forgiveness throughout the world. May your people receive courage to forgive one another, acknowledge the vast diversity of your people, and seek opportunities for reconciliation and renewed ministries.

Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

Creating God, you fill the earth—from tiny grains of wheat to the mighty thunder—with your presence. Grant weather that prepares the soil for seeds; provides shelter to animals giving birth, and protects all from violent storms, flooding, and wildfires. We give you thanks for the many laborers called to care for your creation and pray that all might seek to be good stewards of this treasured blessing.

Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

Loving God, you promise to write your law on our hearts. Guide citizens throughout the world to shape communities that reflect your mercy, justice, and peace. Provide for them creativity to work in love for the welfare of all.

Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

Healing God, you sustain us with your bountiful Spirit. Restore the joy of all who need to know your presence: those who are lonely or feel unforgivable, those who need healing of mind or body, those who are dying, and all who grieve. We especially pray for 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, Phyllis, Martha, and the family and friends of Joyce Doyle.

Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

Empowering God, through Jesus we hear the call to follow him in life and death. May all congregations seek ongoing faith formation and a desire for discipleship. Equip all who provide leadership and education for faith formation. Be specifically with those here at Trinity Lutheran: Harry Short; Robert Short; Edgar & Karen Shrader; Shawn, Kristine, Evan, & Ethan Shreffler; Betty Simpson & Ashley Kilburn; Donald Sleighter; Samuel & Marilyn Small; Aaron & Dawn Smith; Donald & Beverly Smith; and Lindsay & Alex Smith. Give us your truth and wisdom as we share our ministry gifts with others.

Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

Glorifying God, in the cross of Christ, your name is glorified. We praise you for those who have given us both spoken and sung words to worship you. Be with all who mourn the loss of a loved one and remind us of the hope we have in the resurrection, where at that time all those who have died in Christ will be united.

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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*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 honor of Tammy McDonald's birthday,
by her family.*



**LAST WEEKS ATTENDANCE:
Sunday, March 14, 2021**

In-Person 49

Online Worship Service Views: 188

STEWARDSHIP SNIPPET

*"Very 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." – John 12:24*

In this week's gospel Jesus speaks about his coming death
and outlines what it means to truly follow him.
Like Jesus, we are called to go the second mile,
to put aside self-interest for the sake of the gospel
and serve God and neighbor willingly.

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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"*