Fourth Sunday of Lent

Sunday, March 10, 2024 - Traditional Service with Holy Communion GAVE HIS ONLY PERISH. **BUT HAVE EVERLASTING**



WELCOME TO ALL

Welcome to worship at Trinity Lutheran Church! We are glad you are here. 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.

Based on revised CDC guidance, we are no longer encouraging the wearing of masks for those attending worship, regardless of vaccination status. However, if you have symptoms, have tested positive for Covid or been exposed to someone with Covid-19, we ask that you do wear a mask. Please feel free to continue wearing a mask in worship for your safety, if desired.

This guidance may change if our risk level changes.

Bathrooms are located down the hall from the side entrance to the sanctuary.

Children are always welcome during worship, but if desired,
there is a nursery in room 107 available for children ages birth to school age.

Please be aware that we are streaming our services. If you do not wish to be on camera please contact the church office.

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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 use the Chapel beside the office if you desire silent prayer before worship.

PRELUDE

"Rhosymedre"

R. Vaughan Williams

GATHERING

Please stand as you are able.

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Blessed be the holy Trinity, + one God, who writes the law on our hearts, who draws all people together through Jesus. **Amen.**

Held in God's mercy, let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

Silence is kept for reflection.

Holy God,
we confess that we are caught in snares of sin
and cannot break free.
We hoard resources while our neighbors
are hungry and cold.
We speak in ways that silence others.
We are silent when we should speak up.
We keep score in our hearts.
We let hurts grow into hatred.
For all these things and for sins only you know,
forgive us, Lord.
Amen.

Here is a flood of grace:
Out of love for the whole world,
God draws near to us,
breaks every snare of sin,
washes away our wrongs,
and restores the promise of life through + Jesus Christ.
Amen.

"What Wondrous Love Is This"



Text: North American folk hymn, 19th cent., alt. Music: WONDROUS LOVE, W. Walker, Southern Harmony, 1835; arr. Paul J. Christiansen, 1914–1997, alt. Arr. © 1955 Augsburg Publishing House, admin. Augsburg Fortress.

APOSTOLIC 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.

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

Though God provides food and water for the Israelites in the wilderness, they whine and grumble. They forget about the salvation they experienced in the exodus. God punishes them for their sin, but when they repent God also provides a means of healing: a bronze serpent lifted up on a pole.

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.

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



We will speak the Psalm responsively.

You deliver your people from their distress. (Ps. 107:19)

¹Give thanks to the LORD, for the LORD is good, for God's mercy endures forever.

²Let 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.

¹⁷Some 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.

¹⁹Then 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.

²¹Let 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

While we were dead in our sinfulness, God acted to make us alive as a gift of grace in Christ Jesus. We are saved not by what we do but by grace through faith. Thus our good works are really a reflection of God's grace at work in our lives.

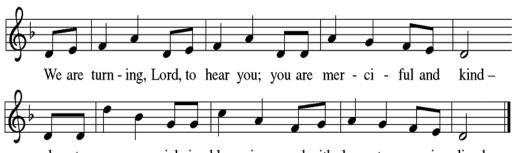
¹You were dead through the trespasses and sins ²in which you once lived, following the course of this world, following the ruler of the power of the air, the spirit that is now at work among those who are disobedient. ³All of us once lived among them in the passions of our flesh, following the desires 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, ⁵so that in the ages to come he might show the immeasurable riches of his grace in kindness toward us in Christ Jesus. ⁵For by grace you have been saved through faith, and this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God - ⁰not 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.

Word of God. Word of Life.

Thanks be to God!

Please stand as you are able.

LENTEN ACCLAMATION



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

GOSPEL John 3:14-21

To explain the salvation of God to the religious leader, Nicodemus, Jesus refers to the scripture passage quoted in today's first reading. Just as those who looked upon the bronze serpent were healed, so people will be saved when they behold Christ lifted up on the cross.

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."

The Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

Please be seated.

CHILDREN'S SERMON

SERMON Pastor Barb Barry

SPECIAL MUSIC

"Wondrous Love Medley"
Gloria McCauley

arr. Ham

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

Names of family & friends in prayer found on page 17.

A brief silence.

Response following each petition:

L: Hear us, O God.

R: Your mercy is great.

SHARING OF THE PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you always. And also with you!

MEAL

OFFERING

Thank you for your generous and faithful support. We are not currently passing the collection plates; instead you may place your offerings in the plates provided by the door as you enter or exit worship. If you prefer, Trinity offers five other ways to give as well: Text, Mail, Mobile, Automatic Transfer, and Online.

Contact the church office for details.



THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

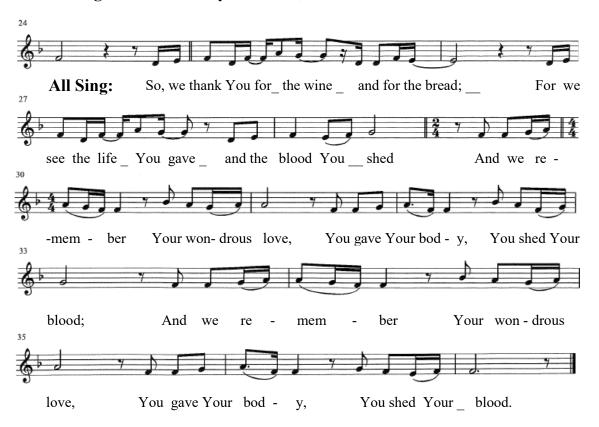
We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

Pastor sings: ...and as you drink it, remember Me...



THE LORD'S PRAYER

Remember us in Your kingdom, and teach us to pray,

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.

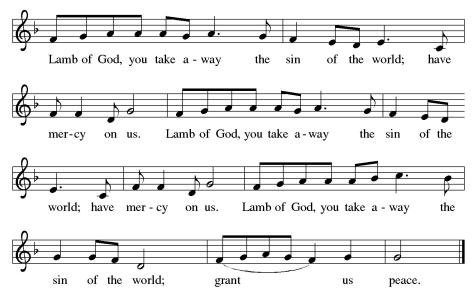
For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever and ever.

Amen.

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

Bread for the journey. A feast for hungry hearts. Come!

Thanks be to God.



COMMUNION DISTRIBUTION INFORMATION

God loves you! All are welcome at the Lord's Table.
Communicants are ushered forward row-by-row.
Please open your hand and the pastor will place the bread in your hand.
Once you have eaten the bread, the communion assistant will offer you
a cup of wine or juice from the tray.
Wine is red. Juice is white.
After drinking, you may return to your seat along the side aisle.



Please stand as you are able.

COMMUNION BLESSING
THE POST COMMUNION PRAYER
SENDING
THE BENEDICTION

CLOSING HYMN ELW 714

"O God of Mercy, God of Light"



Text: Godfrey Thring, 1823–1903, alt. Music: JUST AS I AM, Joseph Barnby, 1838–1896; arr. hymnal version Arr. © 2006 Augsburg Fortress.

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Share your bread.

Thanks be to God.

Please be seated.

POSTLUDE

"Fugue in A minor"

Bach

Altar Flowers are given to the Glory of God and in appreciation to Pastor Barb for our wonderful Sunday school class by Paul and Bert Kolva.





The children's bulletins are given to the Glory of God and in honor of Trinity's children by Dave and Becky Morningstar.

LAST WEEKS ATTENDANCE:		
Sunday, March 3, 2024:	108	
Online views:	90	

Next week's Lessons:

Jeremiah 31:31-34

Psalm 51:1-12

Hebrews 5:5-10

John 12:20-33





SEWING GROUP

March 27, 2024 at 11 AM at Linda S's home. For more info call/email the church office.

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Please contact the Church Office.

The sale benefits Luther Ridge Community Residents.



THOUGHTS PRAYERS



We Pray For

FAMILY & FRIENDS

Family and Friends of Tammy McDonald Greg Wilson PJ Snider Family and Friends of Dodie Tash **Becky Morningstar** Deb Hutsler Family and Friends of Doug Price Judy Wrights Thomas Clarke John Seilhamer Brenda Zullinger Diane Sterner **Bob Shannon** Paul Stockhausen Marlene Fisher Jean Baughman Stanley Shilling Mary Royce Sharon Emmons Shirley Shilling Phyllis Dusman Joanne Forrester Denny Verner Floss Sterner Angela Krom Bea Clark Curt Stambaugh Denny Alleman Cheryl Kelly Linda Remson Kathy Largent Sue Lenshower Cameron Kathy Hoffman Doris Krieble

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**Names may be added / removed by calling the church office.
**Names will normally be removed after <u>4 weeks.</u>

OFFERING

Total Budgeted Giving Expected as of March 3, 2024: \$273,461.75 Amount received as of March 3: \$301,090.47 Thank You!

TRINITY EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH WEEKLY ANNOUNCEMENTS

MARCH SPECIAL OFFERING

Lutheran Camping Corp. & SpiriTrust Lutheran Home Care Endowment

One of our special benevolence appeals for the month of March is for Camp Nawakwa (Lutheran Camping Corporation). Each year members of Trinity attend camp or Confirmation retreat at Camp Nawakwa, Kirchenwald or Wittel Farm. It is a wonderful facility.

SpiriTrust Lutheran Home Care Endowment provides benevolent care resources that offer hope to individuals who, through no fault of their own, have outlived their financial resources and cannot afford the services they need. Gifts for these critical resources provide much needed services for hospice and home health clients. Your contributions to these appeals are greatly appreciated.



LARC LENTEN SERVICES at 7:00 PM

Theme:

Drawing Nearer to God Soup Supper will be served at 5:30 PM at the hosting Church

March 13 - Suffering Servant

First Lutheran
43 W. Washington Street, Chambersburg
Mother Pat Dickson

March 20 - Lamb of God

Solomon's Lutheran 4856 Wayne Road, Chambersburg Father Allan Wolfe

March 20th - Newsletter Deadline



Dutch Mill Bulbs Fundraiser

Support

BSA Troop 135

Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church

Show your support with the purchase of quality flower bulbs that ship right to you!

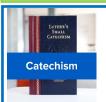
For more information, please check out the March Newsletter.





Support this new Youth Fundraiser:

Proceeds to support the Youth Gathering. The youth are selling quarts of homemade soup for the next 4 weeks after worship in the hallway. \$12 per quart. Return the jar from the previous week: \$10 per quart. **Mar 10**: Stuffed Pepper; **Mar 17**: Vegetable Soup



A Confirmation 101 refresher class continues on Sunday at 9AM in the Lounge.

The class will run for 6 to 8 weeks during the Sunday School hour. The next topic on March 17th will be The Commandments Part 2. Come join us in deepening your understanding of the basics of faith and encounter Christ in exciting new ways.

THIS WEEK @ TRINITY		
Sunday - 3/10/24	9:00 AM 10:00 AM	Learning for all Ages: Confirmation 101 Refresher Class Confirmation - Cloud 9 2 nd to 5 th Grade - Library Preschool to 1 st Grade - Nursery Worship - Sanctuary Fourth Sunday in Lent
Monday - 3/11/24	6 - 8:00 PM 6 - 7:00 PM 7:00 - 8:30 PM	Bible and Brew Boy Troop Committee Meeting - Scout Room Boy Troop - Scout Room
Tuesday - 3/12/24	630 PM 9 - 5:00 Pm	Council - Lounge Conference - Lounge/Social Hall/Sanctuary
Wednesday - 3/13/24	10:00 AM 5:30 PM 5:30 PM 7:00 PM 7:00 PM	Service - Lounge Yoga - Social Hall Soup Supper at First Lutheran LARC Lenten Service at First Lutheran Choir - Sanctuary
Thursday - 3/14/24	7:00 PM	Grief Share - Lounge
Friday - 3/15/24	5:00 - 8:00 PM 6:00 - 8:00 PM 8:00 - 10:00 PM	Discover Dance Works - Social Hall Cub Scouts - Scout Room Girl Troop - Scout Room
Saturday - 3/16/24		National Quilting Day
Sunday - 3/17/24 HADDY St. Patricles: DAY	9:00 AM 10:00 AM	Learning for all Ages: Confirmation 101 Refresher Class Confirmation - Cloud 9 2 nd to 5 th Grade - Library Preschool to 1 st Grade - Nursery Worship - Sanctuary Fifth Sunday in Lent



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"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"