

Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church

"A family where Christ is Head and the entire congregation are ministers."

Rev. Jonathan Meraz ~ Pastor

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Fourth
Sunday
in Lent



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WiFi Password – HelloFriend

A Special Welcome to those who are worshipping with us for the first time. No matter who we are or where we come from, we all have this in common: God has chosen us in Christ to be His own. We hope you feel welcome and that your experience here is meaningful and will be lasting. **All members and guests are asked to fill out the Welcome Book** and join us in the Welcome Center after the service for fellowship.

Surge, then, first of all, that requests, prayers, intercession and thanksgiving be made for everyone.

PRAYERS HAVE BEEN REQUESTED FOR – Richard Ball, Ben Berteau, Louise Brodeur, Sarah Capehart, JoNell Chadwick, Anne Combes, Howard Copeland, Jacque Czapinski, Victor Duarte, Charlotte Gunther, Gerry Harger, Kristen Helgeson, Jean Ingmire, Terry Ingmire, Doris Lass, Paul Lass, Susan Lass, Ida “Reggie” Licht, Sam Locklear, Emma McKenzie, Brenda Pendry, Viola Person, Erika Straddeck, Bettie Terrell, Marilyn Vaughan, Shirley Whitson and Ben Wolvin.

LIFTING UP OUR DEPLOYED MILITARY IN PRAYER – Ian Bugbee

On Palm Sunday, April 9th, there will only be ONE SERVICE at 10:00 am. Everyone is invited to join us to celebrate the Confirmation and First Communion of Jeanette Gilson and Ana Mallie. A reception to honor the confirmands will be held immediately following the service.

Today’s Worship Participants

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| Greeter | xxxxx/xxxxx |
| Usher | Jack Carter & Tyler Williams /Justin Malone & Craig Bayse |
| Acolytes | Ana Mallie/Shelby Blaker |
| Lector | Linda Blaker/Julie Meraz |
| Host/ess | Anna Carter/xxxxx |
| Children’s Sermon | Chaplain Prince |

Participants for Next Sunday

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| Greeter | xxxxx/xxxxx |
| Usher | Jack Carter & Bud Hubert/Doug Sulak & John Knickelbein |
| Acolytes | Janet Gould/Justin Malone |
| Lector | Cathy George/John Butcher |
| Communion Assistant | Ralph George/Jeff Ingmire |
| Host/ess | Sharyn Leiding/xxxxx |
| Children’s Sermon | Judy Sykes |



Our nursery is for children from infancy through preschool age and is located past the foyer to the left of the Sanctuary. In addition, there is a “cry room” located between the Narthex and Nursery for children under parental supervision. There is a video monitor and speakers inside so that you may see and hear the service from the cry room.

Welcome and Announcements

Prelude

Processional Hymn

Jesus, Priceless Treasure

LSB 743



1 Je - sus, price-less trea - sure, Fount of pur - est plea - sure,
 2 In Thine arms I rest me; Foes who would mo - lest me
 3 Sa - tan, I de - fy thee; Death, I now de - cry thee;
 4 Hence, all earth - ly trea - sure! Je - sus is my plea - sure,



Tru - est friend to me, Ah, how long in an - guish
 Can - not reach me here. Though the earth be shak - ing,
 Fear, I bid thee cease. World, thou shalt not harm me
 Je - sus is my choice. Hence, all emp - ty glo - ry!



Shall my spir - it lan - guish, Yearn - ing, Lord, for Thee?
 Ev - 'ry heart be quak - ing, Je - sus calms my fear.
 Nor thy threats a - larm me While I sing of peace.
 Naught to me thy sto - ry Told with tempt - ing voice.



Thou art mine, O Lamb di - vine! I will suf - fer
 Light - nings flash And thun - ders crash; Yet, though sin and
 God's great pow'r Guards ev - 'ry hour; Earth and all its
 Pain or loss, Or shame or cross, Shall not from my



naught to hide Thee; Naught I ask be - side Thee.
 hell as - sail me, Je - sus will not fail me.
 depths a - dore Him, Si - lent bow be - fore Him.
 Sav - ior move me Since He deigns to love me.

Stanzas 5 and 6 on next page

5 Evil world, I leave thee;
Thou canst not deceive me,
Thine appeal is vain.
Sin that once did blind me,
Get thee far behind me,
Come not forth again.
Past thy hour,
O pride and pow'r;
Sinful life, thy bonds I sever,
Leave thee now forever.

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6 Hence, all fear and sadness!
For the Lord of gladness,
Jesus, enters in.
Those who love the Father,
Though the storms may gather,
Still have peace within.
Yea, whate'er
I here must bear,
Thou art still my purest pleasure,
Jesus, priceless treasure!

Confession and Absolution

Stand

The sign of the cross may be made by all in remembrance of their Baptism.

P In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

P Beloved in the Lord! Let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins unto God our Father, beseeching Him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.

P Our help is in the name of the Lord,

C who made heaven and earth.

P I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord,

C and You forgave the iniquity of my sin.

Kneel/Stand

Silence for reflection on God's Word and for self-examination.

P O almighty God, merciful Father,

C I, a poor, miserable sinner, confess unto You all my sins and iniquities with which I have ever offended You and justly deserved Your temporal and eternal punishment. But I am heartily sorry for them and sincerely repent of them, and I pray You of Your boundless mercy and for the sake of the holy, innocent, bitter sufferings and death of Your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, to be gracious and merciful to me, a poor, sinful being.

P Upon this your confession, I, by virtue of my office, as a called and ordained servant of the Word, announce the grace of God unto all of you, and in the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

Stand

Service of the Word

Introit

Ps. 27:4-6; antiphon: Ps. 25:15

C My eyes are ever | toward the LORD,*
for he will pluck my feet out | of the net.
One thing have I asked of the LORD, that will I seek | after:*
that I may dwell in the house of the LORD all the days of my life, to gaze upon the
beauty of the LORD and to inquire in his | temple.
For he will hide me in his shelter in the day of | trouble;*
he will conceal me under the cover of his tent; he will lift me high up- | on a rock.
And now my head shall be lifted up above my enemies all around me, and I will offer in his
tent sacrifices with | shouts of joy;*
I will sing and make melody | to the LORD.
Glory be to the Father and | to the Son*
and to the Holy | Spirit;
as it was in the be- | ginning,*
is now, and will be forever. | Amen.
My eyes are ever | toward the LORD,*
for he will pluck my feet out | of the net.

Gloria Patri



C Glo - ry be to the Fa - ther and to the Son and to the Ho - ly Ghost;
as it was in the be - gin - ning, is now, and ev - er shall be, world with - out end. A - men.



Kyrie



C Lord, have mer - cy up - on us. Christ, have mer - cy up -
on us. Lord, have mer - cy up - on us.



Salutation and Collect of the Day

- P** The Lord be with you.
- C** And with thy spirit.
- P** Let us pray.

C Almighty God, our heavenly Father, Your mercies are new every morning; and though we deserve only punishment, You receive us as Your children and provide for all our needs of body and soul. Grant that we may heartily acknowledge Your merciful goodness, give thanks for all Your benefits, and serve You in willing obedience; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

Sit

Old Testament Reading

Isaiah 42:14–21

¹⁴For a long time I have held my peace;
I have kept still and restrained myself;
now I will cry out like a woman in labor;
I will gasp and pant.

¹⁵I will lay waste mountains and hills,
and dry up all their vegetation;
I will turn the rivers into islands,
and dry up the pools.

¹⁶And I will lead the blind
in a way that they do not know,
in paths that they have not known
I will guide them.
I will turn the darkness before them into light,
the rough places into level ground.
These are the things I do,
and I do not forsake them.

¹⁷They are turned back and utterly put to shame,
who trust in carved idols,
who say to metal images,
“You are our gods.”

¹⁸Hear, you deaf,
and look, you blind, that you may see!

¹⁹Who is blind but my servant,
or deaf as my messenger whom I send?
Who is blind as my dedicated one,
or blind as the servant of the LORD?

²⁰He sees many things, but does not observe them;
his ears are open, but he does not hear.

²¹The LORD was pleased, for his righteousness' sake,
to magnify his law and make it glorious.

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

¹³They brought to the Pharisees the man who had formerly been blind. ¹⁴Now it was a Sabbath day when Jesus made the mud and opened his eyes. ¹⁵So the Pharisees again asked him how he had received his sight. And he said to them, "He put mud on my eyes, and I washed, and I see." ¹⁶Some of the Pharisees said, "This man is not from God, for he does not keep the Sabbath." But others said, "How can a man who is a sinner do such signs?" And there was a division among them. ¹⁷So they said again to the blind man, "What do you say about him, since he has opened your eyes?" He said, "He is a prophet."

¹⁸The Jews did not believe that he had been blind and had received his sight, until they called the parents of the man who had received his sight ¹⁹and asked them, "Is this your son, who you say was born blind? How then does he now see?" ²⁰His parents answered, "We know that this is our son and that he was born blind. ²¹But how he now sees we do not know, nor do we know who opened his eyes. Ask him; he is of age. He will speak for himself." ²²(His parents said these things because they feared the Jews, for the Jews had already agreed that if anyone should confess Jesus to be Christ, he was to be put out of the synagogue.) ²³Therefore his parents said, "He is of age; ask him."

²⁴So for the second time they called the man who had been blind and said to him, "Give glory to God. We know that this man is a sinner." ²⁵He answered, "Whether he is a sinner I do not know. One thing I do know, that though I was blind, now I see." ²⁶They said to him, "What did he do to you? How did he open your eyes?" ²⁷He answered them, "I have told you already, and you would not listen. Why do you want to hear it again? Do you also want to become his disciples?" ²⁸And they reviled him, saying, "You are his disciple, but we are disciples of Moses. ²⁹We know that God has spoken to Moses, but as for this man, we do not know where he comes from." ³⁰The man answered, "Why, this is an amazing thing! You do not know where he comes from, and yet he opened my eyes. ³¹We know that God does not listen to sinners, but if anyone is a worshiper of God and does his will, God listens to him. ³²Never since the world began has it been heard that anyone opened the eyes of a man born blind. ³³If this man were not from God, he could do nothing." ³⁴They answered him, "You were born in utter sin, and would you teach us?" And they cast him out.

³⁵Jesus heard that they had cast him out, and having found him he said, "Do you believe in the Son of Man?" ³⁶He answered, "And who is he, sir, that I may believe in him?" ³⁷Jesus said to him, "You have seen him, and it is he who is speaking to you." ³⁸He said, "Lord, I believe," and he worshiped him. ³⁹Jesus said, "For judgment I came into this world, that those who do not see may see, and those who see may become blind." ⁴⁰Some of the Pharisees near him heard these things, and said to him, "Are we also blind?" ⁴¹Jesus said to them, "If you were blind, you would have no guilt; but now that you say, 'We see,' your guilt remains.

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.



C Praise be to Thee, O Christ.

Apostles' Creed

C I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth.

And in Jesus Christ, His 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. The third day He rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life ✠ everlasting. Amen.

Sit

Children's Message

Hymn of the Day

God Loved the World So That He Gave

LSB 571



1 God loved the world so that He gave His on - ly
2 Christ Je - sus is the ground of faith, Who was made
3 God would not have the sin - ner die; His Son with
4 Be of good cheer, for God's own Son For - gives all



Son the lost to save, That all who would in
flesh and suf - fered death; All then who trust in
sav - ing grace is nigh; His Spir - it in the
sins which you have done; And, jus - ti - fied by



Him be - lieve Should ev - er - last - ing life re - ceive.
Him a - lone Are built on this chief cor - ner - stone.
Word de - clares How we in Christ are heav - en's heirs.
Je - sus' blood, Your Bap - tism grants the high - est good.

5 If you are sick, if death is near,
This truth your troubled heart can cheer:
Christ Jesus saves your soul from death;
That is the firmest ground of faith.

6 Glory to God the Father, Son,
And Holy Spirit, Three in One!
To You, O blessèd Trinity,
Be praise now and eternally!

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Sermon

P The peace of God, which passes all understanding, keep your hearts and minds in Christ Jesus.

C Amen.

Stand

Offertory



C Cre - ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re -
new a right spir - it with - in me. Cast me not a -
way from Thy pres - ence, and take not Thy Ho - ly Spir - it
from me. Re - store un - to me the joy of Thy sal - va -
tion, and up - hold me with Thy free spir - it. A - men.

Sit

Offering *Please take this time to sign in the Welcome Book at the end of your pew.*

(Loose coins directly support LCMS families studying for the ministry through Coins for Christ.)

Stand

Prayer of the Church

P: Lord, in your mercy...

C:hear our prayer.

Lord's Prayer

C 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.



C For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the
glo - ry for - ev - er and ev - er. A - men.

Salutation and Benedicamus

P The Lord be with you.



C And with thy spir - it.

P Bless we the Lord.



C Thanks be to God.

Benediction

P The Lord bless you and keep you.
The Lord make His face shine upon you and be gracious unto you.
The Lord lift up His countenance upon you and ✠ give you peace.



C A-men, a-men, a - men.

Recessional Hymn

Beautiful Savior

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1 Beau - ti - ful Sav - ior, King of cre - a - tion, Son of
2 Fair are the mead - ows, Fair are the wood - lands, Robed in
3 Fair is the sun - shine, Fair is the moon - light, Bright the
4 Beau - ti - ful Sav - ior, Lord of the na - tions, Son of



God and Son of Man! Tru - ly I'd love Thee, Tru - ly I'd
flow'rs of bloom - ing spring; Je - sus is fair - er, Je - sus is
spar - kling stars on high; Je - sus shines bright - er, Je - sus shines
God and Son of Man! Glo - ry and hon - or, Praise, ad - o -



serve Thee, Light of my soul, my joy, my crown.
pur - er, He makes our sor - r'wing spir - it sing.
pur - er Than all the an - gels in the sky.
ra - tion Now and for - ev - er - more be Thine!

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Sharing the Peace of Christ

Following the service, the people may greet one another in the name of the Lord, saying, "Peace be with you," as a sign of reconciliation and of the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace (Mat. 5:22–24; Eph. 4:1–3).

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THIS WEEK AT TRINITY

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| Sunday, March 26 th | Fourth Sunday in Lent | |
| | Worship Service | 8:30 & 11:00 am |
| | Sunday School | 9:45 am |
| | Adult Bible Class | 10:00 am |
| | Bowling League | 6:30 pm |
| | Confirmation Class | 4:30 pm |
| Monday, March 27 th | Lenten Soup Supper | 5:30 pm |
| | Lenten Worship Service | 7:00 pm |
| Wednesday, March 29 th | Choir | 8:00 pm |
| | Ladies Weekly Bible Study | 11:30 am |
| | Fifth Sunday in Lent | |
| Thursday, March 30 th | Communion Worship Service | 8:30 & 11:00 am |
| Sunday, April 2 nd | Sunday School | 9:45 am |
| | Adult Bible Class | 10:00 am |

Scriptures for April 2nd

Ezekiel 37:1-14 ~ Romans 8:1-11 ~ John 11:1-45

Our next Lenten Worship Service is on Wednesday, March 29th at 7:00 pm. Join us each week for these special services as we reflect upon God's gift of forgiveness and life. **A Soup Supper will be held beforehand at 5:30 pm.** Please look on the Volunteer Board in the Welcome Center for more information and to sign up to bring in a pot of soup.

SANCTUARY CLEANING – VOLUNTEERS NEEDED - We will be meeting on Saturday morning, April 8th at 9:00 a.m. to clean the sanctuary in preparation for our Easter Services. Men will start with cleaning the rafters at 9:00 a.m. and the ladies will begin dusting at 10:00 a.m. Bring your dust rags, towels, etc. We welcome all men and women who can lend a hand.



AN EASTER LILY sign-up sheet is on the LWML bulletin board in the office hallway. Cost per lily will be \$10.00. **Order deadline is TODAY, March 26th.** The lilies beautify our sanctuary on Easter Sunday and may be taken home following the late service. Please make checks payable to LWML.

Sunday, March 19, 2017
Worship Attendance – 39/46=85
General Offerings - \$1,998.00