

Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church

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

Rev. Jonathan Meraz ~ Pastor
Stephen Pratt ~ Director of Music

Fourth
Sunday
in Lent



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Good Morning and a Special Welcome to all who are worshipping with us today. Trinity is a liturgical Lutheran church using the Divine Service as written in the Lutheran Service Book. Today's Divine Service is printed for you in this bulletin. Today's service is being live streamed to YouTube and will be available later in the day on Trinity's Facebook page and Website. When communion is served, the receiving of communion will not be recorded to preserve the sanctity of the sacrament. During this time, the recording will be directed to the stained-glass window above the altar so communion hymns can still be shared. By entering the service, you consent to the video recording to be used for live streaming, inclusion on our web site and Facebook, and/or any other purpose by Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church. We hope that your experience here is meaningful and will be lasting.

PRAYERS HAVE BEEN REQUESTED FOR – Flo and Richard Ball, Talma Butcher, Sandi Cullop, Gregg Dyakon, Helen Everett, Pat Gregory, Jeanne Greif, Terry Ingmire, Paul Lass, Julie and Sam Locklear, Pastor Jonathan and Julie Meraz, Patrick Mick, Brenda Pendry, Helena Pett, Scott and Natasha Thieman, Marc Vernick, Sarah Von Moll, Leslie Waller.

Today's Worship Participants

Lector

Julie Meraz

Participants for Next Sunday

Lector

Anna Carter

Communion Assistant

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Areas of church to be open to congregation during Phase 3 –

Parking lot entrance only - Hallway inside parking lot doors - Sanctuary - Two Restrooms on parking lot side of building

Bible Study and Church Service –

1. Services will be livestreamed for those who do not feel comfortable attending in person.
2. There will be Worship at 10 AM on Sundays. (during Phase 3 there will no fellowship in the Welcome Center or Sunday School).
3. Bulletins will not be handed to you but will be in the pews when you come in. **Please sit in these pews only. Singles may sit on the opposite ends of a pew.**
4. The content of the service will be under the discretion of the Pastor and the Director of Music.

Offering - An offering plate has been placed by the entrance/exit door so that you may leave your tithe.

**The most important act of giving
is to first give ourselves to the Lord.**

...they gave themselves first to the Lord.

2 Corinthians 8:5

Fourth Sunday in Lent

March 14, 2021

The congregation sits quietly. Please be aware that some people use the time prior to the service for reflection and meditation in the sanctuary. Please respect this time of silence.

Organ Chorale

My Faith Looks Up to Thee

Karl Osterland

Welcome and Announcements

Stand (as you are able)

Opening Hymn

There Is a Redeemer



1 There is a Re - deem - er— Je - sus, God's own Son;
2 Je - sus, my Re - deem - er, Name a - bove all names;
3 When I stand in glo - ry, I will see His face;



Pre - cious Lamb of God, Mes-si - ah, Ho - ly One.
Pre - cious Lamb of God, Mes-si - ah, Hope for sin - ners slain.
There I'll serve my King for-ev - er In that ho - ly place.

Refrain



Thank You, O my Fa - ther, For giv-ing us Your Son,



And leav - ing Your Spir-it Till the work on earth is done.

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Confession and Absolution

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 If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.

C But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

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

P Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.

- C** Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. We have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved You with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways to the glory of Your holy name. Amen.
- P** Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- C** Amen.

Service of the Word

Introit

The LORD is my light and my salvation; whom shall I fear?

The LORD is the stronghold of my life; of whom shall I be afraid?

Though an army encamp against me, my heart shall not fear;

though war arise against me, yet I will be confident.

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 upon a rock.

Glory be to the Father and to the Son

and to the Holy Spirit;

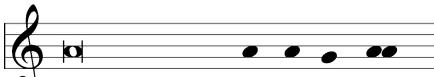
as it was in the beginning,

is now, and will be forever. Amen.

The LORD is my light and my salvation; whom shall I fear?

The LORD is the stronghold of my life; of whom shall I be afraid?

Kyrie



P In peace let us pray to the Lord.



C Lord, have mer - cy.



P For the peace from a-bove and for our sal-va-tion let us pray to the Lord.



G Lord, have mer - cy.



P For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God,



and for the uni-ty of all let us pray to the Lord.



G Lord, have mer - cy.



P For this holy house and for all who offer here their wor-ship and praise



let us pray to the Lord.



G Lord, have mer - cy.



P Help, save, comfort, and de-fend us, gra-cious Lord.



G A - men.

Salutation and Collect of the Day

P The Lord be with you.

C And also with you.

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. Amen.**

Sit

Old Testament Reading

Numbers 21:4–9

⁴From Mount Hor they set out by the way to the Red Sea, to go around the land of Edom. And the people became impatient on the way. ⁵And the 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 loathe this worthless food.” ⁶Then the LORD sent fiery serpents among the people, and they bit the people, so that many people of Israel died. ⁷And the people came to Moses and said, “We have sinned, for we have spoken against the LORD and against you. Pray to the LORD, that he take away the serpents from us.” So Moses prayed for the people. ⁸And the LORD said to Moses, “Make a fiery serpent and set it on a pole, and everyone who is bitten, when he sees it, shall live.” ⁹So Moses made a bronze serpent and set it on a pole. And if a serpent bit anyone, he would look at the bronze serpent and live.

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Gradual

C **[O come, let us fix our eyes on] Jesus,
the founder and perfecter of our faith,
who for the joy that was set before him endured the cross, despising the shame,
and is seated at the right hand of the throne of God.**

Epistle

Ephesians 2:1–10

¹And you were dead in the trespasses and sins ²in which you once walked, following the course of this world, following the prince of the power of the air, the spirit that is now at work in the sons of disobedience— ³among whom we all once lived in the passions of our flesh, carrying out the desires of the body and the mind, and were by nature children of wrath, like the rest of mankind. ⁴But God, being rich in mercy, because of the great love with which he loved us, ⁵even when we were dead in 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 coming ages 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 a result of works, so that no one may boast.¹⁰For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand, that we should walk in them.

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Music for Meditation

To You, O Lord
Lynn Hubert, soprano

Marty Haugen

Stand

Holy Gospel

John 3:14–21

P The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the third chapter.

C Glory to You, O Lord.

¹⁴[Jesus said:] “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, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life. ¹⁷For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him. ¹⁸Whoever believes in him is not condemned, but whoever does not believe is condemned already, because he has not believed in the name of the only Son of God. ¹⁹And this is the judgment: the light has come into the world, and people loved the darkness rather than the light because their deeds were evil. ²⁰For everyone who does wicked things hates the light and does not come to the light, lest his deeds should be exposed. ²¹But whoever does what is true comes to the light, so that it may be clearly seen that his deeds have been carried out in God.”

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to You, O Christ.

Sit

Hymn of the Day

God Loved the World So That He Gave



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.

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

Sermon

Stand

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.

Prayer of the Church

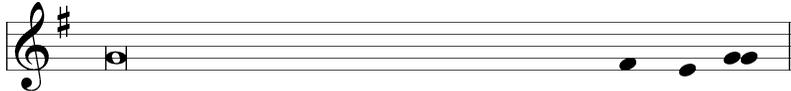
P Lord, in your mercy...

Chear 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.
 For Thine is the kingdom
 and the power and the glory
 forever and ever. Amen.

Benediction



P The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you. The Lord look upon you with favor and ✠ give you peace.



Closing Hymn

When I Survey the Wondrous Cross



1 When I sur - vey the won - drous cross On which the
2 For - bid it, Lord, that I should boast Save in the
3 See, from His head, His hands, His feet Sor - row and
4 Were the whole realm of na - ture mine, That were a



Prince of Glo - ry died, My rich - est gain I
death of Christ, my God; All the vain things that
love flow min - gled down! Did e'er such love and
trib - ute far too small; Love so a - maz - ing,



count but loss And pour con - tempt on all my pride.
charm me most, I sac - ri - fice them to His blood.
sor - row meet Or thorns com - pose so rich a crown?
so di - vine, De - mands my soul, my life, my all!

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Instructions will be given on exiting the building one pew at a time. Please continue exiting thru the parking lot doors to the parking lot in an orderly manner to ensure there is social distancing. We will not be using the front entrance at all.

Organ Chorale

Ah, Holy Jesus

Helmut Walcha

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The ladies of the LWML will be sponsoring a TAKE OUT ONLY luncheon for Lent this year *and* an Easter Bake Sale. You will find flyers with envelopes for both fundraisers in the bulletin this morning if you would like to purchase any of these items. Please make checks payable to LWML. The Lenten Lunch deadline is TODAY and orders for the Easter Baked Goods are due by Sunday, March 28th.



The proceeds from this benefit will go to the LWML Ways and Means Fund for missions.

TRINITARIAN articles are due by March 15th for the April/May/June issue. Please place your article in the Trinitarian mailbox or email to tlc@trinitylutherannorfolk.org.

Special Ministries will be collecting NEW Pajamas for babies through children's size 14 starting January 31, 2021 and running until March 31, 2021. This will be our first time collecting the pajamas and we are excited about supporting the *Pajama Jams*' Mission.

Pajama Jams' Mission is Simple: to Bring Comfort to Children in their Time of Need. Every child deserves to feel the love and security that ensures peaceful sleep. *Pajama Jams* accomplishes this with gifts of pajamas. But, as the need in our area has grown, so has their need for extended support.



Pajama Jams is a Virginia Beach-based, 501(c)3 organization dedicated to delivering new pajamas to children in need in Hampton Roads. Since 2009, more than 10,000 local children in Hampton Roads have benefitted from Pajama Jams. The charity collects pajamas year 'round and distributes them during the holiday season.

Please leave pajamas in the collection box in the hallway before entering church.

PORTALS OF PRAYER for April - June are now available. You may pick one up from the front pew as you exit this morning.



If you would like to purchase an EASTER LILY to grace the altar on Easter this year, you will need to email or call the Church Office with your designation. Cost per lily will be \$10.00 and must be paid for in advance. The lilies beautify our sanctuary signifying the Resurrection of Our Lord and may be taken home following the service. The deadline for ordering is March 28th. Please make checks payable to LWML and drop them in the offering plate or mail to the Church Office. Please make the notation of "EASTER LILY" in the memo line.

THIS WEEK AT TRINITY

Today, March 14th

Fourth Sunday in Lent

Worship Service

10:00 am

Council Meeting

Following Worship

Wednesday, March 17th

Mid-Week Recorded Lenten Service available online

Sunday, March 21st

Fifth Sunday in Lent

Worship Service

10:00 am

Pick Up Lenten Lunches

11:30 am

Scriptures for March 21st

Jeremiah 31:31-34 ~ Hebrews 5:1-10 ~ Mark 10:35-45
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Sunday, March 7, 2021 Worship Attendance - 53 General Offerings - \$2,836.00
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Budget Update – February 2021

Monthly Revenues	\$23,363.57
Monthly Expenses	\$19,816.83
Year to date Revenues	\$43,358.57
Year to date Expenses	\$40,143.17
Year to date: Actual Revenue less Actual Expenses	\$3,215.40
<i>Christian stewardship is the free and joyous activity of the child of God and God's family, the church, in managing all of life and life's resources for God's purposes.</i>	