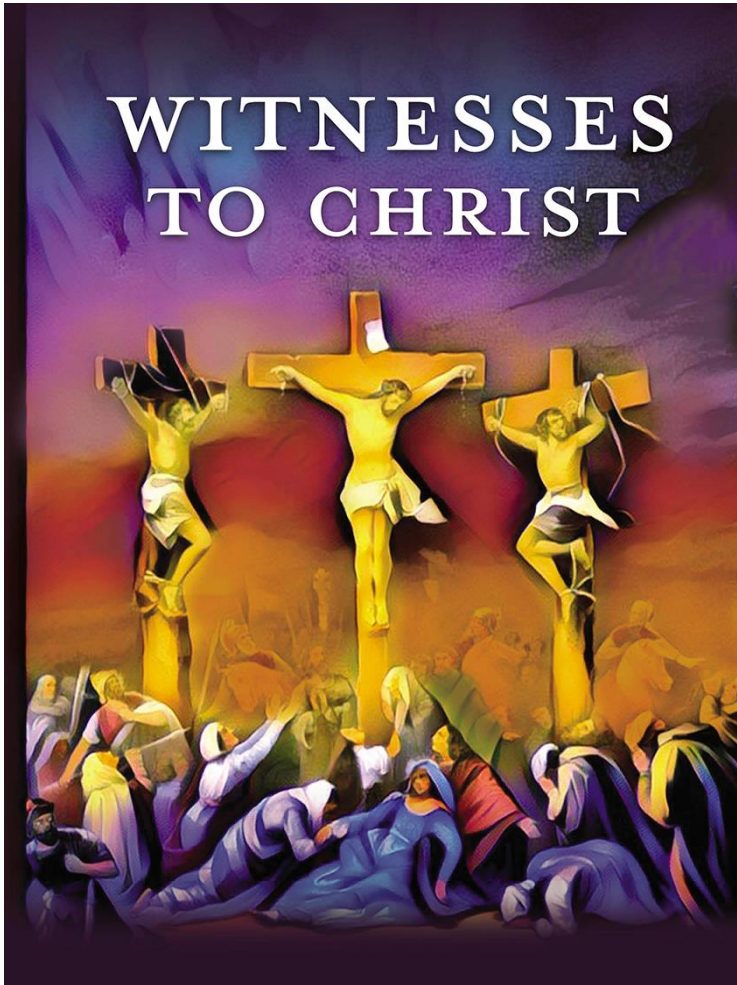


Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church

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

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AS WE GATHER

Simon Peter witnessed much of Christ's ministry on earth. He is featured in many highlights of the four Gospels, but today we see Peter at his lowest point, as he denies Jesus three times. The result of Peter's denial is a massive amount of guilt. Each of us can relate to that unwanted flood of self-disgust that comes when we remember past sin. But guilt is not the final word for Peter, and it is not the final word for us. After His resurrection, Jesus restores and forgives Peter. Jesus offered Peter grace. Jesus also gives us grace, forgiveness, and restoration at the cross.



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WiFi Password – HelloFriend

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. 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.



Our next Lenten Service is Wednesday, March 13th, at 7:00 pm. It will be preceded by a “Soup Supper” Lenten meal, from 5:30 to 6:30pm. **Please come and share in the fellowship of this holy season.** If you would like to provide soup for a Wednesday evening, sign-up sheets are on the Volunteer Bulletin Board in the Welcome Center. Thank you for your support.

ALL LOOSE COINS placed in the offering plate directly assist our future pastors with their education through Concordia Seminary's "*COINS FOR CHRIST*" program.



EASTER LILY SIGN-UP - A sign-up sheet is on the LWML bulletin board in the office hallway. Cost per lily will be \$10.00. Order deadline is March 17th. The lilies beautify our sanctuary on Easter Sunday and may be taken home following the Worship Service.

Participants in Worship This Evening

Vacancy Pastor
Music Director
Greeter
Video Stream

*Pastor Timothy Utton
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Midweek 3 of Lent

March 6, 2024

Prelude

Cross of Jesus, Cross of Sorrow

Stainer

Welcome and Announcements

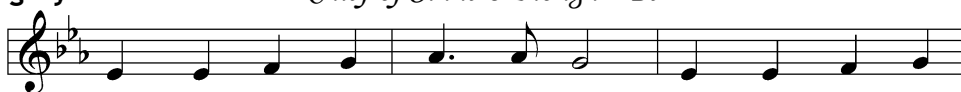
Congregation sits in silence

Stand

Opening Hymn

Chief of Sinners Though I Be

LSB 611



1 Chief of sin - ners though I be, Je - sus shed His
2 Oh, the height of Je - sus' love, High - er than the
3 On - ly Je - sus can im - part Balm to heal the
4 Chief of sin - ners though I be, Christ is all in
5 O my Sav - ior, help af - ford By Your Spir - it



blood for me, Died that I might live on high,
heav'ns a - bove, Deep - er than the depths of sea,
wound - ed heart, Peace that flows from sin for - giv'n,
all to me; All my wants to Him are known,
and Your Word! When my way - ward heart would stray,



Lives that I might nev - er die. As the branch is
Last - ing as e - ter - ni - ty! Love that found me—
Joy that lifts the soul to heav'n, Faith and hope to
All my sor - rows are His own. He sus - tains the
Keep me in the nar - row way; Grace in time of



to the vine, I am His, and He is mine.
won - drous thought! Found me when I sought Him not.
walk with God In the way that E - noch trod.
hid - den life Safe with Him from earth - ly strife.
need sup - ply While I live and when I die.

Text: William McComb, 1793–1873, alt.
Tune: Richard Redhead, 1820–1901
Text and tune: Public domain

Invocation

- P** In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.
C Amen.

Opening Sentences

- P** As we continue our Lenten journey, we witness Peter's denial of Jesus.
C **Three times Peter denies his Lord.**
P When the rooster crows and Peter realizes what he has done,
C **he is overwhelmed with guilt.**
P Yet when Jesus is raised from the dead, He restores Peter.
C **Three times Jesus tells Peter to feed His sheep.**
P Though Peter had sinned and was filled with guilt,
C **Jesus forgives and fills Peter with grace.**

Confession and Absolution

- P** Like Peter, we have all experienced the pain and guilt of past sins. We know that we have been far from perfect. Though we follow Jesus, our thoughts, words, and actions have been poor representations of Christ to the world. Yet, in His infinite mercy, our heavenly Father invites us to return to Him for forgiveness and restoration.
C **Heavenly Father, we confess that we have sinned against You. We have denied You in what we have done and in what we have failed to do. We have failed to trust You in all things. Lord, forgive us, restore us, and remove our guilt.**
P Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die and rise for you. On account of Jesus, all of your sin has been forgiven—all of the guilt you feel has been made powerless by God's grace. 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. We are forgiven and restored by God's abundant grace.**

Psalm

Psalm 130

- P** Out of the depths
I cry to You, O LORD!
C **O Lord, hear my voice!**
Let Your ears be attentive
to the voice of my pleas for mercy!
P If You, O LORD, should mark iniquities,
O Lord, who could stand?
C **But with You there is forgiveness,**
that You may be feared.
P I wait for the LORD, my soul waits,
and in His word I hope;
C **my soul waits for the Lord**
more than watchmen for the morning,
more than watchmen for the morning.

- P** O Israel, hope in the LORD!
For with the LORD there is steadfast love,
and with Him is plentiful redemption.
- C** **And He will redeem Israel
from all his iniquities.**
- C** **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.**

Sit

Old Testament Reading

Zechariah 12:10–14

- P** The Old Testament Reading is from Zechariah, the twelfth chapter.

¹⁰“And I will pour out on the house of David and the inhabitants of Jerusalem a spirit of grace and pleas for mercy, so that, when they look on Me, on Him whom they have pierced, they shall mourn for Him, as one mourns for an only child, and weep bitterly over Him, as one weeps over a firstborn. ¹¹On that day the mourning in Jerusalem will be as great as the mourning for Hadad-rimmon in the plain of Megiddo. ¹²The land shall mourn, each family by itself: the family of the house of David by itself, and their wives by themselves; the family of the house of Nathan by itself, and their wives by themselves; ¹³the family of the house of Levi by itself, and their wives by themselves; the family of the Shimeites by itself, and their wives by themselves; ¹⁴and all the families that are left, each by itself, and their wives by themselves.”

- P** O Lord, have mercy on us.
- C** **Thanks be to God.**

Epistle

2 Corinthians 12:7–10

- P** The Epistle is from Second Corinthians, the twelfth chapter.

⁷So to keep me from being too elated by the surpassing greatness of the revelations, a thorn was given me in the flesh, a messenger of Satan to harass me, to keep me from being too elated. ⁸Three times I pleaded with the Lord about this, that it should leave me. ⁹But He said to me, “My grace is sufficient for you, for My power is made perfect in weakness.” Therefore I will boast all the more gladly of my weaknesses, so that the power of Christ may rest upon me.

¹⁰For the sake of Christ, then, I am content with weaknesses, insults, hardships, persecutions, and calamities. For when I am weak, then I am strong.

- P** O Lord, have mercy on us.
- C** **Thanks be to God.**

Holy Gospel

John 18:12–27

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

C Glory to You, O Lord.

¹²So the band of soldiers and their captain and the officers of the Jews arrested Jesus and bound Him. ¹³First they led Him to Annas, for he was the father-in-law of Caiaphas, who was high priest that year. ¹⁴It was Caiaphas who had advised the Jews that it would be expedient that one man should die for the people.

¹⁵Simon Peter followed Jesus, and so did another disciple. Since that disciple was known to the high priest, he entered with Jesus into the court of the high priest, ¹⁶but Peter stood outside at the door. So the other disciple, who was known to the high priest, went out and spoke to the servant girl who kept watch at the door, and brought Peter in. ¹⁷The servant girl at the door said to Peter, “You also are not one of this man’s disciples, are you?” He said, “I am not.” ¹⁸Now the servants and officers had made a charcoal fire, because it was cold, and they were standing and warming themselves. Peter also was with them, standing and warming himself.

¹⁹The high priest then questioned Jesus about His disciples and His teaching. ²⁰Jesus answered him, “I have spoken openly to the world. I have always taught in synagogues and in the temple, where all Jews come together. I have said nothing in secret. ²¹Why do you ask Me? Ask those who have heard Me what I said to them; they know what I said.” ²²When He had said these things, one of the officers standing by struck Jesus with his hand, saying, “Is that how You answer the high priest?” ²³Jesus answered him, “If what I said is wrong, bear witness about the wrong; but if what I said is right, why do you strike Me?” ²⁴Annas then sent Him bound to Caiaphas the high priest.

²⁵Now Simon Peter was standing and warming himself. So they said to him, “You also are not one of His disciples, are you?” He denied it and said, “I am not.” ²⁶One of the servants of the high priest, a relative of the man whose ear Peter had cut off, asked, “Did I not see you in the garden with Him?” ²⁷Peter again denied it, and at once a rooster crowed.

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

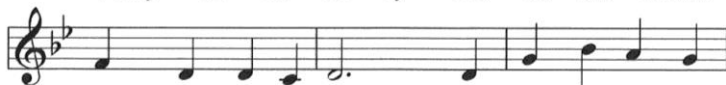
C Praise to You, O Christ.

Series Hymn

'Behold! The Lamb of God,' John Said



1 "Be - hold! The Lamb of God," John said, "Who
2 The Way— of jus - tice was de - prived; The
3 Christ's glo - ry is not seen by those Who
4 May we this ho - ly Len - ten - tide Christ's



takes all sin a - way." This Lamb is Christ, who
Truth— was o - ver - run; The Life— was all from
view God's Word as dross, For world - ly wis - dom
Pas - sion clear - ly see; This som - ber vi - sion



in our stead For sin would mute - ly pay.
Christ de - rived; God glo - ri - fies His Son!
nev - er knows How gain could come from loss.
will pro - vide The truth that sets us free.



"Be - hold your King!" by Pi - late scourged; Sin's
"I am the Bread of Life," Christ said; "My
Yet, this the glo - ry of the Christ: His
Hear John, who speaks of what he knows; Come,



hell - ish sum on Him con - verged,
sa - cred blood for all, I shed;
per - fect life He sac - ri - ficed,
fol - low on the path Christ chose:



While "Cru - ci - fy!" the hate - ful urged, Their
Who eats and drinks of Me is fed." All
His fin - ished work for all suf - ficed— Debt
The cross, the tomb from which He rose In



Sav - ior to be - tray.
death by Christ un - done.
can - celed on the cross.
joy - ous vic - to - ry!

Sermon

Stand

Magnificat *(spoken responsively)*

- P** My soul magnifies the Lord, and my spirit rejoices in God, my Savior;
C **for He has regarded the lowliness of His handmaiden.**
P For behold, from this day all generations will call me blessed.
C **For the Mighty One has done great things to me, and holy is His name;**
P and His mercy is on those who fear Him from generation to generation.
C **He has shown strength with His arm; He has scattered the proud in the imagination of their hearts.**
P He has cast down the mighty from their thrones and has exalted the lowly.
C **He has filled the hungry with good things, and the rich He has sent empty away.**
P He has helped His servant Israel in remembrance of His mercy as He spoke to our fathers, to Abraham and to his seed forever.
C **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.

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.)

Voluntary

The Word Is A Lamp

Smith

Stand

Kyrie

- P** Lord, have mercy.
C **Christ, have mercy.**
P Lord, have mercy.

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.

Prayers

P Let us pray to our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, who hears our prayers and helps us in our afflictions.

Lord, encourage all those who struggle with lingering guilt from past sins. Remind them that by Your death and resurrection, You have conquered sin and removed their guilt forever. O my Savior, help afford,

C by Your Spirit and Your Word.

P Lord, shield all those who suffer the attacks of Satan. Clothe them with Your full armor so that they might believe Your Word rather than the lies of Satan. O my Savior, help afford,

C by Your Spirit and Your Word.

P Lord, grant seasonable weather upon the earth that will nourish Your good creation. Protect us from fire, storm, and flood. Teach us how to better love, appreciate, and care for Your creation. O my Savior, help afford,

C by Your Spirit and Your Word.

P Lord, thank You for the gifts of community and friendship. Thank You for all the joy and laughter You have placed into our lives. Help us always to recognize these as Your good gifts. O my Savior, help afford,

C by Your Spirit and Your Word.

P Lord, comfort all those who worry about family and friends who have wandered from the faith. Give us patience, knowing that You continually pursue Your sheep. Help us welcome them back into Your fold with grace and love. O my Savior, help afford,

C by Your Spirit and Your Word.

P Lord, bring healing and patience to those who suffer illness and injury. O my Savior, help afford,

C by Your Spirit and Your Word.

P Lord, bring hope to all those who are grieving. By Your resurrection victory, remind them of the victory to come in Your return. O my Savior, help afford,

C by Your Spirit and Your Word.

P O God, from whom come all holy desires, all good counsels, and all just works, give to us, Your servants, that peace which the world cannot give, that our hearts may be set to obey Your commandments and also that we, being defended from the fear of our enemies, may live in peace and quietness; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

Benedicamus

P Let us bless the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Benediction

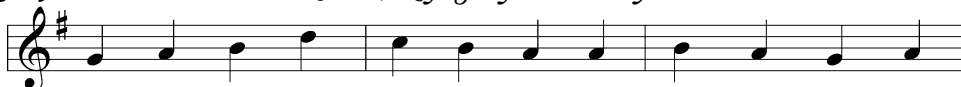
P The almighty and merciful Lord, the Father, the ✠ Son, and the Holy Spirit, bless and preserve you.

C Amen.

Closing Hymn

Jesus, Refuge of the Weary

LSB 423



1 Je - sus, ref - uge of the wea - ry, Blest Re - deem - er,
2 Do we pass that cross un - heed - ing, Breath - ing no re -
3 Je - sus, may our hearts be burn - ing With more fer - vent



whom we love, Foun - tain in life's des - ert drea - ry, Sav - ior
pen - tant vow, Though we see You wound - ed, bleed - ing, See Your
love for You; May our eyes be ev - er turn - ing To be -



from the world a - bove: Of - ten have Your eyes, of - fend - ed,
thorn - en - cir - cled brow? Yet Your sin - less death has brought us
hold Your cross a - new Till in glo - ry, part - ed nev - er



Gazed up - on the sin - ner's fall; Yet up - on the
Life e - ter - nal, peace, and rest; On - ly what Your
From the bless - ed Sav - ior's side, Grav - en in our



cross ex - tend - ed, You have borne the pain of all.
grace has taught us Calms the sin - ner's deep dis - tress.
hearts for - ev - er, Dwell the cross, the Cru - ci - fied.

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Postlude

There Is A Redeemer

Green

Trinity will be hosting an a cappella concert of historic choral works on Monday, March 18th at 6:30pm. Cantabile presents “Lift Thine Eyes”. We invite you to join us for this amazing musical performance. The concert is free.

We invite you to join us for these Lenten/Easter Activities:

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| ✝ | Lenten Midweek Soup and Bread Suppers | Wednesdays, 3/13 – 3/20/2024 |
| | 5:30 pm | |
| | Lenten Midweek Worship Services | Wednesdays, 3/13 – 3/20/2024 |
| | 7:00 pm | |
| ✝ | Palm Sunday Worship Service | 3/24/2024 |
| | 10:00 am | |
| | with Palm March and Confirmation | |
| ✝ | Maundy Thursday Communion Service | 3/28/2024 |
| | 7:00 pm | |
| ✝ | Good Friday Tenebrae Worship | 3/29/2024 |
| | 7:00 pm | |
| ✝ | Easter Sunday Breakfast | |
| | 8:30 am | |
| | Easter Sunday Festival Service | 3/31/2024 |
| | 10:00 am | |