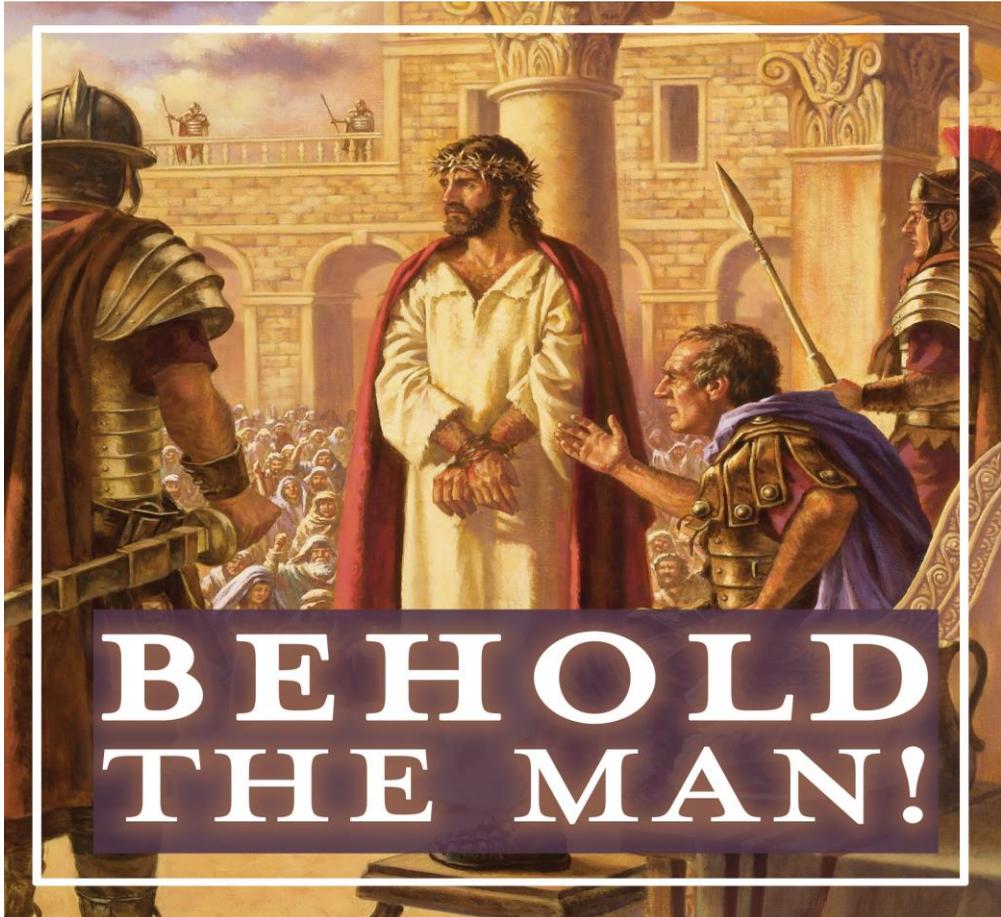


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TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH

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Welcome to Trinity Lutheran Church, and to the blessings, comfort and peace of Christ.

“Behold the man!” was Pontius Pilate’s short, yet most profound, sermon. Our endeavor this Lententide and Easter Sunday is to behold the man, God in human flesh, Jesus. Each time together, we are meditating on and proclaiming His real, bodily suffering and death as well as His physical resurrection. He knew all that real bodies experience; He suffered, wept, bled, ate, and hoped.

Do you ever speculate what you would do if you could meet God? Ask Him a question? Fall down in reverence and fear? Sing a doxology? Run away? Punch Him?

The last option is the one the official of the high priest chose. In a zealous attempt to defend the honor of the high priest, the one who exists to mediate between God and men, this official struck the incarnate God, the Messiah, the eternal Second Person of the Trinity, fist to face. And who can blame him? Sinners hate God, whose holiness is lethal to those unholy and unclean.

And yet, in the person of Jesus, God has flesh for this very purpose, to be struck. But not by men. He has flesh—cheekbones to take a punch, lungs that the wind can be knocked out of, skin that can bruise and bleed—so that He can be struck by God the Father. He is the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world. And what happens to all the lambs, offered by all the high priests since Aaron, who have the sins of the people confessed onto them? They get their throats slit, their bodies sliced, their blood poured out, and their flesh burned.

Here is the paradox of the incarnation: only a God you can punch could be a God who can forgive punches.

To join us on your phone or online you just need to connect to the **6 pm** Teleconference.

- Phone: (425) 436-6358; Access code: 367780#
- Online: <https://join.freeconferencecall.com/trinitylccortez>

TITHES AND OFFERING:

The offering plates are in the Narthex to allow you to put your offering in the plate as you enter or exit the building without having to “pass the plate” across social distancing guides. If you are worshipping from home, please mail your check or work with Carol Sperling, to setup electronic transfers.

Vespers

Opening Hymn: Behold the Man before You



1 Be - hold the man be - fore you: The One who would re -
2 Hands, feet, and shoul - ders bleed - ing, To God the Fa - ther
3 Ex - posed and bare, He cov - ers Your shame with grace that
4 Be - hold your God, here bur - ied: Your sin and sor - rows
5 Christ, God and man, is liv - ing! His ris - en bod - y



store you Stands si - lent in your stead. He waits for
 plead - ing For your own heart and soul. Come, sin - ner,
 hov - ers Up - on you night and day. His fi - nal
 car - ried In - to the earth - en tomb. But wait with
 giv - ing Proof that our Sav - ior won. Your hands will



His con - vic - tion— Your right - ful cru - ci -
 watch in won - der: His bod - y lad - en
 breath ex - pend - ed— The reign of death up -
 ex - pec - ta - tion: The Lord of your sal -
 raise to bless Him, Your lips will e'er con -



fix - ion. He bows His ho - ly, wea - ry head.
 un - der The ran - som of your sin in whole.
 end - ed. His ver - dict kills the dev - il's sway.
 va - tion Will res - cue you from grav - en doom.
 fess Him: The born and dead and ris - en One!

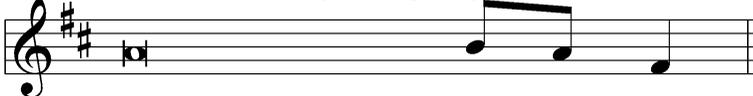
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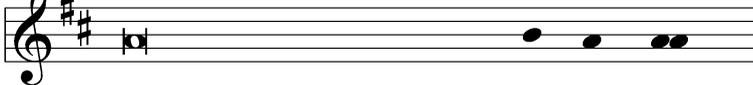
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L O Lord, o - pen my lips,



C and my mouth will de - clare Your praise.



L Make haste, O God, to de - liv - er me;



C make haste to help me, O Lord.



Glo-ry be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spir - it;
as it was in the be - gin - ning, is now, and will be for-ev-er. A - men.
Praise to You, O Christ, Lamb of our sal - va - tion.

Psalmsody

Psalm 22:1–8, 14–15, 19; antiphon: Isaiah 53:5

- P** ⁵But he was wounded for our transgressions;
he was crushed for our iniquities;
- C** upon him was the chastisement that brought us peace,
and with his stripes we are healed.
- P** ¹My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?
Why are you so far from saving me, from the words of my groaning?
- C** ²O my God, I cry by day, but you do not answer,
and by night, but I find no rest.
- P** ³Yet you are holy,
enthroned on the praises of Israel.
- ⁴In you our fathers trusted;
they trusted, and you delivered them.
- ⁵To you they cried and were rescued;
in you they trusted and were not put to shame.
- C** ⁶But I am a worm and not a man,
scorned by mankind and despised by the people.
- ⁷All who see me mock me;
they make mouths at me; they wag their heads;
- ⁸“He trusts in the LORD; let him deliver him;
let him rescue him, for he delights in him!”
- P** ¹⁴I am poured out like water,
and all my bones are out of joint;
- C** my heart is like wax;
it is melted within my breast;
- P** ¹⁵my strength is dried up like a potsherd,
C and my tongue sticks to my jaws;
you lay me in the dust of death.
- P** ¹⁹But you, O LORD, do not be far off!
- C** O you my help, come quickly to my aid!

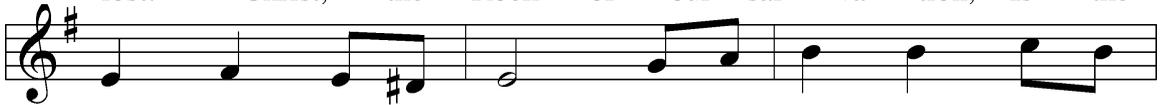
Office Hymn: 451 Stricken, Smitten, and Afflicted



1 Strick-en, smit-ten, and af - flict - ed, See Him dy - ing on the
 2 Tell me, ye who hear Him groan-ing, Was there ev - er grief like
 3 Ye who think of sin but light - ly Nor sup - pose the e - vil
 4 Here we have a firm foun - da - tion, Here the ref - uge of the



tree! 'Tis the Christ, by man re - ject - ed; Yes, my
 His? Friends through fear His cause dis - own - ing, Foes in -
 great Here may view its na - ture right - ly, Here its
 lost: Christ, the Rock of our sal - va - tion, Is the



soul, 'tis He, 'tis He! 'Tis the long - ex - spect - ed
 sult - ing His dis - tress; Man - y hands were raised to
 guilt may es - ti - mate. Mark the sac - ri - fice ap -
 name of which we boast; Lamb of God, for sin - ners



Proph - et, Da - vid's Son, yet Da - vid's Lord; Proofs I
 wound Him, None would in - ter - vene to save; But the
 point - ed, See who bears the aw - ful load; 'Tis the
 wound - ed, Sac - ri - fice to can - cel guilt! None shall



see suf - fi - cient of it: 'Tis the true and faith - ful Word.
 deep - est stroke that pierced Him Was the stroke that jus - tice gave.
 Word, the Lord's a - noint - ed, Son of Man and Son of God.
 ev - er be con - found - ed Who on Him their hope have built.

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Readings

Old Testament Reading

Isaiah 52:13—53:12

¹³Behold, my servant shall act wisely;
 he shall be high and lifted up,
 and shall be exalted.

¹⁴As many were astonished at you—

his appearance was so marred, beyond
 human semblance,
 and his form beyond that of the children
 of mankind—

¹⁵so shall he sprinkle many nations;
kings shall shut their mouths because of
him;
for that which has not been told them they
see,

and that which they have not heard they
understand.

¹Who has believed what they heard from
us?

And to whom has the arm of the LORD
been revealed?

²For he grew up before him like a young
plant,

and like a root out of dry ground;
he had no form or majesty that we should
look at him,

and no beauty that we should desire him.

³He was despised and rejected by men;

a man of sorrows, and acquainted with
grief;

and as one from whom men hide their
faces

he was despised, and we esteemed him
not.

⁴Surely he has borne our griefs

and carried our sorrows;

yet we esteemed him stricken,

smitten by God, and afflicted.

⁵But he was wounded for our
transgressions;

he was crushed for our iniquities;
upon him was the chastisement that
brought us peace,

and with his stripes we are healed.

⁶All we like sheep have gone astray;

we have turned every one to his own
way;

and the LORD has laid on him

the iniquity of us all.

⁷He was oppressed, and he was afflicted,

yet he opened not his mouth;

like a lamb that is led to the slaughter,

and like a sheep that before its shearers is
silent,

so he opened not his mouth.

⁸By oppression and judgment he was taken
away;

and as for his generation, who considered
that he was cut off out of the land of the
living,

stricken for the transgression of my
people?

⁹And they made his grave with the wicked

and with a rich man in his death,

although he had done no violence,

and there was no deceit in his mouth.

¹⁰Yet it was the will of the LORD to crush
him;

he has put him to grief;

when his soul makes an offering for sin,

he shall see his offspring; he shall

prolong his days;

the will of the LORD shall prosper in his
hand.

¹¹Out of the anguish of his soul he shall see
and be satisfied;

by his knowledge shall the righteous one,
my servant,

make many to be accounted righteous,

and he shall bear their iniquities.

¹²Therefore I will divide him a portion with
the many,

and he shall divide the spoil with the
strong,

because he poured out his soul to death

and was numbered with the

transgressors;

yet he bore the sin of many,

and makes intercession for the

transgressors.

L O Lord, have mercy on us.

C Thanks be to God.

Offering & Canticle: 935 Tell Out, My Soul, the Greatness of the Lord



1 Tell out, my soul, the great-ness of the Lord!
 2 Tell out, my soul, the great-ness of His name!
 3 Tell out, my soul, the great-ness of His might!
 4 Tell out, my soul, the glo-ries of His Word!



Un - num - bered bless - ings, give my spir - it voice;
 Make known His might, the deeds His arm has done;
 Pow'rs and do - min - ions lay their glo - ry by.
 Firm is His prom - ise, and His mer - cy sure.



Ten - der to me the prom - ise of His Word;
 His mer - cy sure, from age to age the same;
 Proud hearts and stub - born wills are put to flight,
 Tell out, my soul, the great-ness of the Lord



In God my Sav - ior shall my heart re - joice.
 His ho - ly name, the Lord, the Might - y One.
 The hun - gry fed, the hum - ble lift - ed high.
 To chil - dren's chil - dren and for - ev - er - more!

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Prayer

Kneel/Stand

Kyrie

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C Lord, have mer-cy; Christ, have mer-cy; Lord, have mer-cy.

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.

Collects

Introduction to Collects

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L O Lord, hear my prayer.



C And let my cry come to You.

Collect of the Day

- P** O God, we have rebelled against You and deserve Your temporal and eternal punishment, but You had mercy on us when You lifted up Your Son on the cross and struck Him with Your wrath to answer for the sin of the world. Lead us to confess our sins, and send ministers who soothe us with the good news of sins forgiven all for Your Son's sake; through the same Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
- C** Amen.

Prayer of the Church

- P** Let us use the experiences of the man Jesus as we pray for ourselves, the Church around the world, and all people in their various circumstances.

The man Jesus experienced severe hunger.

- P** For all who are denied basic food, clothing, or shelter, that God would provide whatever they need to support this body and life, let us pray to the Lord.

C Lord, have mercy.

The man Jesus was beaten, abused, and ridiculed.

P For all who are unjustly imprisoned, persecuted, and denied human rights, that God would support them to remain strong under their circumstances until they find freedom, justice, and dignity, let us pray to the Lord.

C **Lord, have mercy.**

The man Jesus was physically exposed on the cross.

P For all who try to hide their sins and failings, fearing God's wrath and people's scorn, that the Holy Spirit would grant them faith to know and trust the forgiveness Christ won for them, let us pray to the Lord.

C **Lord, have mercy.**

The man Jesus loved His followers to the end by serving them.

P For all who serve in homes and hospitals; or in cases of emergency or fires; and for all who serve in public offices, that God would protect, strengthen, and guide them for the good of the whole society and also for all those whose lives are affected by pain, suffering, or illness [including . . .], that according to His gracious plans God would bring about healing, relief, and health to body, soul, and mind, let us pray to the Lord.

C **Lord, have mercy.**

The man Jesus bled, died, and was buried..

P For all people to see that Jesus' death is the reason He became man and to trust that in dying He did everything necessary for our salvation, for all who fear death and all who are in mourning, that the Holy Spirit grant them faith to see the death of all who trust in Christ as a sleep from which they shall awaken, let us pray to the Lord.

C **Lord, have mercy.**

The man Jesus physically rose triumphant over death.

P For all whose hope is in Christ and the resurrection that we may be encouraged in joy and anticipation for the day when faith gives way to sight, let us pray to the Lord.

C **Lord, have mercy.**

Collect for Peace

L 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

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L Let us bless the Lord.



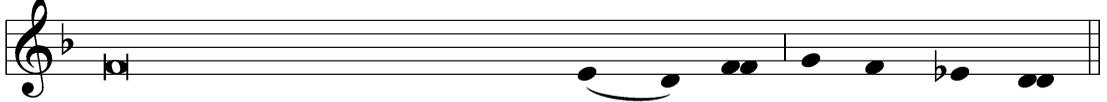
C Thanks be to God.

Benediction

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P The grace of our Lord † Je - sus Christ and the love of God



and the communion of the Holy Spir - it be with you all.

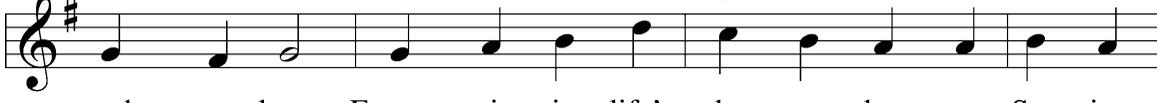


C A - men.

Hymn to Depart: 423 Jesus, Refuge of the Weary



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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SPECIAL PRAYERS: Please keep the following in your prayers: **Lolita Aulston, Terri Blackwell** (Lowell & Mary Lou Volk's daughter), **Ed Bonds, Gary Brodhagen, Chuck & Corky Dorsey** (Jennifer Lard's Mom and step Dad), **David Hedrington** (Jerry Henneman's Cousin), **Jerry Henneman, Trudy Hooyman, Mary Mahaffey, Paul McCall** (Renee Johnson's Dad), **Brooke Picray** (Roland and Connie Walter's granddaughter), **Michael & Priscilla Merritt, Tate Schaefer** (Hope Scheele's cousin's son), **Shirlie Schlotfelt, Tim Sokol, Bill Witthans, Kolten Woodard** (Sharon Woodard's grandson) and the family and friends of **Bob Williams** (a former church member) who died Feb 24th.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Please check your email and the church website regularly to find out about the most recent arrangements as a result of the COVID-19 precautions.

<http://www.trinitylutheranchurchcortez.com/>

Lenten Midweek Worship 6 pm on Mar 3rd, 10th, 17th, and 24th

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