

The Fourth Sunday in Lent

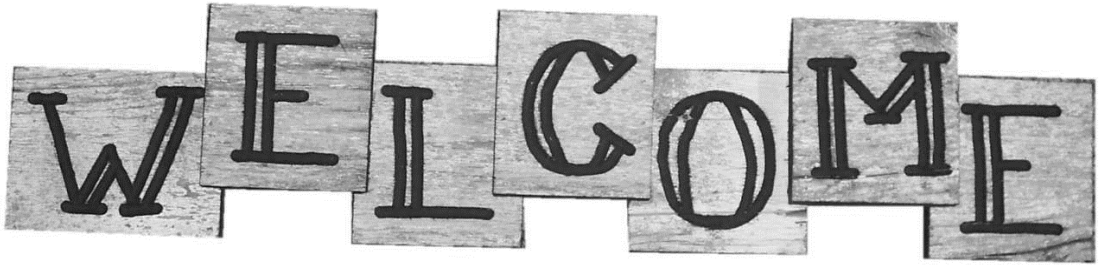


March 26, 2017
8:00 & 10:30am

Trinity Lutheran Church

2163 Mayhew Lake Rd. NE
Sauk Rapids, MN 56379

*Trinity is a member of the Prince of Peace Lutheran School Association
and the Good Shepherd Community.*



Those Serving Today

Officiating Today	8:00am &	10:30am	Pastor Dave Strohschein
Accompanist	8:00am &	10:30am	
Screen Team	8:00am		John Fuchs
		10:30am	
Lector	8:00am		Cindy Clitty
		10:30am	Kelly Zwick
Visuals	8:00am &	10:30am	Daniel Reineke
Acolyte	8:00am		Andrew Kath, Nick Lindquist
		10:30am	Kassandra Kari, Selena Alvarez
Altar Guild			Diana Weyhrauch, Sue Kulzer
Information Desk	8:00am	Zone – 3	Sue Kulzer
	10:30am	Zone – 4	Sandy Austin
Greeters	8:00am	Zone – 3	Shirley Skuza, Lori Zipp
	10:30am	Zone – 4	Nancy Cloeter
Ushers	8:00am	Zone – 3	Wayne Smolnik, Loren Tvrdik, Fred Joesting, John Heintze, Jon Roesch, Mark Thompson
	10:30am	Zone – 4	John Hiltel, Marvin Neubert, Karen Petron-Broda, Wayne & Sue Kulzer, Janet Renn, Chris Kutzorik
Lay Minister	8:00am		Kyle Dusing
		10:30am	Delano Schultz, Justin Hackett

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AS WE GATHER From the start of His public ministry to its conclusion, Jesus performed many miracles. In bringing sight to the blind, He gave them a new vision of the world and opened new possibilities for them. As the One who brings the light of salvation to His people, Jesus opens new possibilities for our lives. As our perfect substitute, He takes the weight of sin from us and lightens the burdens we bear. Both lightened and enlightened, we rejoice in the miracles we experience each day by His grace.

BAPTISM OF WALTER JEFFREY STAY (8:00am)

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

OPENING HYMN: “Lord Jesus Christ, Be Present Now” LSB 902

INVOCATION AND OPENING SENTENCES

P: In the name of the Father and of the ☩ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

P: This is the day that the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it.

Women: Save us, we pray, O Lord! O Lord, we pray, give us success!

Men: Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord!

C: We bless you from the house of the Lord.

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

P: Let us make confession of our sins to God, our gracious heavenly Father.

C: Eternal God, we confess that we are sinners in need of forgiveness.

By nature we are sinful from the very beginning of our life.

Through our thoughts, words, and deeds, we continually sin

against You. We have lived for ourselves in many ways, breaking

Your commands that direct us not to lie, steal, or transgress Your

holy will. We have walked in the darkness of bad choices and have

left unfulfilled opportunities to do good and be blessings to others.

O God, in Your mercy, forgive our sin and free us from selfishness

and indifference, that we may joyfully follow Your will and gladly

obey Your commandments. Graciously forgive our sins and direct

us in ways of compassion and love.

P: God promises to hear those who turn to Him with repentant hearts. Upon this your confession, in the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ, and by His authority, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit. Now may the God of peace Himself sanctify you completely, and may your whole spirit, soul, and body be kept blameless at the coming of our Lord, Jesus Christ. He who calls you is faithful; He will surely do it. Be at peace.

INTROIT

P: My eyes are ever toward the LORD,

C: for he will pluck my feet out of the net.

P: One thing have I asked of the LORD, that will I seek after:

C: 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.

P: For he will hide me in his shelter in the day of trouble;

C: he will conceal me under the cover of his tent; he will lift me high upon a rock.

P: 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;

C: I will sing and make melody to the LORD.

ALL: 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.

P: My eyes are ever toward the LORD,

C: for he will pluck my feet out of the net.

SALUTATION AND PRAYER OF THE DAY

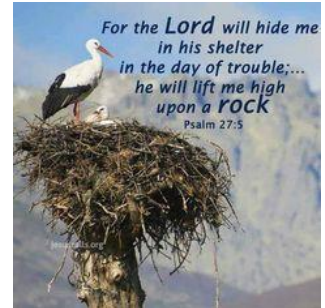
P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

P: Let us pray... Heavenly Father, Your Son came not to be served but to serve. As we follow in His steps, give us wisdom, patience, and courage to minister in His name to all who suffer and are in need; for the love of Him who laid down His life for us, Your Son, our Savior, Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

Sit



OLD TESTAMENT: Isaiah 42:14-21

“For a long time I have kept silent, I have been quiet and held myself back. But now, like a woman in childbirth, I cry out, I gasp and pant. I will lay waste the mountains and hills and dry up all their vegetation; I will turn rivers into islands and dry up the pools. I will lead the blind by ways they have not known, along unfamiliar paths I will guide them; I will turn the darkness into light before them and make the rough places smooth. These are the things I will do; I will not forsake them. But those who trust in idols, who say to images, ‘You are our gods,’ will be turned back in utter shame. “Hear, you deaf; look, you blind, and see! Who is blind but my servant, and deaf like the messenger I send? Who is blind like the one in covenant with me, blind like the servant of the LORD? You have seen many things, but you pay no attention; your ears are open, but you do not listen.” It pleased the LORD for the sake of his righteousness to make his law great and glorious.

L: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God!

HYMN: 8:00am only “Amazing Grace” LSB 744

EPISTLE: Ephesians 5:8-14

For you were once darkness, but now you are light in the Lord. Live as children of light (for the fruit of the light consists in all goodness, righteousness and truth) and find out what pleases the Lord. Have nothing to do with the fruitless deeds of darkness, but rather expose them. It is shameful even to mention what the disobedient do in secret. But everything exposed by the light becomes visible—and everything that is illuminated becomes a light. This is why it is said: “Wake up, sleeper, rise from the dead, and Christ will shine on you.”

L: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

Stand

HOLY GOSPEL: John 9:1-7, 13-17, 34-39

L: The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the ninth chapter.

C: Glory to You, O Lord.

As he went along, he saw a man blind from birth. His disciples asked him, “Rabbi, who sinned, this man or his parents, that he was born blind?” “Neither this man nor his parents sinned,” said Jesus, “but this happened so that the works of God

might be displayed in him. As long as it is day, we must do the works of him who sent me. Night is coming, when no one can work. While I am in the world, I am the light of the world.” After saying this, he spit on the ground, made some mud with the saliva, and put it on the man’s eyes.’ “Go,” he told him, “wash in the Pool of Siloam” (this word means “Sent”). So the man went and washed, and came home seeing. They brought to the Pharisees the man who had been blind. Now the day on which Jesus had made the mud and opened the man’s eyes was a Sabbath. Therefore the Pharisees also asked him how he had received his sight. “He put mud on my eyes,” the man replied, “and I washed, and now I see.” Some of the Pharisees said, “This man is not from God, for he does not keep the Sabbath.” But others asked, “How can a sinner perform such signs?” So they were divided. Then they turned again to the blind man, “What have you to say about him? It was your eyes he opened.” The man replied, “He is a prophet.” To this they replied, “You were steeped in sin at birth; how dare you lecture us!” And they threw him out. Jesus heard that they had thrown him out, and when he found him, he said, “Do you believe in the Son of Man?” “Who is he, sir?” the man asked. “Tell me so that I may believe in him.” Jesus said, “You have now seen him; in fact, he is the one speaking with you.” Then the man said, “Lord, I believe,” and he worshiped him. Jesus said, “For judgment I have come into this world, so that the blind will see and those who see will become blind.”

L: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to You, O Christ.

APOSTLES’ CREED

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: “Praise the One Who Breaks the Darkness” LSB 849

SERMON: “Why?” (John 9:3)

OFFERING *(Please sign and date the Rite of Friendship pad located in the pew. The children are invited to bring their offerings to the front at this time.)*

Stand

PRAYERS

LORD'S PRAYER

ALL: 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.

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Stand

Holy Communion

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

P: Lift up your hearts.

C: We lift them to the Lord.

P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C: It is right to give Him thanks and praise.



PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

P: Blessed are You, Lord of heaven and earth, for You have had mercy on those whom You created and sent Your only-begotten Son into our flesh to bear our sin and be our Savior. With repentant joy we receive the salvation accomplished for us by the all-availing sacrifice of His body and His blood on the cross.

Gathered in the name and the remembrance of Jesus, we beg You, O Lord, to forgive, renew, and strengthen us with Your Word and Spirit. Grant us

faithfully to eat His body and drink His blood as He bids us do in His own testament. Gather us together, we pray, from the ends of the earth to celebrate with all the faithful the marriage feast of the Lamb in His kingdom, which has no end. Graciously receive our prayers; deliver and preserve us. To You alone, O Father, be all glory, honor, and worship, with the Son and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

WORDS OF OUR LORD

PROCLAMATION OF CHRIST

P: As often as we eat this bread and drink this cup, we proclaim the Lord's death until He comes. *1 Corinthians 11:26*

C: Amen. Come, Lord Jesus. *Revelation 22:20*

THE PEACE OF THE LORD

P: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C: Amen.

Sit

About Holy Communion—The Lord's Supper is celebrated here in the belief and glad confidence that our Lord gives us as He says, not only bread and wine, but His very body and blood to eat and to drink for the forgiveness of sins and to strengthen our union with Him and with one another. Our Lord invites to His table those who trust His words, repent of all sin, and forgive and love as He forgives and loves us. If this is your belief, we welcome you to join us at the Lord's table.

Because we are called to examine ourselves before receiving the Lord's Supper (I Corinthians 11:28-29), we encourage you to consider the questions on p. 329-330 in the front of the hymnal. If you are communing with us for the first time, or if you would like a fuller understanding of what we as Lutherans believe about the Lord's Supper, please pick up a copy of "**What is the Lord's Supper?**" at the Information table in the entryway.

Please reserve the white grape juice cups in the center of the communion trays for those who for health reasons are unable to drink wine. If your health requires gluten-free wafers, they are available upon request. Speak to the pastor prior to the service. Our pastors are happy to speak to you further if you have any questions.

DISTRIBUTION HYMN: "Amazing Grace" LSB 744

Stand

POST-COMMUNION THANKSGIVING

P: Let us pray... Blessed are You, heavenly Father, for You have once again fed and nourished us at Your Table through the body and blood of Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord. As Lord of our lives, strengthen and support us so that we may walk as children of the light and, sharing that kindly light, proclaim Your love to all the world. Bless us day by day and keep us hope-filled as we await Your eternal kingdom, where You live and reign with the Son and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

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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.

C: Amen.

CLOSING HYMN: “Renew Me, O Eternal Light” LSB 704



Baptized into God’s family of grace during our 8:00am service today is Walter Jeffrey Stay, infant son of Eric & Beth Stay. Sponsors are Bryce & Karissa Grove. We pray God’s blessing upon Walter and his family as they grow in faith.



The Sunday School at Trinity will be returning to a traditional structure next fall. Please volunteer today to help! We have a need for 8 – 10 people to teach and help with our classes. Prayerfully consider giving your time to this educational ministry.

Easter Hams As you probably already know, Coborn’s has discontinued the use of Ham cards. This Easter season, you are still welcome to redeem your ham points and bring the ham to church for our food shelf. Thank you! Hungry families will appreciate your donation.



Next Sunday is Jamboree Day!! A representative from Lutheran Island Camp will be here to register your children for camp. Plan now to sign up. This year’s theme is “Standing on the Rock.” Lots of different opportunities will be available to give your child the best camp experience ever!

Trinity Lutheran Church Announcements March 26, 2017

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TODAY 8:00am Worship Z3
 9:15am Bible Classes & SS
 10:30am Worship Z4 (HC)
 12:00pm Anyuak Worship (HC)
 4:00pm Creative Crafts

MONDAY 9:00am Parish Workers (NL)
 6:00pm Bev's CC
 Dine to Donate at The Blue Line 5 – 8pm

TUESDAY 10:30am Bible Study
 6:30pm Celebration Ringers
 7:00pm Friends in Harmony

WEDNESDAY
 7:00am Men's Bible Study @ GS
 4:45-5:45pm Soup Supper
 6:00pm Worship Z5
 6:45-7:30pm Confirmation Classes
 6:45pm Youth Night
 6:45pm Adult Choir Practice

THURSDAY
 6:30pm Worship Team Rehearsal

FRIDAY 9:00am Parish Workers

SATURDAY 9:00am Altar Guild
 6:45pm Traditional Worship Rehearsal

In Our Worship Services Next Week The Fifth Sunday in Lent

8:00am Worship Z1 (HC)
 9:15am Bible Classes & SS
 10:30am Worship Z2
 12:00pm Anyuak Worship
Lutheran Island Camp Jamboree

Scripture Lessons:
Ezekiel 37:1-14; Romans 8:1-11
John 11:17-27, 38-53

Psalms 106:1

*“Give thanks to the Lord, for He is good;
 His steadfast love endures forever.”*

Church Office Hours:

M-F 8:30am-2:30pm
 Open during the noon hour.
Church Office Phone 252-3670

WEEK OF	TIME	ATTENDANCE	OFFERINGS	
3/19/17	8:00am	122	General Fund Offerings	\$9,501.99
3/19/17	10:30am	129	Building Debt Offerings	\$354.00
3/22/17	6:00pm	179	Total	\$9,855.99
	Total	430		
Missions this Week		\$490.00	Weekly Need:	\$11,938.00
Received to-date		\$6,143.00		
Annual Funds Promised		\$27,500.00		



Sharing the Caring Christ with All People John 9:1-41: Jesus is the

Light of the world! Paul gives you your life story in a nutshell - once you were in darkness, but now you are to walk as children of Light. (Eph 5:8)

You are salt. You are light. God has no plan B if we fail. You are His A plan to share the Good News of salvation with the world. You are His means for bringing His Kingdom of life to a dying world. And the One who calls you to be salt and light makes you this promise: I will be with you to the very end of the age. His presence is LIGHT. While we remain distinct from the ways of the world, we dare not lose sight of the fact that we are called to permeate that very same culture with the grace and love of Jesus. How? By being who we are: God's people through and through where we live and living as Light because we live in Christ. That's Christ's mission - and because it's His mission, it is our mission. He lives in us and His light shines through us in our thoughts, words and deeds. **May God bless you as children of the Light! Go shine!**

Today's Radio Broadcast is sponsored by Janet Kramin to the Glory of God. We thank her for sponsoring this broadcast. We have sponsorship openings in July and August. If you would like to sponsor a broadcast please complete a form and turn it in. Forms are available in the church office. The radio transmission enables our shut-ins, as well as others in our community to hear and participate in our worship. The service airs on WVAL 800 on the AM dial, at 8:00am, and live on the internet at www.800wval.com.

Sunday Morning Fellowship Our server for April is Connie Mooney.

Members who have last names beginning with the letters "H, I & J" are asked to bring treats for our fellowship time during the month. If you can help, please sign up on the bulletin board.



"The Passion for Prodigals!" is the theme for our Lenten journey this year, has begun. Each week we will listen to a Word of Jesus from the cross and connect that Word to His parable of the Prodigal Son through a dialogue message shared by Pastor Paul and Pastor Dave. Worship will be at 6:00 p.m. preceded by a delicious soup supper.

Salt & Pepper On Friday, April 7th we will be hosting the AARP safe driving refresher class at 1:00 pm. If it has been 3 years since you took this, you will need to do so to maintain your car insurance discount.

"Building on HIS Foundation!" is the theme for our Legacy Benefit Dinner and Auction to be held at Prince of Peace Lutheran School on Sunday, April 23rd. **Tickets are available in the church office.** They are \$14...See Pastor Dave! Doors will open for the Silent Auction at 11:30 a.m. that day and the meal will be served from 12:00 to 12:30 p.m. Several student groups will provide the entertainment which will be followed by the Live Auction concluding by 2:30 p.m. Please come and join in this important fund-raising event for our school.

Thank you for all the cards, prayers, visits and well wishes during and following my surgery and rehab. You are a blessing to me. *Don Zwick*

Altar Guild will be ordering flowers for Easter The choices are white lilies in a 6 1/2" pot- \$11.75; pink or blue hydrangeas 6 1/2" pot - \$18.00; tulips, 6 plants per pot - \$12.00; and Easter Egg colored mums, 3 per 6" pot – \$14.00. The orders must be in by today, **March 26th**. We will be printing a "Memorial/in Honor of" folder this season. Place checks and Memorials in the offering or the office made out to Altar Guild and your info. in the memo. Thank you! Any questions call Evora Sorokie @ 291-0740.



LCEF If you would like to be saving money for your child or grandchild, with an interest rate of 3.5%, then you should open up a Young Investor account thru LCEF. It only takes \$25 to open up an account and no minimum on the child's age. You can also receive a reimbursement of \$25 through the church for signing your child/grandchild up. No limit on how many children. Applications are located in the Narthex. Return your completed application to the church for your reimbursement. Talk to Lori Wendt if you have any questions.



Teaching Position Open: The Board of Directors of Prince of Peace Lutheran School announces we are seeking qualified candidates for the position of First Grade teacher. Applicants must have or be eligible to have a teaching license from the state of Minnesota. More importantly, the candidate needs to be a person of strong Christian faith who values our Lutheran approach to Christian Education. Interested individuals may apply by contacting Pastor Dave Strohschein at 251-1477 or admin@princeofpeace.org. Deadline for receiving applications is April 10th.

Ministry Shawls are now available at the Information desk. If you know someone that may be going through an illness or recovering from an illness, loss of a loved one? The shawls are free for the asking. We pray the shawl will give comfort and a hug to someone in need. You may pick one up today after the service.



You are a Blessing I wish to thank my "church family" at Trinity for all the wonderful cards, prayers, well wishes and visits from the pastors during and after my surgery last week. May our Lord bless you all as you have been a blessing to me! *Diane Haffner*

WE WELCOME FAMILIES WITH CHILDREN

We are glad you are here! If there is a time during the Worship Service that you feel your child (or you) needs a "time out," please feel free to leave the service. If you leave the service, you can go to the **lobby** or use the **large conference room** across from the church office. The conference room has speakers and one-way glass so you can still participate in Worship. During the Sunday school hour, (9:15am – 10:15am) and during the 10:30am worship service the **nursery** is staffed for children 0-3 years old. The nursery is in the preschool on the north end of the building. It is the first classroom on the left as you enter the preschool parent lounge area. There are also speakers in the nursery so you can listen to the service.