

WELCOME TO TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH
FIFTH SUNDAY IN LENT
MARCH 29, 2020 8:00 A.M.

Pastors: Rev. David Hinz, Rev. John Beck
Music Directors: Mr. Daniel Reineke, Mrs. Ruth Immerfall
Special thanks to these and all others serving in worship today.
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Welcome and Announcements

Opening Song: “Here I Am Lord”

“I, the Lord of sea and sky,
I have heard my people cry,
All who dwell in deepest sin
My hand will save.

I who made the stars of night
I will make the darkness bright,
Who will bear My light to them?
Whom shall I send?”

Here I am Lord,
Is it I Lord?
I have heard You calling in the night.

I will go, Lord,
If You lead me,
I will hold Your people in my heart.

“I the Lord of snow and rain,
I have borne my people’s pain,
I have wept for love of them
They turn away.

I will break their hearts of stone,
Give them hearts for love alone,

I will speak my Word to them.
Whom shall I send?"

Here I am Lord,
Is it I Lord?
I have heard You calling in the night.

I will go, Lord,
If You lead me,
I will hold Your people in my heart.

"I the Lord of wind and flame,
I will tend the poor and lame,
I will set a feast for them,
My hand will save.

Finest bread I will provide
Till their hearts be satisfied.
I will give my life to them.
Whom shall send?"

Here I am Lord,
Is it I Lord?
I have heard You calling in the night.

I will go, Lord,
If You lead me,
I will hold Your people in my heart.

I will hold your people in my heart.

INVOCATION

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. Amen.

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

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: In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us, and for His sake God forgives us all our sins. To those who believe in Jesus Christ He gives the power to become the children of God and bestows on them the Holy Spirit. May the Lord, who has begun this good work in us, bring it to completion in the day of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Collect of the Day

P: Let us pray. Almighty God, by Your great goodness mercifully look upon Your people that we may be governed and preserved evermore in body and soul; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Old Testament Reading: Isaiah 6:1-11; 40:1-8

In the year that King Uzziah died I saw the Lord sitting upon a throne, high and lifted up; and the train of his robe filled the temple. ² Above him stood the seraphim. Each had six wings: with two he covered his face, and with two he covered his feet, and with two he flew. ³ And one called to another and said: "Holy, holy, holy is the Lord of hosts; the whole earth is full of his glory!"

⁴ And the foundations of the thresholds shook at the voice of him who called, and the house was filled with smoke. ⁵ And I said: "Woe is me! For I am lost; for I am a man of unclean lips, and I dwell in the midst of a people of

unclean lips; for my eyes have seen the King, the Lord of hosts!”

⁶ Then one of the seraphim flew to me, having in his hand a burning coal that he had taken with tongs from the altar. ⁷ And he touched my mouth and said: “Behold, this has touched your lips; your guilt is taken away, and your sin atoned for.”

⁸ And I heard the voice of the Lord saying, “Whom shall I send, and who will go for us?” Then I said, “Here I am! Send me.” ⁹ And he said, “Go, and say to this people:

“Keep on hearing, but do not understand;
keep on seeing, but do not perceive.’

¹⁰ Make the heart of this people dull,
and their ears heavy,
and blind their eyes;
lest they see with their eyes,
and hear with their ears,
and understand with their hearts,
and turn and be healed.”

¹¹ Then I said, “How long, O Lord?”
And he said:

“Until cities lie waste
without inhabitant,
and houses without people,
and the land is a desolate waste,

Comfort, comfort my people, says your God.

² Speak tenderly to Jerusalem,
and cry to her
that her warfare is ended,
that her iniquity is pardoned,
that she has received from the Lord's hand
double for all her sins.

³ A voice cries:

“In the wilderness prepare the way of the Lord;
make straight in the desert a highway for our God.

⁴ Every valley shall be lifted up,
and every mountain and hill be made low;
the uneven ground shall become level,
and the rough places a plain.

⁵ And the glory of the Lord shall be revealed,
and all flesh shall see it together,
for the mouth of the Lord has spoken.”

⁶ A voice says, “Cry!”
And I said, “What shall I cry?”

All flesh is grass,
and all its beauty is like the flower of the field.

⁷ The grass withers, the flower fades
when the breath of the Lord blows on it;
surely the people are grass.

⁸ The grass withers, the flower fades,
but the word of our God will stand forever.

P: This is the Word of the Lord.

Psalm

¹ Out of the depths

I cry to you, O LORD!

² O Lord, hear my voice!

Let your ears be attentive
to the voice of my pleas for mercy!

³ If you, O LORD, should mark iniquities,
O Lord, who could stand?

⁴ But with you there is forgiveness,
that you may be feared.

⁵ I wait for the LORD, my soul waits,
and in his word I hope;

⁶ my soul waits for the Lord
more than watchmen for the morning,
more than watchmen for the morning.

⁷ O Israel, hope in the LORD!

For with the LORD there is steadfast love,
and with him is plentiful redemption.

⁸ And he will redeem Israel
from all his iniquities.

Epistle Reading: 1 Peter 1:13, 22-23

¹³ Therefore, preparing your minds for action, and being sober-minded, set

your hope fully on the grace that will be brought to you at the revelation of Jesus Christ. ²² Having purified your souls by your obedience to the truth for a sincere brotherly love, love one another earnestly from a pure heart, ²³ since you have been born again, not of perishable seed but of imperishable, through the living and abiding word of God.

Gospel Reading: Mark 4:2-9

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark, the fourth chapter.

² And he was teaching them many things in parables, and in his teaching he said to them: ³ “Listen! Behold, a sower went out to sow. ⁴ And as he sowed, some seed fell along the path, and the birds came and devoured it. ⁵ Other seed fell on rocky ground, where it did not have much soil, and immediately it sprang up, since it had no depth of soil. ⁶ And when the sun rose, it was scorched, and since it had no root, it withered away. ⁷ Other seed fell among thorns, and the thorns grew up and choked it, and it yielded no grain. ⁸ And other seeds fell into good soil and produced grain, growing up and increasing and yielding thirtyfold and sixtyfold and a hundredfold.” ⁹ And he said, “He who has ears to hear, let him hear.”

P: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

SONG: “We Believe”

In this time of desperation
When all we know is doubt and fear
There is only one foundation
We believe we believe.

In this broken generation
When all is dark You help us see
There is only one salvation
We believe we believe

We believe in God the Father
We believe in Jesus Christ
We believe in the Holy Spirit
And He’s given us new life.

We believe in the crucifixion
We believe that He conquered death
We believe in the resurrection
And He's coming back again.
We Believe

So let our faith be more than anthems
Greater than the songs we sing
In our weakness and temptation
We believe we believe.

We believe in God the Father
We believe in Jesus Christ
We believe in the Holy Spirit
And He's given us new life.

We believe in the crucifixion
We believe that He conquered death
We believe in the resurrection
And He's coming back again.

Let the lost be found and the dead be raised
In the here and now let love invade
Let the church live loud our God we'll say
We believe we believe

And the gates of hell will not prevail
For the pow'r of God has torn the veil
Now we know Your love will never fail
We believe we believe

We believe in God the Father
We believe in Jesus Christ
We believe in the Holy Spirit
And He's given us new life.

We believe in the crucifixion

We believe that He conquered death
We believe in the resurrection
And He's coming back,

He's coming back again
He's coming back again
We believe
We believe!

March Memory Verse

**Fear not, for I have redeemed you; I have called you by name,
you are mine. Isaiah 43:1**

APOSTLE'S 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.

Children's Message

Song: "The Gospel"

A restless generation
We're turning over every stone
Hoping to find salvation
In a world that's left us cold

Can we get back to the altar
Back to the arms of our first love
There's only one way to the Father
And He's calling out to us.

To the captive it looks like freedom
To The orphan it feels like home
To the skeptic it might sound crazy
To believe in a God who loves

In a world where our hearts are breaking
And we're lost in the mess we've made
Like a blinding light in the dead of night

It's the Gospel the Gospel that makes the way
It's the Gospel that makes the way

It's the cure for our condition
It's the Good News for us all
It's greater than religion
It's the power of the cross

So can we get back to the altar
Back to the arms of our first love
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In my own life it means forgiveness
When I know I deserve the fall
It called me out of my darkness
And carried me to the cross

In a moment my eyes were opened
In the moment my heart was changed
Like a blinding light in the dead of night
It's the Gospel

Oh, To the captive it looks like freedom
To The orphan it feels like home
To the skeptic it might sound crazy
To believe in a God who loves

In a world where our hearts are breaking
And we're lost in the mess we've made
Like a blinding light in the dead of night

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Sermon

Prayer of the Church

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.

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. Amen.

Song: “Jesus Saves”

Hope is here
Shout the news to ev'ryone
It's a new day peace has come
Jesus saves

Mercy triumphs at the cross
Love has come to rescue us
Jesus saves

Hope is here
What a joyful noise we'll make
As we join with heaven's song
To let all the world know that Jesus saves
Raise a shout to let all the world know
That Jesus saves

Free at last
Every debt has been repaid
Broken hearts can be remade
Jesus saves
Sing above the storms of life
Sing it through the darkest night
Jesus saves

Free at last
What a joyful noise we'll make
As we join with heaven's song.

To let all the world know that Jesus saves
Raise a shout to let all the world know
That Jesus saves

Sing it out
To let all the world know that Jesus saves
Raise a shout to let all the world know
That Jesus saves

You save, You heal, restore, reveal
The Father's heart to us.
You rose to raise us from the grave
Your Spirit lives in us.

Sing it out
To let all the world know that Jesus saves
Raise a shout
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CONNECT...

March 29, 2020



From Pastor Hinz

It will come to us all. One thing our MN Governor told us today is that it will probably in some way come to us all. The question is when. Maybe you heard it and it sent a shudder. Maybe you expected it. Maybe you've feared it. Well, dear friends, Christ is returning no matter what. The question is when.

Does that make you shudder? Are you afraid? About which date are you more concerned? These two times are not the same, but fearing either of them will remove our peace and lead us to despair. So today, I encourage you with the words of the Apostle Paul:

Concerning the times and seasons, brothers, you have no need to have anything written to you. For you yourselves are fully aware that the day of the LORD will come like a thief in the night. While people are saying, "There is peace and security," then sudden destruction will come upon them...But you are not in darkness brothers, for that day to surprise you...for you are all children of light. So then let us not sleep as others do, but let us keep awake...since we belong to the day, let us be sober, having up on the breastplate of faith and love, and for a helmet the hope of salvation. For God has not destined us for wrath, but to obtain salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ, who died for us so

God's Text for this Week:

Monday	Isaiah 53:1-12
Tuesday	Isaiah 54:1-57:21
Wednesday	Isaiah 58:1-59:21
Thursday	Isaiah 60:1-62:12
Friday	Isaiah 63:1-66:24
Saturday	Jeremiah 1:1-2:37

that whether we are awake or asleep we might live with Him. Therefore encourage one another and build one another up, just as you are doing. (1 Thessalonians 5:1-11)

Pastor Hinz

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The Pictorial Directory

The directory project has been postponed until the fall. You may receive an email from LifeTouch confirming this. Please watch for more information in the summer!

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"The Crosses of Lent"

Our 6:00pm Wednesday worship will be broadcast on Facebook Live and available for playback on our YouTube channel. This week's focus is the **Jerusalem Cross** (or Crosslet). Please tune in for this week's message.

For your prayers--

+We pray for Norma Reberg, Carolyn Hoagland, Pam & Curt Hadley, Bonnie Duea, Victor & Karen Reineke (Daniel's parents). May our Lord strengthen them.

+Jim Bump, Jim Truenow, Jeff Cziok, Delores Marsh, Mona Hanson, Millie Ripplinger (sister of Delores Volkens), Rachelle Dohrman, Mark Thompson, Bob Nordquist and Sonja Carlberg (sister-in-law of Jan Sorell) as they continue their cancer treatment and care.

+The family of Carol Langemo, wife of Pastor Martin Langemo, who passed away this week, formerly pastor of Zion, Little Falls.

+Families as we go through our membership:

Michelle, Veronica, and Richelle Peacock; Nichole Peschl: David & Amy, Rachel, Caleb & Amanda Petersen; Charlotte Peterson; Karen Petron-Broda; Brad, Anne, Katie, Maggie & Wyatt Philabaum.

Last Sunday's Radio

Our WVAL 800AM radio broadcast was interrupted by a power outage in Sauk Rapids. Please tune in this week, as it has been corrected and we will broadcast at 8am as usual. Thank you for understanding!

Stewardship Corner:

Rom. 8:1 – “There is therefore now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus.” This is the joy of the Gospel. There is no condemnation for us before the throne of God, because in His love He has provided salvation for us in Christ. We have been set free. We are His children once again, and coheirs with Christ of all the blessings of heaven. If this does not make us thankful, nothing will.



Today’s Radio Broadcast-- is sponsored by Jeff & Lynn Snyder in thankfulness to Bob & Jane Behrendt for their generosity to Trinity and her members. If you would like to sponsor a broadcast, call the church office. The service airs **live** on WVAL 800 on the AM dial, at **8:00am**, and live on the internet at www.800wval.com.

For everyone’s safety, please do not come to the church on Sunday morning or Wednesday evenings. Worship will be on the radio and live streamed for you to watch at home. Your cooperation is appreciated.

Thank You

For all who have continued to send your regular offerings as well as some additional generous gifts — THANK YOU. We continue our work as a congregation because of your support. So many things are changing day by day. We want to support and encourage one another as best we can.

Offerings can be sent by mail, online E-giving, and drop off at the church office.

Updates Are Frequent

Please check the Trinity website for updates regarding worship and all other activities. Also pray for our pastors as they make these tough decisions. This is all new to everyone. :)

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SATURDAY

April 5
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on WVAL Radio 800AM

Online E-GIVING

It is easy to sign up for online giving. Just go to www.trinitysr.org and click on the give button at the top of the page. It is easy and safe and insures that Trinity’s ministry will be able to go on even in difficult times such as what we are experiencing now.

Daily Devotions for District

Check out the daily devotions in this challenging time from pastors around the MN North District under “Bring It Home — Together We Pray”. It is on the district website: www.mnnlcms.org

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