

Trinity Lutheran Church

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Proclaiming, Teaching and Living the Gospel of Christ!



Fourth Sunday in Lent

March 18 & 19, 2023



Welcome, children of our Heavenly Father!

I Cor. 10:16 calls our eating and drinking of the sacramental bread and wine an actual sharing in the body and blood of Christ. As we share this gift of the Savior, we also seek to be faithful to the confession of the Apostles' Doctrine, which Scripture says was shared by those who received the sacrament together. For this reason, guests who desire to commune are kindly asked to speak to the pastor or an elder.



In our prayers: Benny (grandson of Donna Ohrt), Yvonne (friend of Jean Janssen), Sandy Anderson, Evelyn Bauer, Doris Benjamin (mother of Jane), Pam Bierbaum (friend of Bonnie Matherly), Lois Brenneisen, Margie Dominick, Violetta Donovan, Amy DuMontelle (friend of Deb Chmielowiec), Delbert Dummer (brother of Sharon), Glen Hoffman (husband of Cassandra), Mike Isit (coworker of Joe Hart), Gordon Johnson (father of Paul), Jeff & Jamie Jones (friends of Kamber Johnston), Rev. Justin Kane, Gerald Kroesch, Paul Kuhlman (former member), Darcy Lind (friend of Norma Bell), Lisa Lorang (granddaughter of Vinita Brutlag), Amanda Malone, Marianne Mau, Ruth Miller, Donna Ohrt, Lucas Orr, Jeanette Pfeifer (mother of Diane Hart), Roger Phillips, Audrey Ruettger (mother of Lynne Noffke), Jeff Schultz (brother of Deb Chmielowiec), Justine Schultz (niece of Deb Chmielowiec), Alta Sorenson, Butch Sorenson, Chris Tanner & September (nephew & his fiancée of Nancy Varboncoeur), Ray Thomas (family friend of Jeremy & Heather Thurston), Hugh Van Voorst, Jason Warpet (cousin of Deb Chmielowiec), Noah Whitesell, Lorraine Whitwell, Donna Witheft.

For all those that our Savior knows are in need, and those we name privately before our Lord.

+ **ORDER OF WORSHIP—DIVINE SERVICE, SETTING FOUR—LSB 203** +
+ **CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION** +

Hymn of Invocation: In Silent Pain the Eternal Son

LSB 432

Stand

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 Our help is in the name of the Lord,

C **who made heaven and earth.**

P If You, O Lord, kept a record of sins, O Lord, who could stand?

C **But with You there is forgiveness; therefore You are feared.**

L I confess to God Almighty, before the whole company of heaven and to you, my brothers and sisters, that I have sinned in thought, word, and deed by my fault, by my own fault, by my own most grievous fault; wherefore I pray God

Almighty to have mercy on me, forgive me all my sins, and bring me to everlasting life. Amen.

C The almighty and merciful Lord grant you pardon, forgiveness, and remission of all your sins. Amen.

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C Amen.

+ SERVICE OF THE WORD +

Introit (*Spoken responsively 1/2 verse by 1/2 verse*) *Psalm 122:1–2, 6, 8; antiphon: Isaiah 66:10a, 11a*

Rejoice with Jerusalem, and be glad for her,

all you who love her;

that you may nurse and be satisfied

from her consoling breast.

I was glad when they said to me,

“Let us go to the house of the LORD!”

Our feet have been standing

within your gates, O Jerusalem!

Pray for the peace of Jerusalem!

May they be secure who love you!

For my brothers and companions’ sake

I will say, “Peace be within you!”

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.

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all you who love her;

that you may nurse and be satisfied

from her consoling breast.

Kyrie



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

Salutation and Collect of the Day

P The Lord be with you.

C And also with you.

P Let us pray.

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.

C Amen.

Sit

Old Testament Reading

Isaiah 49:8–13

⁸Thus says the LORD:

“In a time of favor I have answered you;
in a day of salvation I have helped you;

I will keep you and give you
as a covenant to the people,
to establish the land,

to apportion the desolate heritages,
⁹saying to the prisoners, ‘Come out,’
to those who are in darkness, ‘Appear.’

They shall feed along the ways;
on all bare heights shall be their pasture;
¹⁰they shall not hunger or thirst,
neither scorching wind nor sun shall strike them,
for he who has pity on them will lead them,
and by springs of water will guide them.

¹¹And I will make all my mountains a road,
and my highways shall be raised up.

¹²Behold, these shall come from afar,
and behold, these from the north and from the west,
and these from the land of Syene.”

¹³Sing for joy, O heavens, and exult, O earth;
break forth, O mountains, into singing!
for the LORD has comforted his people
and will have compassion on his afflicted.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Choir Anthem (Sunday): On a Hill Far Away

*Words by George Bennard
Music by Joseph Martin*

Epistle

Galatians 4:21–31

²¹Tell me, you who desire to be under the law, do you not listen to the law? ²²For it is written that Abraham had two sons, one by a slave woman and one by a free woman. ²³But the son of the slave was born according to the flesh, while the son of the free woman was born through promise. ²⁴Now this may be interpreted allegorically: these women are two covenants. One is from Mount Sinai, bearing children for slavery; she is Hagar. ²⁵Now Hagar is Mount Sinai in Arabia; she corresponds to the present Jerusalem, for she is in slavery with her children. ²⁶But the Jerusalem above is free, and she is our mother. ²⁷For it is written,

“Rejoice, O barren one who does not bear;
break forth and cry aloud, you who are not in labor!
For the children of the desolate one will be more
than those of the one who has a husband.”

²⁸Now you, brothers, like Isaac, are children of promise. ²⁹But just as at that time he who was born according to the flesh persecuted him who was born according to the Spirit, so also it is now. ³⁰But what does the Scripture say? “Cast out the slave woman and her son, for the son of the slave woman shall not inherit with the son of the free woman.” ³¹So, brothers, we are not children of the slave but of the free woman.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Stand

Holy Gospel

John 6:1–15

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

C **Glory to You, O Lord.**

¹After this Jesus went away to the other side of the Sea of Galilee, which is the Sea of Tiberias. ²And a large crowd was following him, because they saw the signs

that he was doing on the sick. ³Jesus went up on the mountain, and there he sat down with his disciples. ⁴Now the Passover, the feast of the Jews, was at hand. ⁵Lifting up his eyes, then, and seeing that a large crowd was coming toward him, Jesus said to Philip, “Where are we to buy bread, so that these people may eat?” ⁶He said this to test him, for he himself knew what he would do. ⁷Philip answered him, “Two hundred denarii would not buy enough bread for each of them to get a little.” ⁸One of his disciples, Andrew, Simon Peter’s brother, said to him, ⁹“There is a boy here who has five barley loaves and two fish, but what are they for so many?” ¹⁰Jesus said, “Have the people sit down.” Now there was much grass in the place. So the men sat down, about five thousand in number. ¹¹Jesus then took the loaves, and when he had given thanks, he distributed them to those who were seated. So also the fish, as much as they wanted. ¹²And when they had eaten their fill, he told his disciples, “Gather up the leftover fragments, that nothing may be lost.” ¹³So they gathered them up and filled twelve baskets with fragments from the five barley loaves, left by those who had eaten. ¹⁴When the people saw the sign that he had done, they said, “This is indeed the Prophet who is to come into the world!”

¹⁵Perceiving then that they were about to come and take him by force to make him king, Jesus withdrew again to the mountain by himself.

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to You, O Christ.

Sit

Hymn of the Day: Where Charity and Love Prevail

LSB 845

Sermon

Stand

Apostles’ Creed

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Offertory Hymn: Create in Me

LSB 956

Prayer of the Church

After each petition

P ... let us pray to the Lord:

C Lord, have mercy.

+ SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT +

Preface

P The Lord be with you.

C And also with you.

P Lift up your hearts.

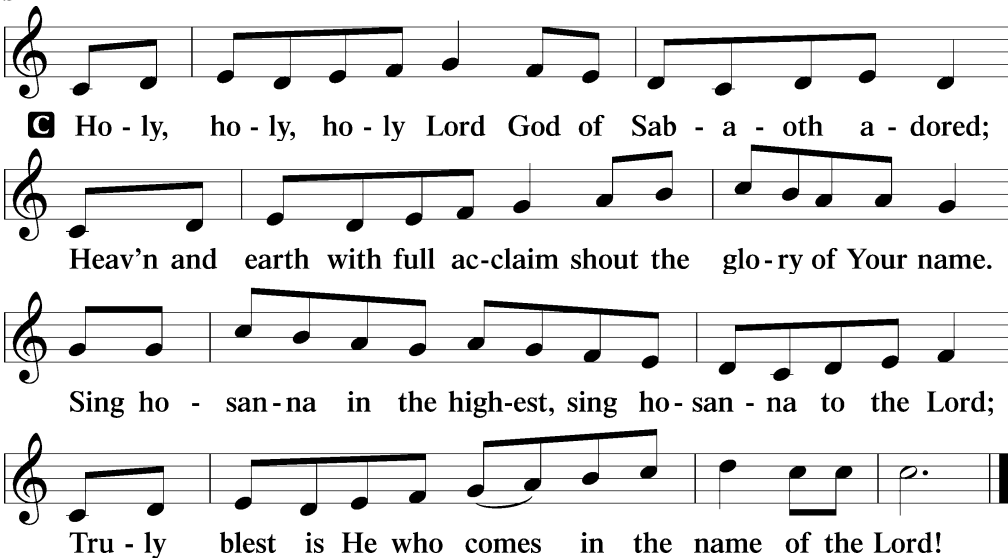
C We lift them to the Lord.

P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C It is right to give Him thanks and praise.

P It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, O Lord, holy Father, almighty and everlasting God, for the countless blessings You so freely bestow on us and all creation. Above all, we give thanks for Your boundless love shown to us when You sent Your only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ, into our flesh and laid on Him our sin, giving Him into death that we might not die eternally. Because He is now risen from the dead and lives and reigns to all eternity, all who believe in Him will overcome sin and death and will rise again to new life. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:

Sanctus



C Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord God of Sab - a - oth a - dored;
Heav'n and earth with full ac-claim shout the glo-ry of Your name.
Sing ho - san-na in the high-est, sing ho-san - na to the Lord;
Tru - ly blest is He who comes in the name of the Lord!

Text: Stephen P. Starke

Prayer of Thanksgiving

P Blessed are You, O Lord our God, king of all creation, for You have had mercy on us and given Your only-begotten Son that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have eternal life.

At Your command, Abraham prepared to offer his son Isaac as a sacrifice on the mountain; yet, in mercy You provided a ram as a substitute. We give You thanks that on Calvary You spared not Your only Son but sent Him to offer His life as a ransom for many.

As we eat and drink His body and blood, grant us, like Abraham our father, to trust in Your promise now fulfilled in Christ, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world.

Hear us as we pray in His name and as He has taught us:

Lord's Prayer

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The Words of Our Lord

Pax Domini

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C Amen.

Agnus Dei

C 1 O Je - sus Christ, true Lamb of God,
2 O Je - sus Christ, true Lamb of God,
You take the sin of the world a - way;
You take the sin of the world a - way;
O Je - sus Christ, true Lamb of God,
Have mer - cy on us, Je - sus Christ,
Have mer - cy on us, Lord, we pray.
And grant us peace, O Lord, we pray.

Text: Stephen P. Starke

Sit

Distribution

Distribution Hymn: Lord Jesus Christ, We Humbly Pray

LSB 623

Distribution Hymn: Soul, Adorn Yourself with Gladness

LSB 636

Distribution Hymn: O Living Bread from Heaven

LSB 642

Stand

Nunc Dimittis



1 O Lord, now let Your ser - vant De -
2 All glo - ry to the Fa - ther, All
part in heav'n - ly peace, For I have seen the
glo - ry to the Son, All glo - ry to the
glo - ry Of Your re - deem - ing grace:
Spir - it, For - ev - er Three in One;
A light to lead the Gen - tiles Un -
For as in the be - gin - ning, Is
to Your ho - ly hill, The glo - ry of Your
now, shall ev - er be, God's tri - une name re -
peo - ple, Your cho - sen Is - ra - el.
sound - ing Through all e - ter - ni - ty.

Post-Communion Collect

A Let us pray.

O God the Father, the fountain and source of all goodness, who in loving-kindness sent Your only-begotten Son into the flesh, we thank You that for His sake You have given us pardon and peace in this Sacrament, and we ask You not to forsake Your children but always to rule our hearts and minds by Your Holy Spirit that we may be enabled constantly to serve You; 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

A Let us bless the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

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.

Hymn to Depart: Guide Me, O Thou Great Redeemer

LSB 918

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In Response to our Savior's Love

Date/Weekend:	Sat.	Sun.	Total	Offerings: Operating	Missions	All Other Funds
March 5 th	24	92	116	\$ 3,032.00	\$ 495.00	\$ 365.00
Midweek March 8 th			36		\$ 205.00	
March 12 th	34	78	112	\$ 5,172.00	\$ 750.00	\$ 915.00
Bible Study	6	22	28			
Sunday School		27		\$ 8.00		
Average amount needed weekly to meet current Operating expenses					\$ 5,721.00	
Average amount needed weekly to meet current Mission commitments					\$ 692.00	

Complete financial reports are given at Quarterly Voters' Meetings usually held on the third Sundays of January, April, July, and October. 2023 offering envelopes are available for pick up in the church office. Please contact Diane in the church office if you need offering envelopes issued or wish to be removed from the offering envelope list.

LCMS Stewardship Ministry Stewardship Thoughts - March 19 – Lent 4 (Laetare)

John 6:5 – “Jesus said to Philip, ‘Where are we to buy bread, so that these people may eat?’”

Of course Jesus knows the answer to that question — He knows how He means to care for His people. The Lord provided, and He still provides. This knowledge frees us for generosity without fear.

Announcements

Altar Flowers: While we refrain from placing flowers on the altar during Lent, we continue to celebrate the victory won for us by Jesus Christ.

Dartball: The annual Tournament will be held this Sunday, March 19th at Emmanuel, Dwight. Players must arrive by 12:45pm, tournament begins at 1:00pm sharp.

Midweek Lenten Worship services continue Wednesdays at 7:00pm.

Meager Meals During Lent: Meager Meals are served during Lent before worship on Wednesdays. Meals will be served in our Parish Hall from 5:30-6:45pm. A free will offering is taken. We welcome you to join us!

Meager Meal Schedule

<u>Date</u>	<u>Meal</u>	<u>Prepared by</u>
03/22	Chili/Soup/Sandwich	Circle of Friends
03/29	Italian Beef	Altar Guild

Lenten Devotions: Copies are available each week for pick-up on the table in the Parish Hall.

The Altar Guild is taking orders for Easter Flowers. Yellow order forms with details are available on the table in the Parish Hall. Lilies are \$16.00 each, Tulips, Daffodils, Mums & Hyacinths are \$15.00 each. **Orders with payment to Trinity Lutheran Church Altar Guild are due on or before next Sunday, March 26th.** Questions may be directed to Jane Schaumburg or Heather Meredith.

Newsletter Calendar Addition: Please add the Altar Guild Meeting to your calendar. It will be held at 5:00pm Wednesday, March 29th prior to the Altar Guild serving the meager meal. Thank you!

Easter Egg Hunt Candy Donations: We are accepting Easter Egg size individually wrapped candy donations for the Easter Egg Hunt this year. A bin is located in the Parish Hall for your donations. Thank you! We will be stuffing Easter eggs Sunday, April 2nd after church. Anyone willing to help is welcome!

He is Risen Celebration! On Easter Sunday, April 9th we will celebrate the resurrection of our Lord and Savior after worship during a “Coffee-and” style Continental Breakfast. Coffee, juice, coffee-cake, rolls, danish & other pastry items will be served in the Parish Hall. The Council is asking for volunteers that would like to bake favorite items to share that day. **Bakers, please sign up in the Parish Hall by Sunday, April 2nd and let us know what item you will be bringing** so we may plan accordingly. This will be a special time of fellowship shared over delicious treats celebrating our Risen Lord! Parents, stay for the Sunday School Easter Egg Hunt at approximately 10:15am.

Trinity’s Little Lambs Preschool 2023-2024 Registration: Open enrollment began February 15th. Our 3 year old class is currently full. A waiting list has been started and if there is sufficient enrollment, an afternoon class will be offered. The 4 year old class still has openings at this writing. There are enrollment forms in the Parish Hall, church office, and available on the Little Lamb’s website at littlambulsherscher.org

Illinois March for Life Brings Post-Dobbs March to Springfield

\$10 round-trip Charter Bus Transportation IS available!! Depart Tuesday, March 21st 7AM from Manteno; Return by 7pm to Manteno We'll be making a quick stop at 7:30am in Ashkum for a pick-up at the Beans & Barley Brews Restaurant (Exit 293 on I-57) for any 'south-side county dwellers that wish to meet us there! See more details here to sign-up for the bus:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/70A0549ADAF2FA1FF2-ilmarch>

Online registration for VBS 2023 is open! Join us for *Ready, Set, Move!* VBS will be held June 5-9th from 8:30-11:00am. Register your child(ren) to attend or to volunteer to help online at: myvbs.org/trinitylutheranherschher

(Forms are available in the church office if online registration is unavailable to you.)

This week at Trinity Lutheran Church

Sunday 3/19	8:30am	<i>Worship with Holy Communion</i>
	9:30am	Sunday School & LYF Bible Study
	9:45am	Bible Study
	12:45pm	Dartball Tournament @ Emmanuel, Dwight
Monday		Little Lambs-No School 3/20-24
	8:00am	Devotion on Facebook Live
Tuesday	8:00am	Devotion on Facebook Live
	6:30pm	Hannah Circle @ Barbara Schwark's home
Wednesday	8:00am	Devotion on Facebook Live
	5:30pm	Children's Music
	5:30-6:45pm	Meager Meal
	5:45pm	Handbells
	7:00pm	<i>Lenten Service</i>
	7:45pm	Choir
Thursday	8:00am	Devotion on Facebook Live
	9:00am	April Newsletter Deadline
Friday	8:00am	Devotion on Facebook Live
Saturday	4:00pm	Catechism Review Bible Study
	5:00pm	<i>Worship with Holy Communion</i>
Sunday 3/26	8:30am	<i>Worship with Holy Communion</i>
	9:30am	Sunday School & LYF Bible Study
	9:45am	Titus Bible Study
	2:00pm	Confirmation
		Easter Flower Order Deadline

Serving the Lord today: Pastor: Rev. Eric J. Brown

Cantor: Paul Johnson

Elder/Communion:

Ken Taube (Sat.)

Chip Thurston (Sun.)

Next Week:

Dale Simmons (Sat.)

Don LaChappell (Sun.)

Usher Captain:

Gerald Brutlag (Sat.)

Brian Noffke (Sun.)

Altar Guild:

Donnette Meyer & Donna Sharper