



LENTEN MIDWEEK SERVICE

MARCH 13, 2024

GATHERING

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Please stand as you are able.

P Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

Silence is kept for reflection and self-examination.

P Most holy and merciful God,

C we confess to you and to one another, and before the whole company of heaven, that we have sinned by our fault, by our own fault, by our own most grievous fault, in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone.

P We have not loved you with our whole heart, and mind, and strength. We have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We have not forgiven others as we have been forgiven.

C Have mercy on us, O God.

P Our past unfaithfulness, the pride, envy, hypocrisy, and apathy that have infected our lives, we confess to you.

C Have mercy on us, O God.

P Our self-indulgent appetites and ways, and our exploitation of other people, we confess to you.

C Have mercy on us, O God.

P Our negligence in prayer and worship, and our failure to share the faith that is in us, we confess to you.

C Have mercy on us, O God.

P Our neglect of human need and suffering, and our indifference to injustice and cruelty, we confess to you.

C Have mercy on us, O God.

P Our false judgments, our uncharitable thoughts toward our neighbors, and our prejudice and contempt toward those who differ from us, we confess to you.

C Have mercy on us, O God.

P Our waste and pollution of your creation, and our lack of concern for those who come after us, we confess to you.

C Have mercy on us, O God.

P Restore us, O God, and let your anger depart from us.

C Hear us, O God, for your mercy is great.

P Accomplish in us, O God, the work of your salvation,

C that we may show forth your glory in the world.

P By the cross and passion of your Son, our Savior,

C bring us with all your saints to the joy of his resurrection.

P Almighty God have mercy on us, forgive us all our sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen us in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep us in eternal life.

C Amen.

HYMN

Tree of Life and Awesome Mystery

ELW 334

(verses 1-3, and Lent 4)



1 Tree of Life and awe - some mys - t'ry, in your
 2 We re - mem - ber truth once spo - ken, love passed
 3 Christ, you lead and we shall fol - low, stum - bling

death we are re - born; though you die in all of
 on through act and word; ev - 'ry per - son lost and
 though our steps may be; one with you in joy and

his - t'ry, still you rise with ev - 'ry morn, still you
 bro - ken wears the bod - y of our Lord, wears the
 sor - row, we the riv - er, you the sea, we the

rise with ev - 'ry morn.
 bod - y of our Lord.
 riv - er, you the sea.

One of the following may be sung as the final stanza at the appropriate time.

General

Light of life beyond conceiving,
 mighty Spirit of our Lord;
 give new strength to our believing,
 give us faith to live your word.

Lent 1

From the dawning of creation
 you have loved us as your own;
 stay with us through all temptation,
 make us turn to you alone.

Lent 2

In our call to be a blessing,
 may we be a blessing true;
 may we live and die confessing
 Christ as Lord of all we do.

Lent 3

Living Water of salvation,
 be the fountain of each soul;
 springing up in new creation,
 flow in us and make us whole.

Lent 4

Give us eyes to see you clearly;
 make us children of your light.
 Give us hearts to live more nearly
 as your gospel shining bright.

Lent 5

God of all our fear and sorrow,
 God who lives beyond our death,
 hold us close through each tomorrow,
 love as near as ev'ry breath.

P Blessed be the Holy Trinity, one God, source of all goodness and life, who clothes us with + Christ Jesus and makes us one in the Holy Spirit.

C Blessed be God forever.

KYRIE

ELW 157

Leader

In peace, in peace, let us pray to the Lord.

Assembly

Lord, have mer - cy. Christ, have

For the reign of God, and for

mer - cy. Lord, have mer - cy.

peace through-out the world, for the u-ni-ty of all, let us pray to the

Lord.

For your

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

peo - ple here who have come to give you praise, for the strength to live your

word, let us pray to the Lord.

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

Help, save, and de-fend us, O God.

mer - cy. A - men.

PRAYER

P Let us pray. Almighty and ever-living God, you have made, and you forgive the sins of all who are penitent. Create in us new and honest hearts, so that, truly repenting of our sins, we may receive from you, the God of all mercy, full pardon and forgiveness through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

Please be seated.

THE WORD

PSALM 119:103-111

¹⁰³How sweet are your words to my taste, sweeter than honey to my mouth!

¹⁰⁴**Through your precepts I get understanding; therefore I hate every false way.**

¹⁰⁵Your word is a lamp to my feet and a light to my path.

¹⁰⁶**I have sworn an oath and confirmed it, to observe your righteous ordinances.**

¹⁰⁷I am severely afflicted; give me life, O Lord, according to your word.

¹⁰⁸**Accept my offerings of praise, O Lord, and teach me your ordinances.**

¹⁰⁹I hold my life in my hand continually, but I do not forget your law.

¹¹⁰**The wicked have laid a snare for me, but I do not stray from your precepts.**

¹¹¹Your decrees are my heritage forever; they are the joy of my heart.

2ND CORINTHIANS 8:1-15

⁸We want you to know, brothers and sisters, about the grace of God that has been granted to the churches of Macedonia, ²for during a severe ordeal of affliction their abundant joy and their extreme poverty have overflowed in a wealth of generosity on their part. ³For, as I can testify, they voluntarily gave according to their means and even beyond their means, ⁴begging us earnestly for the favor of partnering in this ministry to the saints, ⁵and not as we expected. Instead, they gave themselves first to the Lord and, by the will of God, to us, ⁶so that we might urge Titus that, as he had already made a beginning, so he should also complete this generous undertaking among you. ⁷Now as you excel in everything—in faith, in speech, in knowledge, in utmost eagerness, and in our love for you—so we want you to excel also in this generous undertaking. ⁸I do not say this as a command, but I am, by mentioning the eagerness of others, testing the genuineness of your love. ⁹For you know the generous act of our Lord Jesus Christ, that though he was rich, yet for your sakes he became poor, so that by his poverty you might become rich. ¹⁰And in this matter I am giving my opinion: it is beneficial for you who began last year not only to do something but even to desire to do something. ¹¹Now finish doing it, so that your eagerness may be matched by completing it according to your means. ¹²For if the eagerness is there, the gift is acceptable according to what one has, not according to what one does not have. ¹³For I do not mean that there should be relief for others and hardship for you, but it is a question of equality between ¹⁴your present abundance and their need, so that their abundance may also supply your need, in order that there may be equality. ¹⁵As it is written, “The one who had much did not have too much, and the one who had little did not have too little.”

REFLECTION

Sacrificial Giving

PR. BARBARA JONES

HYMN OF THE DAY

In the Cross of Christ I Glory

ELW 324

Please stand for the last verse.

1 In the cross of Christ I glo - ry, tow'r - ing
2 When the woes of life o'er - take me, hopes de -
3 When the sun of bliss is beam - ing light and
4 Bane and bless - ing, pain and plea - sure, by the

o'er the wrecks of time. All the light of
ceive, and fears an - noy, nev - er shall the
love up - on my way, from the cross the
cross are sanc - ti - fied; peace is there that

sa - cred sto - ry gath - ers round its head sub - lime.
cross for - sake me; lo, it glows with peace and joy.
ra - diance stream - ing adds more lus - ter to the day.
knows no mea - sure, joys that through all time a - bide.

NICENE CREED

P God has made us his people through our Baptism into Christ. Living together in trust and hope we confess our faith through the Nicene Creed.

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father; through him all things were made.

For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary and became truly human.

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried.

On the third day he rose again in accordance with the scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

PRAYERS

P *The LORD is good to all; he has compassion on all he has made. (Psalm 145:2)*
God of the blessed, we praise you, for mercy shown, for grace given, for living water, for Spirit's power. We ask you for daily strength, for hope for tomorrow, your word to guide us, and strong feet to follow.

"Show me your ways, O LORD, teach me your paths; guide me in your truth and teach me, for you are God my Savior, and my hope is in you all day long. (Psalm 25:4-5)

God of the oppressed we bring to you the broken ones, the forgotten ones, the exploited and abused ones. Bring freedom and release, love and compassion to damaged hearts and souls.

(silence)

P God of compassion,

C Hear our prayer.

P God of the distressed, we bring to you the grieving ones, hurting ones, suffering and wounded ones. Bring wholeness and healing comfort and relief to broken bodies and minds

(silence)

P God of compassion,

C Hear our prayer.

P God of the dispossessed we bring to you the lonely ones, the homeless ones, thirsty, tired and penniless ones. Bring hope and sustenance physical and\ spiritual food, to hungry bodies and souls.

(silence)

P God of compassion,

C Hear our prayer.

P The LORD is good to all; he has compassion on all he has made. May the peace, love and compassion of the Lord be with you now and always.

C Amen.

LORD'S PRAYER

P Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us.

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.

BLESSING

P Holy God, Blessed Trinity, strengthen your faith, increase your hope, deepen your love, + and give you peace this day and always.

C Amen.

DISMISSAL

P Go now in peace, for nothing can separate you from the love of God in Christ Jesus.

C Thanks be to God.

Welcome to worship at Trinity!

Thank you for joining us for worship. We hope that you found the Spirit of God in our midst. If you are interested in becoming a member of Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church, or have other questions, please contact the church office at 785.233.0767.

Lenten Services

March 13th – “Sacrificial Giving” 2 Corinthians 8:1-15

12:00 noon Trinity with Pr Barb

5:30 pm Our Saviors - Soup Supper 6:15 pm Our Saviors with Pr Barb

March 20th – “Works of Love” John 4:9-12

12:00 noon Trinity with Pr Merle

5:30 pm Our Saviors - Soup Supper 6:15 pm Our Saviors with Pr Merle

REFLECTIONS for LENT 2024



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the **POINT** of all of this... These devotions mean something to us because they are *ours*. They are written by Lutherans here in Missouri and Kansas with different experiences, perspectives, and talents. By sharing these stories, we are inviting one another to know God as we do. We hope that these stories help you see God more clearly active in your own life.

how to use this
DEVOTIONAL... Plan a time each day that works for you. It might be when you wake up or go to bed, before a meal, waiting in the car for kids, or with a loved one. Set an alarm to remind you if it helps. If you miss a few days, pick up with today's reflection. You can mark what you miss to go back later.

We encourage you to read the full scripture passage listed at the top of each page to hear the context of God's Word, but it's not a requirement.

Finish by with the prayer. Feel free to add anything God has moved you to say, anything else on your heart, or additional prayers you've learned.

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Together in Community

Living with Christ

Caring for Neighbors

Together in Community

We are a faith community brought together to worship God and to be of service to the needs of the world as the Great Commandment is our guide in our lives (*Matthew 22:36-39, Mark 12:29-31, and Luke 10:26-27*). We are a congregation that seeks to reach all those in our county with members spread throughout Topeka area, while being rooted in Historic Old Town. In our faith, we hope to be a symbol of Christ's love in the world (*John 15:12*), to be a community of support and care (*Galatians 6:2*), and to proclaim the good news that Jesus Christ came to be a Savior for all people (*Colossians 1:13-14*).

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