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***Laetare (Lent 4)***  
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Psalm 122 is where we get our *Gradual* for this Sunday. "I was glad when they said to me, 'Let us go into the house of the LORD' . . . . Peace be within your walls, prosperity within your palaces." This is always our refuge in tempest, famine, plague, war, and all attacks. It is the house of the LORD. St. Paul calls this the Jerusalem who is above. She is the church of God cleansed by the blood of Jesus. She is protected from all evil. But on earth, she is seen as torn down. Soon after David and Solomon's reign Jerusalem's earthly power and influence became less and less until finally the Babylonians came and took it all away. God graciously caused the city to be rebuilt until he sent his Son into the flesh to gather the remnant into the holy temple of his body forever. The earthly Jerusalem rejected him, so St. Paul says that this earthly Jerusalem is in bondage with her children. She remains in bondage as long as she does not find her rest in Christ who gave his body up into death in order to present to himself a pure bride, a free mother of all those who trust in him. This is his pure and free church who is free from all condemnation.

The heavenly Jerusalem is hidden here on earth. It is visible in the gathering of his saint around his pure gospel and holy sacraments. But even when people are prevented from gathering around the visible signs of the church, they find their refuge in the Word of God where their Savior gathers all his saints. Those who avoid the house of the LORD for the pleasures of this life are in bondage with the earthly Jerusalem, because they are finding their comfort in worldly things that are passing away, in their own accomplishments and desires. But what of those who are stuck at home, sick, or near death? They are the ones who should rejoice in the Word of their Savior when their pastor and other members of Christ's body bring them the comfort of the gospel. We are one body, after all, united together by the freedom Jesus gives in his gospel. When you have God's Word, then you can be glad, even when steeples are falling. The God who provides daily bread for our bodies will see to it that we are nurtured in our souls when we dwell in his Word.

**DEAR VISITORS:** As a congregation in the Lutheran Church - Missouri Synod, Trinity practices ***closed communion***, which means that we only commune those who are members in good standing of sister congregations and have been instructed in the Christian faith as it is summarized in Luther's Small Catechism. If you are a visitor and desire to commune at Trinity, **please speak to Pastor Preus before the service.**

# The Order of Morning Service

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**Hymn of Invocation** ∞ *O Living Bread from Heaven*

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*Stand for final stanza*

**Invocation, Confession & Absolution**

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*Please remain standing through the conclusion of the Collect of the Day.*

## Service of the Word

### Introit

Rejoice with Jerusalem, and be | glad with her,\*  
all you who | love her;

**that you may feed and be | satisfied\***

**with the consolation of her | bosom.** (*Isaiah 66:10-11*)

I was glad when they | said to me,\*

"Let us go into the house | of the LORD."

**Our feet have been | standing\***

**within your gates, O Je- | rusalem!**

Pray for the peace of Je- | rusalem:\*

"May they prosper who | love you."

**For the sake of my brethren and companions, I will | now say,\***

**"Peace be with- | in you."** (*Psalms 122:1-2, 6, 8*)



**Gloria Patri** ∞ *Glory be to the Father*

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**Kyrie** ∞ *Lord, Have Mercy*

*The Gloria in Excelsis is omitted during Lent.*

**Salutation & Collect of the Day**

*Sit*

**Old Testament Reading** - *Exodus 16:2-21*

<sup>2</sup>In the wilderness the whole congregation grumbled against Moses and Aaron.

<sup>3</sup>"If only we had died by the LORD's hand in Egypt," the Israelites told them, "when we sat by our pots of meat and ate all the food we wanted! You brought us into this wilderness to starve this whole congregation to death!"

<sup>4</sup>"I will send you bread like rain from heaven," the LORD told Moses. "And I will test them to see if they will do what I tell them or not: Each day the people will go out and gather only what they need for that day. <sup>5</sup>But on the sixth day, when they prepare what they bring home, it will be twice as much as they gather any other day."

<sup>6</sup>Moses and Aaron told all the Israelites: "This evening you will realize the LORD took you out of Egypt, <sup>7</sup>and in the morning you will see the LORD's glory, for He has heard you grumble against the LORD. What are we that you should grumble against us." <sup>8</sup>Moses added: "This evening the LORD is giving you meat to eat and

in the morning all the bread you want, for the LORD has heard you grumble against Him. What are we? You didn't grumble against us but against the LORD."

<sup>9</sup> "Tell the whole congregation of Israel," Moses said to Aaron: "Come before the LORD, for He has heard you grumble." <sup>10</sup> But then, as Aaron talked to the whole congregation of Israel, they turned toward the desert and saw the LORD's glory appearing in the cloud. <sup>11</sup> "I have heard Israel grumble," the LORD said to Moses. <sup>12</sup> "Tell them: 'At twilight you will eat meat, and in the morning you will get all the bread you want, and then you will know I am the LORD your God.' "

<sup>13</sup> In the evening quails came up and covered the camp, and in the morning dew was lying around the camp. <sup>14</sup> When the dew lifted, the desert ground was covered with something small and flaky as fine as hoarfrost on the ground. <sup>15</sup> When the Israelites saw it, they asked one another, "What is it?" because they didn't know what it was.

Moses told them, "This is the food the LORD gives you to eat. <sup>16</sup> And this is what the LORD orders you to do: Everyone should gather as much of it as he can eat — take one and one-half quarts for each as you count the persons each of you has in his tent."

<sup>17</sup> The Israelites did so, some gathering more, some less. <sup>18</sup> But when they measured it with a measure, the one who gathered much didn't have too much, and the one who gathered little didn't have too little, but each had gathered as much as he could eat.

<sup>19</sup> Moses told them, "Nobody should keep any of it till morning." <sup>20</sup> But they didn't listen to Moses. Some men kept part of it till morning, and it was full of maggots and stank. So Moses was angry with them.

<sup>21</sup> Every morning each one gathered as much as he could eat. When the sun was hot, it melted away. <sup>22</sup> But on the sixth day they gathered twice as much food, three quarts for each person, and all the leaders of the congregation came to Moses to tell him about it.

D This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

## Gradual

I was glad when they | said to me,\*

"Let us go into the house | of the LORD."

**Peace be with- | in your walls,\***

**Prosperity within your | palaces.** (Psalm 122:1, 7)



## Epistle - Galatians 4:21-31

<sup>21</sup> Tell me, you who want to be under the Law, will you not listen to what the Law says? <sup>22</sup> It is written that Abraham had two sons; one was the son of the slave and the other the son of the free woman. <sup>23</sup> Now, the son of the slave was born like other children, but the son of the free woman by being promised.

<sup>24</sup>This has figurative meaning. The women are two covenants. The children of the covenant given on Mount Sinai are born to be slaves; this is Hagar. <sup>25</sup> "Hagar" in Arabia means Mount Sinai. She is like Jerusalem today, because she and her children are slaves. <sup>26</sup>But the Jerusalem that is above is free; and she is our mother.

<sup>27</sup>It is written: Be glad, barren woman, you who don't have any children; break into shouting, you who have no pains of childbirth, because the deserted woman has many more children than the one who has the husband.

<sup>28</sup>Now you, my fellow Christians, like Isaac, are children born by a promise. <sup>29</sup>At that time the son born like other children persecuted the son born by the Spirit. And so it is now. <sup>30</sup>But what does the Bible say? "Put away the slave and her son, because the son of the slave must not get any of the inheritance of the son of the free woman." <sup>31</sup>Now, then, fellow Christians, we are not children of a slave but of a free woman.

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Stand

Verse

Those who trust | in the LORD\*

are like Mount | Zion,

**which can- | not be moved,\***

**but abides for- | ever.**

As the mountains surround Je- | rusalem,\*

so the LORD surrounds His | people

**from this time forth and for- | ever.\***

**Peace be upon | Israel!** (Psalm 125:1-2, 5)



**Gospel - John 6:1-15**

Some time later Jesus crossed over to the other side of the Sea of Galilee, which is the Sea of Tiberias. <sup>2</sup>A large crowd was following Him because they saw the miracles He did on the sick. <sup>3</sup>Jesus went up the hill and sat down there with His disciples. <sup>4</sup>The Jewish Festival of the Passover was near.

<sup>5</sup>As Jesus looked up, He saw a large crowd coming to Him. He turned to Philip: "Where should we buy bread for these people to eat?" <sup>6</sup>He asked this only to test him, since He knew what He was going to do.

<sup>7</sup>"Two hundred denarii," Philip answered, "wouldn't buy enough bread for each of them to get just a little."

<sup>8</sup>One of His disciples, Andrew, Simon Peter's brother, told Him, <sup>9</sup>"There's a boy here who has five barley loaves and two fish. But what is that among so many?"

<sup>10</sup>"Have the people sit down," Jesus said. There was much grass at the place. So they sat down. There were about 5,000 men.

<sup>11</sup>Then Jesus took the loaves, gave thanks, and distributed them to the people who were sitting down, and in the same way as much of the fish as they wanted. <sup>12</sup>When

they had enough, He told His disciples, "Gather the pieces that are left so that nothing will be wasted." <sup>13</sup>They gathered them and filled twelve baskets with pieces of the five barley loaves left by those who had eaten.

<sup>14</sup>Seeing the miracle He did, the people said, "This certainly is the Prophet Who is coming into the world."

<sup>15</sup>When Jesus learned that the people meant to come and take Him by force and make Him king, He went back again to the hill by Himself.

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C **Praise be to Thee, O Christ.**

## **Apostles' Creed**

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*Sit*

**Hymn of the Day** *↪ Jesus, Priceless Treasure*

*TLH #347*

## **Sermon**

*Stand*

## **Offertory**

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*Sit*

## **Gathering of the Offering**

*Stand to sing as the offerings are brought forward*

*We give Thee but Thine own,*

*Whate'er the gift may be*

*All that we have is Thine alone,*

*A trust, O Lord, from Thee.*

Please complete the Record of Fellowship in the folder in your pew.
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**Wednesday School Children** – *God's Own Child I Gladly Say It*

## **Prayers**

**General Prayer - Litany**

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**Lord's Prayer**

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**Hymn** *↪ Christ, the Life of All the Living*

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**Concluding Collect**

**Benediction**

*Sit*

**Hymn to Depart** *↪ Glory Be to Jesus*

*TLH #158*

**Silent Prayer**

**Ushers for today:** James Eads, Joseph Rethemeyer, Kyle Scheer,

**Next week:** Peter Otten, Jonathan Finck, Andrew Rethemeyer,

**Greeter for today:** Rick Tritch

**Next Week:**

**Acolyte today:** Alton Swann

**Midweek Lenten Service:** Evan Scheer

**Next Sunday:** Jacob Preus

**Flower and Altar Care: March:** Carolyn Scheer & Leah Preus

### **Lent/Easter Worship Schedule**

Lenten Services @ 7:00 p.m. (March 22, 29)

Palm Sunday – Confirmation 10:00 a.m. service (April 2)

Maundy Thursday @ 7:00 p.m. (April 6)

Good Friday @ 7:00 p.m. (April 7)

*Easter Sunrise* service at Camp Trinity 6:30 a.m.

*Easter Sunday* Divine Service – 10:00 a.m.

**Birthdays and Anniversaries:** Lydia Otten, 19<sup>th</sup>, Ava Oelerichs, 24<sup>th</sup>, Keith Rethemeyer, 24<sup>th</sup>

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**Prayer and Petitions:** New Haven Care Center: Wilma Niewald. Homebound: Ray and LeeAnn Rohling, Barb Sunfield, Diana Scheer, Paul & Sue Laune; Missionaries: Rev. James May (missionary to Africa); Rev. David Preus (missionary to Romania); Michael & Naomi Ersland, Lutheran Bible Translators, Ghana. Luke Otten, Vicarage. Luther Classical College, St. Paul High School, Concordia, MO.

**Memorial Service for Donna Bell**, Thursday, March 23 at 2:30 (after ladies Bible class).

**Spring cleanup** inside & outside and gate installation **March 25<sup>th</sup> at Trinity. 9:00 a.m.** All ages are welcome and invited to help.

Ladies Aid is **collecting donations of stuffed Easter eggs** for an Easter Egg hunt after church on Easter Sunday. Drop the stuffed eggs off in box in conference room. Some plastic eggs to fill are available in the conference room.

**ATTENTION YOUTH: Washington Circuit Monthly Youth Gathering at Camp Trinity this evening 6 p.m.-8 p.m.** Bible Study, Games, Food, bring friends. Youth in grade 6 through high school are welcome and encouraged to attend. We will continue reading and discussing *A Martyr's Faith in a Faithless World* by Pastor Bryan Wolfmueller. "Who your heroes are says a lot about you. 'We live in the shadows of our heroes. We look up to them. We try to live like them. Our heroes encourage and inspire us.' In *A Martyr's Faith in a Faithless World*, Pastor Bryan Wolfmueller urges readers to consider not only who their heroes are, but how those heroes shape them." **For all youth who received a copy of the book at the Winter Retreat, please bring it with you to the monthly meeting.** Camp Trinity address: 439 Camp Trinity Drive, New Haven.

**VBS 2nd Planning Meeting: March 26, 11:30 at Shepherd's Hall, Camp Trinity.** Station Leaders should have a plan and materials list for their station ready to share with the group. Thrivent Members are asked to request Thrivent Action Cards to help with expenses for VBS. A collection will once again be taken at Easter Sunrise service for VBS. Anyone wanting to help with VBS in anyway please contact Ruth Rethemeyer at Camp Trinity (573)237-2072.

**VBS Registration Letters** went out to all of our members, please encourage your families with young children to register now before registration is made public on April 7th. VBS will fill up fast and we want our members to have a spot first.

**ATTENTION YOUTH AND Adult drivers/helpers - Canvass Day and Easter Sunrise Set UP** – April 7<sup>th</sup> meet at 8:00 a.m. at Camp Trinity, set up for Easter Sunrise service and Breakfast and then disperse by 9:00 to Canvass the town and countryside. Trinity Youth and any other youth wanting to join them will then reconvene at Trinity around 11:00 to do HWY 100 Trash pickup, followed by lunch at the Ice Cream Shop at noon.

**Wednesday School/Catechism Class:** All children, preschool through confirmation age are welcome and encouraged to attend. Parents are also welcome. We meet after 3:00 p.m. for snacks and kickball. Our opening is at 3:45 p.m., and classes run until 5:00 p.m. We will conclude Wednesday School/Catechism Class with a brief Vespers service. All are invited to attend these. During Advent and Lent, the Vespers services will be at their regular time, 7:00 p.m.

**Ladies Bible Class** – Thursdays @ 1:30 in conference room. Study of 1<sup>st</sup> Corinthians.

**Choir practice right after church 1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday**– Anyone interested is welcome to attend.

**If you have not been receiving email updates/announcements from Trinity, please email [office@trinitynewhaven.com](mailto:office@trinitynewhaven.com) or give your email address to one of the ushers so you may be added to the list.**

**Weekly Sermons, Bulletins, and Devotions** posted at [www.trinitynewhaven.com](http://www.trinitynewhaven.com).

**Adult Bible Study - Tuesday evenings at 7:00 p.m.** Study of Acts. All are invited to attend.

**Ladies Bible Study** – Thursdays @ 1:30 (1 Corinthians)

**A Week-long devotion series by Pastor Preus** is downloaded to website. Copies are also available on the Usher's stand.

Please send any **announcements** to [office@trinitynewhaven.com](mailto:office@trinitynewhaven.com).

**Prayer requests** can also be sent to the office email or directly to Pastor Preus.

## **The Large Catechism The Ten Commandments**

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### **Conclusion of the Ten Commandments.**

311 Thus we have the Ten Commandments, a compend of divine doctrine, as to what we are to do in order that our whole life may be pleasing to God, and the true fountain and channel from and in which everything must arise and flow that is to be a good work, so that outside of the Ten Commandments no work or thing can be good or pleasing to God, however great or precious it be in the eyes of the world. 312 Let us see now what our great saints can boast of their spiritual orders and their great and grievous works which they have invented and set up, while they let these pass, as though they were far too insignificant, or had long ago been perfectly fulfilled.

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