



Grace Alone Scripture Alone Faith Alone

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Right before we enter Lent where our *Alleluia* is absent and we begin to contemplate the suffering and death of our Lord for our salvation, learning to deny ourselves in repentance and faith, our *verse* for *Quinquagesima* is one of thanksgiving. We should learn from this that the season of Lent is not one of our own meritorious suffering or repentance. We are not left without confidence when we look toward the cross of our Lord, Jesus. Jesus proves this by healing a blind man immediately after he predicts his death and resurrection for the third time. He is heading toward Jerusalem with joy and thanksgiving, to bear our own spiritual blindness, even as he does so with the joy of knowing and seeing the Father face to face.

So we sing from Psalm 100: "Make a joyful shout to the Lord, all you lands. Serve the Lord with gladness." When Jesus announces that he is heading to Jerusalem to be scourged, insulted, and put to death, this is a joyful shout to the Lord, which he makes on behalf of all nations for whose sins he would make atonement. He is doing this in obedience to his Father, serving the Lord with gladness. "Come before his presence with singing; know that the Lord, he is God." As Jesus approached Mount Calvary, he was drawing near to the inner part of the temple, in the presence of God, to offer his own blood on the mercy seat. This is what it means to know that the Lord is God. It is to know the atonement of his only begotten Son. "It is he who has made us, and not we ourselves." All merit belongs to the Lord, whether in our bodies or in our souls. This is true especially in his work of salvation. As he says in Isaiah 63:3, "I have trodden the winepress alone, and no one from the nations was with me." So we sing, "We are his people and the sheep of his pasture." The Lord is our Shepherd (Ps. 23:1), and as our Shepherd, he lays down his life for the sheep (John 10:11). This is the basis for our rejoicing and thanksgiving as we prepare to meditate on this gracious act of our Lord and God, Jesus Christ.

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 Holy Communion

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Hymn of Invocation ☞ *Before Thee, God, Who Knowest All*

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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

Be my rock of refuge, a fortress of defense to | save me.*

For You are my rock and my | fortress.

Therefore, for Your | name's sake,*

lead me and | guide me. (*Psalm 31:2-3*)

In You, O LORD, I put my trust; let me never | be ashamed;*

deliver me in Your | righteousness.

Into Your hand I commit my | spirit;*

You have redeemed me, O LORD | God of truth.

Have mercy on me, O LORD, for I am in | trouble;*

my eye wastes a- | way with grief.

Make Your face shine upon Your | servant;*

save me for Your | mercies' sake. (*Psalm 31:1, 5, 9, 16*)



Gloria Patri ☞ *Glory be to the Father*

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Kyrie ☞ *Lord, Have Mercy*

Gloria in Excelsis ☞ *Glory to God in the Highest*

Salutation & Collect of the Day

Sit

Old Testament Reading - 1 Sam. 16:1-13

"How long are you going to grieve over Saul," the LORD asked Samuel, "now that I have rejected him from being king over Israel? Fill your horn with olive oil and go. I'm sending you to Jesse in Bethlehem because I've selected one of his sons to be My king."

² "How can I go?" Samuel asked. "When Saul hears about it, he'll kill me." "Take a heifer with you," the LORD said, "and say, 'I've come to sacrifice to the LORD.'"³ Call Jesse to the sacrifice, and I will tell you what to do. You will anoint for Me the one I point out to you."

⁴ Samuel did what the LORD told him. When he came to Bethlehem, the elders of the town who came to meet him were trembling with fear. "Did you come for a friendly purpose?" they asked.

⁵ "Yes," he answered, "I have come to sacrifice to the LORD. Purify yourselves and come with me to the sacrifice." He purified Jesse and his sons and invited them to the sacrifice. ⁶ When they came, he saw Eliab and thought, "Certainly here before the LORD

is the one He wants to anoint.”

⁷ “Don’t look at his appearance,” the LORD told Samuel, “or how tall he is, because I have rejected him. God does not see as man sees, because a man looks at the outward appearance, but the LORD looks into the heart.”

⁸ Then Jesse called Abinadab and brought him before Samuel. But he said, “The LORD also has not chosen this one.”

⁹ Then Jesse had Shammah come before him. “The LORD has not chosen this one either,” he said. ¹⁰ So Jesse had seven of his sons come before Samuel, but Samuel told Jesse, “The LORD has not chosen these. ¹¹ Are these all the sons you have?” Samuel asked Jesse.

“There’s still the youngest one,” he answered. “He’s watching the sheep.” “Send someone to get him,” Samuel told Jesse. “We won’t sit down till he gets here.”

¹² He sent someone who brought him. He was ruddy, with beautiful eyes, and handsome. “Go ahead,” the LORD said, “and anoint him. This is the one.” ¹³ Samuel took the horn of olive oil and anointed him in the presence of his brothers, and the LORD’s Spirit came mightily upon David and stayed with him from that day on. Then Samuel left and went to Ramah.

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Gradual

You are the God who does | wonders;*

You have declared Your strength among the | peoples.

You have with Your arm redeemed Your | people,*

The sons of Jacob and | Joseph. (Psalm 77:14–15)



Epistle - 1 Corinthians 13:1-13

¹ If I speak the languages of men and of angels but don’t have any love, I’ve become a loud gong or a clashing cymbal. ² Even if I speak God’s Word and know every kind of hidden truth and have every kind of knowledge, even if I have all the faith to move mountains but don’t have any love, I’m nothing. ³ Even if I give away all I have to feed the hungry and give up my body but only to boast and don’t have any love, it doesn’t help me.

⁴ Love is patient. Love is kind. Love isn’t jealous. It doesn’t brag or get conceited.

⁵ It isn’t indecent. It isn’t selfish. It doesn’t get angry. It doesn’t plan to hurt anyone.

⁶ It doesn’t delight in evil but is happy with the truth. ⁷ It bears everything, believes everything, hopes for everything, endures everything. ⁸ Love never dies. If there are prophecies, they will come to an end; or other languages, they will stop; or knowledge, it will vanish.

⁹ We learn only a part of anything and prophesy only a part. ¹⁰ But when that which is perfect comes, what is only a part will vanish. ¹¹ When I was a child, I used to talk like a child, think like a child, plan like a child. Now that I’m a man, I’ve given up the ways of a child. ¹² Now we see a blurred image in a mirror, but then we’ll see face to face. Now I learn only a part of anything, but then

I'll know as He has known me.

¹³And now these three, faith, hope, and love, go on, but the most important of these is love.

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Stand

Verse

Make a joyful shout to the LORD, | all you lands!*

Serve the LORD with | gladness;

come before His presence with | singing.*

Know that the LORD, | He is God;

it is He who has | made us,*

and not | we ourselves;

we are His | people*

and the sheep of His | pasture. (Psalm 100:1-3)



Triple Alleluia

Gospel - Luke 18:31-43

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the eighteenth chapter.

C **Glory be to Thee, O Lord.**

³¹He took the twelve aside and said to them: "Look, we're going up to Jerusalem, and everything the Prophets wrote about the Son of Man will be done: ³²He'll be handed over to the non-Jews. They'll mock and insult Him, spit on Him, ³³whip Him and put Him to death. And on the third day He will rise."

³⁴But they understood none of this. It was a mystery to them, and they didn't know what He meant.

³⁵As He came near Jericho, there was a blind man sitting by the road, begging.

³⁶Hearing a crowd go by, he tried to find out what it was all about.

³⁷"Jesus from Nazareth is passing by," they told him.

³⁸He called, "Jesus, Son of David, have pity on me!" ³⁹Those who went ahead were urging him to be quiet. But he called all the louder, "Son of David, have pity on me!"

⁴⁰Jesus stopped and ordered the man brought to Him. When he came near, Jesus asked him, ⁴¹"What do you want Me to do for you?"

"Lord, I want to see," he said.

⁴²"See!" Jesus told him. "Your faith has made you well." ⁴³Immediately he could see, and he followed Jesus, praising God. And all the people praised God for what they had seen.

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

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

Nicene Creed

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Sit

Hymn of the Day *☞ Let Us Ever Walk with Jesus*

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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.

General Prayer

Service of the Sacrament

Preface & Proper Preface

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Sanctus *☞ Holy, Holy, Holy*

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Words of Institution

Pax Domini *☞ Peace of the Lord*

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Agnus Dei *☞ Lamb of God*

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Sit – Guests are asked to please speak with the pastor before communing.

Hymns during Distribution

☞ Jesus Christ, Our Blessed Savior

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☞ Chief of Sinners Though I Be

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☞ Through Jesus' Blood and Merit

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Stand after the distribution

Nunc Dimittis *☞ Song of Simeon*

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Sit

Hymn to Depart *☞ Jesus, Refuge of the Weary*

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Silent Prayer

Ushers for today:

Keith Rethemeyer, Charlie Scheer, Karson Eads

Next week:

James Eads, Joseph Rethemeyer, Kyle Scheer,
Adam Swann

Greeter for today:

Larry Scheer

Next Week:

Rick Tritch

Acolyte today:

Alton Swann

Ash Wednesday:

Evan Scheer

Next Week:

Jacob Preus

Flower and Altar Care: February: Kerri Otten & Jennifer Trsek

Lent/Easter Worship Schedule

Ash Wednesday @ 7:00 p.m. February 14th

Midweek daytime service – 2pm

Lenten Services @ 7:00 p.m. (Feb. 21, 28, Mar. 6, 13, 20)

Palm Sunday – Confirmation 10:00 a.m. service (March 24)

Maundy Thursday @ 7:00 p.m. (March 28)

Good Friday @ 7:00 p.m. (29th)

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

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

Prayer and Petitions: Homebound: Ray and LeeAnn Rohling, Diana Scheer, Paul & Sue Laune; Missionaries: Pastor James May and Pastor Harold Ristau (missionaries to Africa); Rev. David Preus (missionary to Romania); Michael & Naomi Erslund, Lutheran Bible Translators, Ghana. Luke Otten, Seminarian. Immanuel Lutheran School, Washington; Camp Trinity; Luther Classical College; St. Paul High School, Concordia, MO.

Birthdays and Anniversaries: Charlie Tritch 14th

(Please email office@trinitynewhaven.com if your birthday or anniversary has not been listed or was incorrectly listed, so the records can be updated with correct information)

The Ladies' Aid will be meeting for **lunch on Friday, February 16th at 12:30** at the Mexican restaurant El Ranchito in New Haven. **All ladies** are welcome.

Monthly Circuit Youth Gathering Sunday, February 18 at Camp Trinity. Any and all youth (middle school-high school) are encouraged to attend from **6-8 p.m. at Camp Trinity**. Our circuit pastors take turns in leading Bible Study after games, food and fun. Camp Trinity is located at 439 Camp Trinity Drive, New Haven.

Confirmation/Wednesday School - All grade school age children welcome. Starting at 3:00 p.m. **Please note the sign-up sheet** in back for bringing snacks for the children. Drinks are provided.

Wednesday school has received a **donation of a basketball goal**. If anyone has an **old basketball they'd like to donate** we'd greatly appreciate it.

Wednesday midweek services: 5pm during confirmation, 5:30 pm remainder of the year except during Lent and Advent will be at 2:00 pm. Regular Advent and Lenten services will still be held at 7:00 pm.

The Large Catechism

Of Infant Baptism.

64 Lastly, we must also know what Baptism signifies, and why God has ordained just such external sign and ceremony for the Sacrament by which we are first received into the Christian Church. 65 But the act or ceremony is this, that we are sunk under the water, which passes over us, and afterwards are drawn out again. These two parts, to be sunk under the water and drawn out again, signify the power and operation of Baptism, which is nothing else than putting to death the old Adam, and after that the resurrection of the new man, both of which must take place in us all our lives, so that a truly Christian life is nothing else than a daily baptism, once begun and ever to be continued. For this must be practised without ceasing, that we ever keep purging away whatever is of the old Adam, and that that which belongs to the new man come forth. 66 But what is the old man? It is that which is born in us from Adam, angry, hateful, envious, unchaste, stingy, lazy, haughty, yea, unbelieving, infected with all vices, and having by nature nothing good in it. 67 Now, when we are come into the kingdom of Christ, these things must daily decrease, that the longer we live we become more gentle, more patient, more meek, and ever withdraw more and more from unbelief, avarice, hatred, envy, haughtiness.

68 This is the true use of Baptism among Christians, as signified by baptizing with water. Where this, therefore, is not practised, but the old man is left unbridled, so as to continually become stronger, that is not using Baptism, but striving against Baptism. 69 For those who are without Christ cannot but daily become worse, according to the proverb which expresses the truth, "Worse and worse-the longer, the worse." 70 If a year ago one was proud and avaricious, then he is much prouder and more avaricious this year, so that the vice grows and increases with him from his youth up. A young child has no special vice; but when it grows up, it becomes unchaste and impure, and when it reaches maturity, real vices begin to prevail the longer, the more.

71 Therefore the old man goes unrestrained in his nature if he is not checked and suppressed by the power of Baptism. On the other hand, where men have become Christians, he daily decreases until he finally perishes. That is truly to be buried in Baptism, and daily to come forth again. 72 Therefore the external sign is appointed not only for a powerful effect, but also for a signification. 73 Where, therefore, faith flourishes with its fruits, there it has no empty signification, but the work [of mortifying the flesh] accompanies it; but where faith is wanting, it remains a mere unfruitful sign.

(continued next week)