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## **Oculi – Lent 3**

### ***February 4<sup>th</sup>-- anno Domini 2024***

After the people of Israel heard the law from Mount Sinai, they wanted Moses to speak to them rather than God, because they would die if they heard the voice of God (Ex 20:19). God knew that no one could behold him in his bare majesty and live (Ex 33:20). And this is why he promised them a Prophet like Moses. God is a consuming fire. But we are sinful mortals. So God became a man in the person of his Son, just as he had promised when he said that the Seed of the woman would crush the head of the devil (Gen 3:15). We cannot approach God in any other way than through his Son, Jesus Christ, who claimed our flesh as his own, put himself under the same law given in thunder and terror on Mount Sinai, and suffered the torment and punishment we deserved.

The people of Israel said this after hearing the Ten Commandments proclaimed from Mount Sinai. The law revealed the curse of their hearts, and it struck terror into them. As Moses said to them, God is testing you so that you do not sin. In other words, God is afflicting you so that you might repent. This is the chief function of the law. But this is not God's chief function. That is why, while he sent Moses to give the law, he would reveal his pure grace and truth through Jesus Christ (John 1:17). God's proper work is to show mercy. But his love must be fulfilled. This new Prophet would therefore not abolish the law, but he would fulfill it (Matt 5:17). He would reveal himself to be the very God who not only gave them the law in loud thunder, but also fed them with the sweet manna in the wilderness. Jesus reveals himself to be the Prophet spoken of by Moses when he feeds the five thousand. Here is God in the flesh, helping and showing mercy on his unworthy creatures. He is not an earthly king or lawgiver. He is much greater than these. His reign excels beyond that of earthly kings who can only rule the body, and his works are greater than prophets who only give the law. He fulfills what all the kings of Judah could only hope in, if they actually feared God. He fulfills what all the prophets foretold when the Spirit gave them utterance. He fulfills all righteousness and salvation, and he thereby rules our hearts and minds with his grace.

**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

## TLH p. 5

**Hymn of Invocation** ∞ *O Dearest Jesus, What Law Hast Thou Broken* TLH #143  
*Stand for final stanza* (vs. 1-8)

### **Invocation, Confession & Absolution**

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

## Service of the Word

### Introit

My eyes are ever | toward the LORD,\*  
for He shall pluck my feet out | of the net.

**Turn Yourself to me, and have mer- | cy on me,\***  
**for I am desolate and af- | flicted.** (*Psalm 25:15-16*)

To You, O LORD, I lift | up my soul.\*

O my God, I trust in You; let me not | be ashamed;

**the troubles of my heart | have enlarged;\***

**bring me out of | my distresses!**

Look on my affliction | and my pain,\*  
and forgive | all my sins.

**Keep my soul, and de- | liver me;\***

**let me not be ashamed, for I put my | trust in You.** (*Psalm 25:1-2, 17-18, 20*)



**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 8:16-24*

<sup>16</sup> "Tell Aaron," the LORD said to Moses: "'Hold out your staff and strike the dust on the ground, and it will change to gnats all over Egypt.'"

<sup>17</sup> They did that. Aaron held out the rod in his hand and struck the dust on the ground, and it changed to gnats on men and animals. All the dust on the ground everywhere in Egypt became gnats. <sup>18</sup> The magicians with their secret powers tried likewise to produce gnats, and they couldn't do it. But there were gnats on men and animals. <sup>19</sup> "This is God's finger!" the magicians told Pharaoh. But Pharaoh continued to be stubborn and refused to listen to Moses and Aaron, as the LORD had said.

<sup>20</sup> "Get up early in the morning," the LORD told Moses, "go before Pharaoh — he's going out to the water. Tell him: 'The LORD says: Let My people go and serve Me. <sup>21</sup> If you will not let My people go, I will send swarms of flies on you, on your servants, your people, and your homes. The homes of the Egyptians and the land they stand on will be full of flies. <sup>22</sup> On that day I will set apart the land of Goshen, where My

people live, and let no flies come there, to show you that I am the LORD in the land .  
<sup>23</sup>I will distinguish between My people and yours. This sign will happen tomorrow.”

<sup>24</sup>The LORD did as He said, and swarms of flies came into Pharaoh’s palace and the homes of his servants and all over Egypt, and they were ruining the land.

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

### Gradual

Arise, O LORD, do not let | man prevail;\*  
let the nations be judged | in Your sight.

**When my ene- | mies turn back,\***  
**they shall fall and perish at Your | presence.** (Psalm 9:19, 3)



### Epistle *↪ Ephesians 5:1-9*

<sup>1</sup>As God’s dear children try to be like Him <sup>2</sup>and live in love as Christ loved us and gave Himself for us as a fragrant offering and sacrifice to God.

<sup>3</sup>Sexual sins, anything unclean, or greed shouldn’t even be mentioned among you. This is the right attitude for holy people. <sup>4</sup>No shameful things, foolish talk, or coarse jokes! These aren’t proper. Instead give thanks. <sup>5</sup>Be sure of this, that no one who is immoral, unclean, or greedy (a greedy person worships an idol) has any share in the kingdom of Christ, Who is God. <sup>6</sup>Don’t let anyone fool you with meaningless words. These things bring God’s anger and punishment on those who don’t obey the truth. <sup>7</sup>So don’t share their ways.

<sup>8</sup>Once you were darkness, but now you are light in the Lord. Live as children of light, <sup>9</sup>since light produces everything good and righteous and true.

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

*Stand*

### Verse

Unto You I lift | up my eyes,\*  
O You who dwell in the | heavens.

**Behold, as the eyes of | servants\***  
**look to the hand of their | masters.**

So our eyes look to the | LORD our God,\*  
until He has mer- | cy on us.

**Have mercy on | us, O LORD,\***  
**Have mercy | on us!** (Psalm 123:1–3)



## **Gospel** ✨ *Luke 11:14-28*

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

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

<sup>14</sup>He was driving out a demon who was speechless. When the demon had gone out, the speechless man spoke.

The people were amazed. <sup>15</sup>But some of them said, "He drives out the demons with the help of Beelzebul, who rules over the demons." <sup>16</sup>Others, meaning to test Him, demanded that He show them some miraculous sign from heaven.

<sup>17</sup>Knowing what they were thinking, He said to them, "If one part of any kingdom fights against another part, it loses its people, and one house falls on another. <sup>18</sup>If Satan fights against himself, how can his kingdom stand? I say this because you say Beelzebul helps Me drive out the demons. <sup>19</sup>But if Beelzebul helps Me drive out the demons, who helps your sons drive them out? That's why they'll be your judges. <sup>20</sup>But if God's finger helps Me drive out the demons, then God's kingdom has come to you.

<sup>21</sup>"When a strong man, completely armed, guards his palace, his property is not disturbed. <sup>22</sup>But when someone stronger than he attacks him and defeats him, he'll take away his whole armor, in which he trusted, and divide the plunder.

<sup>23</sup>"Anyone who is not with Me is against Me, and anyone who doesn't help Me gather, scatters.

<sup>24</sup>"When an unclean spirit comes out of a man, he goes through dry places looking for rest but doesn't find any. Then he says, 'I'll go back to the home I left.'

<sup>25</sup>He comes and finds it swept and decorated. <sup>26</sup>Then he goes and takes home with him seven other spirits worse than himself, and they go in and live there. In the end that man is worse than he was before."

<sup>27</sup>When Jesus said this, a woman in the crowd raised her voice and called out, "Blessed is the mother who bore You and nursed You."

<sup>28</sup>"Yes," He said, "but blessed are those who continue to listen to God's Word and keep it."

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** ✨ *Rise! To Arms! With Prayer Employ You*

*TLH #444*

## **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.

# Prayers

## General Prayer

### Litany

TLH #661

### Lord's Prayer

*O Dearest Jesus, What Law Hast Thou Broken*

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(vs. 9-15)

### Concluding Collect

### Benediction

*Sit*

**Hymn to Depart** ☞ *O Little Flock, Fear Not The Foe*

TLH #263

### Silent Prayer

### Ushers for today:

John Otten, Matthew Otten, David Otten

### Next week:

Keith Rethemeyer, Charlie Scheer, Karson Eads

### Greeter for today:

Andrew Rethemeyer

### Next Week:

Larry Scheer

### Acolyte today:

Jacob Preus

### Midweek Lent:

Oscar Otten

### Next Week:

Alton Swann

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

### Lent/Easter Worship Schedule

Midweek daytime service – 2pm

Lenten Services @ 7:00 p.m. (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:** Bryan & Lori Quick, 5<sup>th</sup>, Anna Madden, 6<sup>th</sup>, Kamille Eads, 6<sup>th</sup>

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## **Choir rehearsal after church service today.**

**March Ladies Luncheon:** The ladies of the church will be meeting for lunch on Friday, March 22nd at the El Ranchito Mexican Restaurant on highway 100 at 12:30 pm. This was rescheduled from the February 15th date. All ladies are welcome."

**Play Date:** Women with young children are welcome to meet up at 10 AM each Thursday morning at Trinity. We will begin with a short devotion led by Pastor Preus. Please bring a vegetable, fruit, or dip to share for snack. For those wishing to stay for lunch, we will eat at 12:30, where each family will bring their own lunch. If any woman would like to attend, but cannot make Thursdays work, please contact Leah Preus."

## **Spring Clean Up 2024 at Camp Trinity, New Haven** March 9th (8a.m.-4p.m.)

All are invited to the Annual Spring Clean - Up Day at Camp Trinity (439 Camp Trinity Drive, New Haven, MO). Breakfast will be served at 8 a.m., followed by devotions and various construction and clean-up projects throughout the campgrounds and buildings.

Lunch will be served at noon and the day will conclude at 4 p.m. If you can't commit to the whole time, join us when you are able. Please RSVP Camp Trinity (573)237-2072 or email [camptrinity73@yahoo.com](mailto:camptrinity73@yahoo.com) if you are able to attend so they can prepare enough food and projects. You are also welcome to bring along appropriate tools if you are able, call for more information on the projects to be completed.

**VBS 2nd Planning Meeting: March 3, 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 (students and volunteers)** went out to many of our members, please encourage your families with young children to register now before registration is made public on April 15th. VBS will fill up fast and we want our members to have a spot first.

**Use this qrcode with your phone to register:**



**ATTENTION YOUTH AND Adult drivers/helpers - Canvass Day and Easter Sunrise Set UP** – March 29th (Good Friday) 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, spreading the word about VBS 2024. 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. Donations of

breakfast pastries for the Easter Sunrise breakfast are welcome and can be dropped off anytime over the Easter weekend at the Camp Lodge or brought Sunday morning.

**Sunday School teacher still needed.** Our church is in need of a teacher for the youngest class of children eager to learn the very important stories in the Bible. We ask that one or more of our members prayerfully consider helping out in this very important role. If more than one individual is available you can team teach, taking turns each week. Please speak with our Sunday School Superintendent, Peter Otten.

**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.

## The Large Catechism

The Sacrament of the Altar

1 In the same manner as we have heard regarding Holy Baptism, we must speak also concerning the other Sacrament, namely, these three points: What is it? What are its benefits? and, Who is to receive it? And all these are established by the words by which Christ has instituted it, 2 and which every one who desires to be a Christian and go to the Sacrament should know. For it is not our intention to admit to it and to administer it to those who know not what they seek, or why they come. The words, however, are these:

3 Our Lord Jesus Christ, the same night in which He was betrayed, took bread; and when He had given thanks, He brake it, and gave it to His disciples, and said, Take, eat; this is My body, which is given for you: this do in remembrance of Me.

After the same manner also He took the cup when He had supped, gave thanks, and gave it to them, saying, Drink ye all of it; this cup is the new testament in My blood, which is shed for you for the remission of sins: this do ye, as oft as ye drink it, in remembrance of Me.

4 Here also we do not wish to enter into controversy and contend with the traducers and blasphemers of this Sacrament, but to learn first (as we did regarding Baptism) what is of the greatest importance, namely, that the chief point is the Word and ordinance or command of God. For it has not been invented nor introduced by any man, but without any one's counsel and deliberation it has been instituted by Christ. (Source: <https://bookofconcord.org/large-catechism/holy-baptism/>)

*(continued next week)*