



Grace Alone Scripture Alone Faith Alone

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Faithful Through the Years
Celebrating the 100th Anniversary of Trinity Lutheran Church
“Jesus Christ is the same yesterday, today, and forever.” Hebrews 13:8

Quinquagesima

February 15th -- anno Domini 2026

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 Morning Service

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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**

Apostles' Creed

Sit

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

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Sermon

Stand

Offertory

Sit

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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

Lord's Prayer

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Hymn ♪ *Chief of Sinners Though I Be*

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Concluding Collect

Benediction

Sit

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

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Silent Prayer

Ushers for today: Adam Swann, Evan Scheer Joseph Rethemeyer, Kyle Scheer

Next week: Jon Finck, Andrew Rethemeyer, Oscar Otten

Greeter for today: James Eads

Next Week: David Otten

Acolyte today: Nolan Pelster

Ash Wednes: Tripp Cronin

Next Sunday: Robert Preus

Flower and Altar Care: February: Carol Finck, Evelyn Quick & Clare Swann

Organist: Andrew Finck

Prayer and Petitions: Wayne Scheer and Sue Eads, health concerns. Homebound: Virginia Behrens, Ray & LeeAnn Rohling, Diana Scheer, Paul & Sue Laune; Missionaries: Brandt Klawitter, mission work in Norway; Pastor James May (missionary to Africa); Rev. David Preus (missionary to Romania); Michael & Naomi Ersland, Lutheran Bible Translators. Immanuel Lutheran School, Washington; Camp Trinity; Luther Classical College; Christ the King Lutheran High School.

Birthdays and Annivers: David & Carol Finck, 18th, Ray Rohling, Jr. – 18th, James Vedder 21st

(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)

Lent/Easter Worship Schedule

Ash Wednesday @ 7:00 p.m. February 18th

Lenten Services @ 7:00 p.m. (Feb. 25, Mar 4th, 11th, 18th, 25th)

Palm Sunday – Confirmation Commemoration 10:00 a.m. service (March 29th)

Maundy Thursday @ 7:00 p.m. (April 2nd)

Good Friday @ 7:00 p.m. (April 3rd)

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

Easter Sunday Divine Service – 10:00 a.m. (April 5th)

Installation of Officers – President, Luke Otten; **Vice President**, Ken Kaskadden; **Secretary**, Eric Behrens; **Treasurer**, Roger Helling; **Sunday School Superintendent**, Peter Otten; **Head Usher**, Keith Rethemeyer; **Elders**, James Eads, John Otten, Larry Scheer.

Trinity's 100th Anniversary Celebration - We need volunteers for two activities. The Palm Sunday Confirmation Commemoration and the coat drive committee. Roger, Luke, and Peter are available to answer questions after church. Please sign up in the narthex, by phone or text (Luke 573-291-2375), or by email (luke_otten@yahoo.com or office@TrinityNewHaven.com).

Washington Circuit Third Sunday Youth, Today, February 15th: This is for any and all Washington Circuit youth and their friends in grades 6th through high school. It is a great opportunity for our Lutheran youth and their friends to get together, have fun and dig into God's Word, specifically the book of Romans. We will meet from 6-8 p.m. at Camp Trinity (439 Camp Trinity Drive, New Haven) for fellowship, food and Bible study. Any adults that may have to drive youth are welcome to stay and partake of the activities or just hang out at Camp Trinity to save miles on the road.

February 20th Ladies Luncheon: The ladies will **meet at 12:00** at church to address cards to our shut-ins. We'll then have lunch at the New Haven Ice Cream Shop at 12:30 pm. All ladies are welcome.

Wednesday School/Catechism Class. All children, preschool through confirmation age are welcome and encouraged to attend. Vespers is at 5:00 p.m. Parents, members of Trinity and visitors are welcome and encouraged to attend Vespers. **Please note the sign-up sheet** in back for bringing snacks for the children. Drinks are provided.

NEED A CARD: Graduation, Thank You, Encouragement, New Baby, Baptism & Comfort Cards from Hymns in My Heart are available for sale in the narthex, by the Trinity Ladies Aid. The cards are \$2.00 per card. Please deposit money in money slot.

Smalcald Articles

Part II – Office and Work of Jesus

Article II - Of the Mass.

10 This article concerning the Mass will be the whole business of the Council. [The Council will perspire most over, and be occupied with this article concerning the Mass.] For if it were [although it would be] possible for them to concede to us all the other articles, yet they could not concede this. As Campegius said at Augsburg that he would be torn to pieces before he would relinquish the Mass, so, by the help of God, I, too, would suffer myself to be reduced to ashes before I would allow a hireling of the Mass, be he good or bad, to be made equal to Christ Jesus, my Lord and Savior, or to be exalted above Him. Thus we are and remain eternally separated and opposed to one another. They feel well enough that when the Mass falls, the Papacy lies in ruins. Before they will permit this to occur, they will put us all to death if they can.

11 In addition to all this, this dragon's tail, [I mean] the Mass, has begotten a numerous vermin-brood of manifold idolatries.

12 First, purgatory. Here they carried their trade into purgatory by masses for souls, and vigils, and weekly, monthly, and yearly celebrations of obsequies, and finally by the Common Week and All Souls' Day, by soul-baths so that the Mass is used almost alone for the dead, although Christ has instituted the Sacrament alone for the living. Therefore purgatory, and every solemnity, rite, and commerce connected with it, is to be regarded as nothing but a specter of the devil. For it conflicts with the chief article [which teaches] that only Christ, and not the works of men, are to help [set free] souls. Not to mention the fact that nothing has been [divinely] commanded or enjoined upon us concerning the dead. Therefore all this may be safely omitted, even if it were no error and idolatry.

13 The Papists quote here Augustine and some of the Fathers who are said to have written concerning purgatory, and they think that we do not understand for what purpose and to what end they spoke as they did. St. Augustine does not write that there is a purgatory, nor has he a testimony of Scripture to constrain him thereto, but he leaves it in doubt whether there is one, and says that his mother asked to be remembered at the altar or Sacrament. Now, all this is indeed nothing but the devotion of men, and that, too, of individuals, and does not establish an article of faith, which is the prerogative of God alone.