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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

Oculi – Lent 3

March 8th-- anno Domini 2026

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 Holy Communion

TLH p. 15

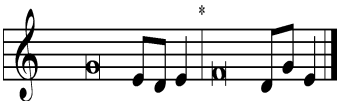
Hymn of Invocation ☙ *O Dearest Jesus, What Law Hast Thou Broken* *TLH #143*

Stand for final stanza *(vs. 1-8)*

Invocation, Confession & Absolution *pg. 15*

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* *pg. 16*

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*

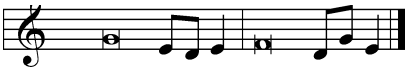
16 "Tell Aaron," the LORD said to Moses: "'Hold out your staff and strike the dust on
the ground, and it will change to gnats all over Egypt.'"
17 They did that. Aaron held out the rod in his hand and struck the dust on the ground,
and it changed to gnats on men and animals. All the dust on the ground everywhere in
Egypt became gnats. 18 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. 19 "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.
20 "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. 21 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. 22 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 . [23]I will distinguish between My people and yours. This sign will happen tomorrow.'"

[24]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.

℗ This is the Word of the Lord.

℃ **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*

[1]As God's dear children try to be like Him [2]and live in love as Christ loved us and gave Himself for us as a fragrant offering and sacrifice to God.

[3]Sexual sins, anything unclean, or greed shouldn't even be mentioned among you. This is the right attitude for holy people. [4]No shameful things, foolish talk, or coarse jokes! These aren't proper. Instead give thanks. [5]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. [6]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. [7]So don't share their ways.

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

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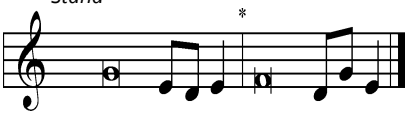
Stand



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*

℣ The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the eleventh chapter.
℟ **Glory be to Thee, O Lord.**

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

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

17Knowing 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. 18If Satan fights against himself, how can his kingdom stand? I say this because you say Beelzebul helps Me drive out the demons. 19But if Beelzebul helps Me drive out the demons, who helps your sons drive them out? That's why they'll be your judges. 20But if God's finger helps Me drive out the demons, then God's kingdom has come to you.

21"When a strong man, completely armed, guards his palace, his property is not disturbed. 22But 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.

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

24 "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.'

25He comes and finds it swept and decorated. 26Then 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."

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

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

℣ This is the Gospel of the Lord.
℟ **Praise be to Thee, O Christ.**

Nicene Creed *pg. 22*

Sit

Hymn of the Day ☙ *Rise! To Arms! With Prayer Employ You* *TLH #444*

Sermon

Stand

Offertory *pg. 22*

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 *pg. 24*
Sanctus ☙ *Holy, Holy, Holy* *pg. 26*
Lord's Prayer *pg. 27*
Words of Institution
Pax Domini ☙ *Peace of the Lord* *pg. 27*
Agnus Dei ☙ *Lamb of God* *pg. 28*
Sit – Guests are asked to please speak with the pastor before communing.
Hymns during Distribution
☙ *Thy Table I Approach* *TLH #310*
☙ *O Dearest Jesus, What Law Hast Thou Broken (vs. 9-15)* *TLH #143*
☙ *Lamb of God, Pure and Holy* *TLH #146*
Stand after the distribution
Nunc Dimittis ☙ *Song of Simeon* *pg. 29*
Thanksgiving & Collect *pg. 30*
Salutation & Benedicamus *pg. 31*
Benediction *pg. 31*
Sit
Hymn to Depart ☙ *O Little Flock, Fear Not the Foe* *TLH #263*
Silent Prayer

Ushers for today: Keith Rethemeyer, Charlie Scheer, Karson Eads, Jacob Preus
Next week: Adam Swann, Evan Scheer Joseph Rethemeyer, Kyle Scheer
Greeter for today: Larry Scheer
Next Week: James Eads
Acolyte today: Robert Preus
Midweek Lent: Tripp Cronin
Next Sunday: Sam Scheer
Flower and Altar Care: March: Linda Kaskaden & Jennifer Trsek
Organist: Andrew Finck

Prayer and Petitions: Wayne Scheer and Sue Eads, health concerns. Homebound:, 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: No birthdays/anniversaries recorded for this week.
(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

Lenten Services @ 2:00 pm or 7:00 pm (March 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)

March Ladies Luncheon: The ladies of the church will be meeting for lunch on **Friday, March 20th** at The Tilted Skillet, Washington, at 12:30 pm. All ladies are welcome.

Outdoor Church Yard Clean-Up March 21st starting at 9:00 and concluding when done. If you can make it and bring a rake, hedge clippers, tree trimmer, work gloves, please do.

Trinity Lutheran Church is having a **Confirmation Commemoration on Palm Sunday** as part of our 100th Anniversary celebration. We are recognizing and **celebrating our previous Confirmation Classes from Trinity** on March 29th, including yours. We cordially invite you to join us for our 10:00 a.m. Palm Sunday worship service and after-service a meal with fellowship, visiting old friends, and photo display. If you have your **confirmation photo**, please share with Linda Kaskadden.

Parents of VBS Children and helpers: The children and youth (preschool-highschool) of Trinity, Bethlehem, and Ebenzer are invited to sing at the upcoming Easter Sunrise Service. We will be singing *Wake, Awake, for Night is Flying*, during the offering. Please start practicing with them at home during your home devotions. We are also working on it during Sunday School, join in on the faith-filled fun. All donations collected at Easter Sunrise Service will be used for this summer's joint VBS at Camp Trinity. The Eastser Sunrise Servie will be at 6:30 a.m. at Camp Trinity.

Washington Circuit Third Sunday Youth, March 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. Bring your Bible along. 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.

***VBS 2026, May 27-29 Wake, Awake: Watching for Jesus*. We need our members, children and grandchildren to register for VBS. Youth and Adult volunteers need to register too.** Letters have been mailed to many of our young families, youth and adult volunteers. If you didn't get one grab one off the bulletin board in the narthex. VBS will fill up fast and we want our members to have the opportunity to take part

in this wonderful Christ Centered activity. Registration will be made public on April 3rd with the 700 door hangers that will be distributed throughout New Haven. VBS will fill up and we want our members to have a spot, but you need to register to make that happen. You may use this QR code with your phone to

register: **https://vbsmate.com/events/vbs2024CampTrinity/31566**

Smalcald Articles
Part II – Office and Work of Jesus

Article II - Of the Mass.

(Continued from last week)

22 Fifthly. The relics, in which there are found so many falsehoods and tomfooleries concerning the bones of dogs and horses, that even the devil has laughed at such rascalities, ought long ago to have been condemned, even though there were some good in them; and so much the more because they are without the Word of God; being neither commanded nor counseled, they are an entirely unnecessary and useless thing. 23 But the worst is that [they have imagined that] these relics had to work indulgence and the forgiveness of sins [and have revered them] as a good work and service of God, like the Mass, etc.

24 Sixthly. Here belong the precious indulgences granted (but only for money) both to the living and the dead, by which the miserable [sacrilegious and accursed] Judas, or Pope, has sold the merit of Christ, together with the superfluous merits of all saints and of the entire Church, etc. All these things [and every single one of them] are not to be borne, and are not only without the Word of God, without necessity, not commanded, but are against the chief article. For the merit of Christ is [apprehended and] obtained not by our works or pence, but from grace through faith, without money and merit; and is offered [and presented] not through the power of the Pope, but through the preaching of God's Word.
Of the Invocation of Saints.

25 The invocation of saints is also one of the abuses of Antichrist conflicting with the chief article, and destroys the knowledge of Christ. Neither is it commanded nor counseled, nor has it any example [or testimony] in Scripture, and even though it were a precious thing, as it is not [while, on the contrary, it is a most harmful thing], in Christ we have everything a thousandfold better [and surer, so that we are not in need of calling upon the saints].