



**Sunday March 26th, 2017**  
**Fourth Sunday in Lent**

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## + DIVINE SERVICE SETTING ONE +

### GOD LOVED THE WORLD SO THAT HE GAVE LSB 571 sts. 1–3, 6

- 1        God loved the world so that He gave  
          His only Son the lost to save,  
          That all who would in Him believe  
          Should everlasting life receive.
- 2        Christ Jesus is the ground of faith,  
          Who was made flesh and suffered death;  
          All then who trust in Him alone  
          Are built on this chief cornerstone.
- 3        God would not have the sinner die;  
          His Son with saving grace is nigh;  
          His Spirit in the Word declares  
          How we in Christ are heaven's heirs.
- 6        Glory to God the Father, Son,  
          And Holy Spirit, Three in One!  
          To You, O blessèd Trinity,  
          Be praise now and eternally!

## + BAPTISM +

### + CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION +

**P** In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**C** **Amen.**

**P** If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.

**C** **But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.**

**P** Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.

**C** **Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. We have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved You with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways to the glory of Your holy name. Amen**

**P** Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the  $\text{†}$  Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**C** Amen.

## + SERVICE OF THE WORD +

### INTROIT

Ps. 27:4–6; antiphon: Ps. 25:15

My eyes are ever | toward the LORD,\*

**for he will pluck my feet out | of the net.**

One thing have I asked of the LORD, that will I seek | after:\*

**that I may dwell in the house of the LORD all the days of my life, to gaze upon the beauty of the LORD and to inquire in his | temple.**

For he will hide me in his shelter in the day of | trouble;\*

**he will conceal me under the cover of his tent; he will lift me high up- | on a rock.**

And now my head shall be lifted up above my enemies all around me, and I will offer in his tent sacrifices with | shouts of joy;\*

**I will sing and make melody | to the LORD.**

**Glory be to the Father and | to the Son\***

**and to the Holy | Spirit;**

**as it was in the be- | ginning,\***

**is now, and will be forever. | Amen.**

### SALUTATION AND COLLECT OF THE DAY

**P** The Lord be with you.

**C** And also with you.

**P** Let us pray.....

**C** Amen.

### EPISTLE

Ephesians 5:8–14

<sup>8</sup>for at one time you were darkness, but now you are light in the Lord. Walk as children of light <sup>9</sup>(for the fruit of light is found in all that is good and right and true), <sup>10</sup>and try to discern what is pleasing to the Lord.

<sup>11</sup>Take no part in the unfruitful works of darkness, but instead expose them. <sup>12</sup>For it is shameful even to speak of the things that they do in secret. <sup>13</sup>But when anything is exposed by the light, it becomes visible,

<sup>14</sup>for anything that becomes visible is light. Therefore it says,

“Awake, O sleeper,  
and arise from the dead,  
and Christ will shine on you.”

**A** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God.

## VERSE FOR LENT

LSB 157

**C** Return to the Lord, your God, for He is gracious and merciful, slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love, and abounding in steadfast love.

## CHOIR "Be not Afraid"

## HOLY GOSPEL

John 9:1–41

**P** The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the ninth chapter.

**C** Glory to You, O Lord.

<sup>1</sup>As [Jesus] passed by, he saw a man blind from birth.

<sup>2</sup>And his disciples asked him, "Rabbi, who sinned, this man or his parents, that he was born blind?" <sup>3</sup>Jesus answered, "It was not that this man sinned, or his parents, but that the works of God might be displayed in him. <sup>4</sup>We must work the works of him who sent me while it is day; night is coming, when no one can work. <sup>5</sup>As long as I am in the world, I am the light of the world." <sup>6</sup>Having said these things, he spat on the ground and made mud with the saliva. Then he anointed the man's eyes with the mud <sup>7</sup>and said to him, "Go, wash in the pool of Siloam" (which means Sent). So he went and washed and came back seeing.

<sup>8</sup>The neighbors and those who had seen him before as a beggar were saying, "Is this not the man who used to sit and beg?" <sup>9</sup>Some said, "It is he." Others said, "No, but he is like him." He kept saying, "I am the man." <sup>10</sup>So they said to him, "Then how were your eyes opened?" <sup>11</sup>He answered, "The man called Jesus made mud and anointed my eyes and said to me, 'Go to Siloam and wash.' So I went and washed and received my sight." <sup>12</sup>They said to him, "Where is he?" He said, "I do not know."

<sup>13</sup>They brought to the Pharisees the man who had formerly been blind. <sup>14</sup>Now it was a Sabbath day when Jesus made the mud and opened his eyes. <sup>15</sup>So the Pharisees again asked him how he had received his sight. And he said to them, "He put mud on my eyes, and I washed, and I see." <sup>16</sup>Some of the Pharisees said, "This man is not from God, for he does not keep the Sabbath." But others said, "How can a man who is a sinner do such signs?" And there was a division among them. <sup>17</sup>So they said again to the blind man, "What do you say about him, since he has opened your eyes?" He said, "He is a prophet."

<sup>18</sup>The Jews did not believe that he had been blind and had received his sight, until they called the parents of the man who had received his sight <sup>19</sup>and asked them, "Is this your son, who you say was born blind? How then does he now see?" <sup>20</sup>His parents answered, "We know that this is our son and that he was born blind. <sup>21</sup>But how he now sees we do not know, nor do we know who opened his eyes. Ask him; he is of age. He will speak for himself." <sup>22</sup>(His parents said these things because they feared the Jews, for the Jews had already agreed that if anyone should

confess Jesus to be Christ, he was to be put out of the synagogue.)

<sup>23</sup>Therefore his parents said, "He is of age; ask him."

<sup>24</sup>So for the second time they called the man who had been blind and said to him, "Give glory to God. We know that this man is a sinner." <sup>25</sup>He answered, "Whether he is a sinner I do not know. One thing I do know, that though I was blind, now I see." <sup>26</sup>They said to him, "What did he do to you? How did he open your eyes?" <sup>27</sup>He answered them, "I have told you already, and you would not listen. Why do you want to hear it again? Do you also want to become his disciples?" <sup>28</sup>And they reviled him, saying, "You are his disciple, but we are disciples of Moses." <sup>29</sup>We know that God has spoken to Moses, but as for this man, we do not know where he comes from." <sup>30</sup>The man answered, "Why, this is an amazing thing! You do not know where he comes from, and yet he opened my eyes." <sup>31</sup>We know that God does not listen to sinners, but if anyone is a worshiper of God and does his will, God listens to him. <sup>32</sup>Never since the world began has it been heard that anyone opened the eyes of a man born blind. <sup>33</sup>If this man were not from God, he could do nothing." <sup>34</sup>They answered him, "You were born in utter sin, and would you teach us?" And they cast him out.

<sup>35</sup>Jesus heard that they had cast him out, and having found him he said, "Do you believe in the Son of Man?" <sup>36</sup>He answered, "And who is he, sir, that I may believe in him?" <sup>37</sup>Jesus said to him, "You have seen him, and it is he who is speaking to you." <sup>38</sup>He said, "Lord, I believe," and he worshiped him. <sup>39</sup>Jesus said, "For judgment I came into this world, that those who do not see may see, and those who see may become blind." <sup>40</sup>Some of the Pharisees near him heard these things, and said to him, "Are we also blind?" <sup>41</sup>Jesus said to them, "If you were blind, you would have no guilt; but now that you say, 'We see,' your guilt remains.

**P** This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**C** Praise to You, O Christ.

## CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

### BEAUTIFUL SAVIOR

LSB 537

1 Beautiful Savior,  
King of creation,  
Son of God and Son of Man!  
Truly I'd love Thee,  
Truly I'd serve Thee,  
Light of my soul, my joy, my crown.

2 Fair are the meadows,  
Fair are the woodlands,  
Robed in flow'rs of blooming spring;

Jesus is fairer,  
Jesus is purer,  
He makes our sorr'wing spirit sing.

3 Fair is the sunshine,  
Fair is the moonlight,  
Bright the sparkling stars on high;  
Jesus shines brighter,  
Jesus shines purer  
Than all the angels in the sky.

4 Beautiful Savior,  
Lord of the nations,  
Son of God and Son of Man!  
Glory and honor,  
Praise, adoration  
Now and forevermore be Thine!

## SERMON

## APOSTLES' CREED

☞ **I believe in God, the Father Almighty,**  
maker of heaven and earth.

**And in Jesus Christ, His only Son,** our Lord,  
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin  
Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and  
was buried. He descended into hell. The third day He rose  
again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and sits at  
the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From thence He  
will come to judge the living and the dead.

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,**  
the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body,  
and the life everlasting. Amen.

## RETURN GIFTS AND TITHES TO GOD

## PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

### LORD'S PRAYER

☞ Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name, Thy  
kingdom come, Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven; give us  
this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses as we  
forgive those who have trespassed against us; and lead us not into

**temptation, but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever and ever. Amen**

**BENEDICTION**

LSB 166

- P** The Lord bless you and keep you.  
The Lord make His face shine on you  
and be gracious to you.  
The Lord look upon you with favor and  $\text{†}$  give you peace.
- G** Amen.

**LORD OF GLORY, YOU HAVE BOUGHT US**

LSB 851

- 1 Lord of glory, You have bought us  
With Your lifeblood as the price,  
Never grudging for the lost ones  
That tremendous sacrifice;  
And with that have freely given  
Blessings countless as the sand  
To the\_unthankful and the evil  
With Your own unsparing hand.
- 2 Grant us hearts, dear Lord, to give You  
Gladly, freely of Your own.  
With the sunshine of Your goodness  
Melt our thankless hearts of stone  
Till our cold and selfish natures,  
Warmed by You, at length believe  
That more happy and more blessed  
'Tis to give than to receive.
- 3 Wondrous honor You have given  
To our humblest charity  
In Your own mysterious sentence,  
"You have done it all to Me."  
Can it be, O gracious Master,  
That You deign for alms to sue,  
Saying by Your poor and needy,  
"Give as I have giv'n to you"?
- 4 Lord of glory, You have bought us  
With Your lifeblood as the price,  
Never grudging for the lost ones  
That tremendous sacrifice.
- Give us faith to trust You boldly,  
Hope, to stay our souls on You;

But, oh, best of all Your graces,  
With Your love our love renew.

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**Last Week's Wednesday Offering: \$212**

**Last Week's Wednesday Attendance: 57** (1pm & 7pm combined)

**Last Week's Plate/Envelope Offering: \$2,650**

**Last Week's Attendance Sunday: 85**

**BIRTHDAYS:** Frank Albrecht, Wed 3/29; Josha Gladd, Fri 3/31; Dawn Carlson, Sat 4/1

**ANNIVERSARIES:** Cliff & Caroline Berry, Today! 3/26

**ALTAR FLOWERS:** In Honor of our Homebound Members

It's that time of year for Easter Lilies again!

Envelopes are by the church door.



**Calendar for the week of 3/26/2017**

<b>Today</b>	<b>3/26</b>	<b>8:45am</b>	<b>Bible Discussion</b>
		<b>10:00am</b>	<b>Worship</b>
		4:00pm	Trinity Concert Series
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>3/29</b>	9:30am	Wednesday Women of the Word
		6:00pm	Lenten Supper
		<b>7:00pm</b>	<b>Lenten Service</b>
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>3/30</b>	6:45pm	Choir
<b>Friday</b>	<b>3/31</b>	8:00pm	Haitian Prayer
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>4/1</b>	1:30-2:00pm	Tarpon River Café 1st Saturday
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>4/2</b>	<b>8:45am</b>	<b>Bible Discussion</b>
		<b>10:00am</b>	<b>Worship</b>
		4:00pm	Trinity Concert Series

# LENT/EASTER SCHEDULE

**4/05**      **1p/7p**      **Midweek Lent Service**  
*(Lent Supper 5:45)*

**4/09**      **10 am**      **Palm Sunday Service**

**4/13**      **1p/7p**      **Maundy Thursday**  
*(Holy Communion)*

**4/14**      **1p**      **Good Friday Service**

**4/14**      **7p**      **Good Friday Service**  
*(Service of Darkness)*

**4/16**      **6:30a**      **EASTER SUNRISE SERVICE**  
*\*\*Outdoor Acoustic Service - Bring Chair\*\**

*(8a-9a Easter Breakfast in Fellowship Hall)*

**10a**      **SERVICE of the RESURRECTION**

Trinity Congregation Members,  
The Current Financial TEAM has worked faithfully to insure that our members have always been provided with sound business practices. In order to continue maintaining these accurate cash/flow services, we have decided to establish a system to correct an area that we have deemed inadequate in the past. Specifically, it pertains to a lack of a Central Policy for the purchase of goods and services. We have decided that in order for us to maintain Fiscal Responsibility and Budgetary accuracy, that as of February 20, 2017:

1. Any requests for all expenditures that will impact the Trinity Congregation's Budget must be approved by the Church Council or contact made through Trinity's Administrative Assistant. This can be done by contacting a member of the Council or placing it in writing in the Receipt Ledger, that will be maintained in the office.
2. Any expenditure that a member wishes to personally underwrite is wonderful and we are thankful as a group. In order for us to maintain an orderly system, however it is necessary to place your action in the Receipt Book. We have found in the past that duplicate actions have been taken.

Thank you for your cooperation,  
Yours in Christ,  
Trinity Finance TEAM

