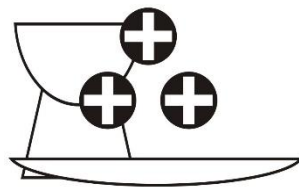


THE FOURTH SUNDAY IN LENT



MARCH 22, 2020

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TRINITY EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH
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WELCOME TO TRINITY!

"Therefore welcome one another as Christ has welcomed you, for the glory of God." (Romans 15:7)

WELCOME TO TRINITY EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH. We are the "FAMILY OF FAITH" here in the Castle Hill section of the Bronx, New York. *"Trinity exists to receive and share God's gifts."*

IS TODAY YOUR FIRST TIME? Welcome once more! Thank you for being with us today. If you are interested in learning more about Trinity, joining our parish or speaking more about things going on in your life, please connect with Pastor Gonzalez. You can reach him at pastor@trinitylutheranbronx.org. We hope that this is not your last time with us & we that you'll continue to share in our joy as a Family of Faith!

THE ORDER FOR THE WORSHIP SERVICE is printed in this booklet (*which is also called the "bulletin."*). LARGE PRINT EDITIONS of this are available at the entrance in the narthex (*the back of the church*). RESTROOMS are located in the side hallway of the sanctuary (*the area of the church where we worship*), which can be accessed through the side door, near the front of the church. A CHANGING TABLE is available in the women's restroom, along with a handicap-accessible stall.

A FEW REMINDERS FOR WORSHIP: If you are still finishing your breakfast, you are welcome to eat in the narthex on the opposite side of the "CITYtots" Play Area. We ask that you would refrain from eating in the sanctuary. Also, please feel free to take this bulletin home with you. It is filled with announcements about upcoming events. You can also use it to review & remember what you have received today throughout the week. During times in the worship service where we are reminded to sit quietly, please remember that many will use this as an opportunity to pray & reflect, so please show care & love to your neighbor, doing your best to remain quiet & respectful.

CHILDREN ARE WELCOME HERE AND ENCOURAGED TO BE IN WORSHIP! Trinity remembers what Jesus says in St. Matthew 18:13-16, "Let the children come" & we are not bothered by their noise or movement... it is a sign of a church that's alive! To make it more convenient for the little ones to receive the joys & benefits of worship, Trinity has provided our "CITYtots" Play Area for those who are not yet attending school. IF YOUR CHILD IS 4 YEARS OLD OR YOUNGER, feel free to sit with them in that area while following along with our worship service. You are even welcome to have a chair placed towards the middle of the narthex, allowing you to continue in worship while they play. FOR THOSE CHILDREN IN SCHOOL (AGES 5 & UP), we believe that it is a great benefit for them to participate in worship. As you enter, you will find coloring sheets & crayon packs for them to use in the sanctuary. Encourage them to sing & celebrate with you throughout our worship service. They will learn from your example & be joy-filled worshipping alongside those who love and care for them.

Brief Order of Confession and Forgiveness

P: In the Name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

P: Gracious Father, thank You for Your Word that we receive today. Allow that same Word, both in hearing and in the Body and Blood of Your Son, to draw us closer to You and Your will, through our Savior, Jesus, the Christ.

C: Amen.

P: If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves and the truth is not in us. But, if we confess our sins, God who is faithful and just will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

*(As we seek God's forgiveness, please **quietly reflect** upon those sins of which we are aware and those sins which we committed, yet cannot recall.)*

C: God, I need your mercy. I ask for your mercy because I know that you love me and you are faithful to me, even when I am unfaithful to You. Because of your great compassion, erase all the wrongs that I have done. Scrub away my guilt. Wash me clean from my sin.

Now, I know that I have done wrong. Sometimes I remember my sins and sometimes I forget them, but You know them all. I have done what is outside of Your design and desire, so You are the one I have sinned against. I confess this in front of my sisters and brothers because I am broken and I need Your healing. I am not proud of my sin, so I come to You, humbly asking for Your grace.

I was born to do wrong, a sinner before I left my mother's womb. Yet, You know how to heal me, how to guide me, how to save me. Create in me a clean heart, O God, and put a new and faithful spirit within me. Do not cast me away from your presence, and do not take your Holy Spirit from me. Restore to me the joy of your saving grace and sustain in me a willing spirit. Amen.

P: O Lord, open our lips, that our mouths will declare your praise. For you have no delight in sacrifice; if we were to give a burnt-offering, you would not be pleased. The sacrifice acceptable to You is a broken spirit; a broken and contrite heart, O Lord, You will not despise. Therefore, dear Father, hearing our confession, allow me, as a called and ordained servant of Christ to announce the grace of God unto all here. Dear sisters & brothers, by His authority, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

Processional Hymn: The God of Abraham Praise

--LSB 798



1 The God of A - br'ham praise, Who reigns en - throned a - bove;
2 The God of A - br'ham praise, At whose su - preme com - mand
3 The God of A - br'ham praise, Whose all - suf - fi - cient grace
4 He by Him - self has sworn; I on His oath de - pend.
5 Though na - ture's strength de - cay, And earth and hell with - stand,



An - cient of ev - er - last - ing days And God of love.
From earth I rise and seek the joys At His right hand.
Shall guide me all my pil - grim days In all my ways.
I shall, on ea - gle wings up - borne, To heav'n as - cend.
To Ca - naan's bounds I urge my way At His com - mand.



Je - ho - vah, great I AM! By earth and heav'n con - fessed;
I all on earth for - sake, Its wis - dom, fame, and pow'r,
He deigns to call me friend; He calls Him - self my God.
I shall be - hold His face; I shall His pow'r a - dore
The wa - t'ry deep I pass, With Je - sus in my view,



I bow and bless the sa - cred name For - ev - er blest.
And Him my on - ly por - tion make, My shield and tow'r.
And He shall save me to the end Through Je - sus' blood.
And sing the won - ders of His grace For - ev - er - more.
And through the howl - ing wil - der - ness My way pur - sue.

6- The goodly land I see, with peace and plenty blest:
A land of sacred liberty and endless rest.
There milk and honey flow, and oil and wine abound,
And trees of life forever grow with mercy crowned.

7- There dwells the Lord our king, The Lord our righteousness,
 Triumphant o'er the world and sin, The Prince of Peace.
 On Zion's sacred height His kingdom He maintains
 And glorious with His saints in light forever reigns.

8- The God who reigns on high the great archangels sing,
 And "Holy, holy, holy!" cry, "Almighty King!
 Who was and is the same and evermore shall be:
 Jehovah, Father, great I AM! We worship Thee!"

9- The whole triumphant host give thanks to God on high.
 "Hail, Father, Son, and Holy Ghost!" They ever cry.
 Hail, Abr'ham's God and mine! I join the heav'nly lays:
 All might and majesty are Thine and endless praise!

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Liturgy of the Holy Word

Apostolic Greeting

P: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

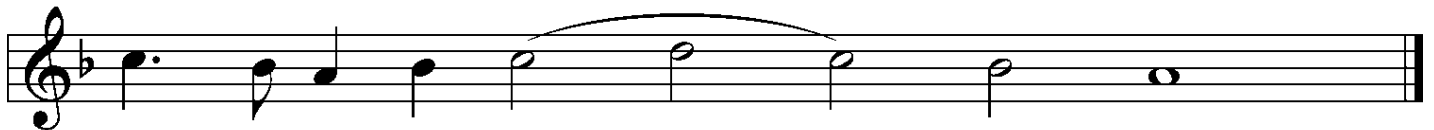
C: And also with you.

Kyrie Eleison (Lord, Have Mercy)

--LSB 944



1 Lord, _____ have mer - cy. Lord, _____ have mer - cy.
 2 Christ, _____ have mer - cy. Christ, _____ have mer - cy.
 3 Lord, _____ have mer - cy. Lord, _____ have mer - cy.



Lord, _____ have mer - - - - cy.
 Christ, _____ have mer - - - - cy.
 Lord, _____ have mer - - - - cy.

Prayer of the Day

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

P: Let us pray [*Oremos*]...

(please listen as we lift our prayer to God.)

C: Amen.

Old Testament Reading: 1 Samuel 16:1-13

The Lord said to Samuel, "How long will you grieve over Saul? I have rejected him from being king over Israel. Fill your horn with oil and set out; I will send you to Jesse the Bethlehemite, for I have provided for myself a king among his sons." Samuel said, "How can I go? If Saul hears of it, he will kill me." And the Lord said, "Take a heifer with you, and say, 'I have come to sacrifice to the Lord.' Invite Jesse to the sacrifice, and I will show you what you shall do; and you shall anoint for me the one whom I name to you." Samuel did what the Lord commanded, and came to Bethlehem. The elders of the city came to meet him trembling, and said, "Do you come peaceably?" He said, "Peaceably; I have come to sacrifice to the Lord; sanctify yourselves and come with me to the sacrifice." And he sanctified Jesse and his sons and invited them to the sacrifice.

When they came, he looked on Eliab and thought, "Surely the Lord's anointed is now before the Lord." But the Lord said to Samuel, "Do not look on his appearance or on the height of his stature, because I have rejected him; for the Lord does not see as mortals see; they look on the outward appearance, but the Lord looks on the heart." Then Jesse called Abinadab, and made him pass before Samuel. He said, "Neither has the Lord chosen this one." Then Jesse made Shammah pass by. And he said, "Neither has the Lord chosen this one." Jesse made seven of his sons pass before Samuel, and Samuel said to Jesse, "The Lord has not chosen any of these." Samuel said to Jesse, "Are all your sons here?" And he said, "There remains yet the youngest, but he is keeping the sheep." And Samuel said to Jesse, "Send and bring him; for we will not sit down until he comes here." He sent and brought him in. Now he was ruddy, and had beautiful eyes, and was handsome. The Lord said, "Rise and anoint him; for this is the one." Then Samuel took the horn of oil, and anointed him in the presence of his brothers; and the spirit of the Lord came mightily upon David from that day forward. Samuel then set out and went to Ramah.

Psalm 23 [SPOKEN TOGETHER]

The Lord is my Shepherd;

I shall not want.

He maketh me to lie down in green pastures:

He leadeth me beside the still waters.

He restoreth my soul:

He leadeth me in the paths of righteousness for His name's sake.

Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death,

I will fear no evil: for Thou art with me;

Thy rod and thy staff, they comfort me.

Thou preparest a table before me in the presence of mine enemies:

Thou anoinest my head with oil; my cup runneth over.

Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life:

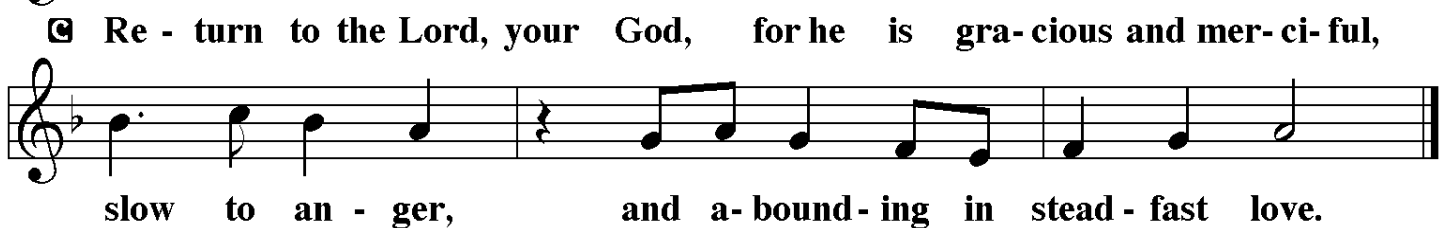
And I will dwell in the house of the Lord forever.

**Glory be to the Father and to the ✕ Son and to the Holy Spirit;
as it was in the beginning,* is now, and will be forever. Amen.**

Epistle (Letter) Reading: Ephesians 5:8-14

Once you were darkness, but now in the Lord you are light. Live as children of light-- for the fruit of the light is found in all that is good and right and true. Try to find out what is pleasing to the Lord. Take no part in the unfruitful works of darkness, but instead expose them. For it is shameful even to mention what such people do secretly; but everything exposed by the light becomes visible, for everything that becomes visible is light. Therefore it says, "Sleeper, awake! Rise from the dead, and Christ will shine on you."

Verse



Holy Gospel: John 9:1-41

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the 9th Chapter.

C: Glory to You, O Lord.

As he walked along, he saw a man blind from birth. His disciples asked him, 'Rabbi, who sinned, this man or his parents, that he was born blind?' Jesus answered, 'Neither this man nor his parents sinned; he was born blind so that God's works might be revealed in him. We must work the works of him who sent me while it is day; night is coming when no one can work. As long as I am in the world, I am the light of the world.' When he had said this, he spat on the ground and made mud with the saliva and spread the mud on the man's eyes, saying to him, 'Go, wash in the pool of Siloam' (which means Sent). Then he went and washed and came back able to see. The neighbors and those who had seen him before as a beggar began to ask, 'Is this not the man who used to sit and beg?' Some were saying, 'It is he.' Others were saying, 'No, but it is someone like him.' He kept saying, 'I am the man.' But they kept asking him, 'Then how were your eyes opened?' He answered, 'The man called Jesus made mud, spread it on my eyes, and said to me, "Go to Siloam and wash." Then I went and washed and received my sight.' They said to him, 'Where is he?' He said, 'I do not know.'

They brought to the Pharisees the man who had formerly been blind. Now it was a sabbath day when Jesus made the mud and opened his eyes. Then the Pharisees also began to ask him how he had received his sight. He said to them, 'He put mud on my eyes. Then I washed, and now I see.' Some of the Pharisees said, 'This man is not from God, for he does not observe the sabbath.' But others said, 'How can a man who is a sinner perform such signs?' And they were divided. So they said again to the blind man, 'What do you say about him? It was your eyes he opened.' He said, 'He is a prophet.'

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 and asked them, 'Is this your son, who you say was born blind? How then does he now see?' His parents answered, 'We know that this is our son, and that he was born blind; but we do not know how it is that now he sees, nor do we know who opened his eyes. Ask him; he is of age. He will speak for himself.' His parents said this because they were afraid of the Jews; for the Jews had already agreed that anyone who confessed Jesus to be the Messiah would be put out of the synagogue. Therefore his parents said, 'He is of age; ask him.'

So for the second time they called the man who had been blind, and they said to him, 'Give glory to God! We know that this man is a sinner.' He answered, 'I do not know whether he is a sinner. One thing I do know, that though I was blind, now I see.' They said to him, 'What did he do to you? How did he open your eyes?' 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?' Then they reviled him, saying, 'You are his disciple, but we are disciples of Moses. We know that God has spoken to Moses, but as for this man, we do not know where he comes from.' The man answered, 'Here is an astonishing thing! You do not know where he comes from, and yet he opened my eyes. We know that God does not listen to sinners, but he does listen to one who worships him and obeys his will. Never since the world began has it been heard that anyone opened the eyes of a person born blind. If this man were not from

God, he could do nothing.’ They answered him, ‘You were born entirely in sins, and are you trying to teach us?’ And they drove him out.

Jesus heard that they had driven him out, and when he found him, he said, ‘Do you believe in the Son of Man?’ He answered, ‘And who is he, sir? Tell me, so that I may believe in him.’ Jesus said to him, ‘You have seen him, and the one speaking with you is he.’ He said, ‘Lord, I believe.’ And he worshipped him. Jesus said, ‘I came into this world for judgement so that those who do not see may see, and those who do see may become blind.’ Some of the Pharisees near him heard this and said to him, ‘Surely we are not blind, are we?’ Jesus said to them, ‘If you were blind, you would not have sin. But now that you say, “We see”, your sin remains.

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to You, O Christ.

Sermon *(Followed by **Silence** for prayer & meditation)*

Sermon Reflection: What is one thing I’ve learned from God’s Word today

and will TAKE with me into the world?

Hymn of the Day: You Are Mine

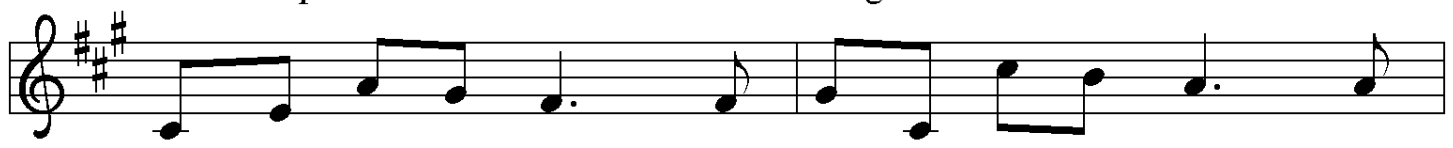
--ELW 581



1 "I will come to you in the si - lence,
 2 "I am hope for all who are hope - less,
 3 "I am strength for all the de - spair - ing,
 (4) am the Word that leads all to free - dom, I



I will lift you from all your fear.
 I am eyes for all who long to see. (2) In the
 heal - ing for the ones who dwell in shame.
 am the peace the world can - not give.



You will hear my voice, I claim you as my choice. Be
 shad - ows of the night, I will be your light.
 All the blind will see, the lame will all run free, and
 I will call your name, em - brac - ing all your pain. Stand



still and know I am here. *To stanza 2*
 Come and rest in me. *To refrain*
 all will know my name. *To refrain*
 up, now walk and live! *To refrain*
Refrain



Do not be a - afraid, I am with you. I have called you each by



name. Come and fol - low me, I will bring you home; I
To stanzas 3 and 4



love you and you are mine."

4 "I

The Apostles' Creed

P: Together, let us confess our faith in the words of the Apostles' Creed.

**C: I believe in God the Father Almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.
I believe in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord.
He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit
and born of the Virgin Mary.
He suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried.
He descended into hell.
On the third day He rose again.
He ascended into heaven,
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again to judge the living and the dead.
I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life ☩ everlasting. Amen.**

Prayer of the Church

The Lord's Prayer

P: Lord, remember us in your kingdom and teach us to pray:

C: 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 trespass 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.

Luther's Morning Prayer

P: Together, let us pray the Morning Prayer.

C: I thank You, my heavenly Father, through Jesus Christ, Your dear Son, that You have kept me this night from all harm and danger; and I pray that You would keep me this day also from sin and every evil, that all my doings and life may please You. For into Your hands I commend myself, my body and soul, and all things. Let Your holy angel be with me, that the evil foe may have no power over me. Amen.

Blessing

P: Jesus took the form of a servant and was obedient to death, even death on a cross. May you follow His example and share in the resurrection.

C: Amen.

P: In faithfulness to God, Jesus gave His life as a ransom for many. May you walk in love as Christ loved us and gave himself for us, an offering and sacrifice to God.

C: Amen.

P: On the cross of Calvary Jesus bore our grief and carried our sorrows. May His passion bring you healing and peace.

C: Amen.

P: Almighty God – the Father, the ✠ Son, and the Holy Spirit – bless you now and forever.

C: Amen.

(Please turn to follow the processional cross to the narthex.)

Recessional Hymn: This Is Amazing Grace

--Phil Wickham

Verse 1:

Who breaks the power of sin and darkness
Whose love is mighty and so much stronger
The King of glory, the King above all Kings
Who shakes the whole earth with holy thunder
Leaves us breathless in awe and wonder
The King of glory, the King above all Kings

Refrain:

This is amazing grace
This is unfailing love
That You would take my place
That You would bear my cross
You laid down Your life
That I would be set free
Jesus I sing for all that You've done for me

Verse 2:

Who brings our chaos back into order
Who makes the orphan a son and daughter
The King of glory, the King of glory
Who rules the nations with truth and justice
Shines like the sun in all of its brilliance
The king of glory, the King above all Kings

Refrain

Bridge:

Worthy is the lamb who was slain

Worthy is the King who conquered the grave (3x)

Worthy is the lamb who was slain... Worthy, Worthy!

Refrain

Closing:

Yes, Lord, I sing for all that You've done for me!

*(Following the hymn, **please be seated** for final announcements from Pastor)*

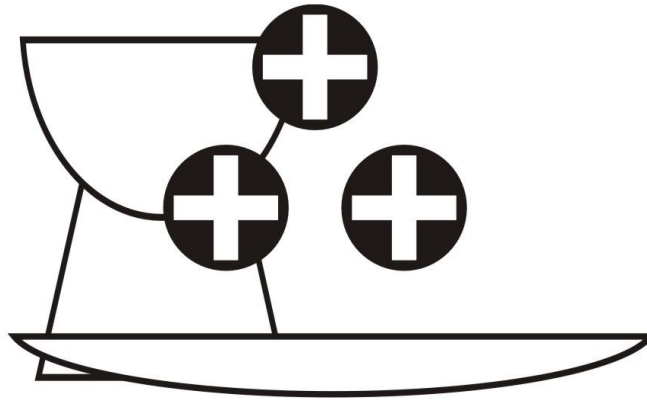
A: Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

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