

7:00 pm February 14, 2018





Welcome to Trinity Lutheran Church! Please sign the red Worship Witness booklet to record your attendance with us this day, and indicate how many are communing. Then pass the booklet to the worshipers beside you in your row. If you are a guest, name tags are available for you to wear---we would be delighted to greet you by name. Hearing assistance devices are available at the Gatherina Space desk.

about today's service

Lent begins with a solemn call to fasting and repentance as we begin our journey to the baptismal waters of Easter. As we hear in today's readings, now is the acceptable time to return to the Lord. During Lent the people of God will reflect on the meaning of their baptism into Christ's death and resurrection. The sign of ashes suggests our human mortality and frailty. What seems like an ending is really an invitation to make each day a new beginning, in which we are washed in God's mercy and forgiveness. With the cross on our brow, we long for the spiritual renewal that flows from the springtime Easter feast to come.

P: Presiding Minister A: Assisting Minister L: Lector C: Congregation

+ Gathering +

[Stand]

Silent Processional

Greeting

The Lord be with you. And also with you.

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Prayer of the Day

P: Let us pray. Almighty and ever-living God, you hate nothing you have made, and you forgive the sins of all who are penitent. Create in us new and honest hearts, so that, truly repenting of our sins, we may receive from you, the God of all mercy, full pardon and forgiveness through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

[Sit]

十 Word 十

First Lesson Joel 2:1-2, 12-17

Because of the coming Day of the Lord, the prophet Joel calls the people to a community lament. The repentant community reminds God of his gracious character and asks God to spare the people, lest the nations doubt God's power to save.

Blow the trumpet in Zion; sound the alarm on my holy mountain! Let all the inhabitants of the land tremble, for the day of the LORD is coming, it is near — ²a day of darkness and gloom, a day of clouds and thick darkness! Like blackness spread upon the mountains a great and powerful army comes; their like has never been from of old, nor will be again after them in ages to come. ¹²Yet even now, says the LORD, return to me with all your heart, with fasting, with weeping, and with mourning; ¹³rend your hearts and not your clothing. Return to the LORD, your God, for he is gracious and merciful, slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love, and relents from punishing. ¹⁴Who knows whether he will not turn and relent, and leave a blessing behind him, a grain offering and a drink offering for the LORD, your God? ¹⁵Blow the trumpet in Zion; sanctify a fast; call a solemn assembly; ¹⁶gather the people. Sanctify the congregation; assemble the aged; gather the children, even infants at the breast. Let the bridegroom leave his room, and the bride her canopy. ¹⁷Between the vestibule and the altar let the priests, the ministers of the LORD, weep. Let them say, "Spare your people, O LORD, and do not make your heritage a mockery, a byword among the nations. Why should it be said among the peoples, 'Where is their God?"

L: The word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God

Psalm 51:1-17 read responsively

L: Have mercy on me, O God, according to your steadfast love; according to your abundant mercy blot out my transgressions.

- C: Wash me thoroughly from my iniquity, and cleanse me from my sin.
- L: For I know my transgressions, and my sin is ever before me.
- C: Against you, you alone, have I sinned, and done what is evil in your sight, so that you are justified in your sentence and blameless when you pass judgment.
- L: Indeed, I was born guilty, a sinner when my mother conceived me.
- C: You desire truth in the inward being; therefore, teach me wisdom in my secret heart.
- L: Purge me with hyssop, and I shall be clean; wash me, and I shall be whiter than snow.
- C: Let me hear joy and gladness; let the bones that you have crushed rejoice.
- L: Hide your face from my sins, and blot out all my iniquities.
- C: Create in me a clean heart, O God, and put a new and right spirit within me.
- L: Do not cast me away from your presence, and do not take your holy spirit from me.
- C: Restore to me the joy of your salvation, and sustain in me a willing spirit.
- L: Then I will teach transgressors your ways, and sinners will return to you.
- C: Deliver me from bloodshed, O God, O God of my salvation, and my tongue will sing aloud of your deliverance.
- L: O Lord, open my lips, and my mouth will declare your praise.
- C: For you have no delight in sacrifice; if I were to give a burnt offering, you would not be pleased.
- L: The sacrifice acceptable to God is a broken spirit; a broken and contrite heart, O God, you will not despise.

Second Lesson

2 Corinthians 5:2b-6:10

The ministry of the gospel endures many challenges and hardships. Through this ministry, God's reconciling activity in the death of Christ reaches into the depths of our lives to bring us into a right relationship with God. In this way, God accepts us into the reality of divine salvation.

We entreat you on behalf of Christ, be reconciled to God. 21 For our sake he made him to be sin who knew no sin, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God. 6:1As we work together with him, we urge you also not to accept the grace of God in vain. ²For he says, "At an acceptable time I have listened to you, and on a day of salvation I have helped you." See, now is the acceptable time; see, now is the day of salvation! 3We are putting no obstacle in anyone's way, so that no fault may be found with our ministry, 4but as servants of God we have commended ourselves in every way: through great endurance, in afflictions, hardships, calamities. ⁵beatings, imprisonments, riots, labors, sleepless nights, hunger; ⁶by purity, knowledge, patience, kindness, holiness of spirit, genuine love, 7truthful speech, and the power of God; with the weapons of righteousness for the right hand and for the left: 8in honor and dishonor, in ill repute and good repute. We are treated as impostors, and yet are true; 9as unknown, and yet are well known; as dying, and see — we are alive; as punished, and yet not killed; 10as sorrowful, yet always rejoicing; as poor, yet making many rich; as having nothing, and vet possessing everything.

L: The word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

[Stand]

Lenten Acclamation





Gospel Acclamation

P: The holy gospel according to Matthew, the 6th chapter.

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

In the Sermon on the Mount, Jesus commends almsgiving, prayer, and fasting, but emphasizes that spiritual devotion must not be done for show.

Jesus said, "Beware of practicing your piety before others in order to be seen by them; for then you have no reward from your Father in heaven. ² So whenever you give alms, do not sound a trumpet before you, as the hypocrites do in the synagogues and in the streets, so that they may be praised by others. Truly I tell you, they have received their reward. ³ But when you give alms, do not let your left hand know what your right hand is doing, 4 so that your alms may be done in secret; and your Father who sees in secret will reward you. 5 And whenever you pray, do not be like the hypocrites; for they love to stand and pray in the synagogues and at the street corners, so that they may be seen by others. Truly I tell you, they have received their reward. 6 But whenever you pray, go into your room and shut the door and pray to your Father who is in secret; and your Father who sees in secret will reward you. 16 And whenever you fast, do not look dismal, like the hypocrites, for they disfigure their faces so as to show others that they are fasting. Truly I tell you, they have received their reward. 17 But when you fast, put oil on your head and wash your face, 18 so that your fasting may be seen not by others but by your Father who is in secret; and your Father who sees in secret will reward you. 19 Do not store up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moth and rust consume and where thieves break in and steal: ²⁰ but store up for vourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust consumes and where thieves do not break in and steal. 21 For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also."

P: The gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

[Sit]

Homily: "Return" Pastor John Brock

[Stand]

Hymn No. 793: Be Thou My Vision

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Invitation to Lent

P: Friends in Christ, today with the whole church we enter the time of remembering Jesus' passover from death to life, and our life in Christ is renewed.

We begin this holy season by acknowledging our need for repentance and for God's mercy. We are created to experience joy in communion with God, to love one another, and to live in harmony with creation. But our sinful rebellion separates us from God, our neighbors, and creation, so that we do not enjoy the life our creator intended.

As disciples of Jesus, we are called to a discipline that contends against evil and resists whatever leads us away from love of God and neighbor. I invite you, therefore, to the discipline of Lent—self-examination and repentance, prayer and fasting, sacrificial giving and works of love—strengthened by the gifts of word and sacrament. Let us continue our journey through these forty days to the great Three Days of Jesus' death and resurrection.

Confession of Sin

- P: Most holy and merciful God,
- C: we confess to you and to one another, and to the whole communion of saints in heaven and on earth, that we have sinned by our own fault in thought, word, and deed; by what we have done, and by what we have left undone.
- P: We have not loved you with our whole heart, mind, and strength. We have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We have not forgiven others as we have been forgiven.
- C: Have mercy on us, O God.
- P: We have not listened to your call to serve as Christ served us. We have not been true to the mind of Christ. We have grieved your Holy Spirit.
- C: Have mercy on us, O God.
- P: We confess to you, O God, all our past unfaithfulness, the pride, envy, hypocrisy, and apathy that have infected our lives.
- C: Have mercy on us, O God.
- P: We confess to you our self-indulgent appetites and ways, and our exploitation of other people.
- C: Have mercy on us, O God.

- P: We confess to you our negligence in prayer and worship, and our failure to share the faith that is in us.
- C: Have mercy on us, O God.
- P: We confess to you our neglect of human need and suffering, and our indifference to injustice and cruelty.
- C: Have mercy on us, O God.
- P: We confess to you our false judgments, our uncharitable thoughts toward our neighbors, and our prejudice and contempt toward those who differ from us.
- C: Have mercy on us, O God.
- P: We confess to you our waste and pollution of your creation, and our lack of concern for those who come after us.
- C: Have mercy on us, O God.
- P: Restore us, O God, and let your anger depart from us.
- C: Hear us, O God, for your mercy is great.

[Sit]

Imposition of Ashes

Persons wishing to receive the mark of ashes are asked to walk up the center aisle in two rows, pause before the pastor and return by a side aisle.

Solo: "O Sacred Head Now Wounded"

Raymond Haan

Alison Koch, cello

After all who desire ashes have received them:

[Stand]

- P: Accomplish in us, O God, the work of your salvation,
- C: that we may show forth your glory in the world.
- P: By the cross and Passion of your Son our Savior,
- C: bring us with all your saints to the joy of his resurrection.
- P: Almighty God have mercy on us, forgive us all our sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen us in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep us in eternal life.
- C: Amen.

Prayer of Intercession Each petition ends:

A: Lord, in your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

Prayer Response (Sung by all): Hear Our Prayer



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Peace

P: The peace of Christ be with you always.

C: And also with you.

[Sit]

Offering: Optional methods of giving: text an amount to 717-963-2281 (be sure to use a "\$"); use the Giving Station in the Gathering Space to donate by credit card.

Anthem: "Ave Verum:

Wolfgang A. Mozart

Ave verum corpus, natum de Maria Virgine,
Vere passum immolatum in cruce pro homine,
Cujus latus perforatum unda fluxit et sanguine:
Esto nobis praegustatum in mortis examine.
Hail true body, born of the Virgin Mary;
Who has truly suffered death on the cross for humanity.

Whose side was pierced, pouring out water and blood: Be a foretaste for us during the trial of death. Chancel Choir; Kierra Heinly, Olivia Falck, Alison Koch, strings

[Stand]



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Offertory Prayer

A: Let us pray. Merciful Father,

C: you invite us to keep the season of Lent so that we remember the humble ministry of your Son. Give us the devotion to live more sparingly and then

share what is saved, that our neighbor may rejoice to see your unselfish love in us. Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

十 Meal 十

Great Thanksgiving

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

P: Lift up your hearts.

C: We lift them to the Lord.

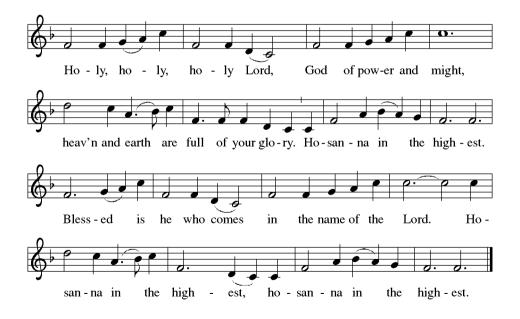
P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Preface

P: It is indeed right, our duty and our joy ... we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

Sanctus [Holy, holy, holy]



Eucharistic Prayer

P: We praise you, Almighty God, for sending your Son, Jesus Christ to live among us and share our human nature. He was tempted in every way as we are, yet he did not sin. Instead, he became servant of all in obedience to you. Out of love for us he suffered death on the cross, that we might be released from our sin.

In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: "Take and eat, this is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me." Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying: "This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me."

Recalling, then, your great goodness to us in Christ, his life, death, resurrection and ascension, we give you thanks for this meal. By your Holy Spirit, strengthen us, that as we receive our Lord's body and blood, we might grow in grace, and be renewed for service in your kingdom.

To you be given honor, glory and praise now and forevermore.

C: Amen.

Lord's Prayer

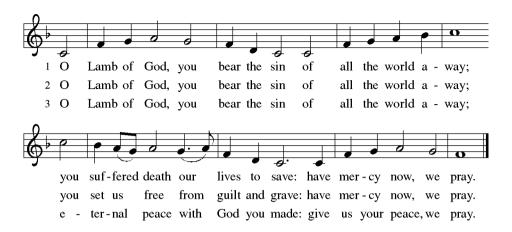
C: Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.

Invitation to Communion

- P: This is the Lamb of God who takes away the sins of the world. Happy are those who are called to his supper.
- C: Lord, I am not worthy to receive you, but only say the word and I shall be healed.

[Sit]

Agnus Dei [Lamb of God]



Distribution of Holy Communion

We invite all baptized Christians to the Lord's Table to celebrate the real presence of Christ in the Sacrament. Communion is by intinction. You will receive a wafer. Dip it in the chalice of wine before consuming. You may then return to your seat or come to the altar rail for prayer. Children and adults who aren't communing may come forward to receive a blessing. As a gesture of hospitality, we use dealcoholized wine (less than .5% alcohol). In addition, we offer glutenfree wafers, available upon request – please ask at the time of communion.

Hymn No. 608: Softly and Tenderly

[Stand]

Post-Communion Blessing

P: The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his arace.

C: Amen.

Prayer

A: Let us pray. Compassionate God, you have fed us with the bread of heaven. Sustain us in our Lenten pilgrimage: may our fasting be hunger for justice; our alms, a making of peace; and our prayer, the song of grateful hearts, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C: Amen.

十 Sending 十

Benediction

P: May God who has called us forth from the dust of the earth, and claimed us as children of the light, strengthen you on your journey into life renewed. The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord's face shine on you with grace and mercy. The Lord look upon you with favor and + give you peace.

C: Amen.

Sending Song No. 320: The Glory of These Forty Days

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Dismissal

P: Marked with the cross of Christ, go forth to love and serve the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

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