

Third Sunday in Lent

Contemporary Worship 8:30 and 11:00 am March 24, 2019





Welcome to Trinity Lutheran Church! Please sign the red Worship Witness booklet to record your attendance with us this day. 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 and large print bulletins are available from an usher.

about today's service

The warnings are plentiful and blunt on the third Sunday in Lent. Lent is a season of repentance. Cut it out or get cut down! The warnings are accompanied by God's invitation to attentiveness: "Incline your ear, and come to me; listen, so that you may live." The landowner's ultimatum is forestalled by the gardener's readiness to till the ground one more year. That is good news for all of us. Thanks be to God!

In Lent we focus our attention on the mystery of the cross, that is God's willingness to offer his Son for the salvation of the world through his passion and death. We signify his holy mystery by veiling our crosses with light fabric, either completely covering or draping over the beams. The fullness of God's purposes is revealed when on Easter the veils are removed or changed to white, the color of Easter. We also omit the use of "alleluia" and postludes as the solemnity of this Lenten season is observed.

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

+ Gathering +

We gather together to praise God and receive His love.

Song: "Change My Heart, Oh God"

Chorus (2X)

Change my heart, Oh God; make it ever true. Change my heart, Oh God; may I be like you.

Verse

You are the potter; I am the clay.

Mold me and make me: this is what I pray.

Chorus

Verse

Chorus

Tag: May I be like you.

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Sona: "I Will Never Be"

Verse 1 (2X)

I will never be the same again. I can never return, I've closed the door. I will walk the path, I'll run the race, and I will never be the same again

Chorus

Fall like fire, soak like rain, flow like mighty waters, again and again.

Sweep away the darkness, burn away the chaff

And let the flame burn to glorify your name

Verse 2

There are higher heights, there are deeper seas, whatever You need to do Lord, do in me.

The glory of God fills my life, and I will never be the same again.

Chorus (2X)

Verse 1

Tag: And I will never be the same again.

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Welcome

(Stand)

Song: "Come Walk Among Us"

Verse 2X

Come walk among us, come walk among us, Jesus.

You know that we need you. You know that we need you, Jesus.

You see our hearts, You know that we're formed from dust.

It's you who made us, Lord, in you we choose to trust. Come Lord, Come Lord.

Tag: Come Lord. Come Lord.

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Confession and Forgiveness

P: Blessed be the holy Trinity, + one God, who gathers us in the wilderness to redeem us, anoint us, and make us new.

C: Amen.

P: In these forty days, let us be honest, confess our sin, and receive God's promise of mercy.

Silence for reflection and self-examination.

- P: God at the margins,
- C: We have wandered far from your home; again and again, we lose our way. We turn inward, afraid of the world around us. We forget that you have saved your people before and promise to do so again. Do not remember the deeds of our past, but turn our faces toward the future, where your forgiveness is sure, your welcome is clear, and your love overflows. Amen.
- P: Like a hen who gathers her chicks, God embraces you in tender care. Like manna in the desert, God feeds you with surprising mercy. Like a loving parent, God runs to meet you again this day, forgiving your sins for the sake of + Christ, leading you from death into life.

C: Amen.

Greeting

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

Prayer of the Day

P: Eternal God, your kingdom has broken into our troubled world through the life, death, and resurrection of your Son. Help us to hear your word and obey it, and bring your saving love to fruition in our lives, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

+ Word +

We listen to the story of God's mighty acts for the sake of His people.

Reading: Isaiah 55:1-9

To those who have experienced long years in exile, the return to their homeland is a celebration of abundant life. God calls them into an everlasting covenant of love. Those who return to the Lord will enjoy new life and forgiveness, because God's ways are not our ways.

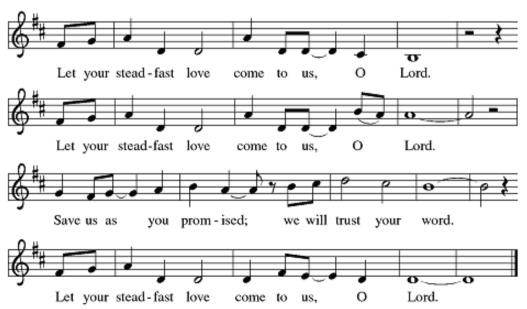
¹Ho, everyone who thirsts, come to the waters; and you that have no money, come, buy and eat! Come, buy wine and milk without money and without price. 2Why do you spend your money for that which is not bread, and your labor for that which does not satisfy? Listen carefully to me, and eat what is good, and delight yourselves in rich food. 3Incline your ear, and come to me; listen, so that you may live. I will make with you an everlasting covenant, my steadfast, sure love for David. 4See, I made him a witness to the peoples, a leader and commander for the peoples, ⁵See, you shall call nations that you do not know, and nations that do not know you shall run to you, because of the Lord your God, the Holy One of Israel, for he has glorified you. Seek the Lord while he may be found, call upon him while he is near; 7let the wicked forsake their way, and the unrighteous their thoughts; let them return to the Lord, that he may have mercy on them, and to our God, for he will abundantly pardon. 8For my thoughts are not your thoughts, nor are your ways my ways, says the Lord. ⁹For as the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways and my thoughts than your thoughts.

L: The word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

(Stand)

Gospel Acclamation: "Let Your Steadfast Love"



Gospel Reading Luke 13:1-9

Asked about current tragic events, Jesus turns a lesson about whether suffering is deserved into a hard call to obedience. He then tells a parable that holds out hope that the timeline for ultimate judgment will be tempered by patience.

¹At that very time there were some present who told him about the Galileans whose blood Pilate had mingled with their sacrifices. ²[Jesus] asked them, "Do you think that because these Galileans suffered in this way they were worse sinners than all other Galileans? ³No, I tell you; but unless you repent, you will all perish as they did. ⁴Or those eighteen who were killed when the tower of Siloam fell on them—do you think that they were worse offenders than all the others living in Jerusalem? ⁵No, I tell you; but unless you repent, you will all perish just as they did." ⁶Then he told this parable: "A man had a fig tree planted in his vineyard; and he came looking for fruit on it and found none. ⁷So he said to the gardener, 'See here! For three years I have come looking for fruit on this fig tree, and still I find none. Cut it down! Why should it be wasting the soil?' ⁸He replied, 'Sir, let it alone for one more year, until I dig around it and put manure on it. ⁹If it bears fruit next year, well and good; but if not, you can cut it down.'"

P: The gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

(Sit)

Sermon: "Come Meet Jesus – Who Calls Us to Change"

Pastor Jack Horner

Children's Story

Becky Enney

(Stand)

Song: "Jesus is a Rock in a Weary Land" Chorus (2X)

Jesus is a rock in a weary land, A weary land, a weary land; Jesus is a rock in a weary land, A shelter in the time of storm.

Verse 1

No one can do like Jesus, Not a mumbling word he said; He went walking down to Lazarus' grave, And he raised him from the dead.

Chorus

Verse 2

When Jesus was on earth
The flesh was very weak;
He took a towel and girded himself,
And he washed his disciples' feet.

Chorus

Verse 3

Yonder come my Savior, Him whom I love so well; He has the palm of vic—to—ry And the keys of death and hell.

Chorus (2X)

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Apostles' Creed

C: I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, God's 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 to the dead. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come 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.

Prayers of the Church

Following each petition are the words: "Hear us, O God."

Please respond with: "... Your mercy is great."

\pm Meal \pm

When we celebrate communion we remember that Jesus died for us and we experience His love and forgiveness. As we eat the bread and wine, Christ is present with us.

Sharing of the Peace

P: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C: And also with you.

(Sit)

Announcements

Offering:

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Special Music: "I Am Changed"

Verse

Nothing can take Your place in my life. Nothing can satisfy like being in Your presence completely surrounded by Your love.

While on this quest to find what is true,

You're making me more like You

from being in Your presence completely surrounded.

Chorus

Where I am changed by Your unfailing love, in Your presence I am changed by Your unfailing love. In Your presence I am changed.

Verse

Chorus

Bridge

In my weakest state You are full of strength.

You're faithful to see me through

I find forgiveness and grace when I'm seeking Your face.

I am forever changed. I am forever changed.

Chorus (2X)

Tag: While on this quest to find what is true, You're making me more like You. Sheri Carr, 2006 Mercy / Vineyard Publishing (Admin. by Music Services), CCLI License # 1283514

(Stand)

Offering Prayer

A: Let us pray. Gracious Father,

C: by these offerings we confess that you alone are God. Receive them as our prayer for your vision of this world that we may take our proper place among your creatures. Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Great Thanksgiving

P: Christ is here.

C: The Spirit is with us.

P: With joy, we lift up our hearts.

C: And give thanks to the Lord of Life.

P: Blessed are you, O God of the universe. Your mercy is everlasting, and your faithfulness endures from age to age. Praise to you for creating the heavens and the earth. Praise to you for saving the earth from the waters of the flood. Praise to you for bringing the Israelites safely through the sea. Praise to you for leading your people through the wilderness to the land of milk and honey. Praise to you for the words and deeds of Jesus, your anointed one. Praise to you for the death and resurrection of Christ. Praise to you for your Spirit poured out on all nations.

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.

- P: With this bread and cup we remember our Lord's passover from death to life as we proclaim the mystery of faith:
- C: Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.
- P: O God of resurrection and new life: Pour out your Holy Spirit on us and on these gifts of bread and wine. Bless this feast. Grace our table with your presence.
- C: Come, Holy Spirit.
- P: Reveal yourself to us in the breaking of the bread. Raise us up as the body of Christ for the world. Breathe new life into us. Send us forth, burning with justice, peace, and love.
- C: Come, Holy Spirit.
- P: With your holy ones of all times and places, with the earth and all its creatures, with sun and moon and stars, we praise you, O God, blessed and holy Trinity, now and forever.
- C: Amen.

Lord's Prayer

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and forever. Amen.

Invitation to Holy Communion

P: Christ has prepared the feast. Come to the table where all are welcomed home.

C: Thanks be to God.

(Sit)

Sharing our Lord's Supper

All Christians are welcome to celebrate the real presence of Jesus Christ in our Lord's Supper. Please come forward by the middle aisle, receive the bread, dip it into the wine, and return by the side aisles. Communion may be received in bread only, if desired. Non-communing children and adults are invited to come forward for a blessing. As a gesture of hospitality we use dealcoholized wine (less than .5% alcohol). In addition, we offer gluten-free wafers available upon request—please ask the pastor at the time of communion.

(Stand)

Post-Communion Blessing and Prayer

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

C: Amen.

P: 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.

+ Sending +

We have heard the Word of God, offered our gifts, and been fed at the table. Now we are sent out, strengthened by the Holy Spirit to be God's people in the world.

Blessing

P: 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.

Song: "Rock of My Salvation"

Verse 1

Though storms of strife assail me without warning,

And though they try to steal my joy away

I will find rest in knowing you have saved me, precious Jesus, Rock of my salvation.

Verse 2

Though times I stumble and fall short of your standard I'll rest assured there is love enough for me,

For I find strength in knowing you have saved me, precious Jesus, Rock of my salvation.

Chorus

Oh my Jesus, Rock of my salvation Who bore the weight of Calvary's wood and shame And cleansed my sin in the crimson flow of mercy, Precious Jesus, Rock of my salvation.

Instrumental

Verse 2

Chorus (2X)

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Dismissal

P: Go in peace. Remember the poor.

C: Thanks be to God.

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Join us next week



Pastor John Brock "Come Meet Jesus – Who Welcomes Us Home" FaithX Band



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Presiding Minister: The Rev. Elizabeth E. Frey

Preacher: The Rev. Dr. Jack M. Horner

Storyteller: Becky Enney

Lector: (8:30) Jane Killian; (11:00) Mike Schwalm

Greeters: (8:30) Jake Jacobs (head greeter); (11:00) Serena Fedor (head

greeter), Nancy and Bruce Bigelow, Barbara McGovern

Communion Assistants: (8:30) Jane Killian, Kelly Rice, Lyn Reed; (11:00) Mike

Schwalm, Tom Drye, Pat Eby

Ushers: (8:30) Dan Reed, Ryan Sheaffer; (11:00) Dan and Angie Clark

Altar Care: (8:30) Shirley Wilkie; (11:00) Deb Cuthbert

Flower Delivery: Anne Greenlund Bulletin Artwork: Patty Marshall

Sound Technician: (8:30) Tom Reddinger; (11:00) Royce Hoffman

Video Technician: (8:30) Barb Martin; (11:00) Max Hahn

Video Tech Student: (8:30) Evan Chevarria

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FaithX: Kevin Appleby, Kevin Brady, Pam Hess, Shannon Jones, Devin Miller, Jesse Northridge, Tom Reddinger, Mike Schwalm, Tom Stank, Paul Walker, Debbie

Wilson, Rick Wilson

Garden of Eatin': (GOE I) George Enney, Margaret Parker; (GOE II) John Bendick,

Val Hawthorne

United and empowered to worship, connect, serve.

Worship notes:

Attendance at our worship services last week was 756. Copies of last week's sermons are available on the tables in Fellowship Hall, in the narthex, the tract rack in the Gathering Space, and on our website (www.trinitycamphill.org).

The flowers in the Nave and Fellowship Hall, the communion elements for all services, and the sanctuary lamp candle, the symbol of God's abiding presence, are presented to the glory of God and in loving memory of Dr. and Mrs. J. Collier Bolton, parents, and George V. Bolton II, brother, by Joe Bolton; Kimberly Mosher, sister, Mr. & Mrs. Sylvester Treichler, parents, Mr. & Mrs. Henry Yocca, parents, and Zachary Yocca, son, by the Gary Yocca family; Orville W. Glass Jr., by his wife, children, and grandchildren; Mr. and Mrs. James Slane by Terri Denison; John Long Jr. in remembrance of his birthday by his wife Ginny & family; In Honor of my dear friend, Grace Morgan, celebrating her 99th birthday by Fay Pepperman.