



COME MEET JESUS

WHO WELCOMES US HOME

Fourth Sunday
in Lent

Contemporary Worship
8:30 and 11:00 am
March 31, 2019



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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 psalm sets the tone this day: "Happy are they whose transgressions are forgiven, and whose sin is put away!" Happy are those who have "become the righteousness of God" in the merits of Christ Jesus. Happy are those for whom the forgiveness of God has "rolled away... the disgrace" of former times. Happy is the father at the return of his prodigal son. Happy are we that our sins are forgiven for Jesus' sake. Rejoice!

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: "You Are in Control"

Verse

You are my shepherd, I have no needs.
You lead me by peaceful streams, and you refresh my life.
You hold my hand and you guide my steps.
I could walk through the valley of death and I won't be afraid.

Chorus

Because You are in control, You are in control,
You are in control, You are in control.

Verse**Chorus****Bridge**

You cause ev'rything to work together, You truly have a sov'reign plan,
And you know who I am, and you made who I am, and you love who I am.

Verse**Chorus**

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Song: "Come, Let Us Return to the Lord (Gloria)"**Verse 1**

Come, let us return to the Lord.
Come, let us return to the Lord.
Fill this room with sound, let the praise resound.
Come, let us return to the Lord.
Come, let us return to the Lord.
Come, let us return to the Lord.
Let's fill this room with sound, the praise of God resound.
Come, let us return to the Lord.

Chorus

Gloria, gloria, Lord, our eyes are fixed upon You.
Gloria, gloria, Turn our hearts to You again.

Verse 2

Welcomed to the table of the King.
Welcomed to the table of the King.
Homeless and ashamed, the Savior called our names.
We've been welcomed to the table of the King.

Chorus**Bridge**

Look what You've done,
Look what You've done.
All that we have is Yours alone.
What can we give?
What offering?
You deserve more than the songs we sing.

Verse 3

So let mercy rise like praise to Your throne.
Let mercy rise like praise to Your throne.
Father, touch Your church 'til justice fills the earth.
Let mercy rise like praise to Your throne.

Chorus 2X

Tag 4X: Again.

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Welcome

(Stand)

Song: "Amazing Grace"

Verse 1

Amazing grace, how sweet the sound that saved a wretch like me!
I once was lost, but now am found; was blind, but now I see.

Verse 2

'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear, and grace my fears relieved.
How precious did that grace appear, the hour I first believed.

Verse 3

The Lord has promised good to me, His word my hope secures.
He will my shield and portion be, as long as life endures.

Verse 4

Through many dangers, toils and snares I have already come.
Tis grace that brought me safe thus far, and grace will lead me home.

Verse 1

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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: God of compassion, you welcome the wayward, and you embrace us all with your mercy. By our baptism clothe us with garments of your grace, and feed us at the table of your love, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

(Sit)

† Word †

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

Reading: Psalm for the Day

Psalm 32

L: ¹Happy are they whose transgressions are forgiven,
and whose sin is put away!

**C: ²Happy are they to whom the Lord imputes no guilt,
and in whose spirit there is no guile!**

L: ³While I held my tongue, my bones withered away,
because of my groaning all day long.

**C: ⁴For your hand was heavy upon me day and night;
my moisture was dried up as in the heat of summer.**

L: ⁵Then I acknowledged my sin to you, and did not conceal my guilt.
I said, "I will confess my transgressions to the Lord." Then you forgave me the
guilt of my sin.

**C: ⁶Therefore all the faithful will make their prayers to you in time of trouble;
when the great waters overflow, they shall not reach them.**

L: ⁷You are my hiding-place; you preserve me from trouble;
you surround me with shouts of deliverance.

**C: ⁸"I will instruct you and teach you in the way that you should go;
I will guide you with my eye.**

L: ⁹Do not be like horse or mule, which have no understanding;
who must be fitted with bit and bridle, or else they will not stay near you."

**C: ¹⁰Great are the tribulations of the wicked;
but mercy embraces those who trust in the Lord.**

L: ¹¹Be glad, you righteous, and rejoice in the Lord;
shout for joy, all who are true of heart.

L: The word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

(Stand)

Gospel Acclamation: "**Let Your Steadfast Love**"



Let your stead-fast love come to us, O Lord.



Let your stead-fast love come to us, O Lord.



Save us as you prom-ised; we will trust your word.



Let your stead-fast love come to us, O Lord.

Jesus tells a parable about a son who ponders his father's love only after he has spurned it. The grace he receives is beyond his hopes. That same grace is a crisis for an older brother who believed it was his obedience that earned his place in the father's home.

¹Now all the tax collectors and sinners were coming near to listen to [Jesus.] ²And the Pharisees and the scribes were grumbling and saying, "This fellow welcomes sinners and eats with them." ³So he told them this parable: ^{11b} "There was a man who had two sons. ¹²The younger of them said to his father, 'Father, give me the share of the property that will belong to me.' So he divided his property between them. ¹³A few days later the younger son gathered all he had and traveled to a distant country, and there he squandered his property in dissolute living. ¹⁴When he had spent everything, a severe famine took place throughout that country, and he began to be in need. ¹⁵So he went and hired himself out to one of the citizens of that country, who sent him to his fields to feed the pigs. ¹⁶He would gladly have filled himself with the pods that the pigs were eating; and no one gave him anything. ¹⁷But when he came to himself, he said, 'How many of my father's hired hands have bread enough and to spare, but here I am dying of hunger! ¹⁸I will get up and go to my father, and I will say to him, "Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you; ¹⁹I am no longer worthy to be called your son; treat me like one of your hired hands.'" ²⁰So he set off and went to his father. But while he was still far off, his father saw him and was filled with compassion; he ran and put his arms around him and kissed him. ²¹Then the son said to him, 'Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you; I am no longer worthy to be called your son.' ²²But the father said to his slaves, 'Quickly, bring out a robe—the best one—and put it on him; put a ring on his finger and sandals on his feet. ²³And get the fatted calf and kill it, and let us eat and celebrate; ²⁴for this son of mine was dead and is alive again; he was lost and is found!' And they began to celebrate. ²⁵"Now his elder son was in the field; and when he came and approached the house, he heard music and dancing. ²⁶He called one of the slaves and asked what was going on. ²⁷He replied, 'Your brother has come, and your father has killed the fatted calf, because he has got him back safe and sound.' ²⁸Then he became angry and refused to go in. His father came out and began to plead with him. ²⁹But he answered his father, 'Listen! For all these years I have been working like a slave for you, and I have never disobeyed your command; yet you have never given me even a young goat so that I might celebrate with my friends. ³⁰But when this son of yours came back, who has devoured your property with prostitutes,

you killed the fatted calf for him!' ³¹Then the father said to him, 'Son, you are always with me, and all that is mine is yours. ³²But we had to celebrate and rejoice, because this brother of yours was dead and has come to life; he was lost and has been found.'

P: The gospel of the Lord.

C: **Praise to you, O Christ.**

(Sit)

Sermon: "Come Meet Jesus – Who Welcomes Us Home"

Pastor John Brock

Children's Story

Pastor Horner

(Stand)

Song: "Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing"

VERSE 1

Come, thou Fount of ev'ry blessing,
Tune my heart to sing thy grace;
Streams of mercy, never ceasing,
Call for songs of loudest praise.
While the hope of endless glory
Fills my heart with joy and love,
Teach me ever to adore thee;
May I still thy goodness prove.

VERSE 2

Here I raise my Ebenezer:
"Hither by thy help I've come";
and I hope, by thy good pleasure,
safely to arrive at home.
Jesus sought me when a stranger,
Wand'ring from the fold of God;
He, to rescue me from danger,
Interposed his precious blood.

VERSE 3

Oh, to grace how great a debtor
Daily I'm constrained to be;
Let that grace now like a fetter
Bind my wand'ring heart to thee.
Prone to wander, Lord, I feel it;
Prone to leave the God I love.

Here's my heart, oh, take and seal it;
Seal it for thy courts above.

TAG

Here's my heart, oh, take and seal it;
Seal it for thy courts above.

By J. Wyeth, ELW #807

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."

† Meal †

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:

Optional giving methods: Use the Give+ app on your mobile device • Use the Giving Station in the Gathering Space • Text an amount to 717-963-2281 (be sure to use a "\$") • Use the "DONATE" button on our website and e-blasts

Special Music: “Your Grace is Enough”

Verse 1

Great is Your faithfulness, oh God.
You wrestle with the sinner’s restless heart.
You lead us by still waters, into mercy.
And nothing can keep us apart.

Bridge

So remember Your people,
remember Your children,
remember Your promise, oh God.

Chorus 1

Your grace is enough, Your grace is enough,
Your grace is enough, for me.

Verse 2

Great is Your love and justice, God of Jacob.
You use the weak to lead the strong.
You lead us in the song of Your salvation.
And all Your people sing along.

Chorus 1 (2X)

Bridge

Chorus 1

Chorus 2

Your grace is enough, heaven reaches down to us.
Your grace is enough for me.

Chorus 3

Your grace is enough, I’m covered in Your love.
Your grace is enough for me,

Tag: For me. It’s enough for me.

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(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: "Lord, My Strength"

Verse 1

Lord, my strength, Lord, my rock, Lead me through the dark;

Lord, my strength, Lord, my rock, Heal this wand'ring heart.

Chorus 1

Be my eyes, be my ears, Be the only voice I hear;

Guide my soul, give me sight, Help me walk within your light.

Verse 2

Lord, my strength, Lord, my rock, You and You alone;

Lord, my strength, Lord, my rock, Lead me safely home.

Chorus 2

Ev'ry step that I make, Be the road I will take;

Be the thoughts that I keep, And in ev'ry word I speak.

Verse 2

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Dismissal

P: Go in peace. Remember the poor.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

Leaders

Presiding Minister: The Rev. Dr. Jack M. Horner

Preacher: The Rev. John Brock

Storyteller: Pastor Horner

Lector: (8:30) Laurena Fox; (11:00) Joyce Roy

Greeters: (11:00) Serena Fedor (head greeter), Darby and Chris Burnell, Jane Shoop

Communion Assistants: (8:30) Laurena Fox, Daryl Ackerman, Dan Coons; (11:00) Joyce Roy, Don and Micki McCoy

Ushers: (8:30) Daryl Ackerman, Dan Coons; (11:00) Don and Micki McCoy

Altar Care: (8:30) Maria Hegedus; (11:00) John and Susan Artevich

Flower Delivery: John and Loma Slike

Bulletin Artwork: Patty Marshall

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Video Technician: (8:30) Dona Norris; (11:00) Carleigh Morgan

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Visual Announcements: Jane Killian

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) Mary Ellen Hettinger, Vicki Wilken; (GOE II) Zandra & Bill Bishop Family.

United and empowered to worship, connect, serve.



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Worship notes:

Attendance at our worship services last week was 800. 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).

Attendance at Wednesday Connect (mid-week Lenten Dinner Devotion & Study) last week was 95.

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.

Join us next week



Pastor Liz Frey

"Come Meet Jesus - Who Receives Our Gifts"

FaithX Band

(11:00) Cherub Choir

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