

TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH
304 E. Ferris St., Galesburg, IL 61401

“the welcome place”

Fourth Sunday in Lent
March 22 & 23, 2020

+ + + GATHERING + + +

Prelude

Welcome and Friendship Registry

Invocation

Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God, who is present, who gives life, who calls into existence the things that do not exist.

Amen.

(Stand)

Confession & Forgiveness

If you were to keep watch over sins, O Lord, who could stand?
Yet with you is forgiveness, and so we confess.

Silence is kept for reflection.

Gracious God,

have mercy on us.

We confess that we have turned away from you, knowingly and unknowingly.

We have wandered from your resurrection life.

We have strayed from your love for all people.

Turn us back to you, O God.

Give us new hearts and right spirits, that we may find what is pleasing to you

and dwell in your house forever. Amen.

Receive good news: God turns to you in love.

“I will put my spirit in you, and you shall live,” says our God.

All your sin is forgiven in the name of † Jesus Christ, who is the free and abounding gift of God’s grace for you.

Amen.

Gathering Song #715 “Christ, Be Our Light”

Christ, Be Our Light



1 Long - ing for light, we wait in dark - ness. Long - ing for
 2 Long - ing for peace, our world is trou - bled. Long - ing for
 3 Long - ing for food, man - y are hun - gry. Long - ing for
 4 Long - ing for shel - ter, man - y are home - less. Long - ing for
 5 Man - y the gifts, man - y the peo - ple, man - y the



truth, we turn to you. Make us your own,
 hope, man - y de - spair. Your word a - lone
 wa - ter, man - y still thirst. Make us your bread,
 warmth, man - y are cold. Make us your build - ing,
 hearts that yearn to be - long. Let us be ser - vants



your ho - ly peo - ple, light for the world to see.
 has pow'r to save us. Make us your liv - ing voice.
 bro - ken for oth - ers, shared un - til all are fed.
 shel - ter - ing oth - ers, walls made of liv - ing stone.
 to one an - oth - er, signs of your king - dom come.

Refrain



Christ, be our light! Shine in our hearts. Shine through the



dark - ness. Christ, be our light! Shine in your



church gath - ered to - day.

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

Kyrie

The Cantor sings one verse in Greek, then the congregation sings three verses in English. Please take notice of the numbering of the verses.

Kyrie



1, 3	Ky - ri - e e - le - i - son.	Ky - ri - e e - le - i - son.
2	Chris - te e - le - i - son.	Chris - te e - le - i - son.
1, 3	Lord, have mer - cy.	Lord, have mer - cy.
2	Christ, have mer - cy.	Christ, have mer - cy.



Ky - ri - e e - le - i - son.	Ky - ri - e e - le - i - son.
Chris - te e - le - i - son.	Chris - te e - le - i - son.
Lord, have mer - cy.	Lord, have mer - cy.
Christ, have mer - cy.	Christ, have mer - cy.

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The Lord be with you
And also with you

Prayer of the Day

Bend your ear to our prayers, Lord Christ, and come among us.
By your gracious life and death for us, bring light into the
darkness of our hearts, and anoint us with your Spirit, for you live
and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and
forever.

Amen.

(Sit)

Children's Message

+++ WORD +++

First Reading: 1 Samuel 16:1-13

¹The 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.” ²Samuel 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.’” ³Invite 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.” ⁴Samuel 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?” ⁵He 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.

⁶When they came, he looked on Eliab and thought, “Surely the LORD’s anointed is now before the LORD.” ⁷But 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.” ⁸Then Jesse called Abinadab, and made him pass before Samuel. He said, “Neither has the LORD chosen this one.” ⁹Then Jesse made Shammah pass by. And he said, “Neither has the LORD chosen this one.” ¹⁰Jesse made seven of his sons pass before Samuel, and Samuel said to Jesse, “The LORD has not chosen any of these.” ¹¹Samuel 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.” ¹²He 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.” ¹³Then 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.

The word of God.

Thanks be to God.

Psalm: Psalm 23

¹The LORD| is my shepherd;
I shall not | be in want.

**²The LORD makes me lie down | in green pastures
and leads me be- | side still waters.**

**³You restore my | soul, O LORD,
and guide me along right pathways | for your name's sake.**

**⁴Though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I
shall | fear no evil;
for you are with me; your rod and your staff, they |
comfort me.**

**⁵You prepare a table before me in the presence | of my
enemies;**

you anoint my head with oil, and my cup is | running over.

**⁶Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days |
of my life,**

and I will dwell in the house of the | LORD forever.

Second Reading: Ephesians 5:8-14

⁸Once you were darkness, but now in the Lord you are light. Live as children of light—⁹for the fruit of the light is found in all that is good and right and true. ¹⁰Try to find out what is pleasing to the Lord. ¹¹Take no part in the unfruitful works of darkness, but instead expose them. ¹²For it is shameful even to mention what such people do secretly; ¹³but everything exposed by the light becomes visible, ¹⁴for everything that becomes visible is light. Therefore it says, “Sleeper, awake! Rise from the dead, and Christ will shine on you.”

The word of God.
Thanks be to God.

(Stand)

Gospel Acclamation

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Re - turn to the Lord, your God, for God is gra - cious and
mer - ci - ful, slow to an - ger, and a-bound-ing in
stead-fast love, and a - bound-ing in stead-fast love.

Gospel: John 9

9 As he walked along, he saw a man blind from birth. **2** His disciples asked him, “Rabbi, who sinned, this man or his parents, that he was born blind?” **3** Jesus answered, “Neither this man nor his parents sinned; he was born blind so that God’s works might be revealed in him. **4** We must work the works of him who sent me while it is day; night is coming when no one can work. **5** As long as I am in the world, I am the light of the world.” **6** 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, **7** saying to him, “Go, wash in the pool of Siloam” (which means Sent). Then he went and washed and came back able to see. **8** 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?” **9** Some were saying, “It is he.” Others were saying, “No, but it is someone like him.” He kept saying, “I am the man.” **10** But they kept asking him, “Then how were your eyes opened?” **11** 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.” **12** They said to him, “Where is he?” He said, “I do not know.” **13** They brought to the Pharisees the man who had formerly been blind. **14** Now it was a sabbath day when Jesus made the mud and opened his eyes. **15** 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.” **16** 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. **17** 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.” **18** 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 **19** and asked them, “Is this your son, who you say was born blind? How then does he now see?” **20** His parents answered, “We know that this is our son, and that he was born blind; **21** 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.” **22** 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. **23** Therefore his parents said, “He is of age; ask him.” **24** 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.” **25** He answered, “I do not know whether he is a sinner. One thing I do know, that though I was blind, now I see.” **26** They said to him, “What did he do to you? How did he open your eyes?” **27** 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?” **28** Then they reviled him, saying, “You are his disciple, but we are disciples of Moses. **29** We know that God has spoken to Moses, but as for this man, we do not know where he comes from.” **30** The man answered, “Here is an astonishing thing! You do not know where he comes from, and yet he opened my eyes. **31** We know that God does not listen to sinners, but he does listen to one who worships him and obeys his will. **32** Never since the world began has it been heard that anyone opened the eyes

of a person born blind. 33 If this man were not from God, he could do nothing.”
 34 They answered him, “You were born entirely in sins, and are you trying to teach us?” And they drove him out.
 35 Jesus heard that they had driven him out, and when he found him, he said, “Do you believe in the Son of Man?” 36 He answered, “And who is he, sir? Tell me, so that I may believe in him.” 37 Jesus said to him, “You have seen him, and the one speaking with you is he.” 38 He said, “Lord, I believe.” And he worshiped him. 39 Jesus said, “I came into this world for judgment so that those who do not see may see, and those who do see may become blind.”
 40 Some of the Pharisees near him heard this and said to him, “Surely we are not blind, are we?” 41 Jesus said to them, “If you were blind, you would not have sin. But now that you say, ‘We see,’ your sin remains.

(Sit)
Sermon Pastor Carrie Carnes

(Stand)
Hymn of the Day #779 “Amazing Grace”

Amazing Grace, How Sweet the Sound

1 A - maz - ing grace!— how sweet the sound— that
 2 'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear, and
 3 Through man - y dan - gers, toils, and snares I
 4 The Lord has prom - ised good to me; his
 5 When we've been there ten thou - sand years, bright

saved a wretch like me! I once was lost, but
 grace my fears re - lieved; how pre - cious did that
 have al - read - y come; 'tis grace has brought me
 word my hope se - cures; he will my shield and
 shin - ing as the sun, we've no less days to

now am found; was blind, but now I see.
 grace ap - pear the hour I first be - lieved!
 safe thus far, and grace will lead me home.
 por - tion be as long as life en - dures.
 sing God's praise than when we'd first be - gun.

Apostles' Creed

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.

(Sit)

Offering

(Stand)

Offering Prayer

Holy and generous host, you set a table where we feast as friends. Prepare us to witness to your goodness with every gift you have given us to share, that all people may know your peace through Jesus Christ, now and forever.

Amen.

Prayers of Intercession

Turning our hearts to God who is gracious and merciful, we pray for the church, the world, and all who are in need.

A brief silence.

God of insight, open the hearts of the church and the world to all who testify to your deeds of power (like Jonathan Edwards, whom we commemorate today). Raise up voices in your church that are often silenced or overlooked due to age, gender expression, race, or economic status. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

God of insight, empower us to care for the land and all living things that dwell in it and beneath it. Provide rich soil for crops to grow. Bring rain to lands suffering drought. Protect hills and shorelines from damage caused by erosion. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

God of insight, bring peace to all people and nations. Anoint leaders who seek goodness, righteousness, and truth on behalf of all. Frustrate the efforts of those who would seek to cause violence or terror. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

God of insight, you care for our needs even before we ask. Come quickly to all who seek prayer this day (especially). Accomplish healing through the work of doctors, nurses, physical therapists, nutritionists, and all who tend to human bodies. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

God of insight, help this assembly lift up the unique gifts of each person who enters, no matter their physical capacity, cognitive ability, or sensory need. Help us to be creative and brave in making our facilities and our ministries accessible to all. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

Here other intercessions may be offered.

God of insight, you call out to those who are asleep and awaken them to new life with you. We give thanks for your saints (especially). Join us together with them as your children in this world and the next. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

According to your steadfast love, O God, hear these and all our prayers as we commend them to you; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Lord's Prayer

Let us pray with confidence in the words our Savior gave us:

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

+ + + SENDING + + +

Blessing

Now is the acceptable time.

Now is the day of salvation.

Holy God, speaking, spoken, and inspiring, † bless you, unbind you, and send you in love and in peace.

Amen.

Sending Song #722“O Christ, Your Heart Compassionate”

O Christ, Your Heart, Compassionate

1 O Christ, your heart, com - pas - sion - ate, bore ev - 'ry hu - man pain.
 2 As once you wel - comed those cast down and healed the sick, the blind,
 3 O Christ, cre - ate new hearts in us that beat in time with yours,
 4 O Love that made the dis - tant stars, yet marks the spar - row's fall,

Its beat - ing was the pulse of God; its breadth, God's vast do - main.
 so may all bruised and bro - ken lives through us your help still find.
 that, joined by faith with your great heart, be - come love's o - pen doors.
 whose arms stretched wide up - on a cross em - brace and bear us all:

The heart of God, the heart of Christ com - bined in per - fect rhyme
 Lord, join our hearts with those who weep that none may weep a - lone,
 We are your bod - y, ris - en Christ; our hearts, our hands we yield
 come, make your church a ser - vant church that walks your ser - vant ways,

to write God's love in hu - man deeds, e - ter - ni - ty in time,
 and help us bear an - oth - er's pain as though it were our own.
 that through our life and min - is - try your love may be re - vealed.
 whose deeds of love rise up to you, a sac - ri - fice of praise!

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Dismissal

Go in peace. Share the good news.

Thanks be to God.

Postlude Amazing Grace David Cherwien

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Sunday's radio ministry is sponsored by Roger & Donna Jo Bowman in memory of their granddaughter Hannah Marie Hendricks.

Readings and Psalm – March 29

First Reading

[Ezekiel 37:1-14](#)

Psalm

[Psalm 130](#)

Second Reading

[Romans 8:6-11](#)

Gospel

[John 11:1-45](#)



Prayer List

If you would like someone to be on the prayer list, please call and/or email the church office. Effective immediately, the name will be on the list for 4 weeks unless you request a shorter time. If it needs to be on longer, you will need to contact the office again. The office will ask for a last name but it will not be published in the bulletin. Thank you!

What's this "colored border" on my contribution envelope?

Contribution envelopes with a "colored border" at the bottom of the envelope are to be used for donations to designated items: Initial Offering, Publications, Ash Wednesday, Maundy Thursday, Easter, Devotionals, Thanksgiving Eve & Christmas Eve. These envelopes are in addition to weekly offering envelopes. They will appear on your 2020 financial statement as designated.

You have the opportunity to sponsor or co-sponsor a radio broadcast

Trinity has broadcast our Sunday morning worship services to the community over radio station, WRAM 1330 AM, since October, 1992. This ministry is partially provided through our regular Evangelism portion of the budget.

The weekly cost for Trinity's radio ministry is \$60. If you would like to help defray some of these costs, consider sponsoring or co-sponsoring a weekly radio broadcast. Names of sponsors appear in the weekly Sunday bulletin as well as those who are being honored or remembered.

To sponsor a radio broadcast, complete the form below and return it with a check payable to Trinity Lutheran Church, designated Radio. Please include your phone number. Contributions will appear on financial giving reports.

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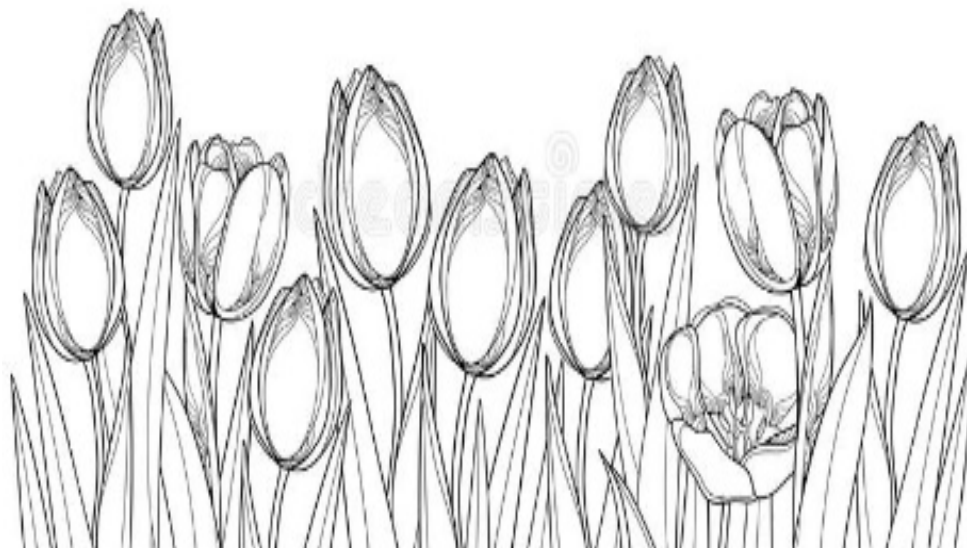
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(Check one of the following)

To the glory of God In memory of ... In honor of...

Sponsored by _____

Phone number _____ \$ _____ check enclosed.



Easter Memorial Garden to decorate sanctuary

On Easter Sunday, Trinity Lutheran Church will be decorated with flowers provided through contributions of members and friends. Donations of any amount will be received with names of donors and those memorialized or honored to be listed in the May 1 issue of Trinity Tidings and the Easter weekend bulletins.

Flowers will be purchased and used to decorate the chancel. After the Easter Sunday service, the donor may take the flowers home or leave them for distribution to Trinity's homebound and hospitalized.

The final date for receiving contributions is Palm Sunday, April 5.

Donors may contribute to:

flowers

-- OR --

Loving Bottoms Diaper Pantry

Complete the following form and include your contribution. Mail both to the church office, leave them in the plastic file on the wall next to the church office door or place them in the offering plate.

2020 EASTER MEMORIAL GARDEN

In memory of _____

In honor of _____

Given by _____

Amount enclosed: \$_____ to be used as: (check one)

Take plant home (requires \$20 minimum)

donation will not appear on financial statements as you are purchasing a plant which you will take home

Deliver plant to homebound or hospitalized

Donation to Loving Bottoms Diaper Pantry

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Sunday Worship at 9:30 am; Holy Communion

Sunday Radio Ministry at 9:30 am on WRAM – 1330 AM

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Vision Statement

Developing Disciples – Connecting to Christ

Mission Statement

Led by the Spirit, we receive Christ's love, share God's forgiving grace, and reach out to welcome, encourage and serve all.

Welcome Statement

Members of Trinity Lutheran Church are freed by the Gospel to seek reconciliation and wholeness in a world that is frequently an unloving place. We extend welcome to ALL, including people of all gender identities and sexual orientations, whether believer, doubter, or seeker. In Christ's love we invite you, so that led by the power of the Holy Spirit we will join together to strive for justice, peace and love in all the earth.

Our Guiding Principles

1. Jesus Christ is Lord and Savior.
2. We faithfully worship through Word and Sacrament.
3. We invite and welcome everyone.
4. We engage all generations in education and ministry.
5. We serve local and global communities.