



+ TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH & SCHOOL +

Friday, April 2, 2021

*Our Mission Statement for Trinity Lutheran Church & School is:
"Teaching, Living, and Caring as the Family of Christ."*

WELCOME!

We welcome all who have joined us this day, as we worship the Almighty God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. If you would like more information about Trinity, our mission, or becoming a member, please speak with Pastor Tonn, or the Elder on duty. Thank you, and may the Lord bless your worship with us today as God touches your life with His love!

COVID-19 UPDATES

We have spaced our pews 6 feet apart to keep with social distancing requirements. Please leave 3 empty chairs between each family unit. During Communion, please remain 6 feet from the family unit in front of you as you come up to receive communion. Please wear masks if you are able to. Please respect other people's choices as they may not be the same as yours.

THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

Take time before the service to prepare and examine your heart for this sacred event. If you need assistance, or cannot come up to the altar, please ask an Usher for help, or for Communion to be brought to you at your seat. White grape juice is available at the center of the trays of individual cups, and gluten free wafers are available for those who desire those options.

STATEMENT of FAITH and PRACTICE regarding HOLY COMMUNION

We believe that we must properly examine ourselves before partaking, as 1 Corinthians 11:27 reveals, "... whoever eats the bread or drinks the cup of the Lord in an unworthy manner will be guilty of sinning against the Body and Blood of the Lord." As such, we ask that you search your heart to see if you believe that through this Sacrament our Savior gives us His very Body and Blood in His "real presence" for the forgiveness of sins. Our Lord invites to this meal those who trust in His words, repent of all sins, and willingly demonstrate His love and forgiveness of others as He has shown it to us. Because this Sacrament is also a statement of our unity in Christ, we ask that those who desire to receive the Lord's Supper, and have not previously communed at our altar, please speak to the Pastor or the Elder of the week before doing so.

GOOD FRIDAY
PLACES OF THE PASSION: GOLGOTHA

Prelude + Candle Lighting + Ringing of the Bell + Greeting

AS WE GATHER... And he went out, bearing his own cross, to the place called The Place of a Skull, which in Aramaic is called Golgotha. John 19:17

✠ PREPARATION ✠

INVOCATION AND CALL TO WORSHIP

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

People: Amen.

Pastor: Let us ever walk with Jesus.

People: To see the depths of his love.

Pastor: To behold the gift of his forgiveness.

People: To gaze upon the heights of his grace.

Pastor: To marvel at the magnitude of his mercy.

People: We walk with Jesus to Golgotha.

Pastor: That's Aramaic for The Place of the Skull.

People: That's where Jesus gave us his all.

Pastor: Faithful Lord, with me abide.

People: I shall follow where you guide!

HYMN

"Stricken, Smitten, and Afflicted"

LSB 451, vs. 1-3

Stricken, smitten, and afflicted, see him dying on the tree!
'Tis the Christ by man rejected; yes, my soul, 'tis he, 'tis he!
'Tis the long-expected Prophet, David's Son, yet David's Lord;
Proofs I see sufficient of it; 'tis the true and faithful Word.

Tell me, ye who hear him groaning, was there ever grief like his?
Friends through fear his cause disowning, foes insulting his distress;
Many hands were raised to wound him, none would interpose to save;
But the deepest stroke that pierced him was the stroke that justice gave.

Ye who think of sin but lightly nor suppose the evil great
Here may view its nature rightly, here its guilt may estimate.
Mark the sacrifice appointed, see who bears the awful load;
'Tis the Word, the Lord's Anointed, Son of Man and Son of God.

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CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Pastor: Dear Jesus, our Savior and Lord, lead us to behold the agony of your rejection, the pain of your condemnation, and the horror of your crucifixion.

People: Empower us to walk where you walked and to the people you encountered on that Friday so long ago.

Pastor: Stay with us, Lord, as we witness your suffering and listen to your last words of love.

People: As we approach Calvary, let us become mindful of our sins and of our willful rebellion against your holy commandments.

Pastor: Eternal God, we confess that we have turned away from you in our thinking, speaking and doing.

People: We have lived for ourselves and have refused to bear the burdens of others.

Pastor: We have passed by the hungry, the poor and the oppressed.

People: O God, we have tried to hide from you and from one another.

Pastor: We confess our fatal attractions that enslave us and the failed relationships that haunt us.

Pastor: We cannot plead the strength of our temptations or the frailty of our nature or place the blame on other people.

Pastor: We can only say—

People: Lord, have mercy! Christ, have mercy! Lord, have mercy!

(Please silently reflect on the fact that though our sin is great, Christ's love is greater.)

Pastor: Hear the good news! Jesus walked to places of rejection, suffering, torment and death—for you. Jesus was determined to go to Gethsemane, Gabbatha and Golgotha—for you. That's why Jesus forgives you completely and loves you eternally. Faithful Lord, with me abide!

People: I shall follow where you guide!

The Old Testament

Isaiah 50:4-10

The Lord God has given me the tongue of those who are taught, that I may know how to sustain with a word him who is weary. Morning by morning he awakens; he awakens my ear to hear as those who are taught. The Lord God has opened my ear, and I was not rebellious; I turned not backward. I gave my back to those who strike, and my cheeks to those who pull out the beard; I hid not my face from disgrace and spitting. But the Lord God helps me; therefore I have not been disgraced; therefore I have

set my face like a flint, and I know that I shall not be put to shame. He who vindicates me is near. Who will contend with me? Let us stand up together. Who is my adversary? Let him come near to me. Behold, the Lord God helps me; who will declare me guilty? Behold, all of them will wear out like a garment; the moth will eat them up. Who among you fears the Lord and obeys the voice of his servant? Let him who walks in darkness and has no light trust in the name of the Lord and rely on his God.

Lector: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

The Epistle

Galatians 3:10-14

For all who rely on works of the law are under a curse; for it is written, “Cursed be everyone who does not abide by all things written in the Book of the Law, and do them.” Now it is evident that no one is justified before God by the law, for “The righteous shall live by faith.” But the law is not of faith, rather “The one who does them shall live by them.” Christ redeemed us from the curse of the law by becoming a curse for us—for it is written, “Cursed is everyone who is hanged on a tree”— so that in Christ Jesus the blessing of Abraham might come to the Gentiles, so that we might receive the promised Spirit through faith.

Lector: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

The Holy Gospel

Matthew 27:45-56

Pastor: The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the 27th chapter.

People: Glory to You, O Lord.

Now from the sixth hour there was darkness over all the land until the ninth hour. And about the ninth hour Jesus cried out with a loud voice, saying, “Eli, Eli, lema sabachthani?” that is, “My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?” And some of the bystanders, hearing it, said, “This man is calling Elijah.” And one of them at once ran and took a sponge, filled it with sour wine, and put it on a reed and gave it to him to drink. But the others said, “Wait, let us see whether Elijah will come to save him.” And Jesus cried out again with a loud voice and yielded up his spirit. And behold, the curtain of the temple was torn in two, from top to bottom. And the earth shook, and the rocks were split. The tombs also were opened. And many bodies of the saints who had fallen asleep were raised, and coming out of the tombs after his resurrection they went into the holy city and appeared to many. When the centurion and those who were with him, keeping watch over Jesus, saw the earthquake and what took place, they were filled with awe and said, “Truly this was the Son of God!” There were also many women there, looking on from a distance, who had followed Jesus from Galilee, ministering to him, among whom were Mary Magdalene and Mary the mother of James and Joseph and the mother of the sons of Zebedee.

Pastor: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

People: Praise to You, O Christ.

O sacred Head, now wounded, with grief and shame weighed down,
 Now scornfully surrounded with thorns, Thine only crown.
 O sacred Head, what glory, what bliss, till now was Thine!
 Yet, though despised and gory, I joy to call Thee mine.

What Thou, my Lord, hast suffered was all for sinners' gain;
 Mine, mine was the transgression, but Thine the deadly pain.
 Lo, here I fall, my Savior! 'Tis I deserve Thy place;
 Look on me with Thy favor, and grant to me Thy grace.

What language shall I borrow to thank Thee, dearest Friend,
 For this Thy dying sorrow, thy pity without end?
 O make me Thine forever! And should I fainting be,
 Lord, let me never, never, outlive my love for Thee.

Be Thou my consolation, my shield, when I must die;
 Remind me of Thy passion when my last hour draws nigh.
 Mine eyes shall then behold Thee, upon Thy cross shall dwell,
 My heart by faith enfold Thee. Who dieth thus dies well.

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SERMON

HYMN OF THE DAY

"Chief of Sinners Though I Be"

LSB 611, vs. 1-2

Chief of sinners though I be, Jesus shed his blood for me;
 Died that I might live on high, lived that I might never die.
 As the branch is to the vine, I am his, and he is mine.

Oh, the height of Jesus' love! Higher than the heav'ns above,
 Deeper than the depths of sea, lasting as eternity.
 Love that found me—wondrous thought! Found me when I sought him not.

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PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

Pastor: Onward in Christ's footsteps treading, pilgrims here, our home above. Full of faith and hope and love. Let us do the Father's bidding. And so we pray: Dear Lord Jesus, that there had to be a day when you—the eternal Son of God—would be made sin for us, is not good. But at the same time, that you freely and gladly gave yourself for us on the cross, is ultimate goodness. Lord, in your mercy,

People: Hear our prayer.

Pastor: Dear Lord Jesus, from the cross you uttered these two impassioned cries. “Father, forgive them” and “My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?” The first, our forgiveness, required the second, your God-forsakenness. Together, these cries humble our hearts and ignite our faith. Lord, in your mercy,

People: Hear our prayer.

Pastor: Dear Lord Jesus, then you cried, “It is finished.” You left nothing undone. We are redeemed, reconciled, renewed, and resurrection is most certainly coming. You became the Just for the unjust, the Beautiful One for the broken ones, the Way for the lost ones, the Savior for the sinners, the Lamb of God for the rebels from God. Lord, in your mercy,

People: Hear our prayer.

Pastor: Dear Lord Jesus, thousands of years into our life in the new heaven and new earth, we will still be stunned with awe, worship, and gratitude for the greatness of your sacrifice and love for us. Rated, to be sure, because you exhausted God’s judgment against our numberless sins.

People: Jesus, let me faithful be, life eternal grant to me. Amen.

LORD’S PRAYER (*spoken softly*)

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.

BENEDICTION

Pastor: Jesus invites us to walk with him to Golgotha.

People: A place of great suffering.

Pastor: And a place of great love.

People: We will walk with Jesus all the way.

REMOVAL OF THE CHRIST CANDLE ~ *The removal of the Christ Candle symbolizes that our Savior hung in darkness for three God-forsaken hours before he died for the sins of the world.*

STREPITUS ~ *A great noise symbolizes the closing of Christ’s tomb.*

SILENT RECESSIONAL ~ *The congregation walks out of the sanctuary and the building silently, contemplating the death of Christ and looking forward to resurrection victory.*

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Pastor: Rev. Paul Tonn
Organist – Mr. Scot Gogle

