

See How Much He Loves Us!

Don't we all harbor a few fears, worries, dreams, and aspirations, as we plan—under the Lord's blessing—our life ahead?

Having said that, can you imagine a scenario where you knew—before you were even born on this earth—that the goal of your life was to suffer? Where as you grew up, you always knew that one day, you were destined to be beaten, bloodied, and mocked? Where as you pursued your career you knew that every step, every word, and every miracle was pushing you closer to a cross? On that cross you would die, while bearing the full brunt of your Father's righteous punishment for the sin of the human race?

Can you imagine knowing that this is your future? This is your purpose? For this, you were chosen! Were it you or I, wouldn't we turn tail and run away from that future as far and as fast as we could? But not Jesus. **See How Much He Loves Us!** We learn that in accounts like the one recorded in Luke 13:31-33.

As we step by faith into Luke's historical record, we find Jesus making the last trip of his ministry to Jerusalem. He has an appointment to keep—one that had been scheduled back in eternity! Already in chapter 9, Luke informed us, *"When the days were approaching for him to be taken up, Jesus was determined to go to Jerusalem."* (Luke 9:51) Not that he was going to rush this last trip. Jesus took his time, as *"he went on his way from one town and village to another, teaching, and making his way to Jerusalem."* (Luke 13:22)

At every stop, he drew huge crowds. When he taught in their synagogues, they flocked to hear him. When he performed another miracle, still more of the hurting and the helpless clamored around him. Many of the people of the provinces of Galilee and Perea loved Jesus. They couldn't get enough of him.

But not so the Pharisees, who already had more than belly-full of Jesus. They viewed him as nothing but a threat. So they began to hatch their plots to destroy him! Consumed by hate, they even sought out the most unlikely allies for their cause. *"The Pharisees left and immediately began to conspire against Jesus with the Herodians, plotting how they might kill him."* (Mark 3:6) What? That would be like the Hatfields and the McCoys sitting down together for a chicken dinner! On most matters, especially political, the Pharisees and Herodians were polar opposites. Herodians, followers of Herod, were happy enough with Roman rule, especially if they could profit from it. Pharisees, on the other hand, were fierce Zionists who dreamed and plotted for the day when Roman rule would be over.

Yet these odd bedfellows plotted together to bring down Jesus. We need that background to help us understand what is going on in Luke 13:31-33. Jesus is still in Galilee or Perea. That's Herod's territory. The Pharisees, who have been dogging Jesus at every step, trying to find fault with every word and every action, now all of a sudden come on a mission of mercy. *"Leave, and go away from here, because Herod wants to kill you."* (Luke 13:31) Do you smell something fishy? Or worse? Jesus smelled it, too. He knew the skunks were in cahoots with the fox. So Jesus sent the skunks scurrying back to Herod with this message. *"Go tell that fox, 'Look, I am going to drive out demons and heal people today and tomorrow, and on the third day I will reach my goal. Nevertheless, I must go on my way today and tomorrow and the next day, because it cannot be that a prophet would be killed outside Jerusalem!'"* (Luke 13:32-33)

Jesus wasn't worried about Herod's threats, whether those threats were real or merely lies cooked up by the Pharisees. It's not under Herod's jurisdiction he will die. Jesus knew that. Rather, it's in Jerusalem he will die. It's in Jerusalem he will reach his goal. It's on a cross where he will fulfill his purpose. With nails pounded through hands and feet. A crown of thorns crushed down on his head. And the sins of the human race weighing down on his soul.

"I must go on my way today and tomorrow and the next day." Almost 700 years earlier, this gritty determination of our Savior had been prophesied by Isaiah. *"The LORD God will help me, so I will not be disgraced. Therefore, I have made my face hard like flint. I know that I will not be put to shame."* (Isaiah 50:7) This kind of dedication is the stuff of legend! The hero who knows his actions will bring him certain death, but only through that death will others live!

Jesus lived his entire life under the shadow of the cross. He knew exactly the precise nature of his mission. He stated it repeatedly. *"For even the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many."* (Mark 10:45) Yet absolutely nothing could keep him from that cross. Not the tricks of the Pharisees. Not the rejection of His own people. Not even my sins, or yours. **See How Much He Loves Us!**

Privileged to serve,
Rev. Glenn Schwanke

PRAYERS

Please keep the following members and friends of Trinity in your prayers and your words of encouragement to them:



Helen Anderson
Tom Driscoll
Carolyn Johnson
Nancy Kremsreiter
Jan Krueger
John Kunkel
Laura Lee
Sheila Lemke
Harvey Sadler
Peggy Schuenemann
Collette Skon
Brandon Trapp
Bob Tupper

If you would like to be included on this prayer list in future newsletters please contact the church office.

OTHER AREA SERVICES

Zion, Rhinelander
Services on WCYE 93.7 FM
at 9:00 am

Christ, Eagle River
Services on WERL 950 AM
at 10:00 am

Time of Grace—Sundays
WSAW Wausau 6:30 am
FYI Network 6:30 am
Cowboy Channel 8:00 am
American Forces Network
10:00 am

WORSHIP AT TRINITY

Sundays at 9:00 am
Mondays at 6:30 pm

Online at
www.trinityminocqua.org
or our YouTube channel



STEWARDSHIP PRAYER

Heavenly Father, your delight is to manifest yourself to us as the divine Giver of all good things for this life and for that which is to come. You have given us life and breath and all things needed to sustain that life in body and soul. You did not even spare your only Son, but gave him up for us all. Grant that we may understand ever more deeply the wonders of your love. Kindle in us an increasing love for you and a growing joy in your forgiveness, that we may grow ever more generous in the gifts we return to you. Help us to be more and more like our Lord Jesus, who, though he was rich, yet for our sakes became poor that we through his poverty might become rich. Remind us of the multitudes who still do not know you, and lead us to be ever more generous in our offerings that the gospel may be taken to the far corners of the earth. In the Savior's name we ask this. Amen.

WORSHIP NOTES

The season of Lent continues working through the theme: *“Rethinking Religion”*

- March 3/4 = **Rethinking Religion: Rethinking the Worth of Worship**
Sermon Text: John 2:13-22 Sermon Theme: “Zeal Revealed”
- March 10/11 = **Rethinking Religion: Rethinking the Solution to Sin**
Sermon Text: Numbers 21:4-9 “The Utter Foolishness Of Faith: Look Up And Live!”
- March 17/18 = **Rethinking Religion: Rethinking Devoted Commitment**
Sermon Text: Hebrews 5:7-9 “Saving Us Cost Christ Everything!”
- March 24/25 (**Palm Sunday**) = **Rethinking Religion: Rethinking Real Strength**
Hebrews 12:1-3 “Let Us Keep Our Eyes Fixed on Jesus”

Mid-week Lenten services continue on Wednesdays at 4 p.m. Series theme: **“God on Trial.”**

- March 6 = Luke 23:26-34 “Sympathy”
- March 13 = Luke 23:1-12 “Misconceptions”
- March 20 = Matthew 26:57-75 “Testimony”



Holy Week worship will soon be upon us!

- **March 28, Holy Thursday w/ Holy Communion** (6:30 p.m.) = Sermon Text: Luke 22:7-20
Sermon Theme – “God on Trial: Respite”
- **March 29, Good Friday (1:00 p.m. & 6:30 p.m.)** = Sermon Text: Matthew 27:38-54
Sermon Theme – “God on Trial: Evidence”
- **March 31, Easter Dawn** (6:30 a.m.) = Sermon Text: Isaiah 25:6-9
Sermon Theme: “He Wipes Away Tears”
- **March 31, Easter Festival w/ Holy Communion** (9:00 a.m.) = Sermon Text: 1 Corinthians 15:12-20 Sermon Theme: “The King Still Has One More Move”

Worship Online: Sunday worship is recorded and posted online at our church website. You can also find the worship folder and a printed copy of the sermon there. Printed copies of each week’s sermon can also be found in the Fellowship Hall. Find us on *YouTube*® by searching the handle *@trinityminocqua*. Please subscribe and share! **We’re streaming our Sunday services live!**



Join us for **LENT WORSHIP**
WEDNESDAYS at 4:00 pm



Our mission at Trinity Lutheran Church is to teach the Word of God, to train believers for lives of Christian service, and to tell the good news of Jesus Christ to the Northwoods community and to the world.

- **High School Teen Group** – Our next meeting is set for Wednesday, March 6th from 6:15-8:00 p.m. Expect dinner, devotion, and diversion (games)!
- **Fellowship Friends Gathering** will meet again toward the end of April, the 4th Tuesday.
- **Trinity Book Club meets Tuesday, March 19th, from 12-1 p.m.** in the Fellowship Hall. We'll be discussing the book, "Warrior Monk" by Ray Keating. This novel features a former CIA operative turned Lutheran minister. 
- **Be sure to follow Trinity on Facebook.** We're putting content on the page several days each week. December saw plenty of extra content posted due to extra events at both church and school. The Wednesday blog post can be accessed in three ways (church website, Facebook, email from church office). You can follow our "Where's Marty?" campaign on Facebook and on Instagram at... trinitylutheranminocqua.
- On February 13th, Trinity's leadership (Council & Elders) and staff (pastors and teachers) participated in a **Wellness Webinar led by Grace In Action (GIA)**, a WELS affiliated leadership training group. We were encouraged to pursue and maximize God's gift of wellness in three areas: spiritual, emotional, physical. Moving forward, we'll seek to engage GIA to assist our leadership (Council, Boards, Called Workers) in communication and planning, both short-term and long-range. More information can be found online at <https://grace-in-action.com>

Our regular basketball season has come to an end. The grand finale will be when our team participates in the Luther Prep Middle School Tournament on March 8-9. You can follow the bracket board and some games that are streamed on LPS 1 or LPS2 gyms at: www.lps.wels.net. They will have links to the Middle School Co-Ed Basketball Tournament. Trinity is in the White Division. Go Tigers!! 

Spring break is also this month which will give the students a week-long break. They will also have a couple days off at Easter.

Please continue to keep Trinity Lutheran School in your prayers. This is **YOUR SCHOOL**. Please feel free to participate in any of the activities at Trinity.

Upcoming Dates

Trinity Seedlings

Friday, March 1 8:30-9:30 am

Luther Prep Tournament

Friday-Saturday, March 8-9

No School

No School

Spring Break—March 11-15

End of 3rd Quarter

Friday, March 22

Easter for Kids

Saturday, March 23 9:00-11:30 am

No School—Easter Break

Friday, March 29 & Monday, April 1

Midweek Chapel

Wednesdays at 8:15 am

March 6, 20, 27

Midweek Chapel: Our midweek chapel services are held on Wednesdays at 8:15 am during the school year. This year, the students will give their chapel offerings to the WELS Campus Ministry.

We invite you to join the students for chapel each week.

BIBLE STUDY NOTES

Bible study opportunities:

- **Wednesday "Lunch Break" Bible study** (Wednesday, 12:15 – 1:15 p.m.) We are currently on break until after Easter.
- **Pastor's "Wednesday Encouragement" blog**, continues to be found on Trinity's Facebook page and on our church website. You can also have this devotion sent to your email each Wednesday.
- **Sunday Bible Study (and Sunday School)** – Sunday School is for children PreK3 through 4th grade. Adult Bible Study is working through the book of Exodus under the theme, "Deliver Us!"

Flower Chart There are still dates available! If you would like to donate flowers during the year, you can sign up in the binder to the right of the picture window in the welcome center. There is the availability of two bouquets per week. Bouquets are \$30 each and you can take them home after Monday worship. Payments can be made in the box by the binder.

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PALM SUNDAY—March 24 at 9:00 am

HOLY THURSDAY—March 28 at 6:30 pm
Holy Communion will be served.

GOOD FRIDAY—March 29 at 1:00 & 6:30 pm

EASTER—March 31
Easter Dawn 6:30 am
A light breakfast will be served following worship.

Easter Festival 9:00 am
Holy Communion will be served.

There will be no Monday evening worship on April 1.

EASTER for Kids



COME CELEBRATE THE JOYS OF EASTER!

For ALL Area Children Ages 3-10

SATURDAY, MARCH 23

9:00–11:30 am

Play Games, Sing Songs,
Make Crafts, Have Snacks, and
Hear the Easter Story!

Register online at:
www.trinityminocqua.org
or fill out a registration form found in
the fellowship hall.

Come & join us for a morning of fun!



Fellowship Friends

Tuesday, April 23
1:00-3:00 pm

We will not meet in March due
to Holy Week and Easter.

We encourage everyone
to join us for this time of fun
and fellowship!



TRINITY LUTHERAN
**BOOK
CLUB**

TUESDAY
MARCH 19
12:00-1:00 pm

We will be discussing the
book, "Warrior Monk" by Ray
Keating. This novel features a
former CIA operative turned
Lutheran minister.

Feel free to join us!



Planting Jesus in the Hearts of Toddlers

Next meetings:
March 1 and April 5
For children ages 1-3

- * First Friday each month
during the school year
- * 8:30-9:30 am in the school
library

There is no cost to attend.
Children must be accompanied by a
parent or caregiver.

Questions? Call the church office at
715-356-2255 or contact Sue Ziebart.