

Fifth Sunday in Lent
March 17, 2024

*My
Father
will
honor
the
one
who
serves
me.*



John 12:26

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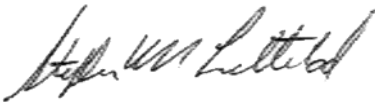


Rethinking Religion
Rethinking Devoted Commitment

Religious sociologists sometimes divide Christians into two groups: committed Christians and cultural Christians. The former are usually defined as those who are active in a congregation, who pray regularly, who read Scripture, etc. The latter are those individuals who call themselves Christian and perhaps have some Christian beliefs. Yet, they do not strive to live a Christian life. They are not interested in church involvement.

Those definitions are interesting when trying to understand shifts in American Christianity. However, they demonstrate a false assumption about the Christian religion. There is indeed a devoted commitment at the center of Christianity, but it is not man's commitment to God. Even believers will at times demonstrate lukewarm commitment at best. Instead, at the heart of Christianity we find God's devotion and commitment to us. It is a devoted commitment so strong that it put God's Son on the cross.

To God alone be the glory!



Pastor Stephen Luchterhand

Welcome to all—both guest and member alike! May our gracious God fill your heart with joy, peace, and hope through the message of forgiveness in our living Savior, Jesus Christ!

- If you are in need of restrooms, they are located on the left as you leave church.
- Parents please use the welcome center or church fellowship hall to quiet an upset child.
- Please silence all cell phones and devices before worship.
- Please limit your conversations in the sanctuary and narthex.
- Please do use the welcome center to greet one another.

THE ORDER OF WORSHIP: SETTING ONE

OPENING HYMN: 419 “Sing, My Tongue, the Glorious Battle”



1 Sing, my tongue, the glo - rious bat - tle, waged in blood on
2 Tell how, when at length the full - ness of th'ap - point - ed
3 Thus, with thir - ty years ac - com - plished, he went forth from
4 Faith - ful cross, true sign of tri - umph, be for all the
5 Un - to God be praise and glo - ry; to the Fa - ther



Cal - va - ry; o'er the cross, tri - um - phant tro - phy,
time was come, he, the Word, was born of wom - an,
Naz - a - reth, des - tined, ded - i - cat - ed, will - ing,
no - blest tree; none in fo - liage, none in blos - som,
and the Son, to th'e - ter - nal Spir - it hon - or



tell who strug - gled val - iant - ly; tell how earth's Re -
left for us his Fa - ther's home, blazed the path of
did his work and met his death; like a lamb he
none in fruit your e - qual be, sym - bol of the
now and ev - er - more be done— praise and glo - ry



deem - er con - quered— vic - tim gain - ing vic - to - ry.
true o - be - dience, shone as light a - midst the gloom.
hum - bly yield - ed on the cross his dy - ing breath.
world's re - demp - tion, for your bur - den makes us free.
in the high - est while the time - less a - ges run.

Text: Venantius Fortunatus, c. 530–609, abr.; (st. 1): tr. Michael D. Schultz, b. 1963; (sts. 2–5): tr. John Mason Neale, 1818–1866, alt.

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Please stand

In the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit.
Amen.

CONFESSION

If we claim to be without sin, we deceive ourselves and the truth is not in us.

**If we confess our sins, God is faithful and just
and will forgive us our sins
and purify us from all unrighteousness.**

Let us confess our sins to the Lord.

Holy God, gracious Father,

I am sinful by nature

and have sinned against you in my thoughts, words, and actions.

I have not loved you with my whole heart;

I have not loved others as I should.

I deserve your punishment both now and forever.

**But Jesus, my Savior, paid for my sins
with his innocent suffering and death.**

Trusting in him, I pray: God, have mercy on me, a sinner.

Silence for meditation and reflection

Our gracious Father in heaven has been merciful to us. He sent his only Son, Jesus Christ, who gave his life as the atoning sacrifice for the sins of the whole world. Therefore, as a called servant of Christ and by his authority, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

LORD, HAVE MERCY *Kyrie*

In peace let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.

For the peace from above and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.

For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God, and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.

For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.

Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.



A - men.

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THE WORD

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray.

Eternal God and Father, help us to remember Jesus, who obeyed your will and bore the cross for our salvation, that through his anguish, pain, and death we may receive the forgiveness of sins, victory over the grave, and finally inherit eternal life; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

Please be seated.

FIRST LESSON

Isaiah 43:1-7 (EHV)

In devoted commitment the LORD promises his people that even if they need to pass through raging waters or walk through a wall of fire, he will be right there with them.

But now this is what the LORD says,
the LORD who created you, O Jacob,
the LORD who formed you, O Israel.

Do not be afraid, because I have redeemed you.

I have called you by name. You are mine.

² When you cross through the waters, I will be with you.

When you cross the rivers, they will not sweep you away.

When you walk through fire, you will not be burned, and the flame will not set you on fire.

³ Because I am the LORD your God,
the Holy One of Israel, your Savior, I gave Egypt as your ransom,
Cush and Seba in exchange for you.

⁴ Because you are precious and honored in my eyes, and I myself love you,
I will give people in exchange for you, and peoples in exchange for your life.

⁵ Do not be afraid, because I am with you.

From the east I will bring your offspring, and from the west I will gather you.

⁶ I will say to the north, "Give them back!" and to the south, "Do not hold them."

Bring my sons from far away

and my daughters from the end of the earth—

⁷ everyone who is called by my name,
everyone I created for my glory, everyone I formed,
yes, everyone I have made.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

CHOIR: “On My Heart Imprint Your Image”

On my heart imprint your image,
Blessed Jesus, King of grace,
That life’s riches, cares, and pleasures
Have no pow’r to hide your face.
This the superscription be:
Jesus, crucified for me,
Is my life, my hope’s foundation,
And my glory and salvation.

Text: Thomas H. Kingo, 1634–1703, abr.; tr. Peer O. Strömme, 1856–1921, alt.

SECOND LESSON

Hebrews 5:7-9 (EHV)

*Because he was truly human Jesus did not relish having to suffer for our salvation.
Yet he submitted to the cross out of his devoted commitment to us.*

⁷ In the days of his flesh, he offered prayers and pleas with loud cries and tears to the one who was able to save him from death, and he was heard because of his reverence. ⁸ Although he was the Son, he learned obedience from the things he suffered. ⁹ After he was brought to his goal, he became the source of eternal salvation for everyone who obeys him.

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Please stand

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION *Mark 10:45*

**Glory, praise, and honor to you, Lord Jesus Christ.
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.
Glory, praise, and honor to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

GOSPEL

John 12:20-33 (EHV)

*Though the thought of the cross troubled his soul,
Jesus was committed to glorifying his Father's name by winning eternal life for us.*

²⁰ Now there were some Greeks among those who went up to worship at the Festival. ²¹ They came to Philip, who was from Bethsaida in Galilee, and asked him, "Sir, we want to see Jesus." ²² Philip went to tell Andrew. Andrew came with Philip and told Jesus.

²³ Jesus answered them, "The time has come for the Son of Man to be glorified. ²⁴ Amen, Amen, I tell you: Unless a kernel of wheat falls to the ground and dies, it continues to be one kernel. But if it dies, it produces much grain. ²⁵ Anyone who loves his life destroys it. And the one who hates his life in this world will hold on to it for eternal life. ²⁶ If anyone serves me, let him follow me. And where I am, there my servant will be also. If anyone serves me, the Father will honor him.

²⁷ "Now my soul is troubled. And what shall I say? 'Father, save me from this hour'? No, this is the reason I came to this hour. ²⁸ Father, glorify your name!"

A voice came from heaven: "I have glorified my name, and I will glorify it again."

²⁹ The crowd standing there heard it and said it thundered. Others said an angel talked to him. ³⁰ Jesus answered, "This voice was not for my sake but for yours.

³¹ "Now is the judgment of this world. Now the ruler of this world will be thrown out. ³² And I, when I am lifted up from the earth, will draw all people to myself." ³³ He said this to indicate what kind of death he was going to die.

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise be to you, O Christ!

Please be seated.

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

HYMN OF THE DAY: 402 “Glory Be to Jesus”



1 Glo - ry be to Je - sus, who in bit - ter pains
2 Grace and life e - ter - nal in that blood I find;
3 Blest through end - less a - ges be the pre - cious stream
4 A - bel's blood for venge - ance plead - ed to the skies,



poured for me the life - blood from his sa - cred veins.
blest be his com - pas - sion, in - fi - nite - ly kind.
which from end - less tor - ment did the world re - deem.
but the blood of Je - sus for our par - don cries.

- 5 Oft as earth exulting lifts its praise on high,
angel hosts rejoicing make their glad reply.
- 6 Lift we, then, our voices, swell the mighty flood;
louder still and louder praise the precious blood!

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SERMON

Saving Us Cost Christ Everything!

Hebrews 5:7-9

Please stand.

NICENE CREED

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one being with the Father. Through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation, he came down from heaven, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary, and became truly human. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate. He suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who in unity with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. Amen.

Please be seated.

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

Almighty God and Father, we thank you for all your mercies, especially for the gift of your Son, through whom you have revealed your gracious will. We praise you for the Holy Spirit and his working through the means of grace.

Plant your Word in our hearts, and cause it to produce fruit in our lives.

Strengthen and defend your Church, that by your Word and sacraments faith may grow and love toward all may increase.

Support all who spread the light of your truth throughout the world.

Keep our children in the grace of their baptisms. Enable their parents to train them in lives of faith.

Raise up Christians to serve you in the ministry of the Word and in all godly walks of life.

Preserve our nation in justice and honor. Guide and bless all who make, administer, and judge our laws.

Give them wisdom that they may promote justice and hinder evil.

Let your blessing rest on planting and harvest, commerce and industry, medicine and science, the arts and culture. Protect all who travel, and care for those whose work is difficult or dangerous.

Be with all who devote themselves to any useful task.

Comfort all who are in sorrow or need, sickness or adversity. Remember those who suffer persecution for the faith. Have mercy on those for whom death draws near.

Grant them your love, and take them into your tender care.

Hear us, Lord, as we pray in silence.

Silent prayer

We remember with thanksgiving those who have loved and served you, who now rest from their labors. Console those who are mourning or living with sadness.

Keep us in the true faith, and bring us at last to the joys of heaven.

Grant us these things, Father, for the sake of Jesus, who died and rose again.

Amen.

FRIENDSHIP REGISTERS

Please sign the friendship registers at the ends of the pews during the musical selection.

THE SACRAMENT

We believe that God comes to us with forgiveness in very tangible means as we participate in Holy Communion. Because the Bible has convinced us that Jesus' body and blood are present in the Lord's Supper, and that receiving this sacrament together is a public statement of complete oneness in our beliefs and commitment, we invite to the Lord's Supper members of Trinity and guests from sister congregations of the WELS (Wisconsin Evangelical Lutheran Synod) and the ELS (Evangelical Lutheran Synod). If you are a member of another Lutheran denomination or another Christian church and would like to commune with us in the future, please speak with our pastor after the service and he would be delighted to explain what that entails. We don't want to be presumptuous and put you in the position of stating your agreement with our convictions before we have had an opportunity to explain them. We do look forward to any opportunity to discuss the Christian faith with you.

The Lord be with you.



Lift up your hearts.

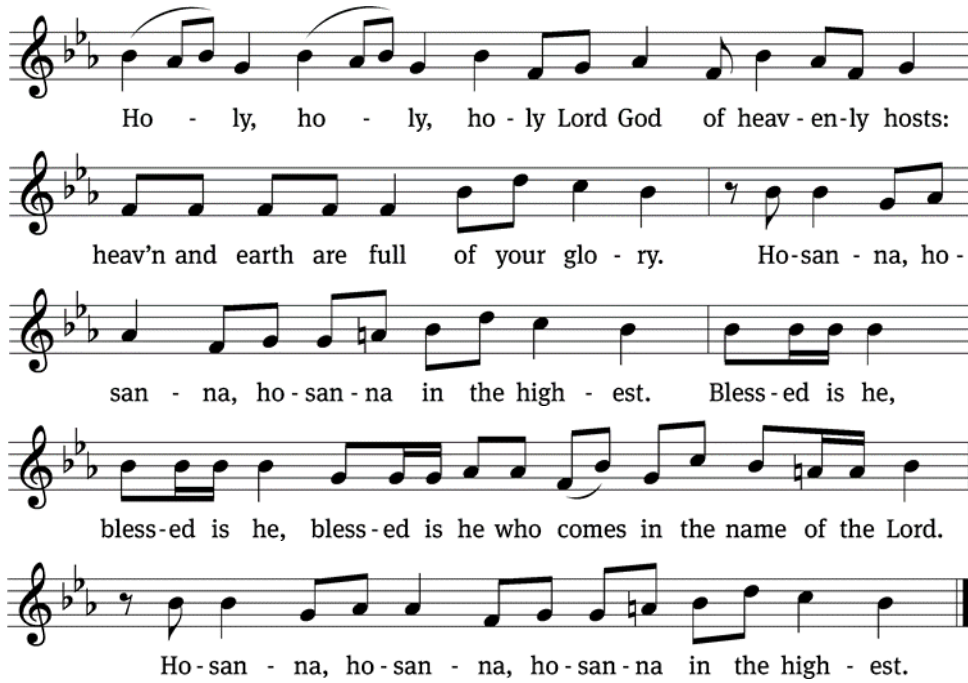


Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.



It is truly good and right that we should at all times and in all places give you thanks, O Lord, holy Father, almighty and everlasting God, through Jesus Christ our Lord, who brought the gift of salvation to all people by his death on the tree of the cross so that the devil, who overcame us by a tree, would in turn by a tree be overcome. Therefore, with all the saints on earth and hosts of heaven, we praise your holy name and join their glorious song:

HOLY, HOLY, HOLY



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord God of heav - en - ly hosts:
heav'n and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho-san - na, ho -
san - na, ho-san-na in the high - est. Bless-ed is he,
bless-ed is he, bless-ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Ho-san - na, ho-san - na, ho-san-na in the high - est.

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

We give thanks to you, O God, through your dear Son, Jesus Christ, whom you sent to be our Savior, our Redeemer, and the messenger of your grace. Through him you made all things; in him you are well pleased. He is the incarnate Word, conceived by the Holy Spirit and born of the Virgin Mary. To fulfill your promises, he stretched out his hands on the cross and released from eternal death all who believe in you.

As we remember Jesus' death and resurrection, we thank you that you have gathered us together to receive your Son's body and blood. Send us your Spirit, unite us as one, and strengthen our faith so that we may praise you in your Son, Jesus Christ. Through him, we glorify and honor you, O God our Father, with the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

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.

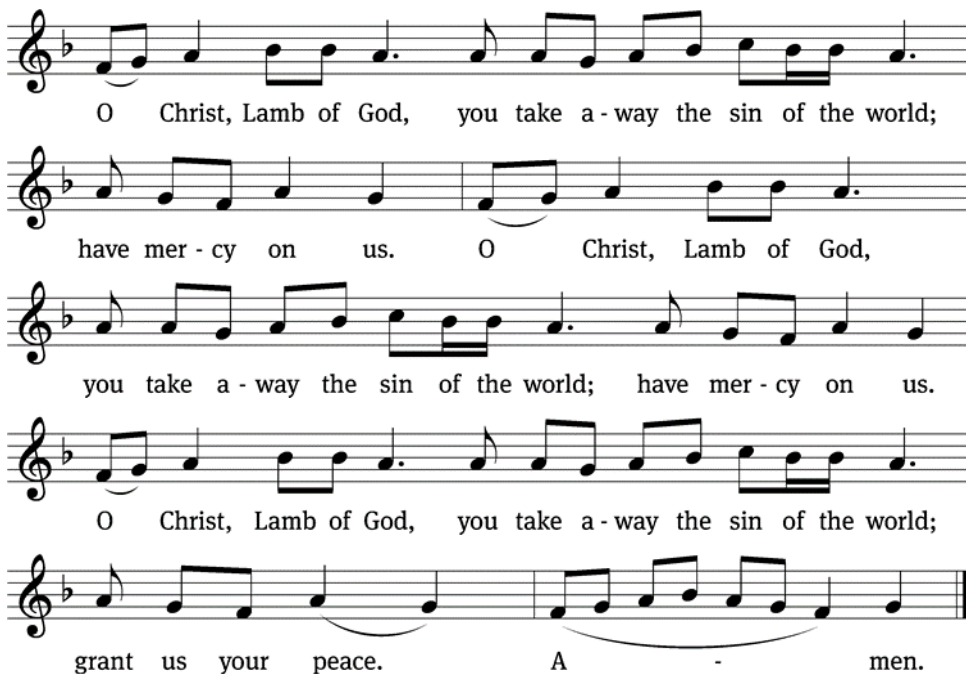
WORDS OF INSTITUTION

Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night he was betrayed, took bread; and when he had given thanks, he broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Take and eat; this is my + body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

Then he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it to them, saying, "Drink from it, all of you; this is my + blood of the new covenant, which is poured out for you for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, whenever you drink it, in remembrance of me."

The peace of the Lord be with you always.
Amen.

O CHRIST, LAMB OF GOD



Please be seated

DISTRIBUTION

HYMN: 808 “Drawn to the Cross”



1 Drawn to the cross, which you have blessed with heal - ing
 2 How well you know my griefs and fears, your grace a -
 3 Wash me and take a - way each stain; let noth - ing
 4 To pledge my la - bor will - ing - ly, which shall so

gifts for souls dis - tressed, to find in you my
 bused, my mis - spent years; so now to you with
 of my sin re - main. For cleans - ing through your
 sweet a ser - vice be that an - gels well might

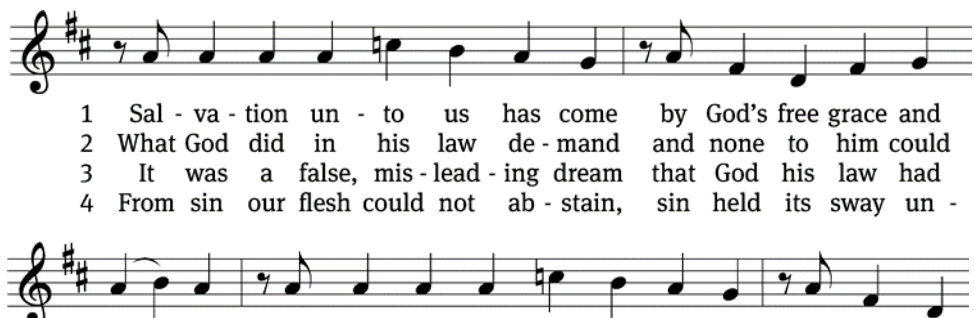
life, my rest, Christ cru - ci - fied, I come.
 con - trite tears, Christ cru - ci - fied, I come.
 cross and pain, Christ cru - ci - fied, I come.
 en - vy me, Christ cru - ci - fied, I come.

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HYMN: 558 “Salvation Unto Us Has Coem”



1 Sal - va - tion un - to us has come by God's free grace and
 2 What God did in his law de - mand and none to him could
 3 It was a false, mis - lead - ing dream that God his law had
 4 From sin our flesh could not ab - stain, sin held its sway un -

fa - vor; good works can - not a - vert our doom, they help and
 ren - der caused wrath and woe on ev - 'ry hand for man, the
 giv - en that sin - ners could them-selves re-deem and by their
 ceas - ing; the task was use - less and in vain, our guilt was



save us nev - er. Faith looks to Je - sus Christ a - lone, who
vile of - fend - er. Our flesh has not those pure de - sires the
works gain heav - en. The law is but a mir - ror bright to
e'er in - creas - ing. None can re - move sin's poi - soned dart or



did for all the world a - tone; he is our one Re - deem - er.
spir - it of the law re - quires, and lost is our con - di - tion.
bring the in - bred sin to light that lurks with - in our na - ture.
pu - ri - fy our wick - ed heart, so deep is our cor - rup - tion.

- 5 Yet as the law must be fulfilled or we must die despairing,
Christ came and has God's anger stilled, our human nature sharing.
He has for us the law obeyed and thus the Father's vengeance stayed
which over us impended.
- 6 Since Christ has full atonement made and brought to us salvation,
each Christian therefore may be glad and build on this foundation.
Your grace alone, dear Lord, I plead, your death is now my life indeed,
for you have paid my ransom.
- 7 Let me not doubt, but truly see your Word cannot be broken;
your call rings out, "Come unto me!" No falsehood have you spoken.
Baptized into your precious name, my faith cannot be put to shame,
and I shall never perish.
- 8 The law reveals the guilt of sin and makes us conscience-stricken;
but then the gospel enters in the sinful soul to quicken.
Come to the cross, trust Christ, and live; the law no peace can ever give,
no comfort and no blessing.
- 9 Faith clings to Jesus' cross alone and rests in him unceasing;
and by its fruits true faith is known, with love and hope increasing.
For faith alone can justify; works serve our neighbor and supply
the proof that faith is living.
- 10 All blessing, honor, thanks, and praise to Father, Son, and Spirit,
the God who saved us by his grace; all glory to his merit!
O triune God in heav'n above, you have revealed your saving love;
your blessed name be hallowed!

Please stand

Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good;
his mercy endures forever.

Whenever we eat this bread and drink this cup,
we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

We give thanks, almighty God, that you have refreshed us with this saving gift. We pray that through it you will strengthen our faith in you and increase our love for one another. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

BLESSING

The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you.

The Lord look on you with favor and ✚ give you peace.

Amen.

Please be seated

CLOSING HYMN: 816 "I Am Trusting You, Lord Jesus"



1 I am trust-ing you, Lord Je - sus, trust-ing on - ly you;
2 I am trust-ing you for par - don; at your feet I bow,
3 I am trust-ing you for cleans-ing in the crim - son flood;
4 I am trust-ing you to guide me; you a - lone shall lead,



trust - ing you for full sal - va - tion, free and true.
for your grace and ten - der mer - cy trust - ing now.
trust - ing you to make me ho - ly by your blood.
ev - 'ry day and hour sup - ply - ing all my need.

5 I am trusting you for power; you can never fail.
Words which you yourself shall give me must prevail.

6 I am trusting you, Lord Jesus; never let me fall.
I am trusting you forever and for all.

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Serving God and Us Today

Presiding Minister: Pastor Glenn Schwanke
Organist: Hymnsoft
Choir: Men's Trio

Last Weekend's Worship Attendance

- 116 (Sunday—88; Monday—28)

Stewardship Encouragement from Scripture

"Give and it will be given to you. A good measure, pressed down, shaken together and running over, will be poured into your lap. For with the measure you use, it will be measured to you" (Luke 6:38).

Lessons for Next Sunday (Sixth Sunday in Lent—Palm Sunday)

"Rethinking Religion: Rethinking Real Strength"

- Zechariah 9:9-12
- Hebrews 12:1-3
- Mark 11:1-10

Prayers: If you would like your name on the prayer list, or you have a friend you would like to add, please call or e-mail the church office.

Offerings: You may leave your offering in the basket as you walk out today. You may continue to mail in your offering, give online at www.trinityminocqua.org, or on the Vanco Mobile app. On the app, search for Trinity Evangelical Lutheran or search for Minocqua.

Flowers: The flowers this weekend are given by Diane Reinemann in honor of Keith's birthday.

Meditations: Copies of the newest edition of *Meditations* are available on the table in the fellowship hall and in the rack in the welcome center. This copy begins March 3 and goes through June 1. Each booklet is \$3.00.

Easter for Kids Registration—Last Opportunity!: All area children, ages 3-10, are invited to attend Easter for Kids. It will be held on Saturday, March 23 from 9:00-11:30 am. Registration forms can be found on the table in the fellowship hall or you may register online at www.trinityminocqua.org.

Invitations: There are postcard invitations that you can use to invite someone to our Holy Week and Easter services. They can be found on the table in the fellowship hall. Please take as many as you can use.

Easter Choir Rehearsal: There will be a choir rehearsal this Tuesday, March 19 at 6:30 pm to prepare for Easter. This rehearsal will be for anyone who would like to sing, men and women. All are invited to participate.

Book Club: Trinity Book Club will have their next meeting Tuesday, March 19, from 12:00-1:00 pm 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.

Lutheran Women's Missionary Society: We encourage you to check out the table in the fellowship hall that has information on the upcoming LWMS Convention being held in Sioux Falls, SD at the end of June. Registration information is available.

Thrivent Financial Choice Dollars: If you are a member of Thrivent Financial, don't forget to direct your Choice Dollars! Grant funding from Thrivent Financial through its Thrivent Choice program can benefit our church and school. Eligible Thrivent Financial members who have Choice Dollars available have until March 31, 2024 to direct any remaining 2023 funds. Help Trinity and don't let those dollars expire. To direct your Choice Dollars, go to www.thrivent.com/thriventchoice to learn more. Or you can call 800-847-4836 and say "Thrivent Choice" after the prompt.

Fellowship Friends: Please note that due to Holy Week, Fellowship Friends will not meet in March. Our next meeting will be Tuesday, April 23.

Flower Chart: There are still dates available for 2024. If you would like to sponsor a bouquet during the year, please sign up in the flower chart binder to the right of the window in the Welcome Center. Bouquets are \$30.

| Opportunities to Grow & Serve at Trinity This Week | | |
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| Sunday | 9:00 am | Worship w/Holy Communion |
| | 10:30 am | Bible Class & Sunday School |
| Monday | 6:30 pm | Worship w/Holy Communion |
| Tuesday | 6:30 pm | Easter Choir Rehearsal |
| Wednesday | 8:15 am | Midweek Chapel |
| | 9:30 am | Quilters |
| | 4:00 pm | Lent Worship |
| | 5:00 pm | Public School Confirmation & Bible Class |
| Saturday | 9:00-11:30 am | Easter for Kids |
| Sunday | 9:00 am | Worship |
| | 10:30 am | Bible Class & Sunday School |
| Monday | 6:30 pm | Worship |

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Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Mid-week Lenten services conclude this Wednesday at 4 p.m. Series theme: **“God on Trial.”**

- March 20 = Matthew 26:57-75 “Testimony”

Lenten season Sunday worship continues to explore the theme, **“Rethinking Religion.”**

- March 24/25 (**Palm Sunday**) = **Rethinking Religion: Rethinking Real Strength**
Hebrews 12:1-3 “Let Us Keep Our Eyes Fixed on Jesus”

Bible study opportunities:

- **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!”

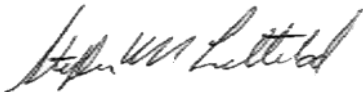
Ministry Updates...

- **Easter for Kids, Saturday, March 23 (9-11:30 a.m.)** for children ages 3-10. Interested in serving? Please speak with Jake or Kristen Smith or Pastor Luchterhand. And, by all means, invite children to this event!
- **Be sure to follow Trinity on Facebook.** We’re putting content on the page several days each week. 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.

Holy Week worship will soon be upon us! Whom will you invite?!?

- **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”

God keep you and yours in his gracious care,



Pastor Stephen Luchterhand

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Sermon Notes on Hebrews 5:7-9

Part of the Series: Rethinking Religion.

Introduction: What are some of the claims made by “The Theology of Glory,” also called “The Prosperity Gospel,” or “Health and Wealth Christianity?” _____

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1. Many of the Jews of Jesus’ day also believed in a type of “Prosperity Gospel.” What were some of the things they believed Messiah was going to do for them? _____

2. How did Jesus burst the balloon of their thoughts? What did he preach about himself? _____

3. What message did Jesus have to share, time and again, with his own apostles? _____

4. The writer to the Hebrews let us glimpse those moments when Jesus went off by himself to pray. What were Jesus’ prayers like? _____

5. Describe what it was like for Jesus when he prayed in the Garden of Gethsemane. ____

6. Even Jesus, the perfect and holy Son of God, was blessed by the things he suffered. According to the writer to the Hebrews, what did Jesus learn from his suffering? ____

7. What did C. S. Lewis, a famous Christian author have to say about our Christian faith and happiness? _____

8. What does the Bible teach you and me about “crosses” in our life, about suffering? ____

9. What possible blessings can come from our sufferings? _____

10. What’s the most important “cross in life” that any of us can carry? _____

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We, at Trinity, believe, teach, and confess that:

1. The Bible is the inspired, inerrant Word of God – His unchanging message to people of all times.
2. There is only one God; He is revealed to us as three persons – Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.
3. God created man holy and without sin. But man, of his own will, fell into sin and thus brought sin upon the whole human race.
4. Sin is in all men by nature, and shows itself in every transgression of God's holy will by thought, word, or deed.
5. The wages of sin is death and damnation in hell, an eternal agonizing separation from God.
6. But God so loved the world that He sent His only Son, Jesus, to redeem the world.
7. Jesus redeemed, justified the whole human race with His holy precious blood and with His innocent sufferings and death.
8. This glorious fact is accepted by faith, which is worked in the heart by God through the Word, Baptism, and the Lord's Supper. Or, "By grace you have been saved, through faith." (Ephesians 2:8)
9. By faith alone in Christ we are heirs of heaven, while yet on earth, we want to show our love for Him who first loved us.
10. At our death we shall inherit the full glories of everlasting life with Christ in heaven.

"Believe in the Lord Jesus, and you will be saved." (Acts 16:31)





COME CELEBRATE THE JOYS OF EASTER!

KIDS AGES 3-10 - PLAY GAMES, SING SONGS, MAKE CRAFTS, SNACKS & MORE!

SATURDAY, MARCH 23 | 9:00-11:30AM

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REGISTER BY THIS WEDNESDAY, MARCH 20TH!!



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, approximately 7:30–8:30 am.

Easter Festival 9:00 am

Holy Communion will be served.

There will be no Monday evening worship on April 1.



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Welcome to Trinity

In the name of Jesus Christ, we welcome you to Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church. We especially welcome our guests who have joined us today. If you have any questions during your time with us today, please ask an usher for assistance. If you would like to know more about our church, our teachings, our Christian school (grades K-8), our preschool (3-4 year old) or the studies and programs offered at Trinity, please introduce yourself to our pastor. He would be delighted to speak with you and serve you in whatever way he can.

"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."

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