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**March 14 & 15,  
2020**

# THIRD SUNDAY IN LENT

## TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH



THIRD WEEK IN LENT  
March 14 & 15, 2020

**OUR RITE OF FRIENDSHIP:** *Members and guests: Please register your attendance in the red pad located at the end of each row. **We ask our guests to please print your complete address and phone number.** When it reaches the other end of the row, pass it back. Upon its return note the other names; you may meet a new friend in Christ today.*

**If you desire a bulletin in large print or a hearing assistance unit, please ask an usher.**



**Please turn off your cell phone.**

**May the Holy Spirit bless our worship!**

### PRE-SERVICE MUSIC

**“Put Your Hand in the Hand”**  
**“Prayer” (Priere)** *Cesar Franck*

**[Saturday 4:00 p.m.]**  
**Marianne Hughes**  
**Dr. LornaLee Curtis**

**“Prayer” (Priere)** *Cesar Franck*

**[Sunday 8:00 & 10:30 a.m.]**

### WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

**[Please stand]**

**OPENING HYMN "O Jesus, King Most Wonderful"**

(LSB554)



1 O Je - sus, King most won - der - ful!  
2 When once You vis - it dark - ened hearts,  
3 O Je - sus, light of all be - low,  
4 May ev - 'ry heart con - fess Your name,  
5 Oh, may our tongues for - ev - er bless,



O Con - quer - or re - nowned! O Source of peace in -  
Then truth be - gins to shine, Then earth - ly van - i -  
The fount of life and fire, Sur - pass - ing all the  
For - ev - er You a - dore, And, seek - ing You, it -  
May we love You a - lone And ev - er in our



ef - fa - ble, In whom all joys are found:  
ty de - parts, Then kin - dles love di - vine.  
joys we know, All that we can de - sire:  
self in - flame To seek You more and more!  
lives ex - press The im - age of Your own!

**CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION**

Pastor: In the name of the Father and of the ☩ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

People: **Amen.**

Pastor: We are a people who have gone astray.

People: **We have not known and followed His ways.**

Pastor: Let us not harden our hearts;

People: **but kneel before the Lord, our Maker.**

*(Silence for meditation and reflection)*

Pastor: O almighty God, merciful Father:

People: **I, a poor, miserable sinner, confess to You all my sins and iniquities with which I have ever offended You and justly deserved Your punishment now and forever. But I am heartily sorry for them and sincerely repent of them, and I pray You of Your boundless mercy and for the sake of the holy, innocent, bitter sufferings and death of Your beloved**

**Son, Jesus Christ, to be gracious and merciful to me, a poor sinful being. Forgive me all my sins and grant me the power of Your Holy Spirit that I may amend my sinful life.**

Pastor: Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As an ordained servant of Christ and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the  Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**People: Amen.**

Pastor: May He who began this good work within you bring it to completion on the day of our Lord Jesus Christ. The peace of the Lord be with you.

**People: And also with you.**

[Please be seated]

### **HYMN OF PRAISE**

### **“Kyrie”**

**Lord, have mercy upon us.  
Christ, have mercy upon us.  
Lord, have mercy upon us.**

### **PRAYER OF THE DAY**

Pastor: We pray.

**All: O God, whose glory it is always to have mercy, be gracious to all who have gone astray from Your ways and bring them again with penitent hearts and steadfast faith to embrace and hold fast the unchangeable truth of Your Word; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**



## THE WORD

[We Worship the Father of Our Lord Jesus Christ in the Spirit and Truth of His Gospel *Though the Lord had brought them out of Egypt, "all the congregation of the people of Israel" grumbled against Him because "there was no water for the people to drink" (Ex. 17:1). Despite their quarreling, the Lord graciously provided for them. He did not strike the people for their sins, but by the hand of Moses He struck the rock instead and brought forth water for the people. In the same way, living water flows from the pierced side of Christ at "about the sixth hour" (John 4:6; 19:14), when He is lifted up on the cross for the sins of the world. He is "the gift of God" (John 4:10), the well from which the Holy Spirit is poured out and becomes in His people "a spring of water welling up to eternal life" (John 4:14). By this grace in which we stand, being at peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, we "worship the Father in spirit and truth" (John 4:23). "We rejoice in hope of the glory of God" because "God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit who has been given to us" (Rom. 5:2, 5).]*

### **OLD TESTAMENT Exodus 17:1-7**

**Reader:**        **The Old Testament Reading for the 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday in Lent is from the 17<sup>th</sup> chapter of Exodus.**

The whole Israelite community set out from the Desert of Sin, traveling from place to place as the LORD commanded. They camped at Rephidim, but there was no water for the people to drink. So they quarreled with Moses and said, "Give us water to drink." Moses replied, "Why do you quarrel with me? Why do you put the LORD to the test?" But the people were thirsty for water there, and they grumbled against Moses. They said, "Why did you bring us up out of Egypt to make us and our children and livestock die of thirst?" Then Moses cried out to the LORD, "What am I to do with these people? They are almost ready to stone me." The LORD answered Moses, "Walk on ahead of the people. Take with you some of the elders of Israel and take in your hand the staff with which you struck the Nile, and go. I will stand there before you by the rock at Horeb. Strike the rock, and water will come out of it for the people to drink." So Moses did this in the sight of the elders of Israel. And he called the place Massah and Meribah because the Israelites quarreled and because they tested the LORD saying, "Is the LORD among us or not?"

**Reader:**        This is the Word of the Lord.

**People:**        **Thanks be to God!**

**PSALM**      **Psalm 95:1-9**

**Reader:**      **We read the Psalm of the day responsively.**

**Reader:**      Oh come, let us sing to the LORD; let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our salvation!

**People:**      **Let us come into his presence with thanksgiving; let us make a joyful noise to him with songs of praise!**

**Reader:**      For the LORD is a great God, and a great King above all gods.

**People:**      **In his hand are the depths of the earth; the heights of the mountains are his also.**

**Reader:**      The sea is his, for he made it, and his hands formed the dry land.

**People:**      **Oh come, let us worship and bow down; let us kneel before the LORD, our Maker!**

**Reader:**      For he is our God, and we are the people of his pasture, and the sheep of his hand. Today, if you hear his voice,

**People:**      **do not harden your hearts, as at Meribah, as on the day at Massah in the wilderness,**

**Reader:**      when your fathers put me to the test

**People:**      **and put me to the proof, though they had seen my work.**

**EPISTLE**      **Romans 5:1-8 (Today's Sermon Text)**

**Reader:**      **The Epistle is from the 5<sup>th</sup> chapter of Romans.**

Therefore, since we have been justified through faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have gained access by faith into this grace in which we now stand. And we rejoice in the hope of the glory of God. Not only so, but we also rejoice in our sufferings, because we know that suffering produces perseverance; perseverance, character; and character, hope. And hope does not disappoint us, because God has poured out his love into our hearts by the Holy Spirit, whom he has given us. You see, at just the right time, when we were still powerless, Christ died for the ungodly. Very rarely will anyone die for a righteous man, though for a good man someone might possibly dare to die. But God demonstrates his own love for us in this: While we were still sinners, Christ died for us.

**Reader:**      This is the Word of the Lord.

**People:**      **Thanks be to God!**

[Please stand]

**HOLY GOSPEL      John 4:5-26**

**Pastor:**        The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the fourth chapter.

**People:**        **Glory to You, O Lord.**

So he came to a town in Samaria called Sychar, near the plot of ground Jacob had given to his son Joseph. Jacob's well was there, and Jesus, tired as he was from the journey, sat down by the well. It was about the sixth hour. When a Samaritan woman came to draw water, Jesus said to her, "Will you give me a drink?" (His disciples had gone into the town to buy food.) The Samaritan woman said to him, "You are a Jew and I am a Samaritan woman. How can you ask me for a drink?" (For Jews do not associate with Samaritans.) Jesus answered her, "If you knew the gift of God and who it is that asks you for a drink, you would have asked him and he would have given you living water." "Sir," the woman said, "you have nothing to draw with and the well is deep. Where can you get this living water? Are you greater than our father Jacob, who gave us the well and drank from it himself, as did also his sons and his flocks and herds?"

Jesus answered, "Everyone who drinks this water will be thirsty again, but whoever drinks the water I give him will never thirst. Indeed, the water I give him will become in him a spring of water welling up to eternal life." The woman said to him, "Sir, give me this water so that I won't get thirsty and have to keep coming here to draw water." He told her, "Go, call your husband and come back." "I have no husband," she replied. Jesus said to her, "You are right when you say you have no husband. The fact is, you have had five husbands, and the man you now have is not your husband. What you have just said is quite true." "Sir," the woman said, "I can see that you are a prophet. Our fathers worshiped on this mountain, but you Jews claim that the place where we must worship is in Jerusalem." Jesus declared, "Believe me, woman, a time is coming when you will worship the Father neither on this mountain nor in Jerusalem. You Samaritans worship what you do not know; we worship what we do know, for salvation is from the Jews. Yet a time is coming and has now come when the true worshipers will worship the Father in spirit and truth, for they are the kind of worshipers the Father seeks. God is spirit, and his worshipers must worship in spirit and in truth." The woman said, "I know that Messiah" (called Christ) "is coming. When he comes, he will explain everything to us." Then Jesus declared, "I who speak to you am he."

**Pastor:**        This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**People:**        **Praise to You, O Christ.**

[Please be seated]

**SERMON** "Finishing Well" Romans 5:1-8

[Please stand]

**APOSTLES' CREED**

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth.

And in Jesus Christ, his 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 into hell. The third day he rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From thence he will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen

[Please be seated]

**THE COLLECTION OF GIFTS**

*"Honor the Lord with your wealth, with the firstfruits of all your crops."-Proverbs 3:9a*

**OFFERING SPECIAL MUSIC**

"If Jesus Comes Tomorrow"

[Sat. 4:00 p.m.]

*Marianne Hughes*

**OFFERING SPECIAL MUSIC**

"I'll Walk with God" Brodzsky

[Sun. 8:00 a.m.]

*Karren Gockel*

**OFFERING ANTHEM**

"God So Loved the World" John Stainer

[Sun. 10:30 a.m.]

*Sanctuary Choir*

[Please stand]

**DOXOLOGY** "Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow"

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;  
Praise Him, all creatures here below;  
Praise Him above ye heav'nly host;  
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost; Amen.

[Please be seated]



## PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

**Pastor:** Receive these gifts, merciful Father, together with all that we are and all that we possess, in gratitude for the blessings of friendship with Your Son, Jesus Christ.

**People:** **Amen.**

**Pastor:** Let us pray for the whole Church of God in Christ Jesus and for all people according to their needs...

*(Silence for prayer and meditation)*

That we may hunger and thirst for God's gift of salvation and that, receiving His gift of grace by faith, we may be filled with a joyful heart; let us pray to the Lord.

**People:** **Lord, have mercy.**

**Pastor:** That we may rejoice in the gift God has given to us in Christ and be moved by the power of the Gospel to know and desire the things that are pleasing to God and right in His sight; let us pray to the Lord.

**People:** **Lord, have mercy.**

**Pastor:** That God may show mercy to all in need, relieve the suffering, give peace to the dying, and console the grieving; and for all those whom we have lifted up previously and those additionally who need our prayers for healing and those we name in our hearts. Let us pray to the Lord.

**People:** **Lord, have mercy.**

**Pastor:** That we speak the Word of life to all who do not know its power of forgiveness and life and that we may serve the needy in love as Christ has served us; let us pray to the Lord.

**People:** **Lord, have mercy.**

**Pastor:** That we may give thanks to God for all the blessings He has bestowed upon us and that we may be energized for the mission and ministry of Trinity Church, in this place and in our community.

**People:** **Lord, have mercy.**

*(Intercessory Prayers)*



March 15—**Denise Anderson, Beverly Coombe, Doreen Wendling,  
Frank Wick**

March 16—**Richard Brandt, Nancy Brown**

March 17—**Rose Vanacore**

March 18—**Al Etzler, Fred Willman**

March 19—**C.C. Acker, Audrey Stencel**

March 20—**Sharon Rohweder, Linda Sanchez**



March 17—**Tony & Peggy Altman (58)**

March 18—**Skip & Debbie Sattler (48)**

**Yvonne & Guy Tepsick (37)**

March 19—**Loren & Anna Thompson (9)**

March 20—**Paul & Sandra Pazitney (1)**

March 21—**Jim & Venice Gigstead (72)**

**Pastor:** Into Your hands, O Lord, we commend ourselves and all for whom we pray, trusting in Your mercy, through Jesus Christ;

**People:** **Lord, have mercy and grant us Your grace always. Amen.**

**[Please Stand]**



### **SACRAMENT**

The Lord's Supper is a gracious gift instituted by Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of sins and as a means of receiving God's grace. We believe that in the holy supper, the true body and blood of the Savior, along with the bread and wine, comes to us. We are encouraged by Jesus to commune frequently and God tells us through St. Paul that we must examine ourselves in preparation for a worthy reception of the sacrament. This includes a confession of our sins, a proclamation of our faith, and a determination to lead a more godly life in the future. If you also acknowledge your sinfulness and your need for a Savior, and recognize Christ's physical presence in the bread and wine, we invite you to join us at the Lord's table.

**NOTE:** *If you have a physical condition that would prohibit you from taking wine in the Lord's Supper, a few individual cups of white grape juice, instead of wine, are placed in the center of each communion tray for you. For those with a gluten allergy we now provide gluten-free wafers. Please help yourself to the gluten-free wafers located in the center of the tray.*

## **PREFACE**

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

**People: And also with you.**

Pastor: Lift up your hearts. *Colossians 3:1*

**People: We lift them to the Lord.**

Pastor: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. *Psalm 136*

**People: It is right to give Him thanks and praise.**

Pastor: It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God, and now we praise You that You sent us Your only begotten Son and that in him, being found in fashion as a man, you manifested the fullness of your glory. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify your glorious name, ever more praising You and singing:

## **SANCTUS**

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,  
Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,  
heaven and earth are full, full of your glory.  
Hosanna in the highest. Hosanna in the highest.  
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.  
Hosanna in the highest. Hosanna in the highest.**

## **WORDS OF INSTITUTION**

Pastor: Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: "Take, eat; this is My  body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me."

In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: "Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the  new testament in My blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."

### **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.**

### **THE INVITATION**

Pastor: The Gifts of God for the people of God.

**[Please be seated]**

### **AGNUS DEI**

**Jesus, Lamb of God: have mercy on us.  
Jesus, bearer of our sins: have mercy on us.  
Jesus, redeemer, redeemer of the world:  
give us your peace, give us your peace,**

### **SILENT PRAYER BEFORE COMMUNION**

*Dear Savior, I come to Your table at Your gracious invitation to eat and drink Your holy body and blood. Let me find favor in Your eyes to receive this holy sacrament in faith for the reassurance that my sins are forgiven, the strengthening of my faith in You as my Savior, and the grace to serve You with a God-pleasing life, for You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.*

[Saturday 4:00 p.m.]

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**SPECIAL MUSIC**

**“If That Isn’t Love”**

***Marianne Hughes***

**“Because He Lives”**

***Marianne Hughes***

**DISTRIBUTION HYMNS**

**“Burdens are Lifted at Calvary”**

***Congregation***

**Burdens are lifted at Calvary, Calvary, Calvary,  
Burdens are lifted at Calvary, Jesus is very near. *(repeat)***

**“Grace Greater Than Our Sin”**

***Congregation***

*Refrain: Grace, grace, God’s grace,  
Grace that will pardon and cleanse within;  
Grace, grace, God’s grace,  
Grace that is greater than all our sin.*

**Marvelous grace of our loving Lord;  
Grace that exceeds our sin and our guilt,  
Yonder on Calvary’s mount outpoured,  
There where the blood of the Lamb was spilt. *Refrain***

**Marvelous infinite, matchless grace,  
Freely bestowed on all who believe,  
You that are longing to see His face,  
Will you this moment His grace receive? *Refrain***

[Sunday 8:00 a.m.]

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**DISTRIBUTION HYMNS**

**“Burdens are Lifted at Calvary”**

**Burdens are lifted at Calvary, Calvary, Calvary,  
Burdens are lifted at Calvary, Jesus is very near. (repeat)**

**“O, How He Loves You and Me”**

**O, How He loves you and me. O, how He loves you and me.  
He gave His life, What more could He give?  
O, how He loves me, O, how He loves me,  
O, how He loves you and me.**

**Jesus to Calv'ry did go, His love for all He did show;  
What He did there brought hope from despair:  
O, how He loves me, O, how He loves me,  
O, how He loves you and me.**

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## “More About Jesus”

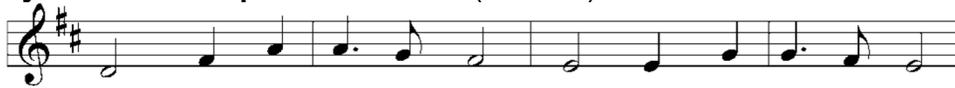
**More about Jesus would I know, More of His grace to others show,  
More of His saving fullness see, More of His love who died for me.**

*Refrain: More, more about Jesus, More, more about Jesus;  
More of His saving fullness see, More of His love who died for me.*

**More about Jesus let me learn, More of His holy will discern;  
Spirit of God, my Teacher be, Showing the things of Christ to me. Refrain**

**More about Jesus, in His Word, Holding communion with my Lord,  
Hearing His voice in every line, Making each faithful saying mine. Refrain**

## “My Faith Looks Up To Thee” (LSB702)



1 My faith looks up to Thee, Thou Lamb of Cal - va - ry,  
2 May Thy rich grace im - part Strength to my faint - ing heart;  
3 While life's dark maze I tread And griefs a - round me spread,  
4 When ends life's tran - sient dream, When death's cold, sul - len stream



Sav - ior di - vine. Now hear me while I pray; Take all my  
My zeal in - spire! As Thou hast died for me, Oh, may my  
Be Thou my guide; Bid dark - ness turn to day, Wipe sor - row's  
Shall o'er me roll, Blest Sav - ior, then, in love, Fear and dis -



guilt a - way; O let me from this day Be whol - ly Thine!  
love to Thee Pure, warm, and change - less be, A liv - ing fire!  
tears a - way, Nor let me ev - er stray From Thee a - side.  
trust re - move; O bear me safe a - bove, A ran - somed soul!

[Sunday 10:30 a.m.]

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**SPECIAL MUSIC**

**“I’ll Walk with God”** *Borofsky*

*soprano Karren Gockel*

**DISTRIBUTION HYMNS**

**“Burdens are Lifted at Calvary”**

***Congregation***

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**“O, How He Loves You and Me”**

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**O, How He loves you and me. O, how He loves you and me.  
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**And can it be that I should gain An int’rest in the Savior’s blood?  
Died He for me, who caused His pain For me, who Him to death pursued?  
Amazing love! How can it be, That Thou, my God, shouldst die for me?**

*Refrain: Amazing love! How can it be, That Thou, my God, shouldst die for me?*

**He left His Father’s throne above So free, so infinite His grace  
Emptied Himself of all but love, And bled for Adam’s helpless race:  
'Tis mercy all, immense and free, For, O my God, it found out me!** *Refrain*

**Long my imprisoned spirit lay, Fast bound in sin and nature’s night;  
Thine eye diffused a quick’ning ray I woke, the dungeon flamed with light;  
My chains fell off, my heart was free, I rose, went forth, and followed Thee.**

**No condemnation now I dread; Jesus, and all in Him, is mine;  
Alive in Him, my living Head, And clothed in righteousness divine,  
Bold I approach th’ eternal throne, And claim the crown, through Christ my  
own.**

### **SILENT PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

*Dear Lord Jesus, I thank and praise You that You have again refreshed me with the gift of Your holy body and blood in this comforting sacrament. Bless my participation that I may go out into the world with peace and joy in the knowledge that I am reconciled to God. I ask this in Your name. Amen.*

**[Please Stand]**

### **PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING**

**All: We give You thanks, O Lord, for Your love that has given us sinners life and salvation through Your Son Jesus Christ. You answered the desire of our hearts with the gift of Jesus Christ. As You satisfied our hunger and thirst with Christ's body and blood for our forgiveness, so grant us the power of Your Spirit that we may always hunger and thirst for Your salvation and rejoice in Your mercy all the days of our lives; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

## BENEDICTION

Pastor: The Lord bless you and keep you.  
The Lord make His face shine upon you and be gracious to you.  
The Lord look on you with His favor and ☩ give you peace.

People: Amen.

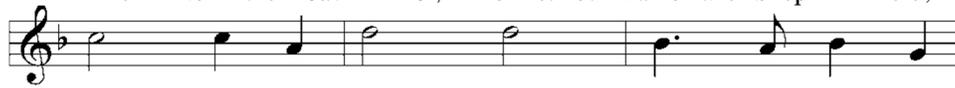
## CLOSING HYMN "Splendor and Honor" (LSB950)



1 Splen - dor and hon - or, maj - es - ty and pow - er  
2 Praised be the true Lamb, slain for our re - demp - tion,  
3 To the Al - might - y, throned in heav'n - ly splen - dor,



Are Yours, O Lord God, fount of ev - 'ry bless - ing,  
By whose self - of - f'ring we are made God's peo - ple:  
And to the Sav - ior, Christ our Lamb and Shep - herd,



For by Your bid - ding was the whole cre -  
A priest - ly king - dom, from all tongues and  
Be ad - o - ra - tion, praise, and glo - ry



a - tion Called in - to be - ing.  
na - tions, Called to God's ser - vice.  
giv - en, Now and for - ev - er.

## DISMISSAL

Leader: Let us go forth in the Name of Christ.  
People: Thanks be to God!

## SILENT PRAYER

## POSTLUDE

"Christ, the Lamb of God" (chorale prelude from *Orgelbuchlein*) J.S. Bach

**OUR MISSION:** *The mission of Trinity Lutheran Church is to share the good news of Jesus Christ by serving the spiritual, family and personal needs of the community. We believe that the primary reason for our existence is to bring people closer to Jesus Christ by providing worship, Bible studies, prayer and fellowship to foster spiritual growth.*



**ALTAR FLOWERS** are given to the honor and glory of our risen Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ by **Jim Steinmark** in memory of **Nancy Steinmark's sister, Ricki Githens**, by **Christel Gavin** in loving memory of her **husband, Jerry Galvin**, and by **Marlene Moore** in loving memory of **Har Moore**.



**SPECIAL PRAYERS:** Kitty Evans, Rick Hogle, Art Behnke, Ken Reeves, Donald Butenhof, Betty Giertz, Dorothy Frenz, Betty Byard, Dave MacTrinder, Joy Gottfried, Ken Wuerthele, Marilyn Tomsik, Karin Goldsmith, C.C. Acker, Debbie Thompson, Bob Palmer, Dan Lindstrom, Marlowe Sues, Andy Tourrette, Bill Mercier, Kathy Bultman, Mike David, George Walters, Bob Booth, Bill Roudebush, Marion Raper, Bob Tomsik, Denise Anderson, Lyle Hoffmeister, Lois Franklin, Carol Bohlmann, Anthony Kakiou (brother of Connie Mulidore), Janice Kaiser, Matthew Crispin, Bill Early, Victor Adam, Rosalyce Peterson, Adrienne Israel, William Hoban, Mary Staudacher, Dorothy Scheler, Ralph Munden, Tom Davies.



**SPECIAL PRAYERS – LONG TERM ILLNESS:** Bob Edgecomb, Darren Jansen, Joshua Jansen, Shirley Radkiewicz, Fred Suco, Marlene Losey, Traci Wise-Maupin, Pam Petro, Kirsten Reisinger (*Granddaughter of Tom & Sandie Burritt*), Tom Palmer (Bob Palmer's brother), Ann Marie Jaeger, Jean Brown, Marion Mashman, Ed Westover.



**SPECIAL PRAYERS–SHUT-INS:** Dallas & Marie Heine, George Keenan, Matthew Derrig, Merle Deterding, Mary Staudacher, Mary Wood.



**VALET SERVICE:** available at the **10:30 Service**. Any member who has completed and returned the **VEHICLE WAIVER FORM** is eligible to use this service.

Director of Music, Dr. Lorna Lee Curtis

**Saturday WORSHIP ASSISTANTS**

	<b>4:00 p.m.</b>
<b>Elder</b>	Will Evans
<b>Communion Assistants</b>	Vic Stevens, Bruce Larks
<b>Lector</b>	Gary Boldenow
<b>Greeters</b>	Robert & Vita Crain
<b>Ushers</b>	Tom & Dianne Bell, Andy Anderson, Stu Vogt, Rich Scaer, Larry Matney, Harold Kirsch, Milo & Linda Arneson
<b>Audio</b>	John Zwolak/Helen Lee
<b>Video</b>	Jeff Stutler
<b>Welcome Center</b>	Jackie Keck
<b>Volunteer Responder</b>	Robert Brown

**Sunday WORSHIP ASSISTANTS**

	<b>8:00 a.m.</b>	<b>10:30 a.m.</b>
<b>Elders</b>	Bryce Buuck	Jim Keenan
<b>Communion Assistants</b>	Leon Norregaard, Paul Stieber, Larry Arndt, Ron Lilley, Jim Konefe, Ralph Munden	Leon Norregaard, Paul Stieber, Ron Lilley, Nick Bock, Larry Wigner, Dan Kowitz
<b>Lectors</b>	Carl Carlan	Jerry Housholder
<b>Greeters</b>	Orval & Eileen Mattson Mark & Karen Hoerauf	Nancy Cuccia, Charlotte Grubb, Doris Brobson, Betty Christman
<b>Ushers</b>	Gary Eckoff, Jack McElwain, Dan Tibbits, Rich Brown, Mark Billow, Jeff Bixler, Stewart & Vicki Iverson	Sharmon Klemonski, Ingrid Derlis, Shirley Mulvaney, Linda Kent, Judi Mittlestead, Susan Schuerman, Lane Ellington, Brian Bernier, Jerome Burgard
<b>Audio</b>	Dave MacTrinder/Helen Lee	Lee Stump/Helen Lee
<b>Video</b>	Jeff Stutler	Jeff Stutler
<b>Altar Guild</b>	<b>Sat pm:</b> Marianne Merrow <b>Sun am:</b> Marilyn Scaer, Patty Anderson	Esther Aggas Marilyn Butenhof
<b>Coffee Ministry</b>	<b>Servers:</b> Donna Faiella, Kay Jacobson	<b>Baker:</b> Yvette Parenteau
<b>Welcome Ctr.</b>	Yvette Parenteau	Harriet Scharr, Pat Mahlstedt
<b>Volunteer Resp.</b>	Sharon Egan, Bryce Buuck	Marilyn Butenhof, Liz Koch



**EASTER LILIES** to be placed at the altar for Easter Sunday are on sale **starting Saturday, March 14 through Sunday, March 29th**. The price will be **\$8.00** and you may pick them up on Easter Sunday after the 10:30 a.m. service or on Tuesday, April 14th as the office will be closed Monday. Please make checks payable to Trinity Lutheran Church.



Today, **Sunday, March 15th** is the Martin Luther High School Concert Choir and Troubadours will be performing at **4:00 PM** in the Sanctuary. This concert is free and open to the public, so feel free to invite family and friends. Tickets are not being sold, but a free-will offering will be accepted to help defray the Choir's expenses. These students from Greendale, Wisconsin are excited to start their 9-day tour here in Florida! Let's give them a big, "warm" Trinity Lutheran Church welcome! **We now have host families for all 38 of the students!** Thank you to all of the volunteers who will be sharing their homes with the members of the Martin Luther High School Concert Choir and Troubadours. Your willingness to help is greatly appreciated.



**2020 Midweek Lenten Schedule** "The Eyes of Jesus"

**All Services 4:00 PM, Dinner 5:00 PM**

**Midweek Lenten Service #3 "Denying Eyes" March 18**

**Midweek Lenten Service #4 "Murderous Eyes" March 25**

**Midweek Lenten Service #5 "Worldly Eyes" April 1**



**\* NOTE: There are Lenten Devotional booklets available at the Welcome Center.**



**LENTEN SOUP SUPPERS**-It has become a tradition at Trinity for the various Boards and groups to serve a Soup and Sandwich Supper immediately following the Wednesday Night Lenten Services. We look forward to having you join us in fellowship with our Church family. This is an opportunity to be with fellow Christians as we reflect on and remember God's great love for us. Here is the schedule for this year's suppers: **March 18- Trustees, Stewardship, Human Care** Cream of Broccoli/ Chicken Wild Rice Soup with Ham salad  
**March 23- Men's Club**-Tomato Basil Soup with Grilled Cheese Sandwiches  
**April 1- Board of Fellowship**-Patti's Beef Stew and Biscuits



**ADULT BIBLE CLASS CONTINUES TODAY AT 9:15 AM IN THE FELLOWSHIP HALL!** We continue the Adult Bible Class entitled, **JESUS ALWAYS: EMBRACING JOY IN HIS PRESENCE!** Led by Paul Stieber, this study will explore the biblical depths of the new devotional book written by Sarah Young, the author of, *Jesus Calling*, as it seeks to increase your joy and strengthen your faith relationship with Jesus Christ. Written from the first-person perspective of Jesus, participants will hear the comforting voice of their Shepherd for daily living the Christian life.



**NEWSLETTER DEADLINE:** As a friendly reminder from the office, **the deadline for submissions in the APRIL Tidings is Sunday, March 15<sup>th</sup>.** Thanks everyone!



**GLOBAL MISSIONS-** March 6th was observed as the World Day of Prayer and members of our congregation prayed with Christians around the world in over 170 countries. Our church doors opened as we raised our prayers to God for thanksgiving, our church and pastors, the military and veterans, friends and families, the LCMS missionaries and persecuted Christians, and other thoughts and issues weighing us down. We left all of our concerns at the Lord's feet and went on our way feeling refreshed and new. The Global Missions committee would like to thank the Pastors and church leaders for supporting this rewarding experience. Also, many thanks to the volunteers who helped with the planning, the publicity, the set up, music and lighting, and those who volunteered as greeters and the LWML for their delicious refreshments. And we hope that if you were present, you were glad you came

Although, the first Friday in March has been dedicated as a Christian day of prayer, we hope you will continue to pray every day honoring God and all that He has done. *"Therefore I tell you, whatever you ask for in prayer, believe that you have received it, and it will be yours."*- Mark 11:24 Our next meeting will be **Monday, March 16, 2020 at 10:00 a.m. in Room 5.** From the Committee on Global Missions, Board of Evangelism



**TRINITY SOUTH LADIES BIBLE STUDY-**Our Ladies Bible study is being held **every Tuesday morning from 9:30 to 11:00 a.m.** It's being held on the second floor of Harbor Chase in the *Scrabble Room*. We are studying the Great Women of the Bible and all ladies of Trinity are welcome. For questions you can call (479) 531-9327. –Lora Rollings



**COLOR BOOK GROUP-** will meet on **Tuesday, March 17 at 1:00 p.m.** in **Room 1**. The group is open to all. Remember to bring your favorite color book, pencils, and join the fun! Please call Janice Collins at (352) 750-4021 for questions. Come join us!



**CALLING ALL SINGLES!** Our March dinner will be held at Francesco's **Friday, March 20<sup>th</sup> At 5:00 p.m.** Please sign up in the clipboard area or call Harriet Scharr-352-821-0614. Thanks.



**VILLAGES GROUPS 7 & 8 NEIGHBORHOOD GET TOGETHER-**It's that time for another picnic for Trinity members that live in Groups 7 & 8 ( Amelia, Bonita, Caroline, Hadley, Lake Sumter Landing, Largo, Mallory Square, Sabal Chase, and Virginia Trace) and (Ashland, Belvedere, Bonnybrook, Bridgeport at Lake Miona, Bridgeport at Lake Sumter, Bridgeport at Lake Miona Shores, Lynnhaven, Mission Hills, Polo Ridge, Summerhill, Tall Trees, and Winifred) to join us. Wouldn't it be great to get to know people from Trinity North and South who live in your areas of The Villages. It is planned for **Sunday, March 22, from 5:30 - 8 PM at the Canal Street Recreation Center**. Once again we will have an evening of appetizers and desserts and an opportunity to get to know your fellow Trinity members. If you want more information. please Kay Jacobson at 352-638-2528 or [kayalene43@comcast.net](mailto:kayalene43@comcast.net).



Lutheran  
Women  
in Mission

**L.W.M.L. Lutheran Women's Missionary League-**All women of the congregation are invited to "giddy up" to the Fellowship Hall on **Tuesday, March 24<sup>th</sup> at 1:00 p.m.**, where we will learn more about the Stirrups 'n Strides Therapeutic Riding Center in Citra, FL. Their mission is to provide therapeutic horseback riding and carriage driving to anyone with a physical, mental, or emotional challenges. Betty Gray, their executive director , will speak at our meeting this month. We begin our gatherings with a short devotional message, followed by a brief business meeting and our program. A time for fellowship with refreshments will follow the meeting. Mark your calendar to join us, and invite a friend to come with you.



We invite you to come and join your Trinity family and friends at the **“FRIENDSHIP LUNCHEON”** on **Saturday, March 28<sup>th</sup>**. We meet at the Oakwood Restaurant, 860 S. HWY 27-441, Lady Lake at **11:00 a.m.** Our luncheons are held on the 4<sup>th</sup> Saturday of each month unless noted differently. For planning purposes, please look for a sign-up sheet in the narthex clip board area by the water fountain. If unable to attend after placing your name or didn't have an opportunity to place your name on the sheet, please contact Joan or Ken Herro (414) 630-0572 or (414) 630-1820. As always, we look forward to seeing new and familiar faces. The luncheon is a great way to gather for good food, fellowship and make a new Trinity friend.

**Strings of Soul Concert**

Saturday, March 28, 2020

Trinity Lutheran Church  
17330 US Hwy 441 Summerfield, Florida

Reception Hour: 4 PM  
Show Time: 5 PM  
Tickets \$35.00  
Semi-Formal Attire

Featuring  
YPA's Inc. Young Artist Members  
Camerata String Ensemble of Central Florida  
Guest Vocalist - Katie Taylor Hall

Live & Silent Auction

For tickets & information: 352-748-2060  
or Camerata 352-234-3280



**PRISCILLA BIBLE CLASS:** We will not be meeting during Lent and Holy week. **We will begin meeting again in April.** For questions, please call Debbie Thompson at (352) 873-0453.



**WE ARE IN DESPERATE NEED OF FOOD!!** *Ramen noodle soup, canned fruit, cereal, Beef-a-roni, peanut butter and jelly.* This past week we assisted 181 students and 1 staff member. Donations can be dropped off in Room 4B or in the office Monday- Friday 8:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Thank you in advance.



**COMMUNITY OF GRATITUDE:** Today there are many hungry families in our community who are in need of our help. The **Community of Gratitude Emergency Food Center**, located in Ocklawaha, is in need of food items which in turn will feed many impoverished families and children. **THE CENTER IS IN URGENT NEED OF ALL THE ITEMS**

**LISTED BELOW AS THE DONATED FOOD IS NEARLY DEPLETED AND THE LAST GOVERNMENT FOOD DELIVERY WAS DRASTICALLY REDUCED.**

Please place your donations in the shopping carts which are located in **Room 4B and in the narthex**. Volunteers will deliver them to the food center. **This week's items are: Applesauce, canned potatoes, canned vegetables, cereal, any type of pastas, jelly, soups, condiments, cookies or cake mixes, spaghetti sauce, complete box meals-Mac n cheese, Beefaroni in cans, cereal bars.** Contact Jim and/or Nancy Steinmark at 352-299-0606 if you have any questions. Your help is appreciated. There are opportunities for physically volunteering at the center and if you have any questions call the Director Linda Kafader at 352-322-8810. Thank you for supporting this Board of Human Care ministry.



**VOLUNTEER NEEDED-**A volunteer is needed for about an hour on Monday mornings ! This will be a great way to serve Trinity and can also be a way for husband and wife to do together! If you like details, this is for you! If interested and would like more information, please call Sandy Starr 352-561-6141. Thank you!



**UPDATE FROM THE STEWARDSHIP COMMITTEE-**

Thank you to everyone who has returned their Person Records with their Time & Talent offerings. As you can see, each week in the bulletin there are numerous requests for helpers, such as ushers,

welcome desk support, flower delivery, and drivers. These Time & Talent offerings provide the church with resources to call when help is needed. Thank you again for all the offerings that you give to our church each week. Each and every one of us make this church the special family that it is.



**REVELATION: THE NOT-SO DISTANT TRUMPET CALL** Will start again after Lent and Easter in April. Thank you!

<b>Date</b>	<b>Time</b>	<b>TRINITY LUTHERAN WEEKLY EVENTS</b>
<b>03/15 Sun</b>	8:00 am	Communion Service/ Sanctuary
	9:15 am	Adult Bible Class/ Fellowship Hall
	9:15 am	Trinity South Choir Practice/ Harbor Chase
	9:15 am	Trinity South Bible Study/ 2 <sup>nd</sup> Floor Scrabble Room
	10:30 am	Communion Service/Sanctuary
	10:30 am	Communion Service / Harbor Chase on the 3 <sup>rd</sup> Floor
	4:00 pm	Martin Luther High School Choral Concert
<b>03/16 Mon</b>	8:30 am	Staff Devotions / Office
	10:00 am	Global Missions Committee/ Room 5
<b>03/17 Tues</b>	9:30 am	Trinity South Women's Bible Study/ 2 <sup>nd</sup> Floor Scrabble Room
	10:00 am	Cleaning of Sanctuary
	10:30 am	Adoration in Motion/ Fellowship Hall
	1:00 pm	Color Book Group/ Room 1
	1:00 pm	Veterans Center Group/ Room 5
	1:30 pm	Church Council Meeting/ Room 3
	7:00 pm	Compassionate Friends/ Fellowship Hall
7:30 pm	Narcotics Anonymous/ Room 1	
<b>03/18 Wed</b>	4:00 pm	Midweek Lenten Service/ Sanctuary
	5:00 pm	Lenten Soup & Sandwich Supper/ Fellowship Hall
	7:30 pm	Narcotics Anonymous/ Room 1
<b>03/19 Thurs</b>	2:00 pm	Cleaning of the Fellowship Hall
	2:30 pm	Hand bell Rehearsal/ Sanctuary
	2:30 pm	Veteran's Center Closed Group/ Room 5
	4:00 pm	SONrise Choir Rehearsal/Sanctuary
	5:00 pm	Glory Road Singers Rehearsal/ Sanctuary
	6:00 pm	Choir Rehearsal/ Sanctuary
<b>03/20 Fri</b>	12:00 pm	Scrappy Quilters/ Room 1
<b>03/21 Sat</b>	8:00 am	Men's Sat AM Bible Study/ Room 5
	4:00 pm	Communion Service/ Sanctuary
<b>03/22 Sun</b>	8:00 am	Communion Service/ Sanctuary
	9:15 am	Adult Bible Class/ Fellowship Hall
	9:15 am	Trinity South Choir Practice/ Harbor Chase
	9:15 am	Trinity South Bible Study/ 2 <sup>nd</sup> Floor Scrabble Room
	10:30 am	Communion Service/Sanctuary
	10:30 am	Communion Service / Harbor Chase on the 3 <sup>rd</sup> Floor
	3:30 pm	Compassionate Friends Balloon Release & Potluck

Attendance		
Saturday 3-7-20	4:00 pm	131
Sunday 3-8-20	8:00 am	172
	10:30 am	242
Trinity South 3-8-20	10:30 am	52
	<i>Total</i>	<i>597</i>
3-4-20 Lenten Midweek 1	4:00 pm	172



**ATTENTION THRIVENT MEMBERS:** Your 2019 “Choice Dollars” are now available for your charitable direction. **Through March 31<sup>st</sup>, you can allocate these monies to non-profit organizations.** The Board of Stewardship encourages you to call **800-847-4836** to make

your choice for these dollars and consider Trinity as recipient for some if not all dollars. All funds directed to Trinity go toward our mortgage repayment. **Note:** If you take no action, your “Choice” is for Thrivent home office to distribute as they see fit. Please act; you earned it!



**DAILY BREAD MINISTRY:** Are you a Trinity member experiencing a temporary need of help with meals? It may be that you are recovering from an illness, injury, or surgery. Our congregation has a Daily Bread Ministry of caring volunteers willing to bring you a prepared meal just for the asking. **Contact LouAnn O'Brien at 352-643-1558 or Jane Larson at 352-233-9653** When meals are requested, volunteers are called upon who live close to the household in need.



**BACK UP VALET DRIVER NEEDED-**The Human Care Board is seeking an individual who would be willing to be a **BACK-UP Valet Driver to park members cars at the 10:30 Service.** For more information, please contact Hugh O'Brien at 352-245-5835.



**FROM THE TLC COMMITTEE ON GLOBAL MISSIONS, BOARD OF EVANGELISM:** Please remember our LCMS missionaries as they serve the Lord and spread the gospel to counties around the world. This week, our focus for prayers is on Rev. Charles and Cheryl Ferry serving the Lord in the Asia Region and Rev. James and Peggy Krikava serving the Lord in the Eurasia region.

**Rev. Charles and Cheryl Ferry serve on behalf of The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod (LCMS) throughout Asia and are based in Chiayi, Taiwan.** As the Asia Regional Director, Charles is responsible for LCMS work, personnel and relationships in 20 countries. He unites local church leaders and LCMS blessings to strengthen partner churches through theological education, translation and mercy projects. In addition, Charles provides Word & Sacrament ministry and pastoral care to geographically separated Lutherans.

Pray for Charles and Cheryl as they serve in Asia. Pray for their family as they adjust to living in Taiwan. Pray they are used daily to lovingly minister to the local people with whom they serve and live. Pray specifically that Charles is spiritually guided as he strives to teach, serve and lead. Let us give thanks that the Ferry family is serving in this part of the world.

**Rev. James and Peggy Krikava serve the Lord as missionaries through The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod (LCMS) in the Eurasia region, based in the Czech Republic.** In this role, James serves as the regional director for the Eurasia region. He partners with local church leaders and current LCMS international mission leadership to strengthen and sustain existing congregations in this part of the world. He also is involved with theological teaching and with building relationships with other church bodies that are currently not in fellowship with the International Lutheran Council (ILC).

Pray for James and Peggy as they serve in the Eurasia region. Pray God gives them strength and peace as they again transition to life overseas, working in the culture and language of the people so they may effectively communicate the Gospel. Let us give thanks to God James and Peggy have answered His call to serve in this part of the world.



**STEWARDSHIP NOTE** *"When a strong man, fully armed, guards his own palace, his goods are safe; but when one stronger than he attacks him and overcomes him, he takes away his armor in which he trusted and divides his spoil."* -

Luke 11:21-22 Jesus has disarmed Satan in a most unusual way: He has disarmed him by allowing Satan to cast all his weapons into Jesus. Satan has nothing left to attack us with; he spent it all on Jesus. And now Jesus is our Stronger Man. He guards and keeps us and ours, and we have nothing to fear.



**THE HOLY STROKES GOLF TOUR** took on the El Diablo executive golf course on Tuesday, March 3. Some remarkable shots were recorded and the two winners of the CT's were Gary, "Steady Eckie", Eckoff and John Starrrr! Perfect weather, smooth greens, and some funny commentary made for a great day. Upcoming events may move to the far south courses of the Fox brothers, Loblolly, Lowlands, or Longleaf.



**FLOWER MINISTRY VOLUNTEER NEEDED**-You are needed. Can you deliver flowers to our ill members? It is just to deliver and does not require visiting. If you can help with this meaningful ministry, please email or call Marianne Merrow at [m.merrow@comcast.net](mailto:m.merrow@comcast.net), (352) 753-4525.



**PROJECT CONNECT**- *The Easter Story* – follows Jesus as a grown up. Watch Him as He enters Jerusalem, speaks with His disciples, is betrayed, arrested and, eventually crucified. Thankfully, the story doesn't end there, because three days later He rose from the grave! Wonderfully drawn images capture powerful moments during Jesus' life that plainly tell the story of God's love for all mankind. Check out this beautifully written story for your grandchildren, great grandchildren and the small ones in your life. Appropriate for children up to 3<sup>rd</sup> grade. Available on display in the narthex. They're free, take one!! -sponsored by Board of Evangelism



**Because We Care' Card Ministry:** Please remember if you have anyone in need of a card for any reason please let Anna Gay know and a card will be sent. We send cards for Birthdays, (80 yrs, 85 yrs., and 90 and over) and Anniversaries (50<sup>th</sup>, 60<sup>th</sup>, and over). Also to Shut-in's, Get Well, Thinking of you, and Sympathy. If you know of a care giver who needs a word of encouragement please get those names to me. E-mail [annamgay@gmail.com](mailto:annamgay@gmail.com) -Anna M. Gay

**H** **WERE YOU AWARE?** Many folks are not aware of federal privacy laws that have been in force for a few years now. No longer are hospitals allowed to contact your church when you are admitted, due to privacy issues. Often, when you are admitted, you will be asked the church you attend. This is for the purpose of identifying denominational affiliation, which is forwarded to the hospital chaplains. They will not contact our pastor or church office. So please, if you are admitted to the hospital, call the church office to let us know. If it is a planned admittance, do not hesitate to contact us in advance. We want to be at your bedside in your time of need for prayer and spiritual care.



**PERFUME ALLERGIES/SENSITIVITIES-** Did you know that some people are sensitive or allergic to strong scents? Strong aftershave and scented lotions can even cause asthma symptoms for some people. Please be sensitive to this and use perfumes lightly.



**FOR A CHUCKLE:** When everybody on earth had died and waiting to enter Paradise, God appeared and said, "I want the men to make two lines. One line for the men who were true heads of their household, and the other line for the men who were dominated by their women.

I want all the women to report to St. Peter." Soon, the women were gone and there were two lines of men. The line of the men who were dominated by their wives was 100 miles long, and in the line of men who truly were heads of their household, there was only one man.

God said, "You men should be ashamed of yourselves, I created you to be the head of your household! You have been disobedient and have not fulfilled your purpose! Of all of you, only one obeyed. Learn from him."

God turned to the one man: "How did you manage to be the only one in this line?" The man replied, "My wife told me to stand here."



### **THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK: When your Hut's on Fire**

The only survivor of a shipwreck was washed up on a small, uninhabited island. He prayed feverishly for God to rescue him. Every day he scanned the horizon for help, but none seemed forthcoming. Exhausted, he eventually managed to build a little hut out of driftwood to protect him from the elements, and to store his few possessions.

One day, after scavenging for food, he arrived home to find his little hut in flames, with smoke rolling up to the sky. He felt the worst had happened, and everything was lost. He was stunned with disbelief, grief, and anger. He cried out, 'God! How could you do this to me?'

Early the next day, he was awakened by the sound of a ship approaching the island! It had come to rescue him! 'How did you know I was here?' asked the weary man of his rescuers. 'We saw your smoke signal,' they replied.

**The Moral of This Story:** It's easy to get discouraged when things are going bad, but we shouldn't lose heart, because God is at work in our lives, even in the midst of our pain and suffering. Remember that the next time your hut seems to be burning to the ground. It just may be a smoke signal that summons the Grace of God.

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Christianity is the only religion of the world to insist that reconciliation with the creator cannot ever be accomplished by our performance. Only through the revelation of a Savior, who would be the substitute sacrifice for all of our wrongdoing and make us right with God, can we finally overcome our sense of separation from the Almighty.

This is a gift and promise of life that we rejoice in and share with Christians around the world. We share with all Christians the desire that everyone would come to know Jesus and experience a life under “new management” – the grace and purpose of God.

Trinity is a member of the Lutheran Church – Missouri Synod. We enjoy a blessed confessional heritage of Biblical Christianity with over 65 million Lutherans around the world and over 7 million Lutherans in the U.S. alone. What we know and believe comes only from the Bible, which is God’s inspired Word. While the Bible is certainly our guide for holy living, the primary purpose of the Bible is to reveal Jesus Christ as Savior and Lord.

We believe every Sunday at Trinity Lutheran Church is a “little Easter”, a celebration of the resurrection of our Lord. We celebrate the sacrament of the Lord’s Supper every Sunday in both worship services. We believe the forgiveness and strength of faith we are promised through receiving the very body and blood of Christ is so greatly needed by all of God’s people, for we are truly a community of wounded healers. For a Christian Church to be anything else than a place of common fellowship and unity and a source of strength for our fragile faith is to fail its God-ordained purpose and intent.

Our pastors would like to be of service to you in any way they can. Feel free to call the church office or speak with Pastor Dan or Pastor Blair directly if you wish to find out more about the church or have more personal needs of a spiritual nature.