



Trinity Lutheran Church

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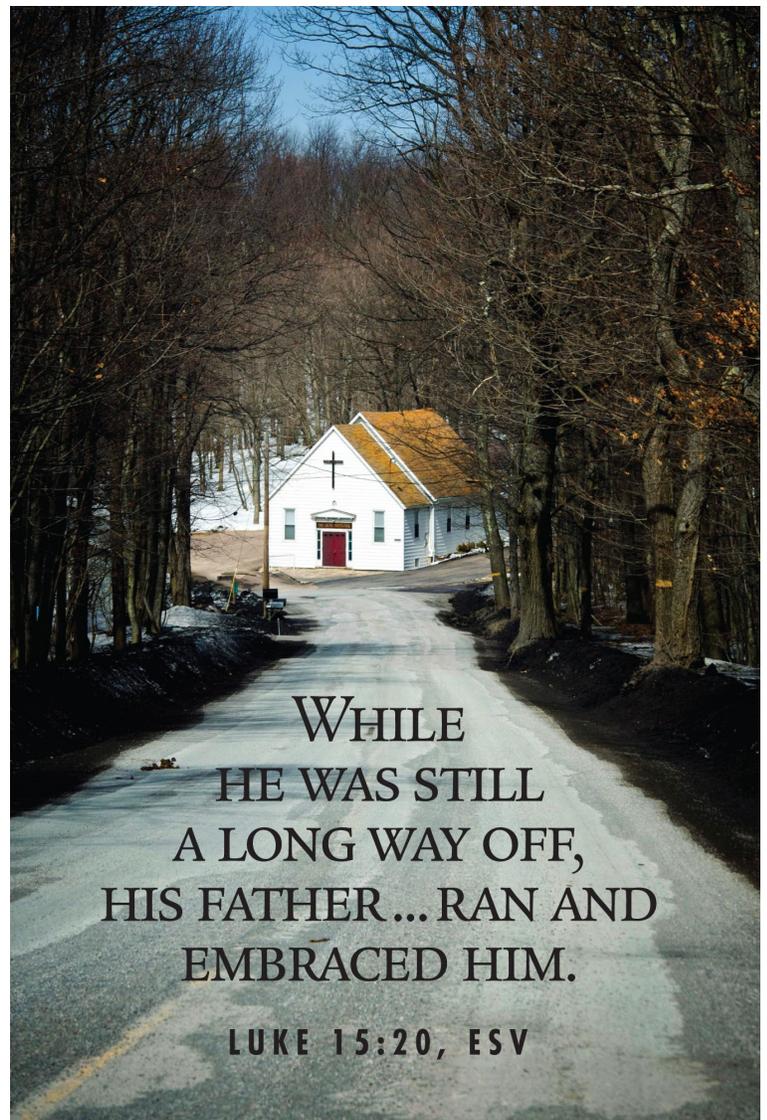
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March 27, 2022

4th Sunday in Lent



WHILE
HE WAS STILL
A LONG WAY OFF,
HIS FATHER... RAN AND
EMBRACED HIM.

LUKE 15:20, ESV

Welcome to Trinity Lutheran Church

686 COME, THOU FOUNT OF EVERY BLESSING

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Please stand

INVOCATION

Pastor In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

Congregation Amen.

Please kneel for the confession and absolution

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION *Psalm 51:1–2*

Pastor Wash me thoroughly from my iniquity,

Congregation and cleanse me from my sin!

Pastor Have mercy on me, O God, according to Your steadfast love;

Congregation according to Your abundant mercy blot out my transgressions.

Pastor Merciful Father,

Congregation we beg You, O Lord, to have mercy upon us sinners. Though we deserve nothing of Your kindness, deliver us according to the mercy You have promised in Your Son, Jesus Christ, and restore us as Your own sons and daughters. Forgive us all our sins, create in us new and contrite hearts, and instill in us the will and desire for all that is good and right and true. Make us to know Your will and grant us Your Holy Spirit that we may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways to the glory of Your holy name. Amen.

Pastor Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and 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.

Congregation Amen.

Please stand

INTROIT – *We read the introit together*

Have mercy on me, O God, according to your steadfast love; according to your abundant mercy blot out my transgressions. Wash me thoroughly from my iniquity, and cleanse me from my sin! For I know my transgressions, and my sin is ever before me.

Against you, you only, have I sinned and done what is evil in your sight, so that you may be justified in your words and blameless in your judgment.

Behold, I was brought forth in iniquity, and in sin did my mother conceive me. Behold, you delight in truth in the inward being, and you teach me wisdom in the secret heart. Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit; as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.

Have mercy on me, O God, according to your steadfast love; according to your abundant mercy blot out my transgressions.

KYRIE *LSB 204*



Lord, have mer - cy; Christ, have mer - cy; Lord, have mer - cy.

SALUTATION

Pastor The Lord be with you.

Congregation And also with you.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Pastor Let us pray.

Almighty God, our heavenly Father, Your mercies are new every morning; and though we deserve only punishment, You receive us as Your children and provide for all our needs of body and soul. Grant that we may heartily acknowledge Your merciful goodness, give thanks for all Your benefits, and serve You in willing obedience; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Congregation **Amen.**

Please be seated

OLD TESTAMENT READING *Isaiah 12:1–6*

¹You will say in that day: “I will give thanks to you, O LORD, for though you were angry with me, your anger turned away, that you might comfort me. ²Behold, God is my salvation; I will trust, and will not be afraid; for the LORD GOD is my strength and my song, and he has become my salvation.”

³With joy you will draw water from the wells of salvation. ⁴And you will say in that day: “Give thanks to the LORD, call upon his name, make known his deeds among the peoples, proclaim that his name is exalted. ⁵“Sing praises to the LORD, for he has done gloriously; let this be made known in all the earth. ⁶Shout, and sing for joy, O inhabitant of Zion, for great in your midst is the Holy One of Israel.”

Pastor This is the Word of the Lord.

Congregation **Thanks be to God.**

EPISTLE *2 Corinthians 5:16–21*

¹⁶From now on, therefore, we regard no one according to the flesh. Even though we once regarded Christ according to the flesh, we regard him thus no longer. ¹⁷Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation. The old has passed away; behold, the new has come. ¹⁸All this is from God, who through Christ reconciled us to himself and gave us the ministry of reconciliation; ¹⁹that is, in Christ God was reconciling the world to himself, not counting their trespasses against them, and entrusting to us the message of reconciliation. ²⁰Therefore, we are ambassadors for Christ, God making his appeal through us. We implore you on behalf of Christ, be reconciled to God. ²¹For our sake he made him to be sin who knew no sin, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God.

Pastor This is the Word of the Lord.

Congregation **Thanks be to God.**

Please Stand

HOLY GOSPEL *Luke 15:1–3, 11b–32*

Pastor The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the fifteenth chapter.

Congregation **Glory to You, O Lord.**

¹Now the tax collectors and sinners were all drawing near to hear [Jesus]. ²And the Pharisees and the scribes grumbled, saying, “This man receives sinners and eats with them.” ³So he told them this parable: . . .

“There was a man who had two sons. ¹²And the younger of them said to his father, ‘Father, give me the share of property that is coming to me.’ And he divided his property between them. ¹³Not many days later, the younger son gathered all he had and took a journey into a far country, and there he squandered his property in reckless living.

¹⁴And when he had spent everything, a severe famine arose in that country, and he began to be in need. ¹⁵So he went and hired himself out to one of the citizens of that country, who sent him into his fields to feed pigs. ¹⁶And he was longing to be fed with the pods that the pigs ate, and no one gave him anything.

¹⁷“But when he came to himself, he said, ‘How many of my father’s hired servants have more than enough bread, but I perish here with hunger! ¹⁸I will arise and go to my father, and I will say to him, ‘Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you. ¹⁹I am no longer worthy to be called your son. Treat me as one of your hired servants.’” Continued...

²⁰And he arose and came to his father. But while he was still a long way off, his father saw him and felt compassion, and ran and embraced him and kissed him. ²¹And the son said to him, 'Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you. I am no longer worthy to be called your son.' ²²But the father said to his servants, 'Bring quickly the best robe, and put it on him, and put a ring on his hand, and shoes on his feet. ²³And bring the fattened calf and kill it, and let us eat and celebrate. ²⁴For this my son was dead, and is alive again; he was lost, and is found.' And they began to celebrate.

²⁵Now his older son was in the field, and as he came and drew near to the house, he heard music and dancing. ²⁶And he called one of the servants and asked what these things meant. ²⁷And he said to him, 'Your brother has come, and your father has killed the fattened calf, because he has received him back safe and sound.' ²⁸But he was angry and refused to go in. His father came out and entreated him, ²⁹but he answered his father, 'Look, these many years I have served you, and I never disobeyed your command, yet you never gave me a young goat, that I might celebrate with my friends.

³⁰But when this son of yours came, who has devoured your property with prostitutes, you killed the fattened calf for him!' ³¹And he said to him, 'Son, you are always with me, and all that is mine is yours. ³²It was fitting to celebrate and be glad, for this your brother was dead, and is alive; he was lost, and is found.'"

Pastor This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Congregation Praise to You, O Christ.

Please be seated

571 GOD LOVED THE WORLD SO THAT HE GAVE – *Please stand for the final verse*

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SERMON

Please stand

OFFERTORY LSB 192

Cre-ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re -
new a right spir - it with - in me. Cast me not a -
way from Thy pres-ence, and take not Thy Ho - ly Spir - it
from me. Re - store un - to me the joy of Thy sal - va -
tion, and up - hold me with Thy free spir-it. A - men.

APOSTLES' CREED

Congregation

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.

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

Pastor As prodigals, we come into the arms of our heavenly Father, waiting even more for us to pray than we are to petition His mercy.
Heavenly Father, we have all been one with Adam in the rebellion of our stubborn wills and in suffering the consequences of sin with its death. Grant us grace that we may return to You with humble hearts and rejoice in Your forgiveness so that our hearts may be at peace and we may be rescued from our guilt, shame, and despair. Lord, in Your mercy,

Congregation hear our prayer.

Pastor For peace in Eastern Europe that the Lord may bring an end to the war and restore peace and freedom to the people of Ukraine. For the children and young people that the Lord may preserve them in body and soul from suffering and injury. For the brothers and sisters in the churches of Ukraine and Russia that God may keep their hearts from hating one another, that He may show them ways to serve peace, proclaim the Word of God, and celebrate the sacraments. Lord, in Your mercy,

Congregation hear our prayer.

Pastor Mighty God, deliver the nations from violence and war, and teach us generosity, compassion, and the path of peace. Bless our president, Congress, governor, legislature, and all who make, administer, and judge Your laws. Bless also those who labor for peace and justice even at the peril of their own lives. Lord, in Your mercy,

Congregation hear our prayer.

Pastor Merciful God, deliver us from rebellion and bitterness that we not only find a home in Your mercy but show forth Your grace, forgiveness, and joy to all those around us. Bless the missionary and church planter as they bring Your saving Word to those who have not heard it and plant congregations for Your people to gather around Your Word and Table. Lord, in Your mercy,

Congregation hear our prayer.

Pastor Lord, Please be with the members of our church family having birthdays this week. Thank you for blessing them with another year of life. We remember **Susan Grunewald, Jerome Jaeger, Allison Schobert, Craig Lallensack, Michael Milbrath, Michelle Scharenbroch and Perry Stange.** Lord, in Your mercy,

Congregation hear our prayer.

Pastor Compassionate Father, You know our needs even before we ask but still we cry to You on behalf of all the sick and those who suffer, **Margene Fink, Gloria Hopf, Mike Milbrath, Valeta Burkhardt, Liz Haag, Todd and Teri Bender, Roger Lieftring, Connie Hansen, LaVerne Weber, Eugene Bubolz.** Lord we also ask you be with Paulette, Paul, Andrew and Emma Krueger and their family. Please bless them with complete healing physically and emotionally from injuries due to a car accident on Friday morning. Please be with the Medical staff at Froedert Hospital tending to Paulette. Lord, please give them strength to get through this most difficult time. Please remind them you are with them always and will never leave their side. Lord, we pray.

Congregation Amen.

Please be seated

OFFERING – We stand as the offerings are brought forward to the altar.

Pastor: Lord, remember us in your Kingdom and teach us to pray,

LORD'S PRAYER

BENEDICTION

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

Congregation Amen.

803 JOYFUL, JOYFUL WE ADORE THEE

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The Trinity Messenger

HOLY WEEK WORSHIP TIMES—PLEASE SEE THE WORSHIP SERVICE TIME CHANGE

Maundy Thursday—6:30pm.

Good Friday- NOON & 6:30pm. **Good Friday** worship is **NOT** at 10:30am. It has been changed to noon.

Easter—6:30am & 9:30am. There will be an Easter Breakfast following the 6:30am worship service.

VOTERS MEETING

Our quarterly voters meeting is on Sunday April 3rd following the late worship service.

CONFIRMATION BANQUET

The confirmation banquet on Wednesday, April 27th from 5:00-6:30pm. All the information you will need about the banquet is on the invitation. You will receive that this week. Please get your Bible verses to Pastor Barkley ASAP. Thank you.

CONFIRMATION PARENTS

Please read your email that I sent regarding Confirmation information. Confirmation gowns have to be ordered Monday and I only have a few responses. **Please let me know either way if your child needs a Confirmation Gown.** Thank you, Toni

HANDS FOR HOPE

Hands for Hope will meet on Tuesday, April 5th at 10:30am to set up for the Easter sale. Do you love to Knit or crochet? (They can also teach you.) Hands for Hope is a group that makes prayer shawls and so many other items. The items would be great gifts for Easter. You are welcome to join anytime. It is such a great and fun Ministry, and great fellowship time with members of your church family.

PALM SUNDAY INFORMATION

This year on Palm Sunday, the children will meet in the narthex before the service you are attending (8:00 or 10:30). The children will be given Palms and will walk in church together to the altar, where Pastor Peterson will do a children's message. They will go to their seats following the children's message. We hope all the children here at Trinity will be in church to celebrate Jesus Christ's victorious entry into Jerusalem.

EASTER EGG HUNT

The Education Committee will be having an Easter Egg Hunt outside during Sunday school on Palm Sunday. (April 10th) We hope all the Sunday school kids will be there to join in on the fun.

IT IS TIME TO ORDER FLOWERS FOR EASTER

Beautiful spring flowers can be purchased through the church and can be picked up on Easter following the 9:30am worship service. This year we are expanding our choices to include Lillies (white), Tulips (red or pink), Hyacinth (purple or white) and Daffodils (yellow). **The cost is \$9.50** for each flower. There are order forms on the table in the narthex. Please put your form and payment in Connie (Dan) Bitter's mailbox. There are also forms online. You may also complete the form online and email it to Connie Bitter at connie.bitter@yahoo.com **You will need to order no later than Sunday, April 3rd**. If you would like to recognize a loved one, we will list this in the bulletin. Please make sure you print clearly.

THE FIRESIDE CHRISTMAS TRIP "WHITE CHRISTMAS"

The Fireside trip is starting to fill up pretty quickly. If you are interested in this day trip, please sign-up early. Flyers with all of the details are on the table in the narthex. It is always a great time and we would love to have you join us. Payment is not due until July. Please make your check payable to Trinity Lutheran Church.

LUTHERAN HIGH SCHOOL AUCTION

The LHS 42nd Annual Crusade for Bids Auction will be in-person this year. In-person Preview Night will be on Friday night, April 8 from 6-8 pm, and the Dinner and Auction will be Saturday night, doors open at 4:30 p.m. If you are planning to attend the Auction we would love you to sit at Trinity's table. We need to know by Monday, March 28th so we can register and sit together. The early bird price is \$69.00. If you would like more information about the Auction, go to their website at lutheranhigh.com **Please call or email Toni if you plan to attend.**

SPRING CLEANUP

Weather permitting, we will have our annual outdoor spring cleanup on Saturday, April 16th at 8:00am. Depending on the number of volunteers, it doesn't take more than a few hours. Please bring your rakes.

LWML SPRING EVENT

The LWML Spring Event is on Saturday, April 9th from 8:30am-11:30am., at Trinity Lutheran Church in Sheboygan. 824 Wisconsin Ave. The Guest Speaker is Angus Menuge, PHD. Angus Menuge is Professor and Chair of Philosophy at Concordia University Wisconsin and President of the Evangelical Philosophical Society. He is Author of many journal articles, book chapters and encyclopedia articles on the philosophy of mind, science and C.S Lewis. Rev. Shive from St. Pauls in Sheboygan will lead Bible Study. The following items will be collected to assist Love Inc. in their ministry. Kwik Trip fuel only gift cards for \$25.00, Bath towel and washcloth set, Toilet Paper.

SPAGHETTI DINNER

Mark your calendars. Our church is once again hosting a spaghetti dinner on Sunday, April 27th. More information will be in next weeks bulletin and the April Newsletter. A volunteer sign up sheet will be on the table in the narthex next weekend.

TRIVIA NIGHT AT BETHLEHEM!!

Join us for an evening of trivia and dinner (pizza, salad & dessert) on Saturday, April 23rd beginning at 5:45 PM. Snacks will be provided during trivia and a cash bar (beer, wine & soda) will be available. The youth group will be hosting the evening as a fundraiser for the mission trip to Alaska and the National Youth Gathering to Houston. Gather a group of 8 and sign up on the Google Form. <https://forms.gle/bqQZpA8xBFAMHi6MA> Cost is \$20 per person. The deadline to register is April 19th If you would like to be placed with a group, you can indicate that on the form. If you need help signing up, please call the church office (920-452-4331) or email the Youth Group Leader, at jenna.rinkinen@ourbethlehem.com.

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Paulette Krueger and her husband and grandchildren were in a terrible car crash on Friday morning. Paulette and Andrew Krueger play the organ/piano for us at Trinity. Paulette is at Froedert Hospital with severe injuries. Andrew was taken Flight for Life to Children's Hospital, but has been released. We praise God for that blessing. Paulette's husband has injuries and her granddaughter Emma is very sore and very shook up. Please keep them in your prayers.

Attendance: March 16 10:30am—48 6:30pm—24=72 March 20: 8:00am—87 10:30am—72=159

Serving at our church services

March 27	Elders Ushers Acolytes Altar Guild Greeters Video Op.	8:00am Tom Weber 8:00am Team 3 8:00am Evan Erdmann, Dylan Elias Rita Milbrath, Susie Sixel 8:00am Jean Hiebing 8:00am Scott Timm	10:30am Jim post 10:30am Team 6 10:30am Chloe Grunewald, Annika 27 10:30am Dale and Linda Hopf
April 3	Elders Ushers Acolytes Altar Guild Greeters Video Op.	8:00am Scott Plocar 8:00am Team 5 8:00am Grayson Reiss, Cooper Schmidt April 3-16 Linda Hopf, Kathy Franz 8:00am Scott and Linda Plocar 8:00am Lance Liermann	10:30am Dale Hopf 10:30am Team 2 10:30am Sam Parnitzke, Chloe Grunewald 10:30am Judy Luecke

Financials from March 16, 20, 2022

Description of Offering	Amount Given	Description of Offering	Amount Given
General Offering	\$5,814.50	Church Improvement Fund	\$1,050.00
Love Inc.	\$100.00	Roof Replacement Fund	\$50.00
Parsonage Project	\$750.00	Sunday school children's offering	\$12.22

Calendar for the week of March 28, 2022

Monday March 28 Preschool Spring Break 1:00pm Quilting	Tuesday March 29	Wednesday March 30 10:30am & 6:30pm Lenten Worship 11:30am & 5:00pm Lenten meals 3:55-6:00pm Confirmation	Thursday March 31	Friday April 1	Saturday April 2	Sunday April 3 8:00 & 10:30am Family Worship with Holy Communion 9:15am Sunday school and Bible Class Voters Meeting following the 10:30am worship service.
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