Welcome to Trinity

#28 The Word of God Gives Comfort, "Do Not Grieve as Those Without Hope

My dear friends, since this misfortune has happened to our beloved sovereign prince, and the habit and custom of holding masses for the dead and funeral processions when they are buried has ceased, we nevertheless do not wish to allow this service of worship to be omitted, in order **that we may preach God's Word to the praise of God and the betterment of the people**. For we must deal with the subject and also do what is right on this occasion, since the Lord our God has again taken unto himself and graciously summoned our beloved head. Therefore we shall take as our text what St. Paul says to the Thessalonians in the fourth chapter:

"But we would not have you ignorant, brethren, concerning those who are asleep, that you may not grieve as others do who have no hope. For since we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so, through Jesus, God will bring with him those who have fallen asleep" [I Thess. 4:13–14].

So much we shall take up for now, in order that I may not overburden myself and you. You know that **the greatest divine service is the preaching [of the Word of God]**, and not only the greatest divine service, but also the best we can have in every situation; but especially on these solemn occasions of sorrow [there is nothing better we can do than to preach]. ("**Sermon at the Funeral of the Elector, Duke John of Saxony"** Luther's Works, v.51 p.231)

Assistants

Elder – Tony Stretch (995-1379)
Altar Guild –
Organist – LeeAnn Byrne
Gospel Book – Dylan Dunaway
Acolytes – Liam Phillips and Colton Weber
Church Cleaning – Apr 4 Lowrance, Apr 11/18 Kenner

The minister enters in silence.

Service of the Word

Old Testament	(printed)
Tract from Habakkuk 3	(printed)
Salutation	(printed)
+ Collect	(printed)
Epistle	(printed)
Tract from Psalm 140	(printed)
+ Holy Gospel	(printed)
(The Creed is omitted.)	
Hymn of the Day……..	**#113**
Sermon	

Prayers

+ Bidding Prayer	p. 276-278

Meditation of Christ on the Cross

+ "Behold the life-giving cross…" (printed)

Reproaches

Hymn #208, st. 1
Hymn #208 St. 2
Hymn #117

Service of the Sacrament

+ Eucharistic Prayer	
+ Words of Institution	
+ Proclamation of Christ	
+ Lord's Prayer	
Distribution	
Communion Psalm (by cantor)	
Hymn #119, #110	
+ Postcommunion Prayer	(printed)
+ Benedicamus	(printed)
(The Benediction is omitted.)	

Offerings may be place in plates in the narthex.

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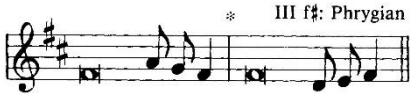
Service Insert for Good Friday

Old Testament: Hosea 6:1-6 *Unrepentant Israel*

Tract

O Lord, I have heard your
speech and / was afraid;
    O Lord, revive Your work
    in the midst / of the years!
In the midst of the years / make it known;
    In wrath remember / mercy.
God came from / Teman,
    The Holy One from Mount / Paran.
His glory covered the / heavens,
    And the earth was full / of His praise. *(Canticle of Habbakuk 3:2-3)*

Salutation & Collect

P. The Lord be with you.
C. And with your spirit.
P. Let us pray:
    Merciful God, heavenly Father, who has removed from us the grievous burden of our sins and placed it on Your dear Son, our Savior, we humbly implore You to govern us by Your Holy Spirit that we may comfort ourselves with His suffering and death in the face of all temptation; through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
C. AMEN

Epistle: 2 Corinthians 5:14-21 *The Ministry of Reconciliation*

Tract

Deliver me, O Lord, from / evil men;*
    preserve me from / violent men,
who plan evil things / in their hearts;*
    they continually gather togeth- / er for war.
They sharpen their tongues like a / serpent;*
    the poison of asps is un- / der their lips.
Keep me, O Lord, from the hands of the / wicked;*
    preserve me from violent men, who have purposed to make my steps / stumble.
The proud have hidden a / snare for me, *
    they have spread a net by the wayside; they have set / traps for me.
I said to the Lord: "You / are my God;*
    hear the voice of my supplica- / tions, O Lord.
O God the Lord, the strength of my sal- / vation,
    You have covered my head in the day of / battle."
I know that the Lord will maintain the cause of the af- / flicted,*
    and justice / for the poor.
Surely the righteous shall give thanks / to Your name;*
    the upright shall dwell in Your / presence. *(Psalm 140. 1-7, 12-13)*

Holy Gospel: John 18:1-19:42 *St. John's Passion*

P. The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the 18th and 19th chapters.
C. PRAISE TO YOU, O CHRIST.
After the reading
P. This is the Gospel of the Lord.
C. PRAISE TO YOU, O CHRIST.

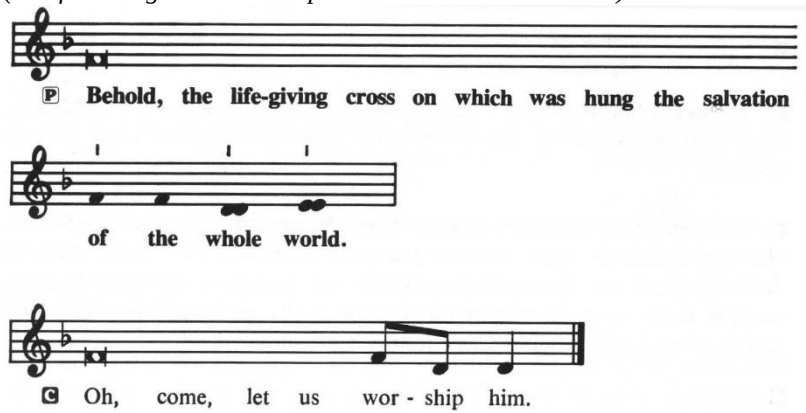
HYMN #113, "O Sacred Head, Now Wounded"

The Sermon

The Bidding Prayer Lutheran Worship, p.276-278

Meditation of Christ on the Cross

(A crucifix enters the nave of the church and proceeds to the altar.)
(The following verse and response is chanted three times.)



Hymn #111, "A Lamb Alone Bears Willingly"

The Reproaches

The Pastor chants the first reproach,

"Thus says the Lord: What have I done to you, O my people, and wherein have I offended you? Answer me. For I have raised you up out of the prison house of sin and death, and you have delivered your Redeemer to be scourged. For I have redeemed you from the house of bondage, and you have nailed your Savior to the cross. O my people."

Cantor: Holy Lord God,
holy and mighty God,
holy and most merciful Redeemer;
God eternal, leave us not to bitter death.
O Lord, have mercy.

HYMN #208, st. 1, "Lamb of God, Pure and Sinless"

The Pastor chants second reproach,

"Thus says the Lord: What have I done to you, O my people, and wherein have I offended you? Answer me. For I have conquered all your foes, and you have given me over and delivered me to those who persecute me. For I have fed you with my Word and refreshed you with living water, and you have given me gall and vinegar to drink. O my people."

Cantor: Holy Lord God,
holy and mighty God,
holy and most merciful Redeemer;
God eternal, allow us not to lose hope in the face of death and hell.
O Lord, have mercy.

HYMN #208, st. 2, "Lamb of God, Pure and Sinless"

The Pastor chants third reproach,

"Thus says the Lord: What have I done to you, O my people, and wherein have I offended you? Answer me. What more could have been done for my vineyard than I have done for it? When I looked for good grapes, why did it yield only bad? My people, is this how you thank your God? O my people."

Cantor: Holy Lord God,
holy and mighty God,
holy and most merciful Redeemer;
God eternal, keep us steadfast in the true faith.
O Lord, have mercy.

HYMN #117, "Sing, My Tongue"

Eucharistic Prayer

P. Blessed are You, Lord of heaven and earth, for You have had mercy on those whom You created, and sent Your only-begotten Son into our flesh to bear our sin and be our Savior. With repentant joy we receive the salvation accomplished for us by the all-availing sacrifice of His body and His blood on the cross.

Gathered in the name and the remembrance of Jesus, we beg You, O Lord, to forgive, renew, and strengthen us with Your Word and Spirit. Grant us faithfully to eat His body and drink His blood as He bids us do in His own testament. Gather us together, we pray, from the ends of the earth to celebrate with all the faithful the marriage feast of the Lamb in His kingdom, which has no end. Graciously receive our prayers; deliver and preserve us. To You alone, O Father, be all glory, honor, and worship, through the Son with the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
C. AMEN.

Words of Institution

Proclamation of Christ

P. As often as we eat this bread and drink this cup, we proclaim the Lord's death until He comes.

Our Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, in the eating of Your body and the drinking of Your blood, we remember and confess Your holy cross and passion, Your blessed death, Your rest in the tomb, Your resurrection from the dead, Your ascension into heaven, and Your coming for the final judgment. So remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray:

Lord's Prayer

Distribution

Pastor: Come and receive the body and blood of the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world.

Communion Psalm: Ant. My God, my God, look upon Me; why have You forsaken Me and are so far from my health, and from the words of my complaint. (Ps 22:1), **Psalm 22:2, 6-10, 18-19, 22, 25, 31**

Hymn #119, "O Dearest Jesus, What Law Have You Broken"
Hymn #110, "Go to Dark Gethsemane"

Postcommunion Prayer

P. What has passed our lips as food, O Lord, may we possess in purity of heart, that what is given us in time, be our healing for eternity.
C. AMEN.

Benedicamus

P. Let us bless the Lord. C. Thanks be to God.

For Love.
CONFIRM, O Lord, we beseech Thee, the hearts of Thy children, and strengthen them with the power of Thy grace, that they may both be devout in prayer to Thee and sincere in love for each other; through Jesus Christ, Thy Son, our Lord, who livest and reignest with the Father and the Holy Ghost, ever one God, world without end. Amen (Oremus, 1925, p.35).

The Lord's Supper

Trinity Lutheran Church observes the Scriptural practice (*Eph 4:3, 2 John 1:10-11*) of communing only with those for whom their public profession of faith (congregational membership) is in agreement with God's Word and the correct exposition of Holy Scripture as found in the Book of Concord (1580). All who desire to receive Christ's Body and Blood for the forgiveness of sins are asked to speak with Pastor Henson <u>before coming forward to commune</u>.

Trinity Lutheran Church is served by pastors who are members of the Evangelical Lutheran Diocese of North America(Eldona.org).

--Those who are members of Eldona-affiliated congregations are welcome to commune after announcing to Pastor Henson.

--Those who are not members of Eldona-affiliated congregations will need to set up an appointment with Pastor Henson to discuss their public church membership.

The Lord's Supper is celebrated at Trinity Lutheran Church in the confession and glad confidence that, as He says, our Lord gives into our mouths not only bread and wine but His very body and blood to eat and to drink for the forgiveness of sins and to strengthen our union with Him and with one another. Our Lord invites to His table those who trust His words, repent of all sin, and set aside any refusal to forgive and love as He forgives and loves us, that they may show forth his death until He comes.

Those who are not yet invited to receive the Sacrament are encouraged to meditate on God's Word in the distribution hymns and pray for the day when our divisions will have ceased.