

**Divine Service for Lent**

**Welcome to Trinity**

**#22 For Luther’s Mother Margaret: Seek comfort in Christ**

Second, dear Mother, you also know the true center and foundation of your salvation from whom you are **to seek comfort in this and all troubles, namely, Jesus Christ, the cornerstone**. He will not waver or fail us, nor allow us to sink or perish, for he is the Savior and is called the Savior of all poor sinners, and of all who are caught in tribulation and death, and rely on him, and call on his name.

[Christ] says: “Be of good cheer; I have overcome the world.” If he has overcome the world, surely he has also overcome the sovereign of this world with all his power. But what else is [the devil’s] power but death, by which he has made us subject to himself, [and] held us captives on account of our sin? **But now that death and sin are overcome, we may joyfully and cheerfully listen to the sweet words: “Be of good cheer; I have overcome the world.”** We certainly are not to doubt that these words are indeed true. **More than that, we are commanded to accept this comfort with joy and thanksgiving.** Whoever would be unwilling to be comforted by these words would do the greatest injustice and dishonor to the dear Comforter, as if it were not true that he bids us to be of good cheer, or as if it were not true that he has overcome the world. [If we acted thus,] we would only restore within ourselves the tyranny of the vanquished devil, sin, and death, and oppose the dear Savior. From this may God preserve us. (Luther’s Works, v. 50, p.19)

**For a Friend. 2**

ALMIGHTY and everlasting God, have , mercy upon Thy servant *N.N.*, and guide *him* according to Thy clemency into the way of everlasting salvation; that by Thy grace *he* may desire what pleases Thee, and with all power may perform it; 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.81).

Preparation Hymn #204

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**Trinity Lutheran Church & Early Childhood Learning Center**

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## Service Insert for Lent Three

### Hymn #204 “Come, Let Us Join Our Cheerful Songs”

#### Invocation

*The sign of the cross is made by all in remembrance of their Baptism.*

P. In the Name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C. Amen.

#### Versicles

P. I will go to the altar of God:

C. **To God my exceeding joy.**

P. Our help is in the Name of the Lord.

C. **Who made heaven and earth.**

#### Confession

*During the period of silence, call to mind both your sinfulness and those sins you have committed against the Ten Commandments.*

P. I confess to almighty God,

C. **before all the company of heaven, and to you, my brothers and sisters, that I have sinned exceedingly in thought, word and deed**

*Strike your chest three times saying:*

**by my fault(x),**

**by my own fault(x),**

**by my own most grievous fault(x);**

**wherefore I pray almighty God, for the sake of Jesus Christ**

**His Son, to have mercy on me, forgive me my sins, and bring**

**me to everlasting life.**

#### Absolution

P. Upon this, your confession, I, by virtue of my Office as a called and ordained servant of the Word, announce the grace of God to all of you. In the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ, I forgive you all your sins, in the Name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C. Amen

#### Introit

*My eyes are ever / toward the Lord,\*  
for He shall pluck my feet out / of  
the net.*



*Turn Yourself to me, and have mer- / cy on me,\*  
for I am desolate and af- / flicted.*

To You, O Lord, I lift / up my soul.\*

O my God, I trust in You; let me not / be ashamed;  
the troubles of my heart / have enlarged;\*

bring me out of my di- / stresses!\*

Look on my affliction / and my pain,\*

and forgive / all my sins.

Keep my soul, and de- / liver me;\*

let me not be ashamed, for I put my / trust in You.

Glory be to the Father and / to the Son\*

and to the Holy / Spirit

as it was in the be / ginning,\*

is now, and will be forever. / Amen.

My eyes are ever / toward the Lord,\*

for He shall pluck my feet out / of the net.

Turn Yourself to me, and have mer- / cy on me,\*

for I am desolate and af- / flicted.

*(Ant. Ps. 25:15-16; Ps 25:1-2,17-18, 20)*

#### Kyrie



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

#### Collect

P. The Lord be with you.

C. **And with your spirit.**

P. Let us pray.

We implore You, almighty God, to look upon the hearty desires of Your humble servants and stretch forth the right hand of Your mercy to be our defense against all our enemies; through Jesus Christ, Your

Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **C. Amen**

## Exodus 8:16-24

*This is the finger of God*

### Gradual

Arise, O Lord, do not let / man  
prevail;\*



let the nations be judged / in Your sight.

When my ene- / mies turn back, \*

they shall fall and perish at Your / presence. *(Psalm 9:19, 3)*

## Ephesians 5:1-9

*Imitators of God*

**Tract** *(From Septuagesima to Holy Saturday, the Tract replaces the Verse)*

Unto You I lift / up my eyes, \*

O You who dwell in the / heavens.

Behold, as the eyes of / servants\*

look to the hand of their / masters.

So our eyes look to the / Lord our God, \*

until He has mer- / cy on us.

Have mercy on / us, O Lord, \*

Have mer- / cy on us! *(Psalm 123:1-3)*

## St. Luke 11:14-28

*The finger of God*

## Nicene Creed, p. 141

## Hymn of the Day #298 “A Mighty Fortress Is Our God”

**Communion Psalm:** *Ant.* The sparrow has found her an house, and the swallow a nest where she may lay her young: even Your altars, O Lord of hosts, my King, and my God: blessed are they that dwell in Your house: they will be always praising You. (Ps 84:3-4).

**Isaiah 12:2-6.**

## Prayer for the Church

Thanksgiving. — Almighty God, you are the One who is stronger than any of our problems or foes, give us an undivided heart so that through hearing the Word of God and retaining it, our sins are cast out.

The Church and her servants.—give your church the strength to live holy lives as dearly loved children of light.

--give our bishop, James Heiser, and our pastors, Gary Harroun and Michael Henson, the strength to confess the truth of your word with their actions so that they gather your people, rather than scatter them.

--Motivate the children at our Learning Center, our teachers and director, Keely Gelso to live lives of love, just as Christ loved us.

The nations of the world and their rulers.—Give wisdom to the leaders of our nation, our president, Joe Biden, our governor, J.B. Pritzker and our mayor of Herrin, Steve Frattini, federal and state legislators, county commissioners, city officials and all our judges, that Satan's schemes to sow discord and hate may be hindered and that all citizens may live together peaceably.

--grant protection to those whose duty it is to defend this nation, especially for Danny Cobin, Jason Melvin, and Blake Darnstaedt, as well as for our police officers, especially Alex Byrne and Daniel Byrne. Watch over their families while they are absent. Guide our nation and its leaders to use military force responsibly in order to punish evil and reward good.

-O almighty Lord God, who alone removes tyrants, stir up Your great strength, we implore You, and come and help Your Church; scatter the counsels of them that secretly devise mischief, and bring the dealings of the violent to nothing; cast down the unjust from high places, and cause the unruly to cease from troubling; allay all envious and malicious passions, and subdue the haters and evil-doers. Look in mercy on those immediately exposed to peril, conflict, sickness, and death; comfort the prisoners, relieve the sufferings of the wounded, and show mercy to the dying. Remove in Your good providence all causes and occasions of war, dispose the hearts of those engaged therein to moderation, and of Your great goodness restore peace among the nations; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

**Particular local needs.**—

O God, whose compassions never fail, give healing to the sick, relief to the suffering, peace to the sorrowful, and mercy to every soul that is distressed, that they may find in You the help that only You can give them;

**Shut-ins.**- Carolyn Westerman; Jean Hileman, **Elderly.**- Violet Kemp

**Various Needs.**- Kevin Krolak (nephew of Patti Baker), Victor and Marsha Turner, Gib, Howard and Stan (Jane’s Brothers), Jack Plock (brother of Cecil Plock), Levi Gonzalez (nephew of Patti Baker), Jennifer (Cecil’s daughter), Jim Blair (abdominal cancer), and Linda Plock.

**Students.**- Sarah Miller (University of Kentucky, Lexington), Sadie Henson (Concordia University, Nebraska), Jonathan Henson (Southern Illinois University) Kara Martin (University of Southern Indiana), Alexis Darnstaedt (University of Missouri, Columbia), and Benjamin Henson and Jacob Henson (St. Ignatius Seminary).

**Communion Psalm:** *Ant.* Consider my meditation: O hearken unto the voice of my calling, my King, and my God: for unto You will I make my prayer, O my God.” **Ps 97:1-6, 11-12.**

**Easter Vigil**

**Saturday, April 16, 7:00 to 10:00 PM**  
Make plans now to attend the Great Easter Vigil on the Saturday evening before Easter.

- ✠ **The Service of Light.**—The congregation begins outside the church, is gathered around a fire where the Paschal candle is prepared, and then processes with candles burning.
- ✠ **The Service of Readings**(from which we get the name “vigil”)—12 readings each followed by the chanting of a psalm and a prayer.
- ✠ **The Service of the Remembrance of Holy Baptism**
- ✠ **The Service of Holy Communion** – lights are turned on, bells are rung, the Alleluia returns with abundance.

Though a longer service than we are accustomed, not nearly the all night vigils of the early Christians(Acts 20:7-12). Come and relax. Without rushing we will recall the history of God’s people and rejoice in the fulfillment of all Scripture in Christ Jesus and His resurrection.

**Assistants**

Elder – Dan Byrne (922-3556)  
Organist – LeeAnn Byrne  
Altar Guild – Claire Stretch and Kim Miller

No flowers during Lent  
Church Cleaning – Mar 20/27 Stretch, April 3/10 Smith

**Trinity News**

**The Next Game Night.**—is Friday, March 25.  
**Corn Hole Tournament.**— is scheduled for Saturday, April 2 from 2 to 5 PM at the Deer Farm.

**Weekly Calendar**

TODAY -Children and Adult Bible Studies, 9 AM  
**-Divine Service, 10:15 AM**

- MONDAY -Board of Education, 6:00 PM
- WEDNESDAY -Private Confession & Absolution, 10:30-11:00 AM  
-Learn-by-Heart, 6:30 PM  
**-Catechetical Service, 7 – 7:40 PM**
- THURSDAY -Ladies Missionary Society, 6:00 PM
- FRIDAY -Divine Service, The Annunciation of Our Lord, 10:30 AM  
-Game Night
- SATURDAY -Private Confession & Absolution, 8:00-8:30 PM
- NEXT --*LAETARE* (“Rejoice...”)
- SUNDAY --Children and Adult Bible Studies, 9 AM  
**--Divine Service, 10:15 AM**  
-*Learn-by-Heart Recitation of Lord’s Supper*

**Trinity News**

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## 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 before coming forward to commune.**

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.



**The Lamb** from *Das Neue Testament Deutzsch*. The image is from Martin Luther's (1483-1546) September Testament. The Lamb is worshiped in heaven as the earth is judged. Woodcut designed by Lucas Cranach, the Elder (1472-1553), a close friend of Martin Luther.