



TRINITY EVANGELICAL
LUTHERAN CHURCH

Lent 3
Sunday, March 4th, 2018

Guest Pastor Philip Gieschen
Pastor Daniel Witte

Welcome! Jesus died for everyone, so everyone is welcome among us. We are all glad you are here. We pray God's Word will bless and save you, and we cordially invite you to return.

Theme of the service: We meditate on Jesus' cross: what drove him to it, and what we derive from it.

Suggested silent prayer: Hymn 285, "The Ten Commandments Are the Law"

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HYMN 387

"Drawn to the Cross"

Stand

INVOCATION

M: In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C:  **Amen.**

CONFESSION OF SINS

M: Beloved in the Lord: let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins to God our Father, asking him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.

(Brief silence is kept, as you consider your place in life according to the Ten Commandments. Are you a father, mother, son, daughter, employer or employee? Have you been disobedient, unfaithful, or lazy? Have you hurt anyone? Have you been dishonest, careless, wasteful, or done other wrong?)

M: We confess:

C: Holy and merciful Father, I confess that I am by nature sinful and that I have disobeyed you in my thoughts, words, and actions. I have done what is evil and failed to do what is good. For this I deserve your punishment both now and in eternity. But I am truly sorry for my sins, and trusting in my Savior Jesus Christ, I pray; Lord, have mercy on me, a sinner.

C: ♪ Lord, have mercy on us. Christ, have mercy on us. Lord, have mercy on us.

M: [...] of the Father and of the Son (†) and of the Holy Spirit.

C: ♪ Amen.

PRAISE AND PRAYER

M: In the peace of forgiveness, let us praise the Lord.

C: ♪ Glory be to God on high, and on earth peace, good will toward men. We praise you, we bless you, we worship you, we glorify you, we give thanks to you, for your great glory, O Lord God, heav'nly King, God the Father almighty. O Lord, the only begotten Son, Jesus Christ; O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father, you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us. You take away the sin of the world; receive our prayer. You sit at the right hand of God the Father; have mercy on us. For you only are holy; you only are the Lord. You only, O Christ, with the Holy Spirit, are most high in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

M: The Lord be with you.

C: ♪ And also with you.

M: Lord Jesus, you promised that when the temple of your body was destroyed, you would raise it again in three days. Give us faith to rely on your death and resurrection, and give us the same zeal for our Father's house as you had; for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: ♪ Amen.

Be Seated

FIRST LESSON

Psalm 69:1–9, 20–21

Save me, O God, for the waters have come up to my neck.² I sink in the miry depths, where there is no foothold. I have come into the deep waters; the floods engulf me.

³ I am worn out calling for help; my throat is parched. My eyes fail, looking for my God.⁴ Those who hate me without reason outnumber the hairs of my head; many are my enemies without cause, those who seek to destroy me. I am forced to restore what I did not steal.

⁵ You know my folly, O God; my guilt is not hidden from you.⁶ May those who hope in you not be disgraced because of me, O Lord, the LORD Almighty; may those who seek you not be put to shame because of me, O God of Israel.⁷ For I endure scorn for your sake, and shame covers my face.⁸ I am a stranger to my brothers, an alien to my own mother's sons;⁹ for zeal for your house consumes me, and the insults of those who insult you fall on me.

²⁰ Scorn has broken my heart and has left me helpless; I looked for sympathy, but there was none, for comforters, but I found none.²¹ They put gall in my food and gave me vinegar for my thirst.

PSALM 19 (*Please turn to page 70 in the front of the hymnal. All sing the refrains and “Glory be to the Father ...”*)

SECOND LESSON

2 Corinthians 5:11–15

Since, then, we know what it is to fear the Lord, we try to persuade men. What we are is plain to God, and I hope it is also plain to your conscience.¹² We are not trying to commend ourselves to you again, but are giving you an opportunity to take pride in us, so that you can answer those who take pride in what is seen rather than in what is in the heart.¹³ If we are out of our mind, it is for the sake of God; if we are in our right mind, it is for you.

¹⁴ For Christ's love compels us, because we are convinced that one died for all, and therefore all died.¹⁵ And he died for all, that those who live should no longer live for themselves but for him who died for them and was raised again.

VERSE


M: “As Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, that whoever believes in him may have eternal life.” (John 3:14–15).

Stand

GOSPEL

John 2:13–22

M: . . . in John chapter two, beginning at verse thirteen.

C:  **Glory be to you, O Lord!**

When it was almost time for the Jewish Passover, Jesus went up to Jerusalem. ¹⁴ In the temple courts he found men selling cattle, sheep and doves, and others sitting at tables exchanging money. ¹⁵ So he made a whip out of cords, and drove all from the temple area, both sheep and cattle; he scattered the coins of the money changers and overturned their tables. ¹⁶ To those who sold doves he said, “Get these out of here! How dare you turn my Father’s house into a market!”


¹⁷ His disciples remembered that it is written: “Zeal for your house will consume me.”

¹⁸ Then the Jews demanded of him, “What miraculous sign can you show us to prove your authority to do all this?”

¹⁹ Jesus answered them, “Destroy this temple, and I will raise it again in three days.”

²⁰ The Jews replied, “It has taken forty-six years to build this temple, and you are going to raise it in three days?” ²¹ But the temple he had spoken of was his body. ²² After he was raised from the dead, his disciples recalled what he had said. Then they believed the Scripture and the words that Jesus had spoken.

M: This is the Gospel of our Lord!

C:  **Praise be to you, O Christ!**

NICENE CREED

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

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

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

Be Seated for the children's Gospel

HYMN 125


"When I Survey the Wondrous Cross"

SERMON

2 Corinthians 5:14

"LIVE IN THANKS FOR CHRIST'S LOVE"

Stand

C:  Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me. Cast me not away from your presence, and take not your Holy Spirit from me. Restore unto me the joy of your salvation, and uphold me with your free Spirit. Amen.

Be Seated

OFFERING & FRIENDSHIP REGISTER

Stand

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH AND LORD'S PRAYER

M: Father, all praise to you this day for your great kindness, even in letting us come to you in prayer. As we, so undeserving, ask you for help now, we pray for our nation's military and law enforcement personnel, and for our nation's leadership. Help Christians caught in wars anywhere. Uphold all your children worldwide to glorify you.

C: Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name.

M: We don't expect you to set up an earthly kingdom of goodness in this wicked world. But we beg you not to let evil triumph. Use wars and conflicts to draw soldiers, sailors and airmen to you. Start reigning in many new hearts, as your Spirit works faith in your Son. Keep building humble trust in Jesus within all your children.

C: Your kingdom come.

M: Give our congregation leaders wise love. Give our synod's leaders loving wisdom. Crush the satanic forces allied against the spread of your saving good news. Break and defeat every evil plan and purpose, whether of the violent and cruel or of the self-righteous. In all the areas in which we are not sure which way would be best,

C: Your will be done.

M: Protect every believer in Jesus from all the dangers that surround us, and give us thankful hearts for all the days of tranquility and safety we have enjoyed in the past. For believers forced into refugee camps and prisons far away, for our loved ones closer to home who are sick, hurting, recovering (including _____), for your daughters who are pregnant and those who would like to be, for our president and our governor, for our whole government, for our economy, for domestic security officers, for our troops, for families whose loved ones are so far away and in such danger we simply pray:

C: Give us this day our daily bread.

M: Do not dismiss our petitions because of our guilt before you. Heal any divisions among us. If economic troubles, job losses and any other worries nag us, have mercy on us again, for Jesus' sake. Rid all your children of any desires for revenge.

C: Forgive us our sins, as we forgive those who sin against us.

M: Thank you for leading us every step we take. Keep leading us into your word. Keep holding our whole congregation and each of us by the hand, and when the time is right, graciously take us from this world of sorrow to you in glory.

C: Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.

M: As we head into another week, by your Spirit give us zeal like Jesus showed in the temple. Give us wisdom from your Word. Give us faith, hope and love. In mercy, give all your children all we need: a stupendous request, but you tell us to pray, you can do anything, and your Son promises you will hear us.

C: For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours now and forever. Amen!

THE SACRAMENT

M: The Lord be with you.

C: ♪ And also with you.

M: Lift up your hearts.


C: ♪ We lift them up unto the Lord.

M: Let us give thanks to the Lord, our God.

C: ♪ It is good and right so to do.

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

HOLY, HOLY, HOLY


C:  **Holy, holy, holy Lord God of heavenly hosts: heav'n and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he, blessed is he, blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest.**

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

M: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C:  **Amen.**

O CHRIST, LAMB OF GOD

C:  **O Christ, Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have mercy on us. O Christ, Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world, have mercy on us. O Christ, Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; grant us your peace. Amen.**


Be Seated

We invite members of our church and churches in full agreement with us in the Bible's faith to come forward. If you are our guest today, please check with our pastor first if you have not come forward before for the Lord's Supper. He'll be delighted to discuss with you possible steps to joining us.

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(Sunday Only)

SONG OF SIMEON

C:  **Lord, now you let your servant de-part in peace according to your word. For my eyes have seen your salvation, which you have prepared before the face of all people, a light to lighten the Gentiles and the glory of your people Israel.**

M: O give thanks to the Lord, for he is good.

C:  **And his mercy endures forever.**

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

C:  **Amen.**

M: The Lord bless you and keep you. [...] and (†) give you peace.

C:  **Amen. Amen. Amen.**

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Thank you to Pastor Gieschen for sharing the Word of God with us this morning!

Due to the Carnival being set up there will be no coffee hour this morning but please join us in the church proper for our guest speaker, Philip Gieschen, who will be presenting information on wise, godly giving and financial planning. Then join us from 11:30-2:30 for the CEA Carnival!

Sunday school will meet in the 3 classrooms downstairs this weekend.

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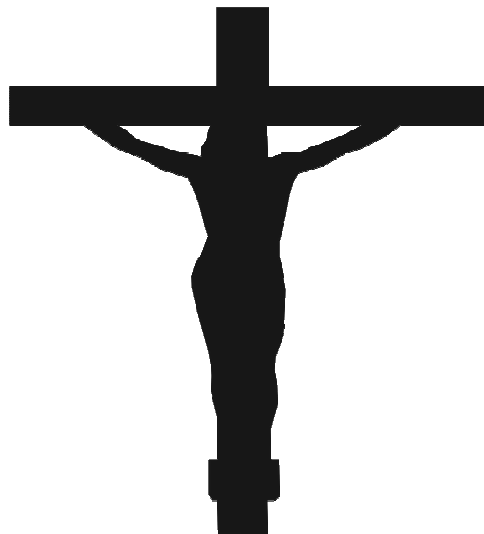
THE FINANCIAL RECORDERS kindly ask you to please put your name on the outside of your offering envelope along with the amount. This will help minimize mistakes and make their job much easier. Thanks so much for your consideration.

A prayer for willing witnesses of the One who came not to be served:

*Lord, lay some soul upon my heart,
And love him through my love,
And speak through me; give me a part
In leading him above.*

*Once crucified for me in shame,
You died to set me free.
Help me to share your saving name,
To love eternally.*

*When I get home and you I see,
Your saints all 'round appear,
May someone weep while hugging me:
'Thanks for your invite here.'*



Our Weekly Catechism Review Page

“You shall not give false testimony against your neighbor.” If that is what we should *not do*, what are we *to do*?

Below God helps us understand as he shows us another ancient Egyptian scene. (Last week we saw Joseph at a younger age, falsely accused by the wife of his Egyptian master, Potiphar.)

Now it is years later. God has made Joseph second only to Egypt’s Pharaoh. Joseph’s eleven brothers are scared, but he assures them after their father has died that he holds no grudge against them, though they had sold him into slavery when he was 18.

In a lovely example of speaking well and taking others’ unkind acts in the best possible way, Joseph tells them, “You intended to harm me, but God intended it for good to accomplish what is now being done, the saving of many lives” (*Genesis 50:20*).

When we speak this way, God’s Eighth Commandment is kept, the good reputation of others gets preserved, and God’s name is glorified.

What good reasons to defend others’ good names!



TRINITY NEWS

CEA CARNIVAL: Please join us today from 11:30-2:30 in support of Trinity Lutheran's School yearly fundraiser. Games, prizes, fellowship and fun are sure to be had. Thank you to all the families and businesses that have donated items, cash or their time to help run games, silent and pie auctions and food stands. It takes an army, (the whole congregation), to make this happen! This helps get special items for the school children of Trinity that aren't normally in the budget.

SATURDAY, MARCH 3 AND SUNDAY, MARCH 4 WELS gift planning counselor Philip Gieschen will be our guest preacher. He plans an informative presentation Sunday (10:30 to 11:30 a.m.) on wise, godly giving and financial planning. He is also available for free, private appointments.

LENTEN SOUP SUPPERS: We are still in need of a *group* or *family* to host a soup supper on March 14th. Please consider this.

EASTER FOR FAMILIES: On Friday, March 16th, Easter for Families will again be offered starting at 6:00 pm. A light supper will be served, followed by crafts, singing and an Easter message. Please sign up on the bulletin board if you can come so those in charge know how to plan. Hope to see you!

EASTER LILY ENVELOPES can be found in the narthex. The deadline for ordering is Sunday, March 18th. Each lily is \$10. The suppliers will also do tulips at \$10 each for a splash of color.

GAMES & GOSPEL will be hosting a lasagna supper on March 21. Please sign on up on the bulletin board in the narthex.

ORGAN REPAIR UPDATE: The second phase of the organ restoration has begun. We will be without an organ for a number of weeks. Please take a peek upstairs to see this project. Technicians hope to have this phase completed by Easter. Thank you to all who have donated to make this restoration possible.

THIS WEDNESDAY our guest preacher for our 7:00 p.m. service of Evening Prayer will be Matt Molstead, pastor of Peace Lutheran Church in N. Mankato.

BOOK FAIR: Our Spring book fair will be offered March 5-18 and will be set up in the narthex. It will offer gifts for confirmations, Easter gifts, Bibles, devotional books, etc. (Trinity's youth confirmation ceremony this year will be April 22.)

TRINITY NEWS

MARCH IS FOOD SHELF MONTH: The St. Peter area food shelf is once again participating in the statewide, month-long campaign to restock the food shelf. Over 2,856 families were served last year. Please collect and leave items for the food shelf in the wooden box in the Narthex and entry way. Lists are available for what can be collected. Monetary contributions are also welcome. Checks can be made out to SPAF. Donna Lange is our contact person.

KENNY OTTO, who has mowed our cemetery lawn, trimmed, and done weed control, the past years would be willing to hand over the job to someone else. We sincerely thank him for a job well done throughout the years. For job details, duties and pay, please see head Trustee Jeff Gens or check with Lori in the church office.

TRINITY OPEN HOUSE: We have one more open house coming up shortly: Tuesday, March 20, 9:00 to 11:00 a.m. and 5:30 to 7:00 p.m. For details, please check with Joe Gumm, our principal, or Julie Schmudlach in our preschool.

Please invite others to find out more about Christ-centered education for eternity at Trinity.

JON ENTER, son of our congregation and pastor at Divine Savior Lutheran in West Palm Beach, Florida, has been asked to consider a call to teach at St. Croix Lutheran High School in St. Paul.

Please also add Nicole Lehman to your prayers, as she ponders a call to teach math at Divine Savior Academy in Doral, Florida. Nicole, a member of our congregation, teaches math at MVL.

LWMS: The LWMS (Lutheran Women's Missionary Society) Minnesota Valley Circuit will have its Spring Rally at Trinity Lutheran in Nicollet, MN, on **April 21st, 2018**, from 8 am to 12:15pm. Opening Devotion and Meeting start at 9 am and the Topic of the Day Presentation will begin at 10:35 am. The Speaker is Rev. Larry Schlomer, World Missions Administrator. Our Rally Theme is "*Where in the World is the WELS?*". The morning will also include a Bible Study and Election of officers. A Lunch will be served 12:15pm. All ladies of our congregation are invited to attend. There are often men in attendance also. There are 27 member congregations and 10 other nonmember congregations that also attend. Come join us in worship, fellowship, learning about our Mission Field and how we are reaching to the world.

OTHER TRINITY NEWS

MARCH GAMES AND GOSPEL EVENTS: Want a chance to express your inner Irish? Friday, March 16 you will have your chance! The Lutheran Ceili Orchestra is performing at Martin Luther College at 8pm on the eve of St. Patrick's Day. Come early for a shamrock shake! Also, add the 21st to your calendar and help us serve supper for lent. Both sign up sheets will be on the bulletin board.

MEN OF TRUTH: The 3rd Annual Men of Truth Conference, *Leadership in Your Walk of Faith*, will be held March 17th at the MLC Auditorium, 8am-2pm. Three featured speakers will explore the topics of Christian Leadership in the Church, Career and Family. Continental breakfast and lunch included. Register for the event at menoftruth.org. Early registration discount ends March 12th, (\$29 early, on-line registration, \$39 at the door).

Lent Vespers at MLC: On Wednesday, March 21, Martin Luther College will host its annual Lent Vespers service in the Chapel of the Christ at 7:30 pm. You can reflect on our Savior's suffering through a beautiful choral Passion setting in the context of worship. Bob Chilcott's St. John Passion will be performed by the Chorale, Männerchor, and Women's Choir of MLC, assisted by soloists Michael Marquardt, Jon Hermanson, Kathryn Wurster, and Adrian Smith. The service will also be streamed and archived at www.mlc-wels.edu.

MINNESOTA OWLS (ORGANIZATION OF WELS LUTHERAN SENIORS) will hold their annual spring rally at Martin Luther College on Monday, April 16. Registration and fellowship will be held in the Chapel of the Christ from 9:00 to 10:20. To register (\$10.00 fee includes lunch in the cafeteria) contact Dale Markgraf at demarkgraf@gmail.com.

WELS INTERNATIONAL YOUTH RALLY is June 26-29, 2018 in Bowling Green, Ohio. Registration is \$345 if you register by April 30th. After that it is \$370. For more information see the flier on the narthex bulletin board or the pamphlets on the table.

MINNESOTA VALLEY LUTHERAN HIGH SCHOOL cordially invites you to several events next Sunday, March 4.

- 1) 10:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m., in the cafeteria: Booster Club pork chop meal. (Freewill offerings will support booster club projects.)
- 2) 1:30 p.m., in the gymnasium: Winter band concert, featuring the Symphonic Band and the Jazz Ensemble.

Thanks for supporting MVL and its students.

MVL ALSO INVITES YOU to its annual Booster Club auction on Sunday, March 18 in MVL's gymnasium. Doors will open at 11:00 a.m. with lunch available and time to view the selection of auction items.

This Week's Calendar

- Sunday:** Worship — 9:00 am
Bible Class & Sunday School — 10:30 am
CEA Carnival fundraiser—11:30am -2:30pm
- Monday:** Bible Study (*The Hiding Place*) — 7:00 pm
Dartball – Nicollet at Twins—7:00 pm
- Tuesday:** Elders—7:00 pm
- Wednesday:** Bible study—9:00 am
Catechism—4:30 pm
Soup supper-Worship Choir—5:30 pm
Lenten service—7:00 pm
- Friday:** Luther Prep BB tournament—NO School
- Saturday:** Worship — 5:30 pm



Our Response to God's Grace

Saturday attendance : 32
Sunday attendance: 112
Wednesday: 116

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| Operating (General Fund) | \$ 4144.95 |
| Missions | \$ 401.00 |
| MVL | \$ 295.00 |
| Capital Fund | \$ 225.00 |
| Electronic funds | \$ 10.00 |
| Organ Fund | \$ 50.00 |

Bulletin: Shirlee Enter

Organist: Lori Enter

Special Thanks to our video coordinators and ushers, singers & greeters.



March 2018

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| Sun | Mon | Tue | Wed | Thu | Fri | Sat |
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| Worship Service 9:00 am Sunday School 10:30 pm | 7 pm—Bible Study | 7 pm—Board of Ed. | 9 am— Bible Study 4:30 pm—Catechism 5:30 pm—Lenten Supper 6:15—Worship Choir 7 pm - Evening Prayer 7 pm—Children Sing | 1 1:30 pm—Ladies Guild | 2 | 3 5:30 pm—Worship Service |
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