

TRINITY EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH

Lent 5 Sunday, March 18, 2018

Pastor Daniel Witte Guest Pastor Daniel Balge

Welcome! May God be glorified in us in Christ, just as God was glorified in his Son when Jesus went to the cross for us.

Theme of the service: Jesus goes to the cross praying both for strength and for the Father's glory.

Suggested silent prayer: Hymn 122, "Sing, My Tongue, the Glorious Battle"

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HYMN 120

"What Wondrous Love is This"

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: Let us pray.

M: Lord Jesus, lifted up on the cross to glorify the Father and to draw all people to you: grant us grace to love all you command and desire all you promise, that among the swift and varied changes of the world, our hearts may be fixed where alone true joys are to be found, and in us the Father may be glorified through endless ages; for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

Be Seated

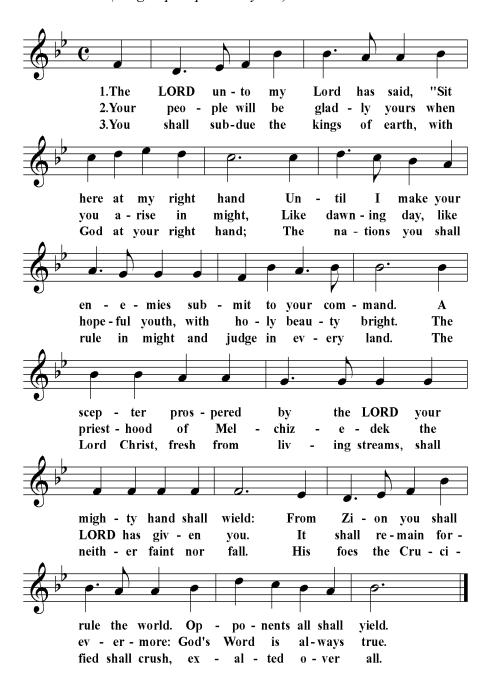
FIRST LESSON

Genesis 14:14-24

When Abram heard that his relative Lot had been taken captive, he called out the 318 trained men born in his household and went in pursuit as far as Dan. ¹⁵ During the night Abram divided his men to attack them and he routed them, pursuing them as far as Hobah, north of Damascus.

- ¹⁶ He recovered all the goods and brought back his relative Lot and his possessions, together with the women and the other people.
- ¹⁷ After Abram returned from defeating Kedorlaomer and the kings allied with him, the king of Sodom came out to meet him in the Valley of Shaveh (that is, the King's Valley).
- ¹⁸ Then Melchizedek king of Salem brought out bread and wine. He was priest of God Most High, ¹⁹ and he blessed Abram, saying, "Blessed be Abram by God Most High, Creator of heaven and earth. ²⁰ And blessed be God Most High, who delivered your enemies into your hand." Then Abram gave him a tenth of everything.
- ²¹ The king of Sodom said to Abram, "Give me the people and keep the goods for yourself."
- ²² But Abram said to the king of Sodom, "I have raised my hand to the LORD, God Most High, Creator of heaven and earth, and have taken an oath ²³ that I will accept nothing belonging to you, not even a thread or the thong of a sandal, so that you will never be able to say, 'I made Abram rich.' ²⁴ I will accept nothing but what my men have eaten and the share that belongs to the men who went with me— to Aner, Eshcol and Mamre. Let them have their share.

PSALM 110 (sung in paraphrase by all)



SECOND LESSON

Hebrews 5:1-10

Every high priest is selected from among men and is appointed to represent them in matters related to God, to offer gifts and sacrifices for sins. ² He is able to deal gently with those who are ignorant and are going astray, since he himself is subject to weakness. ³ This is why he has to offer sacrifices for his own sins, as well as for the sins of the people. ⁴ No one takes this honor upon himself; he must be called by God, just as Aaron was.

⁵ So Christ also did not take upon himself the glory of becoming a high priest. But God said to him, "You are my Son; today I have become your Father." ⁶ And he says in another place, "You are a priest forever, in the order of Melchizedek."

⁷ During the days of Jesus' life on earth, he offered up prayers and petitions with loud cries and tears to the one who could save him from death, and he was heard because of his reverent submission. ⁸ Although he was a son, he learned obedience from what he suffered ⁹ and, once made perfect, he became the source of eternal salvation for all who obey him ¹⁰ and was designated by God to be high priest in the order of Melchizedek.

VERSE

M: "The hour has come for the Son of Man to be glorified" (John 12:23).

Stand

GOSPEL John 12:20–33

M: ... in John chapter twelve, beginning at verse twenty.

C: Glory be to you, O Lord!

Now there were some Greeks among those who went up to worship at the Feast. ²¹ They came to Philip, who was from Bethsaida in Galilee, with a request. "Sir," they said, "we would like to see Jesus."

²² Philip went to tell Andrew; Andrew and Philip in turn told Jesus. ²³ Jesus replied, "The hour has come for the Son of Man to be glorified. ²⁴ I tell you the truth, unless a kernel of wheat falls to the ground and dies, it remains only a single seed. But if it dies, it produces many seeds.

²⁵ "The man who loves his life will lose it, while the man who hates his life in this world will keep it for eternal life.

²⁶ Whoever serves me must follow me; and where I am, my servant also will be. My Father will honor the one who serves me.

²⁷ "Now my heart is troubled, and what shall I say? 'Father, save me from this hour'? No, it was for this very reason I came to this hour. ²⁸ Father, glorify your name!"

Then a voice came from heaven, "I have glorified it, and will glorify it again." ²⁹ The crowd that was there and heard it said it had thundered; others said an angel had spoken to him.

³⁰ Jesus said, "This voice was for your benefit, not mine. ³¹ Now is the time for judgment on this world; now the prince of this world will be driven out. ³² But I, when I am lifted up from the earth, will draw all men to myself." ³³ He said this to show the kind of death he was going to die.

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.

Please be seated for the children's Gospel (Sunday only)

HYMN 110

"My Song Is Love Unknown"

SERMON

Jeremiah 31:31-34

"I WILL REMEMBER THEIR SINS NO MORE"

1. A promise made (31-32) 2. A promise kept (33-34)

Stand

C: Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit with-in 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. A-men.

Be Seated

OFFERING & FRIENDSHIP REGISTER

Stand

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH AND LORD'S PRAYER

- M: Almighty God, we thank you with all our hearts for your mercy which we receive every day through Jesus' holy life and innocent death.
- C: Father, glorify your name.
- M: We bless you for hearing our past pleas for others, and we ask you again to help those we know who are most in need in body and soul, including ______, and others we name in our hearts to you now. Give them health, tranquility and patience. Uphold and soothe them by your Son.
- C: Father, glorify your name.
- M: Give goodness, wisdom and protection to our president and the

other military leaders of our land. If it is your will, allow our nation's troops in harm's way to restore order and come home soon. Give war-torn countries new safety and calm. Defeat the will of all wicked warriors.

C: Father, glorify your name.

M: As your Son died to draw all people to himself, we pray for our brothers and sisters worldwide, from the Philippines to Russia to China to India to Thailand to Japan to Indonesia to Haiti to Cuba to Malawi to Zambia to Nigeria to Nepal. Build their faith and our unity in the truth. Increase their love and hope.

C: Father, glorify your name.

M: Bless Pastor Jon Enter with your wisdom to decide his call to teach in our high school in St. Paul. Bless our efforts here to invite others to our worship at the cross and the empty tomb. Use us to draw many more people to your crucified Son.

C: Father, glorify your name.

M: Forge us into a loving family here, Father, fix in us the conviction that you will honor all who serve your Son, and firm up our hatred for our lives in this world that we may keep them for eternal life.

C: Father, glorify your name.

M: So your Son taught us ever to pray:

C: Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins, as we forgive those who sin against us. Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. 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.

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 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 in the highest.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

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

C: Amen.

O CHRIST, LAMB OF GOD

C: SO 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

DISTRIBUTION

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.

DISTRIBUTION HYMNS 127, 112

(Sunday Only)

SONG OF SIMEON

C: Lord, now you let your servant depart 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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You are invited to join us for fellowship and Bible Class after our church service on Sunday. Treats, coffee and juice are in the gymnasium.

Our Bible hour starts about a half hour after the service. Teens meet above the kitchen. Adults meet in the Fireside Room, just down the hall from the gym, on the right. Adults are discussing I John, a profound and practical letter. Join us!

Our Weekly Catechism Review Page

Last week we visited Naboth's vineyard to see why God forbids us in his Ninth Commandment to covet our neighbor's house.

By "house," don't just think of a building someone lives in with a kitchen and bedrooms. That is, recall the story pictured below.

Saul had inherited from the LORD his position as anointed king over Israel. David had been anointed as Saul's successor by Samuel, but waiting was hard. Saul was vicious. Young David had to keep his heart pure from enviously coveting Saul's throne and getting rid of the king.

An opportunity seemed to come when David and Abishai crept into Saul's military camp at night and found the king and his bodyguard fast asleep. Abishai was all for putting a quick end to the king. David's troubles would be over! The throne would be his.

Abishai's spear is already poised to pin Saul to the earth. But David will not yield to the temptation. He puts out his hand to restrain his friend. Taking vengeance is not his business but the LORD's.

So 1) Saul was spared from premature death 2) David did not pollute his life with covetousness and murder, and 3) we see why God so lovingly commands *us* to be patient and content, not envious.



TRINITY NEWS

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

EASTER BREAKFAST SIGN UP: Please help us out Easter morning, April 1, by signing up on the narthex bulletin board for breakfast items:

- Egg bake (12 dishes needed, one signed up for so far)
- Coffee cake or muffins (12 needed, two signed up for so far)
- Fruit (pineapples, cantaloupe, grapes, strawberries, orange juice) and butter (one sign-up so far)

A number of people are needed for Saturday set up, Sunday serving and Sunday clean up. You can sign up on the bulletin board for these slots too. Thanks for helping out!

BOOK FAIR: Our Spring book fair orders end this Sunday. Please check out everything in the narthex. You will find gifts for confirmations, Easter gifts, Bibles, devotional books, etc. (Trinity's youth confirmation ceremony this year will be April 22.)

TRINITY OPEN HOUSE: We have one more school open house coming up this week: 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.

LENTEN SOUP SUPPERS: This Wednesday, March 21, our Games and Gospel group will be serving lasagna from 5:30 to 6:30 p.m. If you haven't signed up already, please do.

SCHOOL 150TH ANNIVERSARY MEETING is coming up this Thursday, March 22 at 7:00 pm. Come and help us plan!

EVIDENCE FOR EASTER: Explore the historical records for the resurrection of our Lord next Sunday, March 25 at 7:00 p.m. at Bethany Lutheran College's Trinity Chapel. Presenter: Allen Quist, author of the new CPH book *The Reason I Believe: The Basics of Christian Apologetics*.

Are the New Testament manuscripts reliable? What do secular historians say about the eyewitness testimonies? After the presentation, a Q&A session will follow.

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 north 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.

LWMS: The LWMS (Lutheran Women's Missionary Society) Minnesota Valley Circuit will have its Spring Rally *here at Trinity* Saturday, **April 21**, from 8 am to 12:15pm.

- Opening Devotion and Meeting start at 9 am.
- Main Presentation will begin at 10:35 am. The speaker is Rev. Larry Schlomer, World Missions Administrator.
- 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. Men are welcome too. People from twenty-seven member congregations and ten other nonmember congregations also attend. Come join us in worship, fellowship, learning about missions and how we are reaching to the world.

MARTIN LUTHER COLLEGE is now accepting applications for one full-time Custodian. A comprehensive description of this position can be found at mlc-wels.edu/hr. Interested individuals should apply online. Applications will be accepted through 12:00 pm (noon) on Tuesday, March 20, 2018. Additional information and details can be obtained by contacting the Martin Luther College Human Resources Office at 507-354-8221.

HELP WANTED: "We are inviting anyone interested in working at Jesus Loves Me Learning Center, North Mankato, MN to stop in or call 507 508 2041 or email lingjlm@hickorytech.net. Wages are competitive, working with kids is awesome and hours can be flexible." Jesus Loves Me Learning Center is located at 304 Monroe Avenue.

OTHER TRINITY NEWS

MVL INVITES YOU to its annual Booster Club auction this 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. (Auction starts at 1 p.m.)

THE MARTIN LUTHER COLLEGE CHOIR, under the direction of Prof. Adrian Smith, will present a choral concert titled, "The Way, the Truth, the Life" this Sunday, March 18, at 3 pm in the Chapel of the Christ. The concert will feature music for choir, congregation, and instruments that proclaim Jesus Christ as the only way of salvation. The program will include "If Ye Love Me" by Thomas Tallis, "Salvation unto Us Has Come" by Johannes Brahms, "In My Father's House" by Philip Stopford, "E'en So, Lord Jesus" by Paul Manz, and many others. A freewill offering will be gathered.

LENT VESPERS AT MLC: This 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.

MVL will be hosting an Open House and Registration at 6:30 pm this Tuesday, March 20th for all those interested in high school Christian Education.

MVL's SACRED CONCERT is next Wednesday, March 28th at 7:00 pm in the gym.

MLC INVITES YOU TO AN APRIL 8 PIANO CONCERT: The Summit Avenue Music Series presents solo pianist, Ralph Votapek in its final concert of the season. Votapek's early triumphs — as winner of the prestigious Naumburg Award and gold Medalist in the first Van Cliburn International Piano Competition — were an auspicious prelude to an even more remarkable career. In 2013 Mr. Votapek was awarded best foreign artist in recital by the Association of Argentine Music Critics. In May 2016 he returned to South America for the 25th time celebrating the 50th anniversary of his first tour there. Tickets are available in advance at the Chamber of Commerce, online at summitavenuemusic.com or at the door at \$13 for adults and \$5 for students.

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.

This Week's Calendar

Sunday: Worship — 9:00 am

Bible Class & Sunday School — 10:30 am

Monday: Bible Study — 7:00 pm

Tuesday: School Open House & Kindergarten Roundup 9-11 am

and 5:30-7 pm

Wednesday: Bible study—9:00 am

Catechism—4:15 pm

Lasagna Supper; Games & Gospel—5:30 pm

Worship Choir—6:15 pm Lenten service—7:00 pm

Thursday: 150th Anniversary meeting—7:00 pm

Saturday: Worship — 5:30 pm

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Our Response to God's Grace

Saturday attendance: 26 Sunday attendance: 122

Wednesday: 130

Operating (General Fund)	\$ 5051.00
Missions	\$ 279.00
MVL	\$ 110.00
Capital Fund	\$ 1055.00
Electronic funds	\$ 660.00
Grain gifting	\$ 737.46
Organ Fund (total at \$5143.00)	\$ 220.00

Bulletin: Ardie & Lori Enter for their 40th anniversary.

Organist: Annie Gumm

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



March 2018

TRINITY EV. LUTHERAN NICOLLET, MN PASTOR DANIEL WITTE

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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	I 1:30 pm—Ladies Guild	7	3 5:30 pm —Worship Service
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