

Trinity Lutheran Church

How Are You Feeling Today?

March 17, 2024

Fifth Sunday of Lent

Guilt



WELCOME

LENTEN LITANY

From water to wilderness:

**God's covenant continues;
God's kingdom comes near.**

On stone and in hearts:

**God's covenant continues;
God's kingdom comes near.**

From the ancestor of nations to the Son lifted up:

**God's covenant continues;
God's kingdom comes near.**

We follow Jesus on the Lenten path,
for where he is, we would be also.

OPENING HYMN:

Jesus Calls Us; o'er the Tumult (ELW 696)



1 Je - sus calls us; o'er the tu - mult of our
2 As of old Saint An - drew heard it by the
3 Je - sus calls us from the wor - ship of the
4 In our joys and in our sor - rows, days of
5 Je - sus calls us! By your mer - cy, Sav - ior,



life's wild, rest - less sea, day by day his clear voice
Gal - i - le - an lake, turned from home and toil and
vain world's gold - en store, from each i - dol that would
toil and hours of ease, still he calls, in cares and
may we hear your call, give our hearts to your o -



sound - ing, say - ing, "Chris - tian, fol - low me:"
kin - dred, leav - ing all for Je - sus' sake.
keep us, say - ing, "Chris - tian, love me more."
plea - sures, "Chris - tian, love me more than these."
be - dience, serve and love you best of all.

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

If we say we have no sin we deceive ourselves and the truth is not in us. Let us confess our sin to God who is faithful and just and who has promised to forgive our sin and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

Most merciful God,

we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not trusted you with our whole heart; we have not loved one another in deed and in truth. In your compassion forgive our sin and so uphold us by your Spirit that we may live and serve you in newness of life through Jesus Christ our light and our truth. Amen.

With joy, I proclaim to you that Almighty God, rich in mercy, abundant in love, forgives you all your sin and grants you newness of life in Jesus Christ.

Thanks be to God!

GREETING

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God,
and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.
And also with you.

KYRIE

Assistant:

Congregation:

In peace, in peace, let us pray to the Lord.
Lord, have mer - cy.

3rd time to Coda

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

Assistant:

For the Reign of God, and for peace through - out the
For your peo - ple here, who have come to give you
cy.

world, for the u - ni - ty of all, let us pray to the
praise, for the strength to live your Word, let us pray to the

Coda

Help, save, and de - fend us, O
cy.

Ending for Kyrie

God.
A - - - - - men.

NOW THE FEAST

Refrain

Congregation:

Now the feast and cel - e - bra - tion,
all of cre - a - tion sings for joy
to the God of life and love and
free - dom: praise and glo - ry for ev -
er - more!

Verse 1

Congregation or Congregation 1:

1. Now is the feast of the Lamb once
slain, whose blood has freed and u -
nit-ed us to be one great peo - ple of
God.

to Refrain

Verse 2

Congregation or Congregation 2:



2. Pow - er and rich-es, wis - dom and



might, all hon - or and glo - ry to Christ



for ev - er.

to Refrain

Verse 3

Congregation:



3. For God has come to dwell with us, to



make us peo - ple of God; to make



all things new.

to Refrain

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Presider:

Congregation:



The Lord be with you. And also with you.

E G#m C#m E7 A A/B E



Let us pray together.

Holy God, by the cross and resurrection of Jesus, you lift the suffering world toward hope and transformation and open the way to eternal salvation. As we move ever closer to the passion of Christ, may your law of love be written on our hearts as he draws all people to himself revealing your love for the world. Amen.

FIRST READING: Genesis 3:1-11

¹Now the serpent was more crafty than any other wild animal that the LORD God had made. He said to the woman, "Did God say, 'You shall not eat from any tree in the garden'?" ²The woman said to the serpent, "We may eat of the fruit of the trees in the garden; ³but God said, 'You shall not eat of the fruit of the tree that is in the middle of the garden, nor shall you touch it, or you shall die.'" ⁴But the serpent said to the woman, "You will not die; ⁵for God knows that when you eat of it your eyes will be opened, and you will be like God, knowing good and evil." ⁶So when the woman saw that the tree was good for food, and that it was a delight to the eyes, and that the tree was to be desired to make one wise, she took of its fruit and ate; and she also gave some to her husband, who was with her, and he ate. ⁷Then the eyes of both were opened, and they knew that they were naked; and they sewed fig leaves together and made loincloths for themselves.

⁸They heard the sound of the Lord GOD walking in the garden at the time of the evening breeze, and the man and his wife hid themselves from the presence of the Lord GOD among the trees of the garden. ⁹But the Lord GOD called to the man, and said to him, "Where are you?" ¹⁰He said, "I heard the sound of you in the garden, and I was afraid, because I was naked; and I hid myself." ¹¹He said, "Who told you that you were naked? Have you eaten from the tree of which I commanded you not to eat?"

SECOND READING: 1 John 1:1-2:2

¹We declare to you what was from the beginning, what we have heard, what we have seen with our eyes, what we have looked at and touched with our hands, concerning the word of life — ²this life was revealed, and we have seen it and testify to it, and declare to you the eternal life that was with the Father and was revealed to us — ³we declare to you what we have seen and heard so that you also may have fellowship with us; and truly our fellowship is with the Father and with his Son Jesus Christ. ⁴We are writing these things so that our joy may be complete.

⁵This is the message we have heard from him and proclaim to you, that God is light and in him there is no darkness at all. ⁶If we say that we have fellowship with him while we are walking in darkness, we lie and do not do what is true; ⁷but if we walk in the light as he himself is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus his Son cleanses us from all sin. ⁸If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. ⁹If we confess our sins, he who is faithful and just will forgive us our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness. ¹⁰If we say that we have not sinned, we make him a liar, and his word is not in us.

¹My little children, I am writing these things to you so that you may not sin. But if anyone does sin, we have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous; ²and he is the atoning sacrifice for our sins, and not for ours only but also for the sins of the whole world.

GOSPEL VERSE

Congregation:

Re - turn to God with all your heart, the

Source of grace and mer - cy; Come, seek the ten - der

faith - ful - ness of God.

Repeat optional

GOSPEL: LUKE 15:11-32

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

¹¹Then Jesus said, "There was a man who had two sons. ¹²The younger of them said to his father, 'Father, give me the share of the property that will belong to me.' So he divided his property between them. ¹³A few days later the younger son gathered all he had and traveled to a distant country, and there he squandered his property in dissolute living. ¹⁴When he had spent everything, a severe famine took place throughout 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 to his fields to feed the pigs. ¹⁶He would gladly have filled himself with the pods that the pigs were eating; and no one gave him anything. ¹⁷But when he came to himself he said, 'How many of my father's hired hands have bread enough and to spare, but here I am dying of hunger! ¹⁸I will get up 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 like one of your hired hands." ' "

²⁰So he set off and went to his father. But while he was still far off, his father saw him and was filled with compassion; he ran and put his arms around him and kissed him. ²¹Then 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 slaves, 'Quickly, bring out a robe — the best one — and put it on him; put a ring on his finger and sandals on his feet. ²³And get the fatted calf and kill it, and let us eat and celebrate; ²⁴for this son of mine was dead and is alive again; he was lost and is found!' And they began to celebrate.

²⁵Now his elder son was in the field; and when he came and approached the house, he heard music and dancing. ²⁶He called one of the slaves and asked what was going on. ²⁷He replied, 'Your brother has come, and your father has killed the fatted calf, because he has got him back safe and sound.' ²⁸Then he became angry and refused to go in. His father came out and began to plead with him. ²⁹But he answered his father, 'Listen! For all these years I have been working like a slave for you, and I have never disobeyed your command; yet you have never given me even a young goat so that I might celebrate with my friends. ³⁰But when this son of yours came back, who has devoured your property with prostitutes, you killed the fatted calf for him!' ³¹Then the father said to him, 'Son, you are always with me, and all that is mine is yours. ³²But we had to celebrate and rejoice, because this brother of yours was dead and has come to life; he was lost and has been found.'"

SERMON

SERMON HYMN: *Change My Heart, O God* (ELW 801)



Change my heart, O God; make it ev - er true.



Change my heart, O God; may I be like you.



You are the pot - ter; I am the clay.



Mold me and make me; this is what I pray.

APOSTLE'S CREED

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God's 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 to the dead.
On the third day he rose again;
he ascended into heaven,
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting.**

Amen.

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Trusting in God's promise to reconcile all things, let us pray for the church, the well-being of creation, and a world in need.

As the lector closes each petition:

Hear us, O God.

The people respond:

Your mercy is great.

Accompany us on our journey, God of grace, and receive the prayers of our hearts, through Jesus Christ, our Savior.

Amen.

PEACE

The peace of the Lord be with you always.

And also with you.

The people may greet one another with a sign of Christ's peace, and may say, "Peace be with you," or similar words.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

OFFERING

Please place offering in one of the Bulletin Stand offering plates at the end of worship as you leave the church.

OFFERTORY HYMN:

Take, Oh, Take Me As I Am (ELW 814)



Take, oh, take me as I am; sum - mon out what I shall be;



set your seal up - on my heart and live in me.

OFFERING PRAYER

Let us pray together.

Merciful God,

Everything in heaven and earth belongs to you. We joyfully release what you have entrusted to us. May these gifts be signs of our whole lives returned to you, dedicated to the healing and unity of all creation, through Jesus Christ. Amen.

COMMUNION

White grape juice and gluten-free wafers are available.

When giving the bread and cup, the communion ministers say

The body of Christ, given for you.

The blood of Christ, shed for you.

and each person may respond

Amen.

DISTRIBUTION MUSIC

Lord, Let My Heart Be Good Soil (ELW 512)

Break Now the Bread of Life (ELW 515)

POST COMMUNION BLESSING

May the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ and the gifts of his body and blood strengthen, keep and unite us, now and for ever.

Amen.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Let us pray together.

We give you thanks, O God, for the blessings of this table. May our lives be made new by these gifts of grace and may your love be made known through us. Amen.

BLESSING

May God bless you and keep you

May God's face shine on you and be gracious to you

May God look on you with favor and ✚ give you peace.

Amen.

SENDING HYMN: *Thy Strong Word* (ELW 511)



1 Thy strong word did cleave the dark - ness; at thy
2 Lo, on those who dwelt in dark - ness, dark as
3 Thy strong Word be - speaks us righ - teous; bright with
4 From the cross thy wis - dom shin - ing break - eth



speaking it was done. For cre - at - ed light we
night and deep as death, broke the light of thy sal -
thine own ho - li - ness, glo - rious now, we press toward
forth in con - qu'ring might; from the cross for - ev - er



thank thee, while thine or - dered sea - sons run.
va - tion, breathed thine own life - breath - ing breath.
glo - ry, and our lives our hopes con - fess.
beam - eth all thy bright re - deem - ing light.



Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Praise to thee who light dost send!



Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia with - out end!

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Serve the Lord.
Thanks be to God!

Serving in Worship

TODAY — Mar 17, 2024

Altar: Damion Liles
Reader: Martin Greller
Communion Assistant:
OPEN
Fellowship: OPEN

NEXT SUNDAY — Mar 25, 2024

Altar: Damion Liles
Reader: OPEN
Communion Assistant:
OPEN
Fellowship: OPEN

Trinity Happenings:

Sun, Mar 17:	9:00am 10:15am	Worship: Guilt w/ S. Boss Fellowship in Gruver Room
Mon, Mar 18:	9:00am 5:00pm	Becoming in Gruver Room TheologyPUB @ Coal Creek Downtown
Tue, Mar 19:	7:00pm	Council Meeting in Gruver Room
Wed, Mar 20:	10:00am 6:00pm 6:30pm	Women's Study in Gruver Room Soup Supper in Gruver Room Lent Worship: Grief w/ T. Edgar
Thu, Mar 21:	11:45am	MUGG Campus Meeting @ Rendezvous Café
Sun, Mar 24:	9:00am 9:00am 10:15am	Worship: Compassion w/ M. Rehwaldt Sunday School behind Gruver Room Fellowship in Gruver Room
Mon, Mar 25:	9:00am 5:00pm	NO <i>Becoming</i> NO TheologyPUB
Wed, Mar 27:	10:00am	NO Women's Bible Study
Thu, Mar 28:	6:30pm	Maundy Thursday Agape Worship
Fri, Mar 29:	6:30pm	Good Friday Worship
Sun, Mar 31:	9:00am 10:15am	Easter Worship Easter Fellowship
Mon, Apr 1:	9:00am 5:00pm	NO <i>Becoming</i> NO TheologyPUB
Wed, Apr 3:	10:00am 6:00pm 6:30pm	Women's Study in Gruver Room Wednesday Supper in Gruver Room Wednesday Worship in Gruver Room
Thu, Apr 4:	11:45am	MUGG Campus Meeting @ Rendezvous Café
Sun, Apr 7:	9:00am 9:00am 10:15am	Worship Service Sunday School behind Gruver Room Fellowship in Gruver Room

EASTER MONDAY

Office Closed

1 April 2024



QUESTIONS ABOUT GIVING? If you ever have any questions about your financial gifts to Trinity, please contact Trinity's financial secretary, Alison Shaver, at alebda@uwyo.edu. If you need an up-to-date statement of giving, please contact the church office.

2024 Year-To-Date as of January 31

Income - \$19,385.60
Expenses - \$16,733.60



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