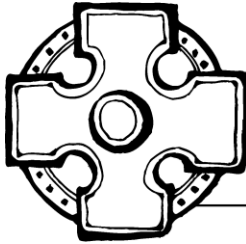


March 26, 2023



The Fifth Sunday In Lent

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Welcome! Thank you for joining us for worship! In our service we receive God's grace through his Word and sacraments. As he works to strengthen our faith in Jesus, we respond to his goodness with our prayers, praise, and offerings. We are glad to be here and glad that you have joined us today!

- Restrooms are located in the main hallway, narthex, and back classrooms.
- If you wish to step out of the service to calm your child, please feel welcome to use the Fellowship Hall or the Toddler Sunday School Room (located in the back corner classroom of the building, connected to the Fellowship Hall). Both of these rooms have televisions showing the worship service. Also, please do not hesitate to ask an usher or any member if you need help locating anything. We want to make you feel welcome.

Serving the Lord and Serving Us:

Pastor: Rev. Paul Jenkins

Service Volunteers:

Usher: 8:30: Steve Proksch
11:00: Lawrence Kovaciny

Jr. Usher: 8:30: Patrick Proksch
11:00: Daniel Kovaciny

Keyboard Operator: 8:30: Sandee Clay
11:00: Erika Ohlendorf

Livestream Producer: Jack Proksch

Today's Focus: The Lord in love sent his Son to save; the blood of Jesus' sacrifice is eternal, saving all who rest their faith with him. Our Lord has always been, still is, and always will be good. He is our eternally loving Lord. Our worship follows *Morning Praise*.

We Come into the Presence of God

PASTOR'S GREETING AND INTRODUCTION TO WORSHIP

MUSICAL INTRODUCTION

This is an opportunity to quiet your mind and heart and prepare for the joy of worshipping your God.

Stand

MORNING HYMN



1 Fa - ther, we praise you, now the night is o - ver, Ac - tive and
2 Mon - arch of all things, fit us for your man - sions; Ban - ish our
3 All - ho - ly Fa - ther, Son, and e - qual Spir - it, Trin - i - ty



watch - ful, stand - ing now be - fore you. Sing - ing, we of - fer
weak - ness, health and whole - ness send - ing. Bring us to heav - en,
bless - ed, send us your sal - va - tion. Yours is the glo - ry,



prayer and med - i - ta - tion; Thus we a - dore you.
where your saints u - nit - ed Joy with - out end - ing.
gleam - ing and re - sound - ing Through all cre - a - tion.

Invocation

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

M: O Lord, open my lips.

C: **And my mouth shall declare your praise.**

M: Hasten to save me, O God.

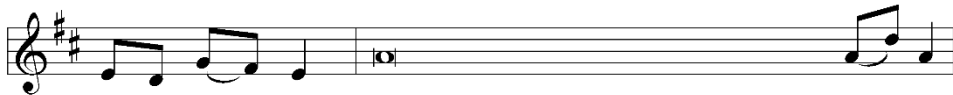
C: **O Lord, come quickly to help me.**

M: Behold the Lamb of God: let us worship him.

OH, COME, LET US SING TO THE LORD



C: Oh, come, let us sing to the Lord, let us make a joyful noise to the rock of



our sal - va - tion. Let us come into his presence with thanks-giv - ing,



let us make a joyful noise to him with songs of praise. For the Lord is a



great God and a great king a-bove all gods. The deep places of the earth are



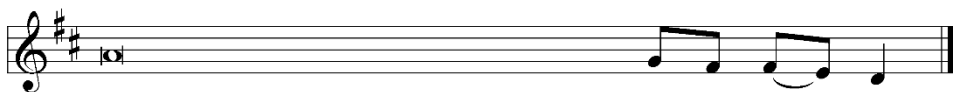
in his hand; the heights of the hills are al - so his. The sea is his, for he



made it, and his hand formed the dry land. Oh, come, let us worship and



bow down, let us kneel before the Lord our mak - er. For he is our God,



and we are the people of his pasture and the sheep of his hand.

M: Let us pray. Eternal God and Father, help us to remember Jesus, who obeyed your will and bore the cross of our salvation so that through his anguish, pain, and death we may receive forgiveness of sins and inherit eternal life; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

BE SEATED

THE WORD

FIRST LESSON AND SERMON TEXT

Exodus 3:1-15

Now Moses was shepherding the flock of Jethro, his father-in-law, a priest of Midian, and he led the flock to the far side of the wilderness and came to Horeb, the mountain of God. ²The Angel of the Lord appeared to him in blazing fire from within a bush. Moses saw that the bush was on fire, but the bush was not burning up. ³So he said, “I will go over and look at this amazing sight—to find out why the bush is not burning up.”

⁴When the Lord saw that Moses had gone over to take a look, God called to him from the middle of the bush and said, “Moses! Moses!”

Moses said, “I am here.”

⁵The Lord said, “Do not come any closer. Take your sandals off your feet, for the place where you are standing is holy ground.” ⁶He then said, “I am the God of your fathers, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob.”

Moses hid his face, because he was afraid to look at God.

⁷The Lord said, “I have certainly seen the misery of my people in Egypt, and I have heard their cry for help because of their slave drivers. Yes, I am aware of their suffering. ⁸So I have come down to deliver them from the hand of the Egyptians and to bring them up out of that land to a good and spacious land, to a land flowing with milk and honey, to the place of the Canaanites, the Hittites, the Amorites, the Perizzites, the Hivites, and the Jebusites. ⁹Now indeed, the Israelites’ cry for help has come to me. Yes, I have seen how the Egyptians are oppressing them. ¹⁰Come now, I will send you to Pharaoh to bring my people, the Israelites, out of Egypt.”

¹¹But Moses said to God, “Who am I, that I should go to Pharaoh, and that I should bring the Israelites out of Egypt?”

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¹² So he said, “I will certainly be with you. This will be the sign to you that I have sent you: When you have brought the people out of Egypt, you will serve God on this mountain.”

¹³ But Moses said to God, “If I go to the Israelites and say to them, ‘The God of your fathers has sent me to you,’ and they ask me, ‘What is his name?’ what should I say to them?”

¹⁴ So God replied to Moses, “I am who I am.” He also said, “You will say this to the Israelites: I am has sent me to you.”

¹⁵ God also told Moses, “Say this to the Israelites: ‘The Lord, the God of your fathers—the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob—has sent me to you. This is my name forever, and this is how I am to be remembered from generation to generation.’”

PSALM: 45

Read Responsively

M: My heart is stirred by a noble theme

C: as I recite my verses for the King.

M: You are the most excellent of men,

C: and your lips have been anointed with grace.

M: Gird your sword upon your side, O Mighty One;

C: clothe yourself with splendor and majesty.

M: In your majesty ride forth victoriously;

C: let your right hand display awesome deeds.

M: Your throne, O God, will last for ever and ever;

C: a scepter of justice will be the scepter of your kingdom.

M: You love righteousness and hate wickedness;

C: therefore God has anointed you with the oil of joy.

M: I will perpetuate your memory through all generations;

C: therefore the nations will praise you for ever and ever.

SECOND LESSON

Hebrews 9:11-15

Jesus gave his own life to be the one, eternal, perfect sacrifice for all sin.

But when Christ appeared as the high priest of the good things that were coming, he went through the greater and more complete tent, which was not made by human hands (that is, it is not part of this creation). ¹² He entered once into the Most Holy Place and obtained eternal redemption, not by the blood of goats and calves, but by his own blood. ¹³ Now if the blood of goats and bulls and the ashes of a heifer, sprinkled on those who were unclean, sanctifies them so that their flesh is clean, ¹⁴ how much more will the blood of Christ, who through the eternal Spirit offered himself without blemish to God, cleanse our consciences from dead works, so that we worship the living God?

¹⁵ For this reason, he is the mediator of a new covenant. A death took place as payment for the trespasses committed under the first covenant, so that those who are called would receive the promised eternal inheritance.

SEASONAL SENTENCE

M: Alleluia! The Son of Man did not come to be serve, but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many. Alleluia! (*Mark 10:45*)

STAND

GOSPEL

John 8:46-59

When Jesus says, "I am" he is calling himself the eternal God. His enemies understand this, and respond by trying to execute him for blasphemy. They fail because Jesus' claim is true, and it is not yet his Father's time for him to become the eternal sacrifice.

Who of you can convict me of sin? If I am telling the truth, why don't you believe me? ⁴⁷ Whoever belongs to God listens to what God says. The reason you do not listen is that you do not belong to God."

⁴⁸ The Jews responded, "Are we not right in saying that you are a Samaritan and have a demon?"

⁴⁹ Jesus answered, "I do not have a demon. On the contrary, I honor my Father, and you dishonor me. ⁵⁰ I do not seek my own glory. There is one who seeks it, and he is the judge. ⁵¹ Amen, Amen, I tell you: If anyone holds on to my word, he will certainly never see death."

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⁵² So the Jews said to him, “Now we know that you have a demon. Abraham died, and so did the prophets. Yet you say, ‘If anyone holds on to my word, he will certainly never taste death.’ ⁵³ You are not greater than our father, Abraham, are you? He died. And the prophets died. Who do you think you are?”

⁵⁴ Jesus answered, “If I glorify myself, my glory is nothing. It is my Father who glorifies me, about whom you say, ‘He is our God.’ ⁵⁵ Yet you do not really know him, but I do know him. If I said, ‘I do not know him,’ I would be a liar like you. But I do know him, and I hold on to his word. ⁵⁶ Your father Abraham was glad that he would see my day. He saw it and rejoiced.”

⁵⁷ The Jews replied, “You aren’t even fifty years old, and you have seen Abraham?”

⁵⁸ Jesus said to them, “Amen, Amen, I tell you: Before Abraham was born, I am.” ⁵⁹ Then they picked up stones to throw at him. But Jesus was hidden and left the temple area.

CONFESSION OF FAITH: THE SECOND ARTICLE, FROM LUTHER’S LARGE CATECHISM (KOLB-WENGERT TRANSLATION)

C: “And I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord. He was conceived by the Holy Spirit and born of the Virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended into hell. On the third day he rose from the dead. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of God, the Father almighty. From there he will come to judge the living and the dead.”

M: Here we get to know the second person of the Godhead, and we see what we have from God over and above the temporal goods mentioned above, namely, how he has given himself completely to us, withholding nothing. This article is very rich and far-reaching, but in order to treat it briefly for children, we shall take up one phrase and in it grasp the substance of the article so that everyone may learn from it, as we have said, how we are redeemed. We shall concentrate on these words, “in Jesus Christ, our Lord.” If anyone asks you, “What do you believe in the second article about Jesus Christ?” answer as briefly as possible,

C: “I believe that Jesus Christ, true Son of God, has become my Lord.”

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M: What is it to “become Lord”?

C: It means that he has redeemed and released me from sin, from the devil, from death, and from all misfortune. Before this I had no Lord or King, but was captive under the power of the devil. I was condemned to death and entangled in sin and blindness.

M: For when we were created by God the Father and had received from him all kinds of good things, the devil came and led us into disobedience, sin, death, and all misfortune. As a result, we lay under God’s wrath and displeasure, sentenced to eternal damnation, as we had merited it and deserved it. There was no counsel, no help, no comfort for us until this only and eternal Son of God, in his unfathomable goodness, had mercy on us because of our misery and distress and came from heaven to help us.

C: Those tyrants and jailers have now been routed, and their place has been taken by Jesus Christ, the Lord of life, righteousness, and every good and blessing. He snatched us poor, lost creatures, from the jaws of hell, won us, made us free, and restored us to the Father’s favor and grace.

M: As his own possession he has taken us under his protection and shelter, in order that he may rule us by righteousness, wisdom, power, life, and blessedness. Let this be the summary of this article, that the little word “Lord” simply means the same as Redeemer, that is, he who has brought us back from the devil to God, from death to life, from sin to righteousness, and keeps us there.

C: The remaining parts of this article simply serve to clarify and express how and by what means this redemption was accomplished – that is, how much it cost Christ and what he paid and risked in order to win us and bring us under his dominion.

M: But the proper place to explain all these points is not in the brief children’s sermon, but rather the longer sermons throughout the whole year. Indeed, the entire gospel that we preach depends on the proper understanding of this article.

C: Upon it all our salvation and blessedness are based, and it is so rich and broad that we can never learn it fully.

Be Seated

CHILDREN’S SERMON: “Why they Tried to Kill Jesus that Day”

HYMN OF THE DAY: 110, "My Song Is Love Unknown"



1 My song is love un - known, My Sav - ior's love to
 2 He came from his blest throne Sal - va - tion to be -
 3 Some - times they strew his way And his sweet prais - es
 4 Why? What has my Lord done? What makes this rage and
 5 They rise and needs will have My dear Lord made a -



me, Love to the love - less shown That they might
 stow, But such dis - dain! So few The longed - for
 sing, Re - sound - ing all the day Ho - san - nas
 spite? He made the lame to run; He gave the
 way. A mur - der - er they save; The Prince of



love - ly be. Oh, who am I That for my
 Christ would know! But oh, my friend, My friend in -
 to their King. Then "Cru - ci - fy!" Is all their
 blind their sight. Sweet in - ju - ries! Yet they at
 life they slay. Yet cheer - ful he To suff'r - ing



sake My Lord should take Frail flesh and die?
 deed, Who at my need His life did spend!
 breath, And for his death They thirst and cry.
 these Them - selves dis - please And 'gainst him rise.
 goes That he his foes From death might free.

6 In life no house, no home
 My Lord on earth might have;
 In death no friendly tomb
 But what a stranger gave.
 What may I say?
 Heav'n was his home
 But mine the tomb
 Wherein he lay.

7 Here might I stay and sing;
 No story so divine,
 Never was love, dear King,
 Never was grief like thine.
 This is my friend,
 In whose sweet praise
 I all my days
 Could gladly spend!

Text: Samuel Crossman, c. 1624–83, alt.

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SERMON

Text: Exodus 3:1-15

Theme: He is – And So Are You

OFFERING

Please take a moment to fill in the Friendship Register in the pew.

The members of Trinity make joyful offerings to support this church's ministry. A portion of our offerings is also used for the training of future pastors and teachers, and the worldwide mission work carried out by our fellowship, the Wisconsin Evangelical Lutheran Synod. Our guests are under no obligation to give, but any gifts freely given are welcome and will be put to work in service to God's kingdom.

Stand

LORD, HAVE MERCY

M: In the morning, O Lord, I call to you; be merciful to me and hear my prayer.

C: **Lord, have mercy. Christ, have mercy. Lord, have mercy.**

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

M: Let us pray, brothers, and sisters, for the Holy Christian Church throughout the world, that God the almighty Father gather and guide it so that we may worship him in peace and tranquility: Almighty and eternal God, you have shown your glory to all nations in Jesus Christ. Guide the work of your Church. Help it to persevere in the faith, proclaim your Word, and bring salvation to people everywhere. Lord, in your mercy,

C: **hear our prayer.**

M: Let us pray for our pastors and teachers and all leaders of the Church, and for all the people of God: Almighty and eternal God, your Spirit guides the Church and makes it holy. Strengthen and uphold all who serve you and your people. Keep them in health and safety for the good of the Church. Help each of us to do faithfully the work to which you have called us. Lord, in your mercy,

C: **hear our prayer.**

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M: Let us pray for those who do not believe in Christ, that the light of the Holy Spirit may show them the way to salvation: Almighty and eternal God, enable those who do not acknowledge Christ to receive the truth of his gospel. Help us, your Church, to grow in love for you and for one another, so that we become more perfect witnesses of your love for all people. Lord, in your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

M: Let us pray for those in public office, that God may guide their minds and hearts, so that all of us may live in true peace and freedom: Almighty and eternal God, graciously direct those who have been set in positions of authority, so that people everywhere may enjoy justice, peace, freedom, and a share in the goodness of your creation. Lord, in your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

M: Let us pray that the almighty and merciful Father may heal the sick, comfort the dying, give safety to travelers, and free those unjustly deprived of liberty: Almighty and eternal God, you give strength to the weary and new courage to those who have lost heart. In your mercy hear the prayers of all who call on you in any trouble, that they may have the joy of receiving your help in their need. We ask this through Christ, our Lord.

C: Amen.

LORD'S PRAYER

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.

M: Let us praise the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

BLESSING

M: The grace of our Lord (+) Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C: Amen.

CLOSING HYMN: 111, "Sweet the Moments, Rich in Blessing"



1 Sweet the mo - ments, rich in bless - ing, Which be -
 2 Here we rest in won - der, view - ing All our
 3 Here we find the dawn of heav - en While up -
 4 Oh, that, near the cross a - bid - ing, We may
 5 Lord, in lov - ing con - tem - pla - tion Fix our



fore the cross we spend, Life and health and peace pos -
 sins on Je - sus laid; Here we see re - demp - tion
 on the cross we gaze, See our tres - pass - es for -
 to the Sav - ior cleave, Naught with him our hearts di -
 hearts and eyes on you Till we taste your full sal -



sess - ing From the sin - ner's dy - ing friend.
 flow - ing From the sac - ri - fice he made.
 giv - en, And our songs of tri - umph raise.
 vid - ing, All for him con - tent to leave!
 va - tion And your un - veiled glo - ry view.

Text: Walter Shirley, 1725-86, alt.

Tune: RINGE RECHT (87 87) *Erbaulicher Musicalischer Christen-Schatz*, Basel, 1745, alt.

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Women's Bible Study - Saturday, April 1

Looking for an opportunity to grow in God's Word and for fellowship with other women? We'd love to have you join our next Women's Bible Study on Saturday, April 1 at 9:00 am at Trinity (changed from April 8). We will discuss Chapter 7 of "Coffee with the Savior" by Kristen Myers. You may join the Bible Study anytime; each chapter stands on its own. Copies of the book can be found in the narthex.

Lenten Suppers

During the remaining Wednesday of Lent (March 29), we will have potluck supper. Doors will open at 5:30, with supper at 6:00 and a brief Lent devotion at 6:30. Beverages, tableware and silverware will be provided. Please bring a dish to pass if you can. But even if you can't, please come anyway!

Trinity's 3rd Annual Easter Egg Hunt

Trinity's Easter Egg Hunt outreach event for our neighborhood will be on Saturday, April 1, at 2pm. Besides showing kindness, the Egg Hunt also gives us the chance to invite families from around Trinity to Holy Week worship and Vacation Bible School.

Here's how you can help: Throughout the month of March, bring donations of small, individually wrapped Easter candy and plastic eggs to the Fellowship Hall. If you'd rather give a cash donation to pastor and have him buy stuff on your behalf, that works too.

Also, on the day of the hunt a little volunteer help is needed to staff the Welcome Table where VBS and Easter worship invitations will be distributed; also a little help laying out the eggs (around noon) and cleaning up afterward (around 2:30) would be great. If you can help, please speak to pastor. Thank you!

Voters' Meeting – TODAY

Trinity's next quarterly voters' meeting will be held online Sunday, March 26 at 1:30pm. A zoom link and agenda will be coming to voters' inboxes from President Steve Proksch.



Vacation Bible School

It's time to register for this year's VBS, which will be held here at Trinity July 17-21 from 9:00-11:30 am. Come join us for a Stellar VBS where kids will have a blast shining Jesus' light to the world. We're looking forward to sharing God's Word, singing songs, making crafts, playing games, and of course, having some awesome snacks together. VBS is for kids ages 3 (and potty trained) to those entering 6th grade in the fall. Please register here: <https://vbspro.events/p/events/trinity2023> or scan the QR Code below



If you have any questions, or would like to volunteer, please contact Erika Ohlendorf (erika.ohlendorf@gmail.com). Kids entering 7th grade and older may volunteer as helpers.

Small Choir

Trinity's small choir sings once a month during Worship. Anyone is welcome to join! We'll sing hymns from our hymnal, Christian Worship. If you are interested in joining, please let John or Erika Ohlendorf know.

Church-Wide Yard Sale – April 15

Our annual church-wide yard sale will be held Saturday, April 15! Start your spring cleaning off right by bringing us all your unwanted clothing, shoes, toys, housewares, small appliances, books, etc. Beginning after Sunday school (11 am) on Sunday, April 2, you can drop off your donations in the big classroom (next to Pastor's office). Please, NO large appliances or other large items.

We'll need some volunteers to help sort those items before the yard sale, to help set up the yard sale the morning of April 15, and to help take any unsold items to the thrift stores at 11am on April 15. Let Rachel Kovaciny know if you are willing and able to help with any of those. (Rain date is Saturday, April 22.)

As always, all money raised at the yard sale will go straight into the Sunday school's mission offering, which supports the Kids C.A.R.E. ministries organized by our synod.

Wine and Word Bible Study – On Break Until Thursday, 4/20

The Wine and Word Bible Study meets at the home of Bruce and Dawn Knox. Their home is located just 5 minutes from the church in Old Bridge Estates. We meet the 1st and 3rd Thursdays from 7-8:30pm. We are studying the book of Revelation with Larry Kovaciny as our guide. Those who wish can bring a bottle of wine and small bite appetizer. Come and join us whether you drink wine or not! Contact Dawn at 703-615-9320 or dawn.f.knox@gmail.com to RSVP.

Youth Activities Coming This Summer

Camp Chi Rho will take place July 24-28, 2023. The location is moving from Elk Neck, MD to Shenandoah River State Park. This new location is more centralized and has more comfortable accommodations (A/C cabin rooms) while still maintaining the possibility to tent camp. And, who can pass up the world class finishing in the Shenandoah River? The cost will be roughly \$25 a night. Camp Chi Rho is for kids finishing grades 4-8. Kids finishing grades 9-12 can attend as "counselors." For more information, please visit campchirho.org.

The next regional youth rally, for students finishing grades 8-12, is planned for July 10-13, 2023 at Slippery Rock University (50 minutes north of Pittsburgh). The overall theme will center on relationships (with God, with others, and with ourselves). More detailed information will be available in the coming months.

Help Needed with New Mover Welcome Packages

Each month Trinity delivers welcome care packages to new residents in our nearby neighborhood. We have a dedicated but small crew undertaking this project. If you would like to help, either providing care packages or delivering them, please speak to pastor. We are trying to make friends, inviting contact with as many new neighbors as possible, but need more help. Thank you for considering.

Ushers and Usher Assistants Needed

A sign-up sheet is sent via email through Sign-up Genius. You are welcome to fill in as many Sundays as you are available. If you would like to become part of the regular rotation of ushers, or even just fill in once in a while when needed, please speak to Worship Elder Matt Popelier. If you are not getting the emails for Sign-Up Genius, please email admin@trinityofwoodbridge.org

Our Little Free Library

Our Little Free Library always welcomes donations of books and food! If the library outside is full, you can place donations in the white plastic bin in the Fellowship Hall right beside the door to the hallway.

Lord's Supper Available to All Members

If you are a confirmed member of Trinity and waiting to return to the sanctuary for worship, Pastor would be happy to commune you at home, or anywhere else you would like to meet. Just contact him at (309) 433-5807 or revpauljenkins@yahoo.com with a date, time, and place, and he will make it work

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