

*The Living Word:
A Good Defense*

March 9, 2025



The First 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

Today's Focus: Jesus is our Great Deliverer from the Devil, as well as our perfect example of how to use God's Word to defend our faith against every Satanic scheme. Our worship follows *Service of the Word*.

We Come into the Presence of God

MUSICAL INTRODUCTION

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

OPENING HYMN: 114, Christ, the Life of All the Living, verses 1-4



1 Christ, the Life of all the liv - ing, Christ, the Death of
2 Thou, ah, thou hast tak - en on thee Bonds and stripes, a
3 Thou hast borne the smit - ing on - ly That my wounds might
4 Heart - less scof - fers did sur-round thee, Treat - ing thee with



death, our foe, Who, thy - self for me once giv - ing
cru - el rod; Pain and scorn were heaped up - on thee,
all be whole; Thou hast suf - fered, sad and lone - ly,
cru - el scorn, And with pierc - ing thorns they crowned thee.



To the dark - est depths of woe— Through thy suf-f'rings,
O thou sin - less Son of God! Thus didst thou my
Rest to give my wea - ry soul; Yea, the curse of
All dis - grace thou, Lord, hast borne That as thine thou



death, and mer - it I e - ter - nal life in - her - it.
soul de - liv - er From the bonds of sin for - ev - er.
God en - dur - ing, Bless - ing un - to me se - cur - ing.
might - est own me And with heav'n - ly glo - ry crown me.



Thou - sand, thou - sand thanks shall be, Dear - est Je - sus, un - to thee.
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Evangelical Lutheran Hymn-Book, St. Louis, 1912, st. 3-4, 6.

Tune: JESU, MEINES LEBENS LEBEN (87 87 88 77) *Das grosse Cantional*, Darmstadt, 1687, alt.

Stand

INVOCATION

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

Congregation: And also with you.

CONFESSION OF SINS

M: We have come into the presence of God, who created us to love and serve him as his dear children. But we have disobeyed him and deserve only his wrath and punishment. Therefore, let us confess our sins to him and plead for his mercy.

C: Merciful Father in heaven, I am altogether sinful from birth. In countless ways I have sinned against you and do not deserve to be called your child. But trusting in Jesus, my Savior, I pray: Have mercy on me according to your unfailing love. Cleanse me from my sin, and take away my guilt.

M: God, our heavenly Father, has forgiven all your sins. By the perfect life and innocent death of our Lord Jesus Christ, he has removed your guilt forever. You are his own dear child. May God give you strength to live according to his will.

C: Amen.

PRAYER AND PRAISE

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

OH, TASTE AND SEE

C: Oh, taste and see that the Lord is good. Bless - ed are
they who take ref - uge in him. Your Word, O Lord, is e -
ter - nal; it stands firm in the heav -
ens. Your faith - ful - ness con - tin - ues for -
ev - er. Oh, taste and see that the Lord is good.
Bless - ed are they who take ref - uge in him.

The musical score is written in treble clef with a key signature of two sharps (F# and C#) and a 4/4 time signature. It consists of six staves of music. The lyrics are placed below the notes, with hyphens indicating syllables that span across multiple notes. The piece concludes with a double bar line.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

M: Let us pray. Lord our strength, the battle of good and evil rages within and around us, and our ancient foe tempts us with his deceits and empty promises. Keep us steadfast in your Word, and when we fall, raise us up again and restore us through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

Be seated

THE WORD

FIRST LESSON

1 Samuel 17:4-11, 32-40, 45-49

David is perhaps the most Christ-like figure in the Old Testament. Here he stands on the battlefield and slays an evil foe, just as in the Gospel Jesus battles the Evil Foe and defeats him. In both cases, the conquerors use weapons that seem humble on the surface, but have the power of God behind them.

A challenger who represented the Philistines came out from the camp of the Philistines. He was named Goliath of Gath. He was nine feet, six inches tall. ⁵He had a bronze helmet on his head, and he wore scaled body armor, which was made of more than one hundred pounds of bronze. ⁶He had bronze greaves on his shins and a bronze spear slung between his shoulders. ⁷The shaft of his spear was like a weaver's beam, and his spearhead was made of fifteen pounds of iron. His shield bearer went out ahead of him.

⁸He would stand up and shout to the armies of Israel, "Why have you come out to line up in battle formation? I am a Philistine, and you are servants of Saul, aren't you? Choose a man to represent you, and let him come down to me. ⁹If he is able to fight with me and kill me, we will be your servants. But if I overcome him and kill him, you will become our servants, and you will serve us." ¹⁰The Philistine would say, "I defy the ranks of Israel today! Give me a man, and we will fight each other!" ¹¹When Saul and all Israel heard those words of the Philistine, they lost their courage and were terrified.

³²David said to Saul, "Do not let anyone lose heart because of this Philistine! Your servant will go and fight him."

³³But Saul said to David, "You cannot go against this Philistine to fight with him, because you are just a boy, and he has been a warrior since he was a youth."

³⁴David said to Saul, "Your servant has been taking care of his father's sheep. When a lion or a bear came and took a lamb from the flock, ³⁵I went after it and struck it and rescued the lamb out of its mouth. When the lion reared up against me, I grabbed it by its mane, struck it, and killed it. ³⁶Your servant struck both the lion and the bear. This uncircumcised Philistine will be like one of them, since he has defied the ranks of the living God." ³⁷David added, "The LORD, who delivered me from the paw of the lion and from the paw of the bear, will deliver me from the hand of this Philistine."

Saul said to David, "Go then! May the LORD be with you." ³⁸So Saul dressed David in his own gear. He placed a bronze helmet on his head and dressed him in scaled body armor. ³⁹David strapped his sword over his gear. David tried to walk around in them, since he had never trained with this kind of equipment before.

David said to Saul, "I cannot go in these, because I have never trained with them." So David took them off.

⁴⁰Then David took his staff in his hand and picked five smooth stones out of the stream bed and put them into the pouch of his shepherd's bag. He took his sling in his hand and approached the Philistine.

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⁴⁵ Then David said to the Philistine, “You come against me with a sword, with a spear, and with a javelin, but I come against you in the name of the LORD of Armies, the God of the ranks of Israel, whom you have defied. ⁴⁶ Today the LORD will hand you over to me. I will strike you down and cut off your head. Today I will give the dead bodies of the army of the Philistines to the birds of the air and to the wild animals of the earth. Then all the earth will know that there is a God in Israel, ⁴⁷ and all those gathered here will know that the LORD does not save with sword and spear, for the battle belongs to the LORD, and he will deliver you into our hand.”

⁴⁸ Then, when the Philistine started advancing to attack David, David ran quickly toward the battle line to meet the Philistine. ⁴⁹ David put his hand into his bag, took a stone from it, shot it from his sling, and struck the Philistine on the forehead. The stone sank into his forehead, and he fell facedown to the ground.

PSALM OF THE DAY: 91

Read responsively

M: He who dwells in the shelter of the Most High

C: will rest in the shadow of the Almighty.

M: I will say of the LORD,

C: “He is my refuge and fortress, my God, in whom I trust.”

M: You will not fear the terror of the night,

C: nor the arrow that flies by day.

M: If you make the Most High your dwelling,

C: then no harm will befall you, no disaster will come near your tent.

M: For he will command his angels concerning you

C: to guard you in all your ways;

M: they will lift you up in their hands,

C: so that you will not strike your foot against a stone.

SECOND LESSON

Hebrews 4:14-16

Jesus the Son of God is our perfect High Priest: he sacrifices himself to purify us from all sin, and pleads for us before the throne of heaven. Through him, we receive the grace of God's salvation as well as the privilege to approach his throne.

Therefore, since we have a great high priest, who has gone through the heavens, namely, Jesus the Son of God, let us continue to hold on to our confession. ¹⁵ For we do not have a high priest who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses, but one who has been tempted in every way, just as we are, yet was without sin. ¹⁶ So let us approach the throne of grace with confidence, so that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need.

VERSE OF THE DAY

M: Alleluia! "It is written: 'Worship the Lord your God and serve him only.'" Alleluia!
(*Matthew 4:10b*)

Stand

GOSPEL AND SERMON TEXT

Luke 4:1-13

Jesus, full of the Holy Spirit, returned from the Jordan and was led by the Spirit in the wilderness, ² where he was tempted by the Devil for forty days. He did not eat anything during those days. When they came to an end, he was hungry. ³ The Devil said to him, "If you are the Son of God, tell this stone to become bread."

⁴ Jesus answered him, "It is written: 'Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word of God.'"

⁵ The Devil led him up to a high mountain and showed him all the kingdoms of the world in a moment of time. ⁶ The Devil told him, "I will give you all this power and the glory of these kingdoms, because it has been entrusted to me, and I can give it to anyone I want. ⁷ So, if you worship me, it will all be yours."

⁸ Jesus answered him, "It is written: 'You shall worship the Lord your God and serve him only.'"

⁹ The Devil led him to Jerusalem and had him stand on the pinnacle of the temple. "If you are the Son of God," he said, "throw yourself down from here, ¹⁰ because it is written:

He will command his angels concerning you, to protect you.

¹¹ And,

they will lift you up with their hands,
so that you will not strike your foot against a stone."

¹² Jesus answered him, "It says: 'You shall not test the Lord your God.'"

¹³ When the Devil had finished every temptation, he left him until an opportune time.

M: The Gospel of our Lord.

C: Praise be to you, O Christ!

Be Seated

CHILDREN'S SERMON: David and Goliath; Jesus and the Devil

HYMN OF THE DAY: 200, A Mighty Fortress is Our God



1 A might - y for - tress is our God, A trust - y shield
2 With might of ours can naught be done; Soon were our loss
3 Though dev - ils all the world should fill, All ea - ger to
4 The Word they still shall let re - main, Nor an - y thanks



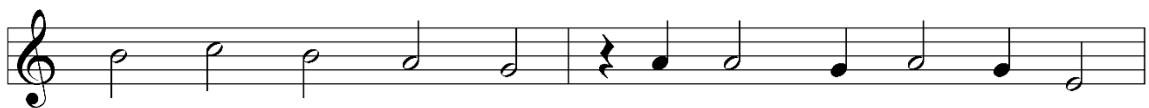
and weap - on; He helps us free from ev - 'ry need
ef - fect - ed. But for us fights the val - iant one
de - vour us, We trem - ble not, we fear no ill;
have for it; He's by our side up - on the plain



That has us now o'er - tak - en. The old
Whom God him - self e - lect - ed. You ask,
They shall not o - ver - pow'r us. This world's
With his good gifts and Spir - it. And do



e - vil foe Now means dead - ly woe;
"Who is this?" Je - sus Christ it is,
prince may still Scowl fierce as he will,
what they will— Hate, steal, hurt, or kill—



Deep guile and great might Are his dread arms in fight;
The al - might - y Lord. And there's no oth - er God;
He can harm us none. He's judged; the deed is done!
Though all may be gone, Our vic - to - ry is won;



On earth is not his e - qual.
He holds the field for - ev - er.
One lit - tle word can fell him.
The king - dom's ours for - ev - er!

Text: Martin Luther, 1483–1546; tr. composite.
Tune: EIN FESTE BURG (87 87 55 56 7) Martin Luther, 1483–1546.

SERMON

TEXT: Luke 4:1-13

THEME: The Word of God: A Good Defense

Stand

APOSTLES' CREED

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

**I believe in Jesus Christ, his 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 into hell.

The third day he rose again 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.

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

Be Seated

OFFERING

Please take a moment to sign the friendship register found in your 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

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

M: Heavenly Father, you loved the world and gave your Son to liberate us from sin and death by his obedient death on the cross.

C: We confess that without your love we are lost.

M: Lord of the Church, we thank you for the treasure of the gospel. By your Spirit, keep our eyes fixed on Jesus, the author and perfecter of our faith.

C: Strengthen our determination to do what pleases you, no matter what the danger or cost.

M: Let us pray for those who carry a cross in the name of Christ and face ridicule and persecution for the sake of the kingdom: missionaries and chaplains, young people who stand up for what is right in the face of pressure to do what is wrong, and all who pay a high price for their faith and values as Christians.

C: By your Spirit, O Lord, grant them patience and endurance.

M: Let us pray for those who carry heavy burdens in life: the sick and chronically ill, the depressed and lonely, those torn by conflict in personal relationships, those victimized by war and injustice, and all who face the terrors of life with a heavy heart.

C: Grant them peace, O Lord, and in your mercy, be their guardian and friend, their comfort and hope.

M: Let us pray for those who care for others: pastors and counselors; physicians and nurses; social workers and caring friends; all who feed the hungry, comfort the hurting, and stand beside the dying.

C: Strengthen them in their work, O Lord, and do not let them become weary in doing good.

Special Prayers

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: O Lord God, our heavenly Father, pour out the Holy Spirit on your faithful people. Keep us strong in your grace and truth, protect and comfort us in all temptation, and bestow on us your saving peace, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

BLESSING

M: Brothers and sisters, go in peace. Live in harmony with one another. Serve the Lord with gladness.

The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you.

The Lord look on you with favor and (+) give you peace.

C: Amen.

Be Seated

CLOSING HYMN: 114, Christ, the Life of All the Living, verses 5-7

5 Thou hast suf - fered men to bruise thee That from pain I
might be free; False - ly did thy foes ac - cuse thee—
Thence I gain se - cu - ri - ty. Com - fort - less thy
soul did lan - guish Me to com - fort in my an - guish.
Thou - sand, thou - sand thanks shall be, Dear - est Je - sus, un - to thee.

6 Thou has suffered great affliction
And hast borne it patiently,
Even death by crucifixion,
Fully to atone for me.
Thou didst choose to be tormented
That my doom should be prevented.
Thousand, thousand thanks shall be,
Dearest Jesus, unto thee.

7 Then, for all that wrought my pardon,
For thy sorrows deep and sore,
For thine anguish in the garden,
I will thank thee evermore,
Thank thee for thy groaning, sighing,
For thy bleeding and thy dying,
For that last triumphant cry,
And shall praise thee, Lord, on high.

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Wine and Word Bible Study – March 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 7-8:30 pm. Those who wish can bring a bottle of wine and a 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.

Lenten Suppers

On the five remaining Wednesdays of Lent, potluck suppers will start in the Fellowship Hall at 6, followed by short devotions around 6:30. Everyone is welcome!

Fifth Annual Easter Egg Hunt

Trinity's next outreach event will be our Fifth Annual Easter Egg Hunt on Saturday, April 12 at 2pm. Eggs filled with candy will be ordered again this year, but you're welcome to add your own to the stash, if you'd like. Our goal is to show kindness and also invite our unchurched neighbors to join us for Holy Week worship. This is a low-volunteer event, but a few will be needed to supervise and to staff a welcome table. If you'd like to help, please speak to pastor. Thank you!

Catechism Essays; Confirmation Sunday

Our two young friends Carice Hendricks and Mary McKnight will read their Catechism essays to the congregation at the top of the 11:00 service on Sunday, April 6. The purpose of the essays is to demonstrate that they have been instructed in the basic truths of God's Word as laid out in Luther's Small Catechism, and are therefore prepared to confess their face publicly and to begin communing on Confirmation Sunday.

The Rite of Confirmation will be held in the 11:00 service on Palm Sunday, April 13, with cake and celebration time following in the Fellowship Hall.

April Communion Dates

Please note that Holy Communion will be celebrated in April on the first, second, and fourth Sundays (April 6, 13, and 27). This is so that there will be Communion on Confirmation Sunday, but not on Easter Sunday when many guests from outside our fellowship often worship with us.

February Attendance

2nd: Worship: 35+79=114; Bible class: 31

9th: 30+47=77; N/A

16th: 35+32=77; 25

23rd: 37+32=69; 30

Trinity's Little Free Library is one of our church's most effective tools for reaching out to our neighborhood. Many families in the area around Trinity regularly visit our LFL for books and shelf-stable food items, especially those who are experiencing food scarcity. Particularly useful are canned or boxed foods that do not require additional ingredients besides water to prepare. Books are always welcome, too, of course! If the shelves happen to be full, there is a donation bin for overflow items in the Fellowship Hall beside the door to the hallway.

Small Choir

Trinity's choir sings about 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.

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 Andy Lutz. If you have any questions or are not getting the emails for Sign-Up Genius, please email worship@trinityofwoodbridge.org. You can also scan this code to sign up:



Lord's Supper Available to All Members

If you are a confirmed member of Trinity, 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.



What Keeps You Going?

<https://wels.net/family-devotion/fd20250207/>

Jesus left the synagogue and went to the home of Simon. Now Simon's mother-in-law was suffering from a high fever, and they asked Jesus to help her. So he bent over her and rebuked the fever, and it left her. She got up at once and began to wait on them. At sunset, the people brought to Jesus all who had various kinds of sickness, and laying his hands on each one, he healed them. Moreover, demons came out of many people, shouting, "You are the Son of God!" But he rebuked them and would not allow them to speak, because they knew he was the Messiah. At daybreak, Jesus went out to a solitary place. The people were looking for him and when they came to where he was, they tried to keep him from leaving them. But he said, "I must proclaim the good news of the kingdom of God to the other towns also, because that is why I was sent." And he kept on preaching in the synagogues of Judea.

Luke 4:38-44

School work, house chores and homework. Sports practices and music rehearsals. Church and Sunday School on Sunday mornings. A child's life gets busy.

Adults' lives are busy, too. Wake up early to get the family ready for the day; put in a long day at work and come home to cook dinner and do the dishes. Put the children to bed and stay up late paying bills. Take care of grocery shopping and house repairs on the weekend, not to mention driving around the kids to practice and rehearsals.

No wonder when we finally have a break, we want to make the most out of it. Go to our rooms and message some friends; catch the game or meet up for coffee. We need some "me time!" so we have the strength to keep going.

Time for rest and time with friends are good gifts from God. We all need those. Jesus needed them, too. He was just as human as the rest of us: he got tired and worn out; he enjoyed getting away for physical rest and for spiritual rest. But what a scene Luke shows us! Jesus put in a day of preaching at the synagogue. Then he went to Peter's house, probably for a chance to relax. But Peter's mother-in-law was sick—she needed him! So, Jesus healed her. You can guess what happened next: all the people brought their sick loved ones to Jesus, too, so he could heal them. No rest yet! So early the next morning Jesus goes out to a quiet place where he could be alone, but the people found him there, too, and did their best to keep him from leaving. And what did Jesus tell them? Not, "Leave me alone so I can get some rest!", but "I need to keep going; other people need to hear about their salvation." Jesus got tired, too, but his love for others kept him going!

Remember that, when you worry that you're facing something alone or that God won't be there to help you out. Jesus will never be too busy or too tired to take care of you. His love for you keeps him going. And enjoy the gift of rest—we need it! But when you see people around you in need, remember Jesus' perfect love, and he'll give you strength to keep going as you serve them, too.

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Questions to Consider:

- List as many things that Jesus did in today's Bible reading as you can remember.
- What are some ways Jesus gives rest for our bodies?
- While it's good to stay busy serving others, can you think of any ways in the Bible that God shows us that getting rest is important, too?
- How does Jesus give rest to our souls?
- To show how hard Jesus worked while he was among us, take thirty seconds to list as many things that Jesus did as you can. Keep track of how many!
- It's important to serve and take care of other people's physical needs. Jesus did that. How does this section of Scripture show you that's not what people need most?

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to glorify God

by growing in His Word and by going with His Word

to Woodbridge and to the world.



Trinity Lutheran Church is part of a group of nearly 1,300 churches called the Wisconsin Evangelical Lutheran Synod or WELS. The WELS is a world-wide church with congregations serving in all fifty of the United States, as well as in Mexico and Canada. The WELS also serves over 26 foreign countries through world mission work. We are united in faith and teaching with the other churches of the WELS as well as the members of the Confessional Evangelical Lutheran Conference, consisting of 21 confessional Lutheran church bodies throughout the world.