



Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church

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The mission of Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church is to embody the love of Christ at home-at work-at play-in the community and in the world.



First Sunday in Lent
8:00 a.m. February 26, 2023

Pastor: Ildiko Rigney- Presiding
Pianist: Betsy Stovall & the Praise Team
Worship Assistant: Pamela Orsak
Ushers & Greeters:
Altar Guild: Shanna Mikulenska
Feb. Council: Wanda Buchhorn & Ronnie Stanford
March Council: Pat Miller and Bill Rose

PRE- GATHERING MUSIC: INDESCRIBABLE BY LAURA STORY

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS:

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

All may make the sign of the cross, the sign that is marked at baptism, as the presiding minister begins.

Blessed be the holy Trinity, ✚ one God, who journeys with us these forty days, and sustains us with the gift of grace. **Amen.**

Let us acknowledge before God and one another our need for repentance and God’s mercy.

Silence is kept for reflection.

Holy God,
we confess to you our faults and failings.
Too often we neglect and do not trust your holy word;
we take for ourselves instead of giving to others;
we spoil rather than steward your creation;
we cause hurt though you call us to heal;
we choose fear over compassion.

Forgive us, renew us, and lead us,
as we seek to follow in your way of life. **Amen.**

Hear the good news:

God so loved the world that God gave the only Son,
so that all may receive life. This promise is for you!
God embraces you with divine mercy,

✚ forgives you in Christ’s name, and revives you in the Spirit’s power.

Amen.

GATHERING HYMN: ELW #325 I WANT JESUS TO WALK WITH ME

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.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Lord God, our strength, the struggle between good and evil rages within and around us, and the devil and all the forces that defy you tempt us with empty promises. Keep us steadfast in your word, and when we fall, raise us again and restore us through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
Amen.

CHILDREN'S CHURCH

FIRST READING: Genesis 2:15-17; 3:1-7

¹⁵The LORD God took the man and put him in the garden of Eden to till it and keep it. ¹⁶And the LORD God commanded the man, "You may freely eat of every tree of the garden; ¹⁷but of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil you shall not eat, for in the day that you eat of it you shall die." ^{3:1}Now 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.



PSALM: Psalm 32

¹Happy are they whose transgressions are forgiven,
and whose sin is put away!

²**Happy are they to whom the LORD im- putes no guilt,
and in whose spirit there is no guile!**

³While I held my tongue, my bones with-ered away,
because of my groaning all day long.

⁴**For your hand was heavy upon me day and night;
my moisture was dried up as in the heat of summer.**

⁵Then I acknowledged my sin to you, and did not con- ceal my guilt.

I said, "I will confess my transgressions to the LORD." Then you forgave me the guilt of my sin.

⁶**Therefore all the faithful will make their prayers to you in ¹ time of trouble;
when the great waters overflow, they shall not reach them.**

⁷You are my hiding-place; you preserve me from trouble;
you surround me with shouts of deliverance.

⁸**"I will instruct you and teach you in the way that you should go;
I will guide you with my eye.**

⁹Do not be like horse or mule, which have no understanding;
who must be fitted with bit and bridle, or else they will not stay near you."

¹⁰**Great are the tribulations of the wicked;
but mercy embraces those who trust in the LORD.**

¹¹Be glad, you righteous, and rejoice in the LORD;
shout for joy, all who are true of heart.

SECOND READING: Romans 5:12-19

¹²Just as sin came into the world through one man, and death came through sin, and so death spread to all because all have sinned—¹³sin was indeed in the world before the law, but sin is not reckoned when there is no law. ¹⁴Yet death exercised dominion from Adam to Moses, even over those whose sins were not like the transgression of Adam, who is a type of the one who was to come.

¹⁵But the free gift is not like the trespass. For if the many died through the one man's trespass, much more surely have the grace of God and the free gift in the grace of the one man, Jesus Christ, abounded for the many. ¹⁶And the free gift is not like the effect of the one man's sin. For the judgment following one trespass brought condemnation, but the free gift following many trespasses brings justification. ¹⁷If, because of the one man's trespass, death exercised dominion through that one, much more surely will those who receive the abundance of grace and the free gift of righteousness exercise dominion in life through the one man, Jesus Christ.

¹⁸Therefore just as one man's trespass led to condemnation for all, so one man's act of righteousness leads to justification and life for all. ¹⁹For just as by the one man's disobedience the many were made sinners, so by the one man's obedience the many will be made righteous.

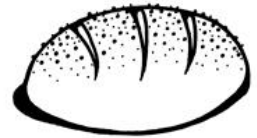
GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Re - turn to the Lord, your God, for he is gra-cious and mer-ci-ful,
slow to an - ger, and a-bound-ing in stead-fast love.

The Gospel of our Lord, taken from the 4th Chapter of Matthew
Glory to you, O Lord.

GOSPEL: Matthew 4:1-11

Jesus was led up by the Spirit into the wilderness to be tempted by the devil. ²He fasted forty days and forty nights, and afterwards he was famished. ³The tempter came and said to him, “If you are the Son of God, command these stones to become loaves of bread.” ⁴But he answered, “It is written,



‘One does not live by bread alone,
but by every word that comes from the mouth of God.’”

⁵Then the devil took him to the holy city and placed him on the pinnacle of the temple, ⁶saying to him, “If you are the Son of God, throw yourself down; for it is written,
‘He will command his angels concerning you,’
and ‘On their hands they will bear you up,
so that you will not dash your foot against a stone.’”

⁷Jesus said to him, “Again it is written, ‘Do not put the Lord your God to the test.’”

⁸Again, the devil took him to a very high mountain and showed him all the kingdoms of the world and their splendor; ⁹and he said to him, “All these I will give you, if you will fall down and worship me.” ¹⁰Jesus said to him, “Away with you, Satan! for it is written,

‘Worship the Lord your God,
and serve only him.’”

¹¹Then the devil left him, and suddenly angels came and waited on him.

THE SERMON: PASTOR ILDIKO RIGNEY

HYMN OF THE DAY: W&P #115 OUT IN THE WILDERNESS

Verse 1

Driven by the Spirit out in the wilderness;
Driven by the Spirit out in the wilderness;
When the Spirit says, "Go," you can't say "No."
You listen for the voice when you're bended low;
Driven by the Spirit out in the wilderness.

Verse 2

Tempted by the devil out in the wilderness;
Tempted by the devil out in the wilderness;
Though you try to be strong, it's been so long.
He whispers in your ear, and you know he's wrong;
Tempted by the devil out in the wilderness.

Verse 3

Angels all around you out in the wilderness;
Angels all around you out in the wilderness;
You are far from home where wild things roam.
There's danger everywhere but you're not alone;
Angles all around you out in the wilderness.



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APOSTLE'S CREED

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

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the Virgin Mary. He 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 and is seated at the right hand of Father. He will come again 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

PEACE:

OFFERING MUSIC: OPEN THE EYES OF MY HEART LORD

OFFERING PRAYER

God of good gifts,
receive these and all our offerings
as we present them in faithful service
for the sake of your gospel.
Prepare our hearts to receive you in this meal
as you pour out your very presence
through Christ Jesus, the wellspring of eternal life.
Amen.



THE WORDS OF INSTITUTION

In the night in which he was betrayed,
our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks;
broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying:
Take and eat; this is my body, given for you.
Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks,
and gave it for all to drink, saying:
This cup is the new covenant in my blood,
shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin.
Do this for the remembrance of me.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

**Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy name,
thy kingdom come,
thy will be done,
on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread;
and forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those
who trespass against us;
and lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom,
and the power, and the glory,
forever and ever. Amen.**

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

Come, for all has been prepared.

Please come to the table from the side aisle, receive the elements at the altar rail and return down the center aisle.

MUSIC DURING COMMUNION: ELW # 336 LAMB OF GOD

POST COMMUNION BLESSING

The body and blood of our Lord, Jesus Christ, strengthen you and keep you in His grace.

Amen.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Embodied God, at your table, we have tasted the goodness of Jesus.

With the eyes of our hearts open to your promise, empower us to hear the needs of our neighbors and touch the world with your love. **Amen.**

BLESSING

The Lord bless you and keep you.

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

The Lord look upon you with favor and ✝ give you peace.

Amen

SENDING HYMN: BB #26 SEND ME

DISMISSAL

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

POSTLUDE: WOV #702 I AM THE BREAD OF LIFE (vs. 1&2)

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Announcements



SPECIAL PRAYERS: Katalin Szanto, Carol Thacker, Dottie Nixon, Charity Bennett, Ron Wood & family, Joe & Lois Black, Alisa Garcia, Barbara Zimmerman and Lillie Dornak

MARK YOU CALENDAR:

- **TODAY, Sunday, Feb. 26: Bluebonnet Youth Event 3:00 pm in Luther Hall**
- **Monday, Feb. 27: Boy Scout Meeting 7:00 pm**
- **Tuesday, Feb. 28: Plates of Love 9:00 am**
- **Wednesday, March 1: 5:30-6:30 pm Lent Meal / 7:00 pm service in the Chapel**
- **Wednesday, March 1: 7:00 pm Confirmation**

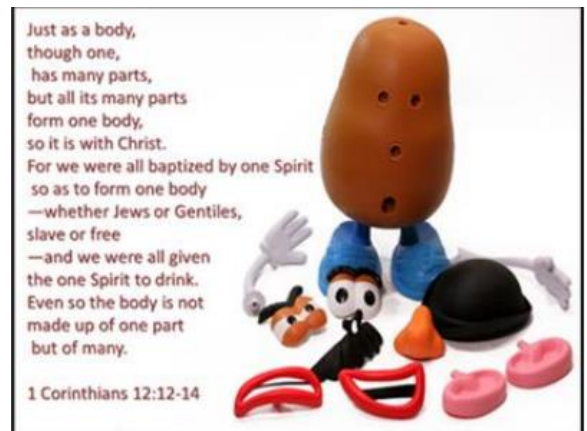
YOUTH GATHERING ONE BODY, MANY PARTS

When: TODAY

Time: 2:30PM – 6:00PM

Place: Trinity Lutheran Church

The Bluebonnet Conference of ELCA Lutheran Churches is hosting a Youth Gathering, and we would love to have you join us! “One Body, Many Parts” is the theme, based on the scripture passage from 1 Corinthians 12:12-27. Youth ages 6th – 12th grade are invited to spend an afternoon with other youth from the area with games, focus time, food, and worship. There is no charge for the event. Participants are asked to bring a new or clean, gently used in-kind offering: socks, coats, blankets, stocking caps, or gloves. Your offering will support Fannin Outreach (distributed by Fannin Methodist Church to Berclair, Fannin, and Goliad Areas) and V.C.A.M. (Victoria Christian Assistance Ministry)



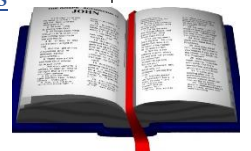
Schedule of Events: 2:30-3:00 Registration 3:00-3:15 Opening & Welcome 3:15-4:00 Activities
4:00-4:45 Focus Time 4:45-5:30 Meal 5:30-6:00 Closing Worship

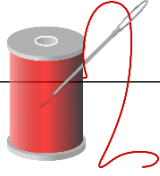


The Fellowship Welcome Team invites you to join us the first Sunday of each month for a "Meet and Greet Around the Coffee Pot" in the Sunday School hallway.

Next Week's Readings March 5, 2023

Gen. 12:1-4a
Ps. 121
Rom. 4:1-5, 13-17
John 3:1-17





SAVE THE DATE FOR THESE UP-COMING EVENTS:

Compassionate Servers Tacking and Stuffing Event

When: Tuesday, March 7, 2023, 9:00 – 11:30 am

Where: Trinity Luther Hall, 404 E. Constitution

Activities: Tacking Lap Covers, stuffing pillows, sewing pillows shut, preparing bookmarks for each item

Benefitting: Kidney Dialysis Centers and Chemo Treatment Centers in Victoria and Port Lavaca

Sponsored by Compassionate Servers and Thrivent Financial.

We need extra hands to teach threading needles, tacking, stuffing pillows, whipping pillows shut, and preparing bookmarks. We have sitting and standing jobs. Let Dawn Foerster know if you plan to help -361-935-5613.

- **Bluebonnet Conference Spring Gathering (Welcome To God’s Corral)** will be held on Saturday, March 25, 2023 @ Martin Luther in Coletoville. Chew “n” Chat starts at 8:30 am. Music, singing, programs, Bible study, speakers start at 9:00 am.



Graduation is upon us and we would like to recognize our 2023 high school and college graduates on Sunday, May 7th at the 8:00 a.m. and 10:30 a.m. services. The Fellowship Welcome Team will host a reception for graduates and their families from 9:15 to 10:15 that morning. So please call the church office at 361-573-4725 or email secretary@trinityvictoria.net with your graduate's name. We look forward to honoring them!

Lenten Schedule

Wednesdays in Lent – “Amazing Grace” Lenten series (see flier)

5:30-6:30pm Soup and Sandwich meal

7pm Service in the Chapel

Maundy Thursday (April 6) and Good Friday (April 7) services

7pm in Sanctuary

8am Chapel

10:30am Sanctuary

