



## Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church

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Fourth Sunday in Lent  
10:30 a.m. March 19, 2023

*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.*

Pastor: Ildiko Rigney- Presiding  
Pianist: J4J  
Worship Assistant: Tawnia Groll  
Ushers & Greeters: Brian & Sally Wolter  
Altar Guild: Debra Beck  
March Council: Pat Miller and Bill Rose

### PRE-GATHERING MUSIC: HERE I AM TO WORSHIP

### 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: WOV #776 BE THOU MY VISION**

### **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**

Bend your ear to our prayers, Lord Christ, and come among us. By your gracious life and death for us, bring light into the darkness of our hearts, and anoint us with your Spirit, for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**Amen.**

### **CHILDREN'S CHURCH**

#### **FIRST READING: 1 Samuel 16:1-13**

<sup>1</sup>The LORD said to Samuel, "How long will you grieve over Saul? I have rejected him from being king over Israel. Fill your horn with oil and set out; I will send you to Jesse the Bethlehemite, for I have provided for myself a king among his sons." <sup>2</sup>Samuel said, "How can I go? If Saul hears of it, he will kill me." And the LORD said, "Take a heifer with you, and say, 'I have come to sacrifice to the LORD.'" <sup>3</sup>Invite Jesse to the sacrifice, and I will show you what you shall do; and you shall anoint for me the one whom I name to you." <sup>4</sup>Samuel did what the LORD commanded, and came to Bethlehem. The elders of the city came to meet him trembling, and said, "Do you come peaceably?" <sup>5</sup>He said, "Peaceably; I have come to sacrifice to the LORD; sanctify yourselves and come with me to the sacrifice." And he sanctified Jesse and his sons and invited them to the sacrifice.

<sup>6</sup>When they came, he looked on Eliab and thought, "Surely the LORD's anointed is now before the LORD." <sup>7</sup>But the LORD said to Samuel, "Do not look on his appearance or on the height of his stature, because I have rejected him; for the LORD does not see as mortals see; they look on the outward appearance, but the LORD looks on the heart." <sup>8</sup>Then Jesse called Abinadab, and made him pass before Samuel. He said, "Neither has the LORD chosen this one." <sup>9</sup>Then Jesse made Shammah pass by. And he said, "Neither has the LORD chosen this one." <sup>10</sup>Jesse made seven of his sons pass before Samuel, and Samuel said to Jesse, "The LORD has not chosen any of these." <sup>11</sup>Samuel said to Jesse, "Are all your sons here?" And he said, "There remains yet the youngest, but he is keeping the sheep." And Samuel said to Jesse, "Send and bring him; for we will not sit down until he comes here." <sup>12</sup>He sent and brought him in. Now he was ruddy, and had beautiful eyes, and was handsome. The LORD said, "Rise and anoint him; for this is the one." <sup>13</sup>Then Samuel took the horn of oil, and anointed him in the presence of his brothers; and the spirit of the LORD came mightily upon David from that day forward. Samuel then set out and went to Ramah.

## PSALM: Psalm 23

<sup>1</sup>The LORD is my shepherd;  
I shall not be in want.

<sup>2</sup>**The LORD makes me lie down in green pastures  
and leads me beside still waters.**

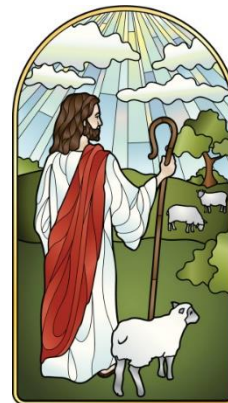
<sup>3</sup>You restore my soul, O LORD,  
and guide me along right pathways for your name's sake.

<sup>4</sup>**Though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I  
shall fear no evil;**

**for you are with me; your rod and your staff, they comfort me.**

<sup>5</sup>You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies;  
you anoint my head with oil, and my cup is running over.

<sup>6</sup>**Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life,  
and I will dwell in the house of the LORD forever.**



## SECOND READING: Ephesians 5:8-14

<sup>8</sup>Once you were darkness, but now in the Lord you are light. Live as children of light—<sup>9</sup>for the fruit of the light is found in all that is good and right and true. <sup>10</sup>Try to find out what is pleasing to the Lord. <sup>11</sup>Take no part in the unfruitful works of darkness, but instead expose them. <sup>12</sup>For it is shameful even to mention what such people do secretly; <sup>13</sup>but everything exposed by the light becomes visible, <sup>14</sup>for everything that becomes visible is light. Therefore it says,

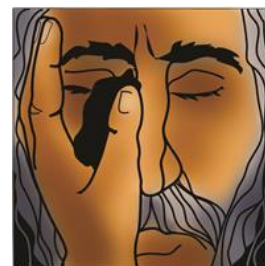
“Sleeper, awake! Rise from the dead, and Christ will shine on you.”

## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: THY WORD

The Gospel of our Lord, taken from the 9<sup>th</sup> Chapter of John.  
**Glory to you, O Lord.**

## GOSPEL: John 9:1-41

<sup>1</sup>As [Jesus] walked along, he saw a man blind from birth. <sup>2</sup>His disciples asked him, “Rabbi, who sinned, this man or his parents, that he was born blind?” <sup>3</sup>Jesus answered, “Neither this man nor his parents sinned; he was born blind so that God’s works might be revealed in him. <sup>4</sup>We must work the works of him who sent me while it is day; night is coming when no one can work. <sup>5</sup>As long as I am in the world, I am the light of the world.” <sup>6</sup>When he had said this, he spat on the ground and made mud with the saliva and spread the mud on the man’s eyes, <sup>7</sup>saying to him, “Go, wash in the pool of Siloam” (which means Sent). Then he went and washed and came back able to see. <sup>8</sup>The neighbors and those who had seen him before as a beggar began to ask, “Is this not the man who used to sit and beg?” <sup>9</sup>Some were saying, “It is he.” Others were saying, “No, but it is someone like him.” He kept saying, “I am the man.” <sup>10</sup>But they kept asking him, “Then how were your eyes opened?” <sup>11</sup>He answered, “The man called Jesus made mud, spread it on my eyes, and said to me, ‘Go to Siloam and wash.’ Then I went and washed and received my



sight.”<sup>12</sup> They said to him, “Where is he?” He said, “I do not know.”<sup>13</sup> They brought to the Pharisees the man who had formerly been blind.<sup>14</sup> Now it was a sabbath day when Jesus made the mud and opened his eyes.<sup>15</sup> Then the Pharisees also began to ask him how he had received his sight. He said to them, “He put mud on my eyes. Then I washed, and now I see.”<sup>16</sup> Some of the Pharisees said, “This man is not from God, for he does not observe the sabbath.” But others said, “How can a man who is a sinner perform such signs?” And they were divided.<sup>17</sup> So they said again to the blind man, “What do you say about him? It was your eyes he opened.” He said, “He is a prophet.”<sup>18</sup> The Jews did not believe that he had been blind and had received his sight until they called the parents of the man who had received his sight<sup>19</sup> and asked them, “Is this your son, who you say was born blind? How then does he now see?”<sup>20</sup> His parents answered, “We know that this is our son, and that he was born blind; <sup>21</sup>but we do not know how it is that now he sees, nor do we know who opened his eyes. Ask him; he is of age. He will speak for himself.”<sup>22</sup> His parents said this because they were afraid of the Jews; for the Jews had already agreed that anyone who confessed Jesus to be the Messiah would be put out of the synagogue.<sup>23</sup> Therefore his parents said, “He is of age; ask him.”<sup>24</sup> So for the second time they called the man who had been blind, and they said to him, “Give glory to God! We know that this man is a sinner.”<sup>25</sup> He answered, “I do not know whether he is a sinner. One thing I do know, that though I was blind, now I see.”<sup>26</sup> They said to him, “What did he do to you? How did he open your eyes?”<sup>27</sup> He answered them, “I have told you already, and you would not listen. Why do you want to hear it again? Do you also want to become his disciples?”<sup>28</sup> Then they reviled him, saying, “You are his disciple, but we are disciples of Moses. <sup>29</sup>We know that God has spoken to Moses, but as for this man, we do not know where he comes from.”<sup>30</sup> The man answered, “Here is an astonishing thing! You do not know where he comes from, and yet he opened my eyes. <sup>31</sup>We know that God does not listen to sinners, but he does listen to one who worships him and obeys his will. <sup>32</sup>Never since the world began has it been heard that anyone opened the eyes of a person born blind. <sup>33</sup>If this man were not from God, he could do nothing.”<sup>34</sup> They answered him, “You were born entirely in sins, and are you trying to teach us?” And they drove him out.<sup>35</sup> Jesus heard that they had driven him out, and when he found him, he said, “Do you believe in the Son of Man?”<sup>36</sup> He answered, “And who is he, sir? Tell me, so that I may believe in him.”<sup>37</sup> Jesus said to him, “You have seen him, and the one speaking with you is he.”<sup>38</sup> He said, “Lord, I believe.” And he worshiped him.<sup>39</sup> Jesus said, “I came into this world for judgment so that those who do not see may see, and those who do see may become blind.”<sup>40</sup> Some of the Pharisees near him heard this and said to him, “Surely we are not blind, are we?”<sup>41</sup> Jesus said to them, “If you were blind, you would not have sin. But now that you say, ‘We see,’ your sin remains.”

Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, Oh Christ.**

**THE SERMON- PASTOR ILDIKO RIGNEY**

**HYMN OF THE DAY: WOV #738 HEALER OF OUR EVERY ILL**

## **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: AMAZING GRACE MY CHAINS ARE GONE**

### **OFFERING PRAYER**

God of good gifts,

receive these and all our offerings

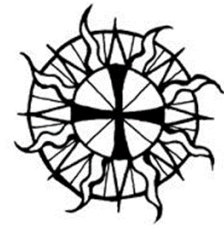
as we present them in faithful service

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.*

## COMMUNION HYMN: OPEN OUR EYES, AND ALL IN ALL

## 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: WOV #649 I WANT TO WALK AS A CHILD OF THE LIGHT**

**DISMISSAL**

Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

**POSTLUDE: WHAT A FRIEND WE HAVE IN JESUS**

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## Announcements



**SPECIAL PRAYERS:** Dottie Nixon, Carol Thacker, Lillie Dornak, Katalin Szanto, Alisa Garcia, Rhonda Brzozowske, Roger & Linda Sanger, Becky McGlone, Troy Hallmark, Linda P., Henry R., Richard Chapman and Deloris Hindley Smith

### MARK YOU CALENDAR:

- Monday, March 20- 7:00 pm Boy Scout meeting
- Tuesday, March 21- 7:00 am Men's Group @ I-Hop
- Tuesday, March 21- 8:00 am LWR Sewing
- Tuesday, March 21- 5:30 pm Luther Fest in the Parlor
- Wednesday, March 22- 5:30 pm Lent Meal (provided by Compassionate Servers). 6:00 pm Confirmation then 7:00 pm Lent Worship in the Chapel
- Saturday, March 25 -8:30 am- 2:30 pm WELCA Blue Connect Conference @ Martin Luther Colletoville Church
- Sunday, March 26- Easter Egg Hunt after the 10:30 am service. Pizza will be provided for lunch, but please feel free to bring a snack or dessert to share. Donations for the egg hunt are appreciated. Please place donations of candy (no chocolate) or monetary donations labeled for the egg hunt in the workroom, so that the Easter Bunny can be ready for the fun!




**PRAYER SHAWLS:** If you know of someone who needs a prayer shawl we have some available in the Narthex. You may place the shawl in the bag provided and add their name in the book. Thank you for remembering someone. *Chris Rippamonti*

*Thank You*

The Mutual Ministry Committee wishes to thank everyone who has submitted their ballot on assessing the Ministry Tasks that you believe we should focus on for the remainder of 2023 as well in 2024. We encourage anyone who had planned on filling out this survey and just had not done so yet, to please complete one and turn it in either while attending a church service or turn it in to the church office. These ballot forms are available in the Narthex of the Church or in the Parlor of the Chapel. Also, a copy was sent out in the March newsletter. Please submit your filled in ballot, hopefully by Monday, March 20th.

### DON'T FORGET:

- May 7<sup>th</sup> at both services **high school and college graduates** will be honored. If you know of someone graduating, please let the church office know. 
- **Compassionate Servers and Lutheran World Relief** use donated fabric for quilts and lap covers. If you or anyone you know has fabric they would like to donate you may drop the fabric off at the church office.



**Easter Sunday April 9, 2023**  
*Trinity is adorning the Altar area for Easter.*  
The cost is \$15.00 each. Deadline to have names printed in the Easter bulletin is **April 4, 2023.**

### **Lenten Schedule**

#### **Wednesdays in Lent**

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

**Easter Sunday services – April 9**

8am Chapel

10:30am Sanctuary

**Next Week's Readings**  
**March 26:**

**Ezek 37:1-14\*\*Ps. 130\*\*Rom. 8:6-11\*\*John 11:1-45**



**WORSHIP PREFERENCE:** In order to make your Worship experience more meaningful, please take a moment to indicate your preference as shown below. Place a mark in the box as follows:

- Very Important            1
- Somewhat Important    2
- Not Important            3
- Undecided                4

You can place this form in the offering plate or send to the church office.

Element	Score	Service that fits me 8:00 or 10:30	Comment
Worship Time			
Length of Service			
Worship Space			
Music Selection			
Children's Time			
Preaching			
Being with Friends			
Ability to Hear			
Traditional Worship			
Contemporary Worship			
Use of Member Musicians			
Use of Paid Musicians			
Other			
Other			
Use of Screens in Worship			