

***Exactly What I Need:
SIGHT***

Fourth Sunday in Lent

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Trinity Lutheran Church is a family because God welcomed us into his family. Our mission is to grow closer to God, to our brothers and sisters in Christ, and to share this sense of belonging with the surrounding community, welcoming more souls into the family of God.

Fourth Sunday in Lent

I recognize that I am spiritually blind when I don't know Jesus. I cannot see the world as it really is. I am tempted to see what is harmful as good, and what is good as meaningless. I cannot see the danger that lurks behind every temptation. I realize that Jesus gave physical sight to the blind. But he also gives me spiritual vision. He said, "I am the light of the world." He comes to shine his light into my darkened eyes so that I see him and live.

May God bless your worship.



Serving in Worship

Preacher
Organist

Pastor Matthew Langebartels
Hannah Langebartels

† ORDER OF SERVICE †

Greeting and welcome.

Hymn

*423, The Power of the Cross
Choir sings v. 1 & 2*

1 Oh, to see the dawn
of the darkest day:
Christ on the road to Calvary.
Tried by sinful men,
torn and beaten, then
nailed to a cross of wood. **(Refrain)**

Ref This the pow'r of the cross:
Christ became sin for us.
Took the blame, bore the wrath;
we stand forgiven at the cross.

2 Oh, to see the pain
written on your face,
bearing the awesome weight of sin.
Ev'ry bitter thought,
ev'ry evil deed
crowning your bloodstained brow. **(Refrain)**

3 Now the daylight flees;
now the ground beneath
quakes as its maker bows his head.
Curtain torn in two,
dead are raised to life;
"Finished!" the vict'ry cry. **(Refrain)**

4 Oh, to see my name
written in the wounds,
for through your suff'ring I am free.
Death is crushed to death;
life is mine to live,
won through your selfless love! **(Final Refrain)**

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Final Refrain

This the pow'r of the cross:
Son of God—slain for us.
What a love, what a cost!
We stand forgiven at the cross.

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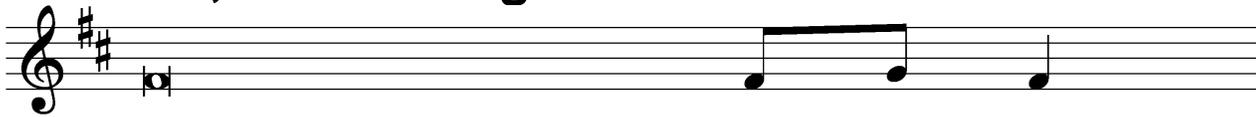
Please Stand

O Lord, o - pen my lips,
and my mouth shall de - clare your praise.
Has - ten to save me, O God;
O Lord, come quick - ly to help me.
Lent Christ destroyed the dev - il's pow'r:
praise and thanks to God!

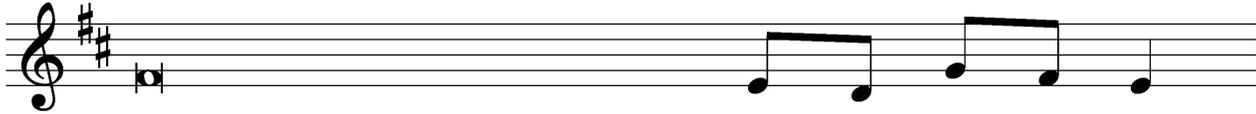


O Come, Let Us Sing to the Lord

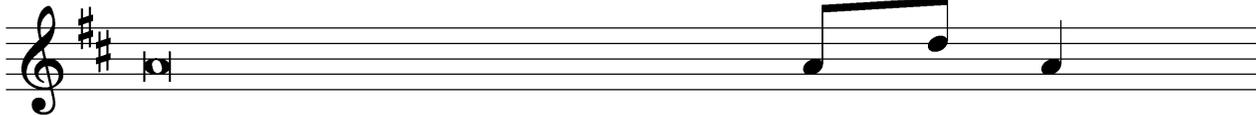
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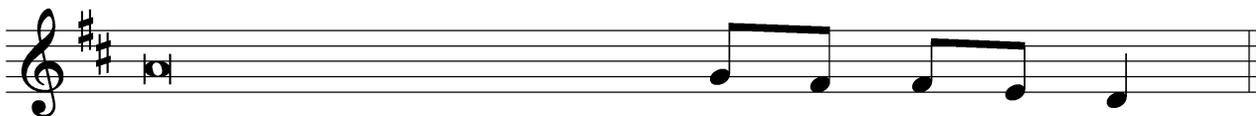
1 O come, let us sing to the Lord,
2 For the Lord is a great God
3 The sea is his, for he made it,



1 let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our sal - va - tion.
2 and a great king a - bove all gods.
3 and his hand formed the dry land.



1 Let us come into his presence with thanks - giv - ing,
2 The deep places of the earth are in his hand;
3 O come, let us worship and bow down,
4 For he is our God,



1 let us make a joyful noise to him with songs of praise.
2 the heights of the hills are al - so his.
3 let us kneel before the Lord our mak - er.
4 and we are the people of his
pasture and the sheep of his hand.

Please be seated

Children's Message

The children's devotion is a shortened version of the sermon intended to communicate God's truths in a simplified way. Children 12 and under are encouraged to come forward and participate in the devotion.

First Reading

Isaiah 42:14-21

God promises to lead the blind to safety and turn their darkness to light.

¹⁴“For a long time I have kept silent,
I have been quiet and held myself back.

But now, like a woman in childbirth,

I cry out, I gasp and pant.

¹⁵I will lay waste the mountains and hills
and dry up all their vegetation;

I will turn rivers into islands
and dry up the pools.

¹⁶I will lead the blind by ways they have not known,
along unfamiliar paths I will guide them;

I will turn the darkness into light before them
and make the rough places smooth.

These are the things I will do;

I will not forsake them.

¹⁷But those who trust in idols,
who say to images, 'You are our gods,'
will be turned back in utter shame.

¹⁸"Hear, you deaf;
look, you blind, and see!

¹⁹Who is blind but my servant,
and deaf like the messenger I send?
Who is blind like the one in covenant with me,
blind like the servant of the LORD?

²⁰You have seen many things, but you pay no attention;
your ears are open, but you do not listen."

²¹It pleased the LORD
for the sake of his righteousness
to make his law great and glorious.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.



Psalm of the Day

3A, *From the LORD Comes Deliverance*
Choir 1st refrain and verses. Cong; all other refrains.

Refrain



From the LORD comes de - liv - er - ance; there - fore we will not fear.

Lord, how many are my foes!
How many rise up against me!
Many are saying of me,
“God will not deliver him.”

But you, Lord, are a shield around me,
my glory, the One who lifts my head high.
I call out to the Lord,
and he answers me from his holy mountain. **Refrain**

I lie down and sleep;
I wake again, because the Lord sustains me.
I will not fear though tens of thousands
assail me on ev'ry side.

Arise, Lord!
Deliver me, my God!
From the Lord comes deliverance.
May your blessing be on your people. **Refrain**

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Second Reading

Ephesians 5:8-14

Once I have seen the light of Christ, I strive to leave deeds of darkness behind.

⁸For you were once darkness, but now you are light in the Lord. Live as children of light ⁹(for the fruit of the light consists in all goodness, righteousness and truth) ¹⁰and find out what pleases the Lord. ¹¹Have nothing to do with the fruitless deeds of darkness, but rather expose them. ¹²It is shameful even to mention what the disobedient do in secret. ¹³But everything exposed by the light becomes visible—and everything that is illuminated becomes a light. ¹⁴This is why it is said:

“Wake up, sleeper,
rise from the dead,
and Christ will shine on you.”

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Please Stand

Gospel

John 9:1–7, 13–17, 34–39

*Jesus enables a man who had been born blind to see him both physically
and spiritually.*

¹As he went along, he saw a man blind from birth. ²His disciples asked him, “Rabbi, who sinned, this man or his parents, that he was born blind?”

³“Neither this man nor his parents sinned,” said Jesus, “but this happened so that the works of God might be displayed in him. ⁴As long as it is day, we must do the works of him who sent me. Night is coming, when no one can work. ⁵While I am in the world, I am the light of the world.”

⁶After saying this, he spit on the ground, made some mud with the saliva, and put it on the man’s eyes. ⁷“Go,” he told him, “wash in the Pool of Siloam” (this word means “Sent”). So the man went and washed, and came home seeing.

¹³They brought to the Pharisees the man who had been blind. ¹⁴Now the day on which Jesus had made the mud and opened the man’s eyes was a Sabbath. ¹⁵Therefore the Pharisees also asked him how he had received his sight. “He put mud on my eyes,” the man replied, “and I washed, and now I see.”

¹⁶Some of the Pharisees said, “This man is not from God, for he does not keep the Sabbath.”

But others asked, “How can a sinner perform such signs?” So they were divided.

¹⁷Then they turned again to the blind man, “What have you to say about him? It was your eyes he opened.”

The man replied, “He is a prophet.”

³⁴To this they replied, "You were steeped in sin at birth; how dare you lecture us!" And they threw him out.

³⁵Jesus heard that they had thrown him out, and when he found him, he said, "Do you believe in the Son of Man?"

³⁶"Who is he, sir?" the man asked. "Tell me so that I may believe in him."

³⁷Jesus said, "You have now seen him; in fact, he is the one speaking with you."

³⁸Then the man said, "Lord, I believe," and he worshiped him.

³⁹Jesus said, "For judgment I have come into this world, so that the blind will see and those who see will become blind."

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise be to you, O Christ!

Please be seated

Hymn

515, Christ Is the World's Light

1 Christ is the world's light, Christ and none other;
born in our darkness, he became our brother.
If we have seen him, we have seen the Father:
Glory to God on high!

2 Christ is the world's peace, Christ and none other;
no one can serve him and despise another.
Who else unites us, one with God the Father?
Glory to God on high!

3 Christ is the world's life, Christ and none other;
sold once for silver, murdered here, our brother.
He who redeemed us reigns with God the Father:
Glory to God on high!

4 Give God the glory, God and none other;
give God the glory, Spirit, Son, and Father;
give God the glory, God with us, our brother:
Glory to God on high!

The Light Exposes Darkness

Hymn

517, Praise the One Who Breaks the Darkness

- 1 Praise the one who breaks the darkness
with a liberating light;
praise the one who frees the pris'ners,
turning blindness into sight.
Praise the one who preached the gospel,
healing ev'ry dread disease,
calming storms and feeding thousands
with the Father's word of peace.

- 2 Praise the one who blessed the children
with a strong, yet gentle, word;
praise the one who drove out demons
with the piercing, two-edged sword.
Praise the one who brings cool water
to the desert's burning sand;
from this well comes living water,
quenching thirst in ev'ry land.

- 3 Let us praise the Word incarnate,
Christ, who suffered in our place;
Jesus died and rose victorious
that we may know God by grace.
Let us sing for joy and gladness,
seeing what our God has done;
let us praise the true Redeemer,
praise the one who makes us one.

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Please Stand

Lord, Have Mercy

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Hear my voice when I call, O Lord; be merciful and answer me.



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

Prayer of the Church

O Lord, our heavenly Father, almighty and everlasting God, you have brought us safely to this new day. Defend us with your mighty power, and grant that this day we neither fall into sin nor run into any kind of danger. And in all we do, direct us to what is right in your sight; through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord.

Amen.

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.



Let us praise the Lord.



Thanks be to God.



The grace of our Lord + Je - sus Christ and the love of God



and the fellowship of the Holy Spir - it be with you all.



A - men.

Please be seated

Hymn

405, *On My Heart Imprint Your Image*



On my heart im - print your im - age, bless - ed Je - sus, King of grace,



that life's rich - es, cares, and plea - sures have no pow'r to hide your face.



Let the clear in - scrip - tion be: Je - sus, cru - ci - fied for me,



is my life, my hope's foun - da - tion, and my glo - ry and sal - va - tion.

Announcements

WELS Connection will be shown before church today.

There will be a freewill offering for LWMS this Sunday, March 15 after church.

Days for Girls will meet March 21st from 9 a.m. - 12 p.m.

The Spring LWMS Rally is right around the corner. It will be April 11th at Grace in Crivitz. There are handouts with more details at the back of our church, but ladies please consider spending your Saturday being encouraged by the mission work being done and uplifted with God's word.

Trinity is looking for a secretary 3 days per week from 8 a.m. - 3 p.m. Schedule can be flexible. Responsibilities would be bulletin preparation, record keeping, and administrative tasks for the church and the preschool. Please reach out to Paula Dembroski (920-591-0609), or Pastor Langebartels (928-200-1827) if interested.

Taking a trip Don't take a vacation from God. yearbook.wels.net is an easy way to find a church near where you are traveling.

Attendance 3/11:	42
Attendance 3/8:	136
Offering 3/8:	\$ 5,609.86
General Fund Balance as of 3/8:	\$44,221.95

This week at Trinity...

15	16	17	18	19	20	21
8:15 am Sunday School & Bible Study WELS Connection 9:30 am Worship Service	8 am Elders Meeting 6 pm Church Council Meeting		5 pm Lenten Meal 6 pm Lenten Service			

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