

worship at

trinity lutheran church & schools

March 22, 2020 + 10:00 AM – Live Stream ♦ *Fourth Sunday in Lent*

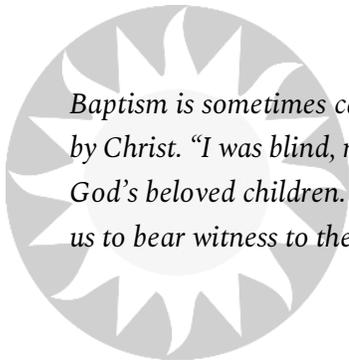


— welcome! —

It is a delight and a joy that we can share this time together, even remotely and virtually. Whatever has led us here, whether it's a lifetime of faith or a lifetime of questions, days of joy or days of pain, moments of hope or moments of frustration, and no matter the color of our skin, our political affiliation, our gender identity or sexual orientation, our age, ALL ARE WELCOME!

trinity's focus: building. belonging. becoming.

Building up and joining in God's mission as one to nurture, love, and serve all.



Baptism is sometimes called enlightenment. The gospel for this Sunday is the story of the man born blind healed by Christ. "I was blind, now I see," declares the man. In baptism God opens our eyes to see the truth of who we are: God's beloved children. As David was anointed king of Israel, in baptism God anoints our head with oil, and calls us to bear witness to the light of Christ in our daily lives.

— gathering —

prelude

welcome

Thank you to everyone for tuning in remotely as we worship together from afar.

greeting & prayer of the day

pastor The grace of our Lord † Jesus Christ, the love of God,
and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

all **And also with you.**

pastor Let us pray (*brief silence*)...

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.

all **Amen.**



1 A - maz - ing grace!— how sweet the sound— that
 2 'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear, and
 3 Through man - y dan - gers, toils, and snares I
 4 The Lord has prom - ised good to me; his



saved a wretch like me! I once was lost, but
 grace my fears re - lieved; how pre - cious did that
 have al - read - y come; 'tis grace has brought me
 word my hope se - cures; he will my shield and



now am found; was blind, but now I see.
 grace ap - pear the hour I first be - lieved!
 safe thus far, and grace will lead me home.
 por - tion be as long as life en - dures.

Text: John Newton (1725-1807), alt., sts. 1-4; anonymous, st. 5.

Music: W. Walker, *Southern Harmony*, 1835.

— word —

gospel

John 9:1-12

The Message

At least since the fourth century, the church has used the narrative of the man born blind as a picture of every believer's baptism, which in early centuries was commonly called "enlightenment." Our baptism has given us the light of Christ, by which we live, and with which we illumine the darkness in and outside ourselves. Along with the seeing man, we affirm our Lenten faith, "Lord, I believe." We too are sent by baptism to live a new life.

pastor The holy gospel according to John.

all **Glory to you, O Lord.**

Walking down the street, Jesus saw a man blind from birth. His disciples asked, "Rabbi, who sinned: this man or his parents, causing him to be born blind?"

Jesus said, "You're asking the wrong question. You're looking for someone to blame. There is no such cause-effect here. Look instead for what God can do. We need to be energetically at work for the One who sent me here, working while the sun shines. When night falls, the workday is over. For as long as I am in the world, there is plenty of light.

I am the world's Light.”

He said this and then spit in the dust, made a clay paste with the saliva, rubbed the paste on the blind man's eyes, and said, “Go, wash at the Pool of Siloam” (Siloam means “Sent”). The man went and washed—and saw. Soon the town was buzzing. His relatives and those who year after year had seen him as a blind man begging were saying, “Why, isn't this the man we knew, who sat here and begged?”

Others said, “It's him all right!”

But others objected, “It's not the same man at all. It just looks like him.”

He said, “It's me, the very one.”

They said, “How did your eyes get opened?”

“A man named Jesus made a paste and rubbed it on my eyes and told me, ‘Go to Siloam and wash.’ I did what he said. When I washed, I saw.”

“So where is he?”

“I don't know.”

The gospel of the Lord.

all **Praise to you, O Christ.**

sermon





1 Long - ing for light, we wait in dark - ness. Long - ing for
 2 Long - ing for peace, our world is trou - bled. Long - ing for
 3 Long - ing for food, man - y are hun - gry. Long - ing for
 4 Long - ing for shel - ter, man - y are home - less. Long - ing for
 5 Man - y the gifts, man - y the peo - ple, man - y the



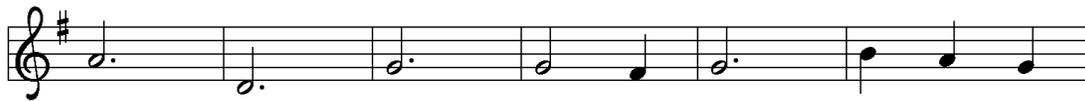
truth, we turn to you. Make us your own,
 hope, man - y de - spair. Your word a - lone
 wa - ter, man - y still thirst. Make us your bread,
 warmth, man - y are cold. Make us your build - ing,
 hearts that yearn to be - long. Let us be ser - vants



your ho - ly peo - ple, light for the world to see.
 has pow'r to save us. Make us your liv - ing voice.
 bro - ken for oth - ers, shared un - til all are fed.
 shel - ter - ing oth - ers, walls made of liv - ing stone.
 to one an - oth - er, signs of your king - dom come.



Christ, be our light! Shine in our hearts. Shine through the



dark - ness. Christ, be our light! Shine in your



church gath - ered to - day.

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prayers of the people

pastor Turning our hearts to God who is gracious and merciful, we pray for the church, the world, and all who are in need.

A brief silence.

pastor God of insight, open the hearts of the church and the world to all who testify to your deeds of power. Raise up voices in your church that are often silenced or overlooked due to age, gender expression, race, or economic status. Hear us, O God.

all **Your mercy is great.**

pastor God of insight, you care for our needs even before we ask. Come quickly to all who seek prayer this day. Accomplish healing through the work of doctors, nurses, physical therapists, nutritionists, and all who tend to human bodies. Hear us, O God.

all Your mercy is great.

pastor God of insight, help this assembly lift up the unique gifts of each person who enters, no matter their physical capacity, cognitive ability, or sensory need. Help us to be creative and brave in making our facilities and our ministries accessible to all. Hear us, O God.

all Your mercy is great.

pastor God of insight, you call out to those who are asleep and awaken them to new life with you. We give thanks for your saints, especially Madonna Henwood. Join us together with them as your children in this world and the next. Hear us, O God.

all Your mercy is great.

pastor What else do we pray for today? *(All are invited to offer prayers aloud or in silence)*
According to your steadfast love, O God, hear these and all our prayers as we commend them to you; through Christ our Lord.

all Amen.

Lord's prayer

All are invited to pray the Lord's prayer in whatever language or translation speaks to you or "the Spirit has placed in your heart."

**all 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.
Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours,
now and forever. Amen.**

sharing the peace

Greet one another virtually and in your home with a sign of Christ's peace.

pastor The peace of Christ is with you always.

all And also with you.

Please be seated.

— sending —

announcements

Brief text announcements can be found on the last page of this bulletin.

benediction

pastor Now is the acceptable time.
Now is the day of salvation.
Holy God, speaking, spoken, and inspiring, † bless you,
unbind you, and send you in love and in peace.

all **Amen.**

sending hymn

ELW 543 ♦ *Go, My Children, with My Blessing*

TUNE: *Ar Hyd Y Nos*



1 "Go, my chil - dren, with my bless - ing, nev - er a - lone.
2 "Go, my chil - dren, sins for - giv - en, at peace and pure.
3 "Go, my chil - dren, fed and nour - ished, clos - er to me.



Wak - ing, sleep - ing, I am with you, you are my own.
Here you learned how much I love you, what I can cure.
Grow in love and love by serv - ing, joy - ful and free.



In my love's bap - tis - mal riv - er I have made you mine for - ev - er.
Here you heard my dear Son's sto - ry, here you touched him, saw his glo - ry.
Here my Spir - it's pow - er filled you, here my ten - der com - fort stilled you.



Go, my chil - dren, with my bless - ing, you are my own."
Go, my chil - dren, sins for - giv - en, at peace and pure."
Go, my chil - dren, fed and nour - ished, joy - ful and free."

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sending

pastor Go in peace, prepare the way of the Lord.

all **Thanks be to God.**

— what's happening —

Trinity Building to Remain Closed Through April

Trinity will remain closed to public meeting and gathering at least through the end of April in an effort to abide by ongoing restrictions on public gatherings and do our part to encourage social distancing as we all continue to deal with the dangers presented by the spread of infection.

Weekly Community Prayer Time: Thursdays at Noon

The Trinity community is invited to come together each Thursday at Noon for a brief time of prayer and contemplation. A live stream of Pastor Hector will be available online:

trinitylutheranchurch.com/livestream.

For those unable to connect via live stream, take a moment at Noon each Thursday to pray silently or aloud, knowing that the whole of the Trinity community is together in prayer at that time.

Virtual Bible Study – Wednesdays at 10 AM

Join in a virtual bible study via Zoom on Wednesdays at 10 AM. To join, download the Zoom app from Google Play or Apple App Store, or head to <https://zoom.us/download> on your computer to download the client. The meeting ID for March 25 is 224-006-877. If you need help, contact Josh@trinitylutheranchurch.com.

Lent Wednesdays

Contemplative Evening Prayer at 6:30 PM with music, readings and faith sharing will continue through April 1 via live stream: trinitylutheranchurch.com/livestream.

Middle & High School Youth

NET (High School) and ZOE (Middle School) will have virtual meetings via Zoom. NET on Sundays at 7 PM and ZOE on Mondays at 7 PM. waystudentministries.org will have login information, or contact David@trinitylutheranchurch.com for instructions.

Congregational Meeting for Call Committee Canceled

Given that we are unable at this time to come together to elect a Call Committee, Trinity Council and leadership are exploring alternative ways to elect/affirm a Call Committee to begin the work that can be done at this time toward calling an Associate Pastor.

Welcoming New Members

Looking forward to welcoming new Trinity members on the first Sunday we return to worship together. It will be a time of celebration to welcome these new members as well as the scattered church, as we are reunited worship together at Trinity Lutheran Church.