

TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH
Stevens Point, Wisconsin
Ministers: Every Baptized Member

FIRST SUNDAY IN LENT
Today's Liturgy uses ELW Setting 10

February 18, 2018

8:15 & 10:45 a.m.

Prelude

Call to Worship: (8:15) "Jesus, Lover of My Soul" J. Martin
(10:45) "Open the Eyes of My Heart/Doxology" arr. B. Green

Announcements

*Lenten Order for Confession and Forgiveness

P: In the name of the Father, and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen

P: God of Righteousness, as we travel this Lenten pathway, open your ears to hear our prayers of confession. Give us courage to face our sins and the strength to overcome them. Create in us clean hearts and put a new and right spirit in each of us. Have mercy on us and wash us thoroughly from our sins.

C: Amen

P: Let us confess our sins in the presence of God and of one another.

Extended silence for prayer and reflection. Most merciful God,

C: we confess that we have sinned against you and have done what is evil in your sight. We fail to love our neighbors as we should. We forget to pray for our enemies. We say hurtful things to those we love and do harmful things to the earth we cherish. We do not love you as we ought, neglecting your Word and failing to pray. We worship the gifts you give us rather than worshipping only you, the Giver of Life.

Have mercy on us, O God. Do not cast us away from your presence. Do not remove your Holy Spirit from us. Restore us to the joy of your salvation. Let this Lenten journey be our pathway back to you. Amen.

P: God does have mercy on us, regardless of our sin. Through the sacrifice of Christ Our Lord, our Heavenly Father washes us thoroughly of all our sins. In the name of Jesus Christ, and by his authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father and the + Son and the Holy Spirit.

***Gathering Hymn: "A Mighty Fortress Is Our God" ELW #504**

*Greeting

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

C: And also with you.

*Kyrie



1 Have mer - cy on us, Lord, and hear our sol - emn prayer.
2 Have mer - cy on us, Christ, and wash a - way our sin.
3 Have mer - cy on us, Lord; make sin and shame de - part.



We come to hear your liv - ing word; it saves us from de - spair.
Pour out your grace and make us whole that new life may be - gin.
Re - new us with your sav - ing pow'r; cre - ate in us new hearts!

*Prayer of the Day

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

P: Let us pray.

Holy God, heavenly Father, in the waters of the flood you saved the chosen, and in the wilderness of temptation you protected your Son from sin. Renew us in the gift of baptism. May your holy angels be with us, that the wicked foe may have no power over us, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

(10:45) Anthem:

“Tune In”

N. Simms

Children’s Lesson

Psalm 25

Sing Refrain: (All)



All:

To you, O LORD, I lift up my soul. O my God, in you I trust;
 Do not let me be put to shame; Do not let my enemies exult over me. Do not let those who wait for you be put to shame;
 Let them be ashamed who are wantonly treacherous.

Refrain

Make me to know your ways, O LORD; teach me your paths.
 Lead me in your truth, and teach me, for you are the God of my salvation; For you I wait all day long.
 Be mindful of your mercy, O LORD, and of your steadfast love, for they have been from of old.
 Do not remember the sins of my youth or my transgressions;
 According to your steadfast love remember me, for your goodness’ sake, O LORD!

Refrain

Good and upright is the LORD; therefore he instructs sinners in the way. He leads the humble in what is right, and teaches the humble his way.
 All the paths of the LORD are steadfast love and faithfulness, for those who keep his covenant and his decrees.

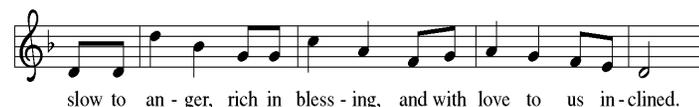
Refrain

First Reading:

Genesis 9:8–17

⁸God said to Noah and to his sons with him, ⁹“As for me, I am establishing my covenant with you and your descendants after you, ¹⁰and with every living creature that is with you, the birds, the domestic animals, and every animal of the earth with you, as many as came out of the ark. ¹¹I establish my covenant with you, that never again shall all flesh be cut off by the waters of a flood, and never again shall there be a flood to destroy the earth.” ¹²God said, “This is the sign of the covenant that I make between me and you and every living creature that is with you, for all future generations: ¹³I have set my bow in the clouds, and it shall be a sign of the covenant between me and the earth. ¹⁴When I bring clouds over the earth and the bow is seen in the clouds, ¹⁵I will remember my covenant that is between me and you and every living creature of all flesh; and the waters shall never again become a flood to destroy all flesh. ¹⁶When the bow is in the clouds, I will see it and remember the everlasting covenant between God and every living creature of all flesh that is on the earth.” ¹⁷God said to Noah, “This is the sign of the covenant that I have established between me and all flesh that is on the earth.”

*Gospel Acclamation



*Gospel:

Mark 1:9–15

P: The Holy Gospel according to Mark, the 1st chapter.

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

⁹In those days Jesus came from Nazareth of Galilee and was baptized by John in the Jordan. ¹⁰And just as he was coming up out of the water, he saw the heavens torn apart and the Spirit descending like a dove on him. ¹¹And a voice came from heaven, “You are my Son, the Beloved; with you I am well pleased.” ¹²And the Spirit immediately drove him out into the wilderness. ¹³He was in the wilderness forty days, tempted by Satan; and he was with the wild beasts; and the angels waited on him.

¹⁴Now after John was arrested, Jesus came to Galilee, proclaiming the good news of God, ¹⁵and saying, “The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God has come near; repent, and believe in the good news.”

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise be to Christ!

Sermon: Pastor Clay Schmit

Hymn of the Day: “*Thy Holy Wings*” ELW #613

***The Apostles’ Creed:**

C: I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, God's 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 to the dead.

On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come 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 the Church**

A:For these things we pray.

C: Sing response:



P:through Christ our Lord.

C: Amen.

***Sharing of the Peace**

P: May the peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you always.

C: And also with you.

Offering

Offertory: (8:15) “*Hope of the World*” L. Larson
(10:45) “*I Could Not Live Without You, Lord*” W. Schoenfeld

Offertory Prayer

A: Let us pray. God our provider, you have not fed us with bread alone, but with words of grace and life. Bless us and these your gifts, which we receive from your bounty, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

C: Amen.

***The Great Thanksgiving**

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

P: Lift up your hearts.

C: We lift them to the Lord.

P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

P: It is our duty and our delight.....and join their unending hymn:

***Holy, Holy, Holy**



P: Blessed are you,....for the remembrance of me.
As we remember our Lord's Passover from death to life, we
proclaim the mystery of faith:

C: **Christ has died, Christ is risen, Christ will come again.**

P: O God of resurrection and new life, pour out your Holy Spirit on
us and on these gifts of bread and wine. Bless this feast. Grace our
table with your presence.

C: **Amen, come Holy Spirit.**

P: With your holy ones of all times and places, with the earth and all
its creatures, with the sun and moon and stars, we praise you, O
God, blessed and holy Trinity, now and forever.

C: **Amen.**

*Lord's Prayer

C: **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**

Communion

*The table of Christ is open to all who believe. You are welcome to
come to this meal. We believe that the risen Christ meets us here in
person to offer us forgiveness and strength to live our lives of faith.
Gluten free bread and grape juice are available; please just ask the
servers. Please take a moment to fill our communication card found in
the bulletin and place it in the offering plate or give it to an usher.
Thank you.*

"Lamb of God"



1 O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world a - way;
2 O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world a - way;
3 O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world a - way;



you suf-fered death our lives to save: have mer-cy now, we pray.
you set us free from guilt and grave: have mer-cy now, we pray.
e - ter-nal peace with God you made: give us your peace, we pray.

Communion Hymns:

"I Want Jesus to Walk with Me" ELW #325

"Lead Me, Guide Me" ELW #768

"Precious Lord, Take My Hand" ELW #773

*Blessing

P: May the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ and the gifts of his body
and blood strengthen, keep and unite us now and forever.

C: **Amen.**

*Post Communion Prayer

A: Let us pray. We give you thanks, almighty God, that you have
refreshed us through the healing power of this gift of life. In your
mercy, strengthen us through this gift in faith toward you and in
fervent love toward one another; for the sake of Jesus Christ our
Lord.

C: **Amen.**

(8:15) Sharing Our Meal with the Homebound

***Benediction**

P: Almighty God, Father, + Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you now and forever.

C: Amen.

***Closing Hymn:** *“Guide Me Ever, Great Redeemer”* ELW #618

***Dismissal**

A: Go in peace. Bring God’s love to the world in worship, witness and service.

C: Thanks be to God.

Postlude

LENTEN SCHEDULE



Mid-week Worship
Services preceded by 5:15 p.m. Soup Supper

“Words for the Journey”

February 21	<i>“Ecumenical”</i>	6:30 p.m.
February 28		6:30 p.m.
March 7	<i>“Redeemer”</i>	6:30 p.m.
March 14	<i>“Incarnation”</i>	6:30 p.m.
March 21	<i>“Blessing”</i>	6:30 p.m.

Holy Week Worship

Palm Sunday	March 25	8:15 & 10:45 a.m.
Maundy Thursday	March 29	12:00 & 6:30 p.m.
Good Friday	March 30	12:00 noon
Easter Sunday	April 1	7:00 a.m. Sunrise Worship
		8:00 a.m. Easter Breakfast
		9:00 a.m. Worship
		10:45 a.m. Worship

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INSPIRING WORSHIP ALL WEEK

K E Y	<p>...If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. Mark 8:34</p>
R E A D I N G S	<p style="text-align: center;">Preparing for Sunday, February 25</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Day 1 – Genesis 17:1–7, 15–16 • Day 2 – Psalm 22:23–31 • Day 3 – Romans 4:13–25 • Day 4 – Mark 8:31–38 • Day 5 – Hebrews 11:11–12 • Day 6 – Mark 9:31–32 <p style="text-align: right;">* Sunday readings in bold</p>
A P P L Y	<p>In Mark 8:31 Jesus tells the disciples for the first time that he is going to be killed and after three days will rise again. It is a central turning point in Mark. It is also a very shocking revelation to the disciples. Jesus then tells the crowd (which includes us), “If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me.” Jesus says we have to set our mind not on divine things, but on human things. How often do we find worldly concerns monopolizing our thoughts, instead of divine thoughts. Have you ever experienced a turning point in your life? A time when divine things overtake human things? How wonderful that could be.</p>
P R A Y E R	<p>Dear Lord, Help me to set my mind on divine things. Help me to turn to you in times of need and also in times of celebration. Help me to be a better Christian, looking for the divine rather than the human. In Jesus name, Amen.</p>

Devotions written by Trinity members.
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