



**TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH**  
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Stevens Point, Wisconsin

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**Ministers: Every Baptized Member**  
**Sunday, March 17, 2019 8:15 & 10:45 a.m.**



**Trinity's Mission**

Bringing God's love to the world in worship, witness and service.

**Trinity's Vision**

A Christ and Scripture centered congregation.

- Mission centered congregation constantly evaluating its vision to accomplish its mission and
- A congregation whose members sense that they belong to the body of Christ and, in turn want to provide for the needs of others.

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**Second Sunday in Lent and  
the Commemoration of St. Patrick**

**Prelude:** “*Slane*” arr. Rotermund

*Gathering*

**Welcome and Announcements**

**Confession and Forgiveness**

**Gathering Song:** “*Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing*” ELW #807

**Greeting**

**Kyrie** (ELW p. 203)

**Prayer of the Day**

P: Let us pray. God of the covenant,

**All: in the mystery of the cross you promise everlasting life to the world. Gather all peoples into your arms, and shelter us with your mercy, that we may rejoice in the life we share in your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.  
Amen.**

*Word*

**Children’s Lesson**

**First Reading:** **Genesis 15:1-12, 17-18**

1After these things the word of the Lord came to Abram in a vision, “Do not be afraid, Abram, I am your shield; your reward shall be very great.” 2But Abram said, “O Lord God, what will you give me, for I continue childless, and the heir of my house is Eliezer of Damascus?” 3And Abram said, “You have given me no offspring, and so a slave born in my house is to be my heir.” 4But the word of the Lord came to him, “This man shall not be your heir; no one but your very own issue shall be your heir.” 5He brought him outside and said, “Look toward heaven and count the stars, if you are able to count them.” Then he said to him, “So shall your descendants be.” 6And he believed the Lord; and the Lord reckoned it to him as righteousness. 7Then he said to him, “I am the Lord who brought you from Ur of the Chaldeans, to give you this land to possess.” 8But he said, “O Lord God, how am I to know that I shall possess it?” 9He said to him, “Bring me a heifer three years old, a female goat three years old, a ram three years old, a turtledove, and a young pigeon.” 10He brought him all these and cut them in two, laying

*ELW Holy Communion Setting Ten is found on page 203 of the Red Hymnal.*

**Gathering**  
*The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God.*

**Word**  
*God speaks to us in scripture reading, preaching, and song.*

each half over against the other; but he did not cut the birds in two. 11And when birds of prey came down on the carcasses, Abram drove them away. 12As the sun was going down, a deep sleep fell upon Abram, and a deep and terrifying darkness descended upon him. 17When the sun had gone down and it was dark, a smoking fire pot and a flaming torch passed between these pieces. 18On that day the Lord made a covenant with Abram, saying, “To your descendants I give this land, from the river of Egypt to the great river, the river Euphrates.”

### **Second Reading:**

### **Philippians 3:17--4:1**

17Brothers and sisters, join in imitating me, and observe those who live according to the example you have in us. 18For many live as enemies of the cross of Christ; I have often told you of them, and now I tell you even with tears. 19Their end is destruction; their god is the belly; and their glory is in their shame; their minds are set on earthly things. 20But our citizenship is in heaven, and it is from there that we are expecting a Savior, the Lord Jesus Christ. 21He will transform the body of our humiliation that it may be conformed to the body of his glory, by the power that also enables him to make all things subject to himself. 4:1Therefore, my brothers and sisters, whom I love and long for, my joy and crown, stand firm in the Lord in this way, my beloved.

### **Gospel Acclamation** (ELW p. 205)

### **Gospel:**

### **Luke 13:31-35**

31At that very hour some Pharisees came and said to [Jesus,] “Get away from here, for Herod wants to kill you.” 32He said to them, “Go and tell that fox for me, ‘Listen, I am casting out demons and performing cures today and tomorrow, and on the third day I finish my work. 33Yet today, tomorrow, and the next day I must be on my way, because it is impossible for a prophet to be killed outside of Jerusalem.’ 34Jerusalem, Jerusalem, the city that kills the prophets and stones those who are sent to it! How often have I desired to gather your children together as a hen gathers her brood under her wings, and you were not willing! 35See, your house is left to you. And I tell you, you will not see me until the time comes when you say, ‘Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.’”

### **Sermon**

**Pastor Martin Lieber**

### **Hymn of the Day:**

*“Be Thou My Vision”*

**ELW #793**

### **Creed**

### **Prayers of Intercession**

### **Peace**

*This hymn is a traditional Irish hymn, selected in honor of St. Patrick’s Day.*

## *Meal*

### **Offering**

**Offertory: (8:15)**     *“A Lenten Meditation”*     by Douglas Wagner  
(10:45)     *“Grazioso”*     by Knecht

### **Offering Prayer**

### **Holy Communion**

**Holy, Holy, Holy** (ELW p. 207)

### **Lord’s Prayer**

**Communion Song:**     *“Lamb of God”*     (ELW p. 208)

### **Communion Blessing**

**Communion:**     *“O Christ the Same”*     **WOV #778**  
(Londonderry Air)

### **Prayer after Communion**

## *Sending*

### **Benediction**

**Sending Song:**     *“Lord of All Hopefulness”*     **ELW #765**  
(Irish Traditional)

### **Dismissal**

**Postlude:**     *“Great Is Thy Faithfulness”*     **arr. Bloedow**

## *Meal*

*God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ.*

## *Holy*

### *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; just ask the servers. Please take a moment to fill out our communication card found in the bulletin and place it in the offering plate or give it to an usher.*

## *Sending*

*God blesses us and sends us in mission to the world.*