



TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH
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The Rev. Dr. Clay Schmit
Ministers: Every Baptized Member
Sunday, March 8, 2020 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

Gathering

Welcome and Announcements

Confession and Forgiveness

Gathering Song: “*Lift High the Cross*” **ELW #660**

Greeting

Kyrie (ELW p.203)

Prayer of the Day

P: Let us pray. O God,

All: our leader and guide, in the waters of baptism you bring us to new birth to live as your children. Strengthen our faith in your promises, that by your Spirit we may lift up your life to all the world through 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 12:1-4a**

1The Lord said to Abram, “Go from your country and your kindred and your father’s house to the land that I will show you. 2I will make of you a great nation, and I will bless you, and make your name great, so that you will be a blessing. 3I will bless those who bless you, and the one who curses you I will curse; and in you all the families of the earth shall be blessed.” 4aSo Abram went, as the Lord had told him; and Lot went with him.

Sung Psalm 121

Gospel Acclamation (ELW p. 205)

ELW Holy Communion Setting Ten is found on p. 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.

Gospel:

John 3:1-17

1Now there was a Pharisee named Nicodemus, a leader of the Jews. 2He came to Jesus by night and said to him, “Rabbi, we know that you are a teacher who has come from God; for no one can do these signs that you do apart from the presence of God.” 3Jesus answered him, “Very truly, I tell you, no one can see the kingdom of God without being born from above.” 4Nicodemus said to him, “How can anyone be born after having grown old? Can one enter a second time into the mother’s womb and be born?” 5Jesus answered, “Very truly, I tell you, no one can enter the kingdom of God without being born of water and Spirit. 6What is born of the flesh is flesh, and what is born of the Spirit is spirit. 7Do not be astonished that I said to you, ‘You must be born from above.’ 8The wind blows where it chooses, and you hear the sound of it, but you do not know where it comes from or where it goes. So it is with everyone who is born of the Spirit.” 9Nicodemus said to him, “How can these things be?” 10Jesus answered him, “Are you a teacher of Israel, and yet you do not understand these things? 11“Very truly, I tell you, we speak of what we know and testify to what we have seen; yet you do not receive our testimony. 12If I have told you about earthly things and you do not believe, how can you believe if I tell you about heavenly things? 13No one has ascended into heaven except the one who descended from heaven, the Son of Man. 14And just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, 15that whoever believes in him may have eternal life. 16“For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life. 17“Indeed, God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him.”

Sermon

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Hymn of the Day:

“God Loved the World”

ELW #323

Statement of Faith for Lent

We believe in the Trinity, the One God who loves us in three ways:

The Father made us and gives us all we need to live freely in his world. We are grateful for his grace, but forgetful, and often harmful and hurtful to his world and his people.

The Son of God is our Lord. He was tempted by Satan, but his love was stronger than his enemy. He lived among us to teach us God’s ways. He died for us, to show us the power of God’s love. He rose from the grave to unite us with God forever.

The Holy Spirit is our companion, our counselor, our guide. The Spirit leads us on our Lenten journey, convicting us of our sins and leading us to confess them. The Spirit pours God’s love into our hearts and teaches us to share that love with the world. The Spirit unites the whole church on earth, making us one with the Father and the Son.

We believe in the Triune God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. Amen.

Prayers of Intercession

Peace

Meal

Offertory:

(8:15) Bell Choir

"In Christ Alone"

arr. Eithun

(10:45)

"In Christ Alone"

arr. Shackley

Offering Prayer

Holy Communion

Holy, Holy, Holy (ELW p. 207)

Lord's Prayer

Communion Song:

"Lamb of God"

(ELW p. 208)

Communion Hymns:

"We Come to the Hungry Feast"

ELW #479

"Here Is Bread"

ELW #483

Communion Blessing

Prayer after Communion

Sending

Benediction

Sending Song:

"In the Cross of Christ I Glory"

ELW #324

Dismissal

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.*