

FOURTH SUNDAY IN LENT

“LOOK TO CHRIST AND LIVE”

REV. JAMES L. MAYLAND

7:30AM & 9AM SUNDAY, MARCH 10, 2024 IN THE SANCTUARY

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AS WE GATHER We hear today of eternal life that is given to us because of God’s great love for us, shown to us in perhaps the most famous Bible verse, John 3:16. This verse speaks of God’s genuine love for us and the world shown in Jesus’ death on the cross for us. The love of God never ends. God’s love is present here and now and extends into eternal life as eternal love. May we be so encouraged by God’s love to share it with others. Thanks be to God for such love!

PRE-SERVICE MUSIC

RINGING OF THE BELLS

WELCOME

OPENING HYMN

7:30am—

“By Grace I’m Saved”

LSB 566, sts. 1,3,5-6

9am—

“Once and for All”

Tomlin/Cash/Ingram/Maher

INVOCATION

P In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

OPENING SENTENCES

John 3:16

P God so loved the world,

C that He gave His only Son,

P that whoever believes in Him should not perish

C but have eternal life.

P Our Lenten journey leads us to the cross where Jesus gave His life,

C and then to the resurrection and eternal life.

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

- P** Though Christ has loved us with this genuine love that gives us eternal life, we sometimes ignore His love and refuse to share Christ's love with others. Still, our heavenly Father is merciful, and He invites us to draw near to Him in hope and confidence to ask for His grace.

(Silence for reflection.)

Heavenly Father,

- C** **we have sinned against You and against our neighbors. We have not loved You with our whole heart. We have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We have not loved our enemies. Forgive us, renew our love, on account of Jesus. Amen.**

- P** Jesus Christ was lifted up on the tree of the cross so that we might be forgiven. His genuine love is for the world and is for you. As a called and ordained servant of Christ and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

- C** **Amen.**

SALUTATION AND PRAYER OF THE DAY

- P** The Lord be with you.

- C** **And also with you.**

- P** Let us pray. Almighty God, our heavenly Father, Your mercies are new every morning; and though we deserve only punishment, You receive us as Your children and provide for all our needs of body and soul. Grant that we may heartily acknowledge Your merciful goodness, give thanks for all Your benefits, and serve You in willing obedience; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

- C** **Amen.**

SERVICE OF THE WORD

OLD TESTAMENT

Numbers 21:4-9

From Mount Hor they set out by the way to the Red Sea, to go around the land of Edom. And the people became impatient on the way. ⁵And the people spoke against God and against Moses, "Why have you brought us up out of Egypt to die in the wilderness? For there is no food and no water, and we loathe this worthless food."

⁶Then the LORD sent fiery serpents among the people, and they bit the people, so that many people of Israel died. ⁷And the people came to Moses and said, “We have sinned, for we have spoken against the LORD and against you. Pray to the LORD, that he take away the serpents from us.” So Moses prayed for the people. ⁸And the LORD said to Moses, “Make a fiery serpent and set it on a pole, and everyone who is bitten, when he sees it, shall live.” ⁹So Moses made a bronze serpent and set it on a pole. And if a serpent bit anyone, he would look at the bronze serpent and live.

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

EPISTLE

Ephesians 2:1-10

And you were dead in the trespasses and sins ²in which you once walked, following the course of this world, following the prince of the power of the air, the spirit that is now at work in the sons of disobedience— ³among whom we all once lived in the passions of our flesh, carrying out the desires of the body and the mind, and were by nature children of wrath, like the rest of mankind. ⁴But God, being rich in mercy, because of the great love with which he loved us, ⁵even when we were dead in our trespasses, made us alive together with Christ—by grace you have been saved—⁶and raised us up with him and seated us with him in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus, ⁷so that in the coming ages he might show the immeasurable riches of his grace in kindness toward us in Christ Jesus. ⁸For by grace you have been saved through faith. And this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God, ⁹not a result of works, so that no one may boast. ¹⁰For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand, that we should walk in them.

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

HOLY GOSPEL

John 3:14-21

P The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the third chapter.

C Glory to You, O Lord.

[Jesus said:] “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, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life. ¹⁷For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him.

¹⁸Whoever believes in him is not condemned, but whoever does not believe is condemned already, because he has not believed in the name of the only Son of God. ¹⁹And this is the judgment: the light has come into the world, and people loved the darkness rather than the light because their deeds were evil. ²⁰For everyone who does wicked things hates the light and does not come to the light, lest his deeds should be exposed. ²¹But whoever does what is true comes to the light, so that it may be clearly seen that his deeds have been carried out in God."

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to You, O Christ.

A SPECIAL MESSAGE FOR THE CHILDREN

HYMN OF THE DAY

"God Loved the World"

LSB 571



1 God loved the world so that He gave His on - ly
 2 Christ Je - sus is the ground of faith, Who was made
 3 God would not have the sin - ner die; His Son with
 4 Be of good cheer, for God's own Son For - gives all



Son the lost to save, That all who would in
 flesh and suf - fered death; All then who trust in
 sav - ing grace is nigh; His Spir - it in the
 sins which you have done; And, jus - ti - fied by



Him be - lieve Should ev - er - last - ing life re - ceive.
 Him a - lone Are built on this chief cor - ner - stone.
 Word de - clares How we in Christ are heav - en's heirs.
 Je - sus' blood, Your Bap - tism grants the high - est good.

5. If you are sick, if death is near, This truth your troubled heart can cheer:
 Christ Jesus saves your soul from death; That is the firmest ground of faith.

△ 6. Glory to God the Father, Son, And Holy Spirit, Three in One!
 To You, O blessed Trinity, Be praise now and eternally!

SERMON

"Look to Christ and Live"

Rev. James L. Mayland

LSB 953

P ...Let us pray to the Lord.



C O Lord, hear my prayer, O Lord, hear my prayer; When I call an-swer me.



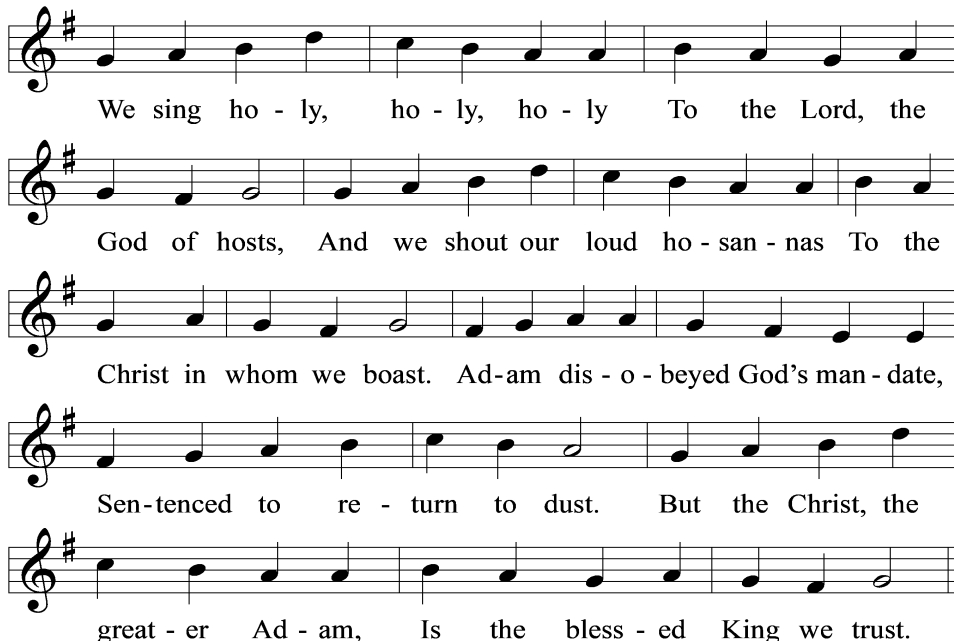
O Lord, hear my prayer, O Lord, hear my prayer; Come and lis-ten to me.

Patterson

P It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who overcame the assaults of the devil and gave His life as a ransom for many that with cleansed hearts we might be prepared

joyfully to celebrate the paschal feast in sincerity and truth. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:

SANCTUS HYMN



We sing ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly To the Lord, the
God of hosts, And we shout our loud ho - san - nas To the
Christ in whom we boast. Ad - am dis - o - beyed God's man - date,
Sen - tenced to re - turn to dust. But the Christ, the
great - er Ad - am, Is the bless - ed King we trust.

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THE 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.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

AGNUS DEI HYMN “O Lamb of God, We Pray”



O Lamb of God, we pray: Take all our sins a-way—





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THE PEACE OF THE LORD

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C Amen.

COMMUNION DISTRIBUTION

Christ invites all repentant sinners to partake in His feast of forgiveness – the Lord’s Supper. LCMS communicant members are invited to examine their faith using pages 329-330 in the hymnal and receive the Savior’s body and blood. Grape juice is available in the center of the trays in lieu of wine. Gluten free wafers are available upon request. Visitors wishing to commune should see a pastor or an elder before service. We ask this because we love you.

DISTRIBUTION HYMNS

“My Faith Looks Up to Thee”

LSB 702

“Jesus Loves Me”

LSB 588

9am—

“The Wonderful Cross” Tomlin/Watts/Walt/Reeves/Mason

DISMISSAL

P The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen and preserve you in body and soul to life everlasting. Depart ✠ in peace.

C Amen.

POST-COMMUNION THANKSGIVING

P Let us pray. O God the Father, the fountain and source of all goodness, who in loving-kindness sent Your only-begotten Son into the flesh, we thank You that for His sake You have given us pardon and peace in this

Sacrament, and we ask You not to forsake Your children but always to rule our hearts and minds by Your Holy Spirit that we may be enabled constantly to serve You; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

BENEDICTION

Numbers 6:24-26

P The Lord bless you and keep you.
The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.
The Lord look upon you with favor and ☩ give you peace.

C Amen.

CLOSING HYMN

7:30am— “Christ, Our Human Likeness Sharing”
(to the tune of “Lord Dismiss Us With Your Blessing”)

9am— “Saviour of the World” *Cantelon*

ANNOUNCEMENTS

POSTLUDE

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PRESIDING MINISTER: *Rev. James L. Mayland, Senior Pastor*

ORGANIST: *Matthew Hoehne, Director of Music*

MUSICIANS: *9am—4th & 5th Grade Students; Small Group Singers—Jack Budzynski, Morgyn Calmes, Layla Effinger, Nevaeh Hein, Elahna Heiser, Grayson Janssen, Callie Laesig, Anika Pederson, Bella Prasoeuthsy; Chimes/Bells—Olivia Robinson, Patrick Sorenson; Zoey Grosnick, Liam Kaufman, Jackson Kramer, Nevaeh Hein, Grayson Janssen, Anna Maria Albekioni, Enzo Murillo, Gage Yarie, Kyla Groleau, Bella Prasoeuthsy, Faith Turner, Livia Weiss, Macy Hurst, Autumn Marshall; Praise Team, Brett Schwantes, lead*

PRAYER LEADERS: *9am—Jase Medin, Ella Knock, Austin Blumreich, Ila Williams, Harper Treu, Anders Tesmer*

ELDERS: *7:30am—Bob Zimmerman, Todd Hauer; 9am—Tim Rock, Todd Hauer*

ACOLYTES: *9am—Elijah Kresin, Isaac Neumueller*

TECH: *9am—Marcella Mader*

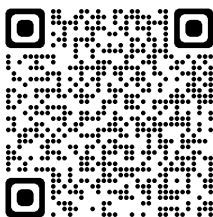
WELCOME TO TRINITY!

Your presence is very special to us. May your faith be strengthened and your life enriched as you join us in worship to God!

TRADITIONAL/BLENDED WORSHIP SERVICES IN THE SANCTUARY—
7:30am & 9am Sunday
CONTEMPORARY WORSHIP SERVICE IN THE SPIRITUAL LIFE CENTER (SLC)—
5pm Saturday

- **WORSHIP SCHEDULE**—Holy Communion is celebrated every Sunday. We invite those who have been instructed in the teachings of the Evangelical Lutheran Church to receive the Sacrament of the Altar. Others are asked to speak with a pastor before receiving the Sacrament. *Gluten free wafers are available upon request.*
- **LARGE PRINT**—large print copies of the bulletin are available on the table in the Narthex or you may ask the usher for one.
- **CHILDREN'S BULLETINS**—for ages 3-6 & 7-12 years, are available on the table in the Narthex.
- **NURSERY**—for children ages 3 & under. The upper level nursery is located near the Church Lounge on Sundays. *Please Note: The upper level nursery will be unstaffed unless volunteers are available.*
- **CHRISTIAN EDUCATION**—Sunday School is available for children 4 years old through 6th Grade at 10:15am on Sunday mornings during the school year. Christian Education courses for adults and young adults are held at 10:15am on Sunday mornings & various times throughout the week during the school year. Trinity is committed to Christian Education through the 4K-8th grade School and our Childcare (infant through 13 years).
- **ELEVATOR**—is located next to the nursery on the upper level. On the lower level the elevator is located across from Classroom #101, which is past the offices. Use as needed.
- **RESTROOMS**—Narthex level across from the Library, lower level next to the elevator.
- **JOINING TRINITY**—We invite you to become part of this Christian community! If interested in membership, please speak with an elder or pastor, and we will contact you.

Automated Giving Options



MISSION STATEMENT:

To gather people who grow in faith and share Jesus with all.

VISION STATEMENT:

To strive to be a mature and faithful congregation that is focused on our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ.