



BORN *Again*

JESUS REPLIED,

**VERY TRULY, I TELL YOU,
NO ONE CAN ENTER THE
KINGDOM OF GOD WITHOUT
BEING BORN OF**

Water **AND**
THE *Spirit*

JOHN 3:5

SECOND SUNDAY IN LENT
“BORN AGAIN”

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7:30AM & 9AM SUNDAY, MARCH 5, 2023 IN THE UPPER SANCTUARY

TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH & SCHOOL

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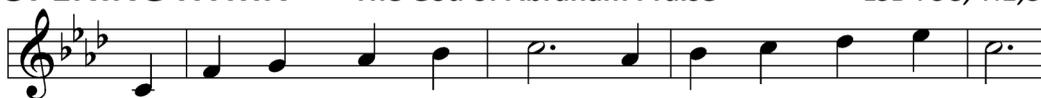
FOCUS That which is born of flesh cannot inherit the kingdom of God, only that which is born of the Spirit, born from above and born anew. With Nicodemus we marvel at Jesus' words. It is hard for us to admit that we cannot save ourselves but must be redeemed from sin and its death. Even more difficult is to see in the baptismal water that power of the Spirit connecting us to Christ's death and resurrection—giving us this new birth. "How can this be?" Nicodemus marvels at Jesus' words and promise, and so are we in awe of God's gracious favor: "For God so loved the world, that He gave His only Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have eternal life" (John 3:16).

PRE-SERVICE MUSIC

RINGING of the BELLS

WELCOME

OPENING HYMN "The God of Abraham Praise" LSB 798, v.1,3,4



1 The God of A - br'ham praise, Who reigns en - throned a - bove;
3 The God of A - br'ham praise, Whose all - suf - fi - cient grace
4 He by Him - self has sworn; I on His oath de - pend.



An - cient of ev - er - last - ing days And God of love.
Shall guide me all my pil - grim days In all my ways.
I shall, on ea - gle wings up - borne, To heav'n as - cend.



Je - ho - vah, great I AM! By earth and heav'n con - fessed;
He deigns to call me friend; He calls Him - self my God.
I shall be - hold His face; I shall His pow'r a - dore



I bow and bless the sa - cred name For - ev - er blest.
And He shall save me to the end Through Je - sus' blood.
And sing the won - ders of His grace For - ev - er - more.

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INVOCATION

- L** In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- C** Amen.

OPENING SENTENCES

Psalm 25:1, 2a, 4-6, 7b

- L** To You, O LORD, I lift up my soul.
- C** **O my God, in You I trust.**
- L** Make me to know Your ways, O LORD; teach me Your paths.
- C** **Lead me in Your truth and teach me, for You are the God of my salvation; for You I wait all the day long.**
- L** Remember Your mercy, O LORD, and Your steadfast love, for they have been from of old.
- C** **According to Your steadfast love remember me, for the sake of Your goodness, O LORD!**

Confession and Absolution

Psalm 121:1-2

- L** From where does my help come?
- C** **My help comes from the LORD, who made heaven and earth.**

(Silence for meditation and reflection.)

- L** O almighty God, merciful Father:
- C** **I, a poor, miserable sinner, confess unto You all my sins and iniquities with which I have ever offended You and justly deserved Your present and eternal punishment. But I am heartily sorry for them and sincerely repent of them, and I pray You of Your boundless mercy and for the sake of the holy, innocent, bitter sufferings and death of Your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, to be gracious and merciful to me, a poor, sinful being. Forgive me all my sins and grant me the power of Your Holy Spirit that I may amend my sinful life.**

L Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. 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

L The Lord be with you.

C And also with you.

L Let us pray. O God, You see that of ourselves we have no strength. By Your mighty power defend us from all adversities that may happen to the body and from all evil thoughts that may assault and hurt the soul; 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

Genesis 12:1-9

Now the Lord said to Abram, "Go from your country and your kindred and your father's house to the land that I will show you. ² And I will make of you a great nation, and I will bless you and make your name great, so that you will be a blessing. ³ I will bless those who bless you, and him who dishonors you I will curse, and in you all the families of the earth shall be blessed." ⁴ So Abram went, as the Lord had told him, and Lot went with him. Abram was seventy-five years old when he departed from Haran. ⁵ And Abram took Sarai his wife, and Lot his brother's son, and all their possessions that they had gathered, and the people that they had acquired in Haran, and they set out to go to the land of Canaan. When they came to the land of Canaan, ⁶ Abram passed through the land to the place at Shechem, to the oak of Moreh. At that time the Canaanites were in the land. ⁷ Then the Lord appeared to Abram and said, "To your offspring I will give this land." So he built there an altar to the Lord, who had appeared to him. ⁸ From there he moved to the hill country on the east of Bethel and pitched his tent, with Bethel on the west and Ai on the east. And there he built an altar to the Lord and called upon the name of the Lord. ⁹ And Abram journeyed on, still going toward the Negeb.

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

MUSICAL OFFERING

7:30am—

“To the Everlasting Hills” Cornelius/Hopson; Psalm 121

9am—

“Promises” Moses/Bowe/Barnes/Alvarado/Marin/Gaines

EPISTLE

Romans 4:1-8, 13-17

What then shall we say was gained by Abraham, our forefather according to the flesh? ² For if Abraham was justified by works, he has something to boast about, but not before God. ³ For what does the Scripture say? “Abraham believed God, and it was counted to him as righteousness.” ⁴ Now to the one who works, his wages are not counted as a gift but as his due. ⁵ And to the one who does not work but believes in him who justifies the ungodly, his faith is counted as righteousness, ⁶ just as David also speaks of the blessing of the one to whom God counts righteousness apart from works: ⁷ “Blessed are those whose lawless deeds are forgiven, and whose sins are covered; ⁸ blessed is the man against whom the Lord will not count his sin.” ... ¹³ For the promise to Abraham and his offspring that he would be heir of the world did not come through the law but through the righteousness of faith. ¹⁴ For if it is the adherents of the law who are to be the heirs, faith is null and the promise is void. ¹⁵ For the law brings wrath, but where there is no law there is no transgression. ¹⁶ That is why it depends on faith, in order that the promise may rest on grace and be guaranteed to all his offspring—not only to the adherent of the law but also to the one who shares the faith of Abraham, who is the father of us all, ¹⁷ as it is written, “I have made you the father of many nations”—in the presence of the God in whom he believed, who gives life to the dead and calls into existence the things that do not exist.

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

HOLY GOSPEL

John 3:1-17

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

C **Glory to You, O Lord.**

Now there was a man of the Pharisees named Nicodemus, a ruler of the Jews. ² This man came to Jesus by night and said to him, “Rabbi, we know that you are a teacher come from God, for no one can do these signs that you do unless God is with him.” ³ Jesus answered him, “Truly, truly, I say to you, unless one is born again he cannot see the kingdom of God.” ⁴ Nicodemus said to him, “How can a man be born when he is old? Can he enter a second time into his mother’s womb and be born?”

⁵ Jesus answered, "Truly, truly, I say to you, unless one is born of water and the Spirit, he cannot enter the kingdom of God. ⁶ That which is born of the flesh is flesh, and that which is born of the Spirit is spirit. ⁷ Do not marvel that I said to you, 'You must be born again.' ⁸ The wind blows where it wishes, and you hear its sound, but you do not know where it comes from or where it goes. So it is with everyone who is born of the Spirit." ⁹ Nicodemus said to him, "How can these things be?" ¹⁰ Jesus answered him, "Are you the teacher of Israel and yet you do not understand these things? ¹¹ Truly, truly, I say to you, we speak of what we know, and bear witness to what we have seen, but you do not receive our testimony. ¹² If I have told you earthly things and you do not believe, how can you believe if I tell you heavenly things? ¹³ No one has ascended into heaven except he who descended from heaven, the Son of Man. ¹⁴ And as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, ¹⁵ that 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. ¹⁷ For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him."

L This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to You, O Christ.

HYMN of the DAY "God Loved the World So That He Gave"

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!

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SERMON

“Born Again”

Rev. Timothy D. Smith

CATECHISM

The Second Article

L In the Second Article of the Creed, our confession is focused on Jesus, our Redeemer—who God in His love gave to bring us salvation and the promise of eternal life. We speak the words of the Creed:

C **I believe in Jesus Christ, His 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 into hell. The third day He rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.**

L What does this mean?

C **I believe that Jesus Christ, true God, begotten of the Father from eternity, and also true man, born of the virgin Mary, is my Lord, who has redeemed me, a lost and condemned person, purchased and won me from all sins, from death, and from the power of the devil; not with gold or silver, but with His holy, precious blood and with His innocent suffering and death, that I may be His own and live under Him in His kingdom and serve Him in everlasting righteousness, innocence, and blessedness, just as He is risen from the dead, lives and reigns to all eternity. This is most certainly true.**

PRAYER of the CHURCH *(After each petition, the following is said...)*

L Lord in Your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

GATHERING of TITHES and OFFERINGS

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.*

MUSICAL OFFERING (7:30am)

OFFERING SONG (9am) "Sovereign" Tomlin/Ingram/Myrin/Chalk/Redman

Service of the Sacrament

PREFACE

2 Timothy 4:22

- L** The Lord be with you.
- C** **And also with you.**
- L** Lift up your hearts.
- C** **We lift them to the Lord.**
- L** Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
- C** **It is right to give Him thanks and praise.**

PROPER PREFACE

- L** It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, O Lord, holy Father, almighty and everlasting God, for the countless blessings You so freely bestow on us and all creation. Above all, we give thanks for Your boundless love shown to us when You sent Your only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ, into our flesh and laid on Him our sin, giving Him into death that we might not die eternally. Because He is now risen from the dead and lives and reigns to all eternity, all who believe in Him will overcome sin and death and will rise again to new life. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and singing:

SANCTUS HYMN "Holy God, We Praise Thy Name"

LSB 940, v.2, 4-5



2 Hark! The glad ce - les - tial hymn An - gel choirs a -
4 Thou art King of Glo - ry, Christ; Son of God, yet
△ 5 Ho - ly Fa - ther, ho - ly Son, Ho - ly Spir - it,



bove are rais - ing; Cher - u - bim and ser - a - phim,
born of Mar - y. For us sin - ners sac - ri - ficed,
three we name Thee; Though in es - sence on - ly one,



In un - ceas - ing cho - rus prais - ing, Fill the heav'ns with
 As to death a Trib - u - tar - y, First to break the
 Un - di - vid - ed God we claim Thee And, a - dor - ing,



sweet ac - cord: Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord!
 bars of death, Thou hast o - pened heav'n to faith.
 bend the knee While we own the mys - ter - y.

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WORDS of INSTITUTION

PROCLAMATION of CHRIST

1 Corinthians 11:26; Revelation 22:20

- L** As often as we eat this bread and drink this cup, we proclaim the Lord's death until He comes.
- C** **Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.**
- L** O Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, in giving us Your body and blood to eat and to drink, You lead us to remember and confess Your holy cross and passion, Your blessed death, Your rest in the tomb, Your resurrection from the dead, Your ascension into heaven, and Your coming for the final judgment. So remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray:

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.**

PAX DOMINI

- L** The peace of the Lord be with you always.
- C** **Amen.**

AGNUS DEI HYMN

“Lamb of God”

LSB 550, v.1, 3



1 Your on - ly Son, no sin to hide, But You have
3 I was so lost, I should have died, But You have



sent Him from Your side To walk up - on this guilt - y
brought me to Your side To be led by Your staff and



sod, And to be - come the Lamb of God.
rod, And to be called a lamb of God.



O Lamb of God, sweet Lamb of God, I love the ho - ly Lamb of God!



O wash me in His pre-cious blood, My Je-sus Christ, the Lamb of God.

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COMMUNION DISTRIBUTION *(Gluten Free Wafers are available upon request.)*

Christ invites all repentant sinners to partake His feast of forgiveness – the Lord’s Supper. LCMS communicant members are invited to examine their faith and receive the Savior’s body and blood. Visitors wishing to commune should see a Pastor or an Elder before service. We ask this because we love you.

DISTRIBUTION MUSIC (7:30am) “For God So Loved the World” Grotenhuis

DISTRIBUTION SONG (9am) “You Are My King” Foote

DISTRIBUTION HYMNS “What Wondrous Love Is This” LSB 543 “Lord, Take My Hand and Lead Me” LSB 722

POST-COMMUNION THANKSGIVING

L Let us pray. Gracious God, our heavenly Father, we thank You for having welcomed us at Your Table, giving us a foretaste of the feast to come in

Your eternal kingdom. Strengthen us through this blessed gift that we may live in hope-filled anticipation of the end of all earthly things and await with joy Your final coming in glory. Grant that Your Holy Spirit enlighten us with His gifts that we be kept in the true faith until the last and greatest day of our Lord’s return. We ask this in the name of Jesus, our Savior.

C Amen.

BENEDICTION

Numbers 6:24-26

L 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.

DISMISSAL

L Go in peace. Christ is with you!

C Thanks be to God!

CLOSING SONG

7:30am—

“Sent Forth by God’s Blessing”

LSB 643

9am—

“Saviour of the World”

Cantelon

POSTLUDE

Creative Worship for the Lutheran Parish, Series A, Quarter 2.
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PRESIDING MINISTER: *Rev. Timothy D. Smith, Associate Pastor*

LITURGIST: *Rev. James L. Mayland, Senior Pastor*

ORGANIST: *Carmen Zuelsdorff*

MUSICIANS: *7:30am—Sanctuary Choir, Matt Hoehne, director;*
9am—Praise Team, Brett Schwantes, lead

ELDERS: *7:30am—Bob Zimmerman, Todd Hauer;*
9am—Dan Schwantes, Terry Page

ACOLYTES: *7:30am—Carleigh Diedrich; 9am—Isaac Neumueller, Logan Frey*

TECH: *7:30am— ; 9am—*

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 UPPER SANCTUARY—
7:30am & 9am Sunday
CONTEMPORARY WORSHIP SERVICE IN THE UPPER SANCTUARY—
5pm Saturday

- **WORSHIP SCHEDULE**—Holy Communion is celebrated on the 1st, 3rd, & 5th Sundays of the month in the Upper Sanctuary. 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, our Childcare (infant through 13 years), and through our association with Wisconsin Valley Lutheran High School.
- **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.

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