

"Hope in Suffering and Death"

† The Second Sunday in Lent †

February 28/March 1, 2021

Trinity Lutheran Church Sheboygan, Wisconsin

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Prayer Upon Entering: O God, You justify the ungodly and desire not the death of the sinner. Graciously assist us by Your heavenly aid and evermore shield us with Your protection, that no temptation may separate us from Your love in Christ Jesus, our Lord. Amen

Welcome: We cordially welcome you the Lord's Service to us this day. If you are worshipping with us for the first time, the following suggestions may be helpful to you:

- Due to the pandemic, the Divine Service is printed in its entirety in this booklet. During the pandemic, please practice physically distancing as you enter, as you go to the altar for the Lord's Supper, and as you leave. Masks are available at each entrance if needed. You may either stand or kneel for the Lord's Supper.
- Hearing devices are available. Please ask an usher for assistance.
- The Music Room, the room to your right before entering the sanctuary, is available for parents with small children who need to step out during the service. The service is televised in the Music Room.
- The time before the service is a time of prayer and preparation to receive the gifts of salvation. In addition to prayer, look over the readings and the words to the hymns during this preparation time. A booklet entitled, "The Divine Service" located in the pew rack may also assist you in understanding worship at Trinity.
- Please turn off all cell phones and refrain from taking pictures during the service. Thank you.
- Visitors, please sign the guest registers located in the Narthex.

Guests and the Lord's Supper: If you desire to commune, please speak to one of the pastors before the service. Our altar is open to those who confess oneness with us in doctrine, are members of our congregation or sister congregations of the Lutheran Church – Missouri Synod, and are not under church discipline in another congregation.

THE SERVICE PARTICIPANTS

THE PRESIDING MINISTER: Rev. Timothy J. Mech THE ASSISTING MINISTER: Rev. John M. Berg

THE ORGANIST: Dr. Samuel Eatherton

THE CHOIR: (8:00) Kleinechor

THE INSTRUMENTALIST: Sarah Eatherton (recorder)

THE COMMUNION ASSISTANTS: (8:00) Craig Kaiser, Dennis Barrow, (9:30) Chad Hamilton, Jerry Toerpe, (10:45) Tim

Herrmann, Tim Muth, (6:30) Jeff Roethel, Hans Otten

THE SOUND BOOTH TEAM: Ron Mueller, Hans Gruben, Tom Kelly, Joshua Rach, Robert Wiltzius

Our Calendar for February 28 – March 7, 2021

Sunday, February 28

8:00 am Divine Service 9:30 am Divine Service 10:45 am Divine Service **The Lutheran Hour** Broadcast Sundays at:

6:30 am WTMJ 620AM 5:00 pm WJUB 1420AM

Monday, March 1

6:30 pm Divine Service

7:30 pm Board of Christian Day School Meeting

Morning Meditations WHBL 1330am

7:26am & 10:45am St. Paul – Sheboygan Falls

Thursday, March 4

9:00 am Women's Bible Class (FH)

Friday, March 5

7:00 am Men's Bible Class (FH)

Sunday, March 7

8:00 am Divine Service 9:30 am Divine Service 10:45 am Divine Service

Wednesday, March 3

8:30 am Adult Bible Study (FH)

10:00 am Lenten Service

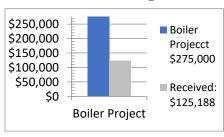
11:00 am Sunday Service TV Broadcast (Spectrum 990 & U-verse 99)

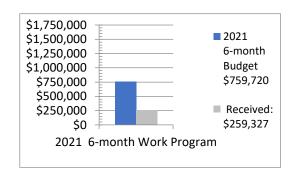
2:45 pm Trinity Student only Lenten Service

3:30 pm Midweek Confirmation Class

6:30 pm Lenten Service

7:30 pm Board of Elders Meeting (FH)





Confession and Absolution

The sign of the cross may be made by all in remembrance of their Baptism.

- **P** In the name of the Father and of the

 → Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- C Amen.
- P Beloved in the Lord! Let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins unto God our Father, beseeching Him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.
- **P** Our help is in the name of the Lord,
- C who made heaven and earth.
- **P** I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord,
- and You forgave the iniquity of my sin.

Kneel/Stand

Silence for reflection on God's Word and for self-examination.

- P O almighty God, merciful Father,
- I, a poor, miserable sinner, confess unto You all my sins and iniquities with which I have ever offended You and justly deserved Your temporal 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.
- P Upon this your confession, I, by virtue of my office, as a called and ordained servant of the Word, announce the grace of God unto all of you, and in the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the

 → Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- C Amen.

Stand

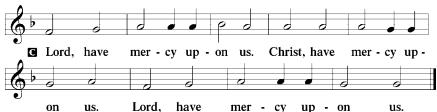
Service of the Word

423 Jesus, Refuge of the Weary



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Kyrie LSB 186



Salutation and Collect of the Day



P 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.



Sit

Old Testament Reading

Genesis 17:1–7, 15–16

¹When Abram was ninety-nine years old the LORD appeared to Abram and said to him, "I am God Almighty; walk before me, and be blameless, ²that I may make my covenant between me and you, and may multiply you greatly." ³Then Abram fell on his face. And God said to him, ⁴"Behold, my covenant is with you, and you shall be the father of a multitude of nations. ⁵No longer shall your name be called Abram, but your name shall be Abraham, for I have made you the father of a multitude of nations. ⁶I will make you exceedingly fruitful, and I will make you into nations, and kings shall come from you. ⁷And I will establish my covenant between me and you and your offspring after you throughout their generations for an everlasting covenant, to be God to you and to your offspring after you. . . .

¹⁵And God said to Abraham, "As for Sarai your wife, you shall not call her name Sarai, but Sarah shall be her name. ¹⁶I will bless her, and moreover, I will give you a son by her. I will bless her, and she shall become nations; kings of peoples shall come from her."

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Choral Response (8:00) God Be in My Head

God be in my head and in my understanding. God be in mine eyes and in my looking. God be in my mouth and in my speaking. God be in mine heart and in my thinking. God be at my end and in my departing.

Text: Old English Prayer Setting: John Rutter Epistle Romans 5:1–11

¹Therefore, since we have been justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ. ²Through him we have also obtained access by faith into this grace in which we stand, and we rejoice in hope of the glory of God. ³More than that, we rejoice in our sufferings, knowing that suffering produces endurance, ⁴and endurance produces character, and character produces hope, ⁵and hope does not put us to shame, because God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit who has been given to us. ⁶For while we were still weak, at the right time Christ died for the ungodly. ⁷For one will scarcely die for a righteous person—though perhaps for a good person one would dare even to die— ⁸but God shows his love for us in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us. ⁹Since, therefore, we have now been justified by his blood, much more shall we be saved by him from the wrath of God. ¹⁰For if while we were enemies we were reconciled to God by the death of his Son, much more, now that we are reconciled, shall we be saved by his life. ¹¹More than that, we also rejoice in God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have now received reconciliation.

- A This is the Word of the Lord.
- **C** Thanks be to God.

Stand

Holy Gospel Mark 8:27–38

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark, the eighth chapter.



²⁷And Jesus went on with his disciples to the villages of Caesarea Philippi. And on the way he asked his disciples, "Who do people say that I am?" ²⁸And they told him, "John the Baptist; and others say, Elijah; and others, one of the prophets." ²⁹And he asked them, "But who do you say that I am?" Peter answered him, "You are the Christ." ³⁰And he strictly charged them to tell no one about him. ³¹And he began to teach them that the Son of Man must suffer many things and be rejected by the elders and the chief priests and the scribes and be killed, and after three days rise again. ³²And he said this plainly. And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him. ³³But turning and seeing his disciples, he rebuked Peter and said, "Get behind me, Satan! For you are not setting your mind on the things of God, but on the things of man." ³⁴And he called to him the crowd with his disciples and said to them, "If anyone would come after me, let him deny himself and take up his cross and follow me. ³⁵For whoever would save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for my sake and the gospel's will save it. ³⁶For what does it profit a man to gain the whole world and forfeit his life? ³⁷For what can a man give in return for his life? ³⁸For whoever is ashamed of me and of my words in this adulterous and sinful generation, of him will the Son of Man also be ashamed when he comes in the glory of his Father with the holy angels."

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.



Nicene Creed

I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth and of all things visible and invisible.

And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of His Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God, begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father, by whom all things were made; who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven

and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary

and was made man; and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate.

He suffered and was buried. And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures and ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of the Father. And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead, whose kingdom will have no end.

And I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified, who spoke by the prophets. And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church.

I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins,

and I look for the resurrection of the dead and the life + of the world to come. Amen.

708 Lord, Thee I Love with All My Heart 1 Lord, Thee love with all my heart; I pray Thee, ne'er from Ι Yea, Lord, 'twas Thy rich boun-ty gave My bod - y, soul, and Thine an - gels come, To at last A - br'ham's bos - om With ten - der cheer Earth me part, mer - cy me. T have In this poor life of la Lord, bor. bear me home, That fear And may die un ing; Yea, has would share. heav'n it - self were no plea - sure Thy grant that Ι in ev - 'ry place May glo - ri - fy bod - y safe keep nar - row cham - ber My its in And should my void and bare If Thou, Lord, wert not near me. lav - ish grace And help and serve my neigh no false bor. Let And then from peace-ful sleep Un - til Thy re - ap - pear ing. heart for sor - row break, My trust in Thee can noth - ing shake. be - guile; Sa - tan soul de - file. doc - trine me Let not my death wak - en That these mine eyes with joy may see, me, Thy Thou art the por tion Ι have sought; pre - cious Give strength and pa tience un - to me To bear my God. glo - rious Son of Thy face, My Say - ior blood my Je soul has bought. Lord sus Christ, my God and cross and fol - low Thee. Lord Je sus Christ, my God and and my fount of grace. Lord Christ, my prayer at -Je sus Lord, my God and Lord, For - sake me not! I trust Thy Word. Lord, my God and Lord, In death Thy com - fort still af - ford. tend, my prayer at - tend, And I will praise Thee with - out end. Text and tune: Public domain

Sermon

Theme: "Hope in Suffering and Death"

Text: Romans 5:1-11

Stephen Ministry Commissioning (8:00)

Stand

Prayer of the Church

P Lord, in Your mercy,

C hear our prayer.



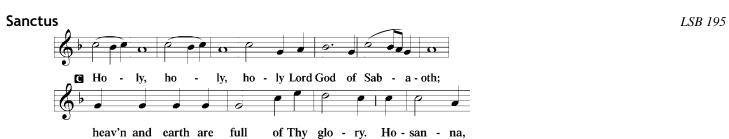


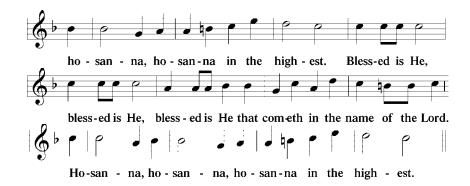
Service of the Sacrament

Preface LSB 194



P It is truly meet, 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:





Lord's Prayer LSB 196

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.

The Words of Our Lord LSB 197

Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: "Take, eat; this is My + body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me."

In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: "Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in My + blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as

Pax Domini LSB 197



often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."

■ The peace of the Lord be with you al - ways.



Agnus Dei LSB 198



Distribution

The pastor and those who assist him receive the body and blood of Christ first and then distribute them to those who come to receive, saying:

Take, eat; this is the true body of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, given into death for your sins.

Take, drink; this is the true blood of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, shed for the forgiveness of your sins. Amen.

Choir (8:00) Despair Not, My Soul

Despair not, my soul, nor to sorrow give way; Remember that God is thy Friend ev'ry day. Though now you encounter misfortunes unnumbered, Soon follows the sunshine in glorious rays: Content thee, be cheerful, all sorrow: away!

Much fretting and weeping will bring no relief; Who trusteth in God will soon comfort receive. His Spirit console thee, Oh, ponder His mercy When life is perplexing, unhappy, and sad, Look upward to heaven, and you'll soon be glad.

To God I commit me, my body and soul; He'll grant me contentment and blessings untold. To Him, my Defender, myself I surrender, And though I must walk through the valley of death, I know He'll protect me and do what He saith.

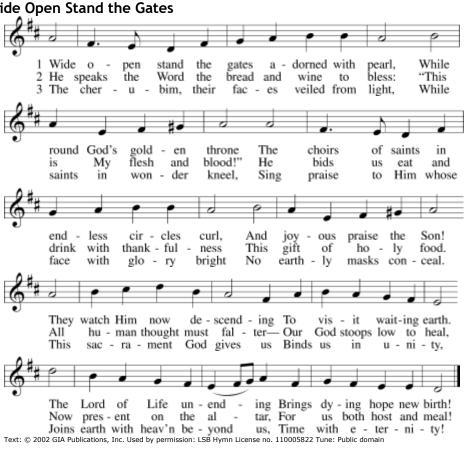
Text and Setting: Ed. Walter E. Buszin

420 Christ, the Life of All the Living



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639 Wide Open Stand the Gates







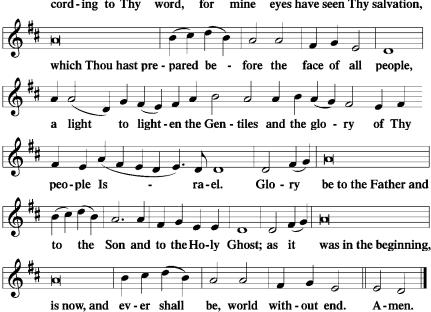
In dismissing the communicants, the following is said:

- 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.

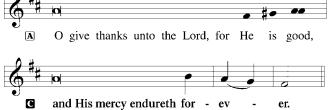
Nunc Dimittis

LSB 199

Lord, now lettest Thou Thy servant de - part in peace accord-ing to Thy word, for mine eyes have seen Thy salvation,

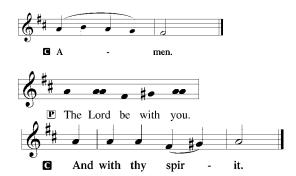


Thanksgiving LSB 200

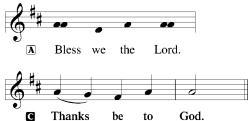


A Let us pray.

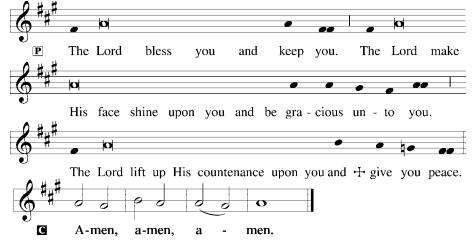
We give thanks to You, almighty God, that You have refreshed us through this salutary gift, and we implore You that of Your mercy You would strengthen us through the same in faith toward You and in fervent love toward one another; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



Benedicamus LSB 202



Benediction LSB 202



798 The God of Abraham Praise

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Postlude

The God of Abraham Praise

M. Burkhardt

Acknowledgments

FLOWERS GIVEN TODAY TO THE GLORY OF GOD:

† In honor of all the dedicated, Christian, caring Stephen Ministry Caregivers and Stephen Ministry Leaders at Trinity Lutheran Church

STEPHEN MINISTRY: Today, Judy Hake, will be commissioned as a new Stephen Leader at our 8 am Service. Judy has completed weeks of the Stephen Series Leader's Training. She is eager to implement her training for people in need in our congregation and the community. She brings gifts of leadership, vision, wisdom, administration, organization and teaching to our current leadership team. We ask all current and past Stephen Caregivers and Leaders present today to join Judy as she is commissioned. We thank God as Judy has answered His call in this ministry and we pray for her as she begins this important work for the Lord.

ONLINE BIBLE STUDY: A study of the scripture readings and hymns will be available on our website after Monday on our "Recorded Services". This study is led by Pastor Mech, Pastor Berg and Sam Eatherton. New session will follow weekly on Mondays.

ADULT BIBLE STUDY: Prayer: We Speak to God - This is a new Bible study set to begin Wednesday, March 3rd at 8:30am in the Fellowship Hall. In His three years with them, Jesus taught His disciples, and us, about the close connection between faith in Him and prayer. In this study, you will learn that faith is something like the empty hands of a beggar who has nothing to give, but everything to receive from Jesus. Faith in Him leads to prayer that receives what He promises to give. We hope you will join us every Wednesday. All are welcome!



FINANCIAL AID FOR THE 2021-2022 SCHOOL YEAR: Each year Trinity's Endowment Fund awards financial aid For Trinity day school students, Lutheran High School Students and college students pursuing a church-work vocation.

Financial aid information for Trinity Lutheran School is available from the school office. Financial aid forms for Lutheran High and professional church workers are available from the church office either

in person pickup or by email. If you would like to have them emailed, please contact Chris Melcher (melcher@trinitysheboygan.org) with your request. Please return forms by March 15, 2021.

NEAT REPEAT SALES:

3/2-3/6 Clear Glass Items 75% off

3/9 (2nd Tuesday of the month) 30% off everything in the store

3/10-3/13 Scarves, Ties, & Socks 25¢ 3/16-3/20 Jewelry & Purses 75% off

3/23-3/27 All Books 75% off & Picture Frames are 25¢

3/30-4/3 Easter Decorations 50% off

4/6-4/10 All Clothing \$1

4/13 (2nd Tuesday of the month) 30% off everything in the store

4/14-4/17 Furniture & Lamps 50% off



THE GATHERING PLACE is now accepting new participants with memory loss at our Good Shepherd location in Sheboygan. Please contact Leah at #920-627-6847 to schedule your tour!

CHURCH SERVICE INFORMATION: For the safety and care of all, throughout the COVID-19 pandemic Trinity has offered the Divine Service in accordance with the CDC's recommendations and the guidelines of the State of Wisconsin. Sheboygan County has moved to Phase 2. The Divine Service at Trinity now is **200 people per service**. This is 50% of our sanctuary's capacity. This allows us to continue to gather safely during this pandemic while faithfully receiving our Lord's gifts of salvation. The continued restrictions listed below are motivated by our genuine love and concern for our neighbor (particularly those who are most at risk from the virus). The Divine Service schedule along with service information and instructions is as follows:

- We will continue with three services on Sundays (8am, 9:30am, and 10:45am) and one Monday night service at 6:30pm throughout Phase 2.
- Masks required per Executive Order #82.
- Please use hand sanitizer as you enter.
- Please be seated in pews with a green dot first, and keep proper physical distance as you enter, leave, and during Communion. After green dot pews are filled ushers will stagger seating of people in the other pews.
- The entire Divine Service is printed in the bulletin (please take your bulletin with you after the service)
- A team of ushers will sanitize the pews after each service.
- The Lord's Supper will be distributed in a continuous way one side at a time, keeping physical distancing, with people coming up the center aisle and returning via the side aisle (this is similar to the way we distribute the Lord's Supper at the church picnic).
- As much as we all would like to, please do not gather in groups in the church building after the Divine Service (cleaning crew needs time to sanitize the pews, entrances, exits, etc.).

2021 OFFERING ENVELOPES & 2020 CONTRIBUTIONS STATEMENTS: Just a reminder that offering envelops and contribution statements are available in the Narthex. If you would like your 2020 contribution statement mailed or emailed, please contact the church office (melcher@trinitysheboygan.org or 458-8246).

TRINITY LWML FELLOWSHIP is on Monday, March 8th at 1:00 pm in the Fellowship Hall. There will be Bible study led by Alice Buck. We will make eyeglass cases and Witness bracelets for MOST Ministries to use at their Eyeglass Clinics. Our LWML is also collecting gently used eyeglasses and sun glasses. There are collection boxes in the back of church and in the Lounge. We invite you to come join us for our fellowship.

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ZONE 8 & 9 PRAYER SERVICE: "*He Prayed with Them!*" The prayer service is Saturday, March 13, 2021 at Luther Memorial Lutheran Church, 1127 Eisner Ave, Sheboygan WI. Registration is at 8:45 am and the service begins at 9:00 am. The service will be offered in-person (with masks

and social distancing) and also will be broadcast on 95.5 FM radio and can be heard from Luther Memorial's parking lot. It will also be available on FB Live by going to Luther Memorial's face book page and "like" the page.

"Rejoice always, pray without ceasing, give thanks in all circumstances; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you."

1 Thessalonians 5:16-18

FORTY DAYS FOR LIFE: Abortion was the leading cause of death worldwide in 2019.

More human beings died as a result of abortion than any other cause of death. Each of these aborted babies was made in God's image but was denied the right to life. Join 40 Days for Life/Sheboygan--Prayer & Fasting, Constant Vigil and Community Outreach—asking God to end abortion. February 17-March 28 from 7a.m. to 7p.m for forty straight days, from the sidewalk outside Planned Parenthood (909 S. Taylor Drive). Prayer is powerful! Sign up for vigil hours hours at www.40daysforlife.com/sheboygan, or contact Germaine 920-458-9120 or Cindy, 920-400-9975 for more information.

"Before I formed you in the womb I knew you, before you were born I dedicated you" Jeremiah 1:5

JOB OPPORTUNITY – MEDIA & PUBLIC RELATIONS COORDINATOR: St. Paul Lutheran Church in Sheboygan Falls is looking for a Media & Public Relations Coordinator. This position will focus on creating and maintaining St. Paul's digital presence. They are also responsible for various other printed and published communications. This part-time benefited position is 24 hours per week, Mondays & Thursdays 8:30-4:30 with the remaining 8 hrs flexible. Please visit our website or the church office for a ministry description or application.

BETHLEHEM LUTHERAN CHURCH is seeking applicants for a full-time Office Manager. The Office Manager will ensure that the office operates in an efficient manner, and that tasks are completed timely and accurately. Qualified candidates should be self-starters and computer proficient, with social media experience a plus. Resumes can be emailed to executivedirector@ourbethlehem.com or mailed to Bethlehem Lutheran Church (Attn: Executive Director) at 1121 Georgia Av, Sheboygan, 53081. Resumes will be accepted through March 7.

SAVE THE DATE: From Coast to Coast - Praising Father, Son, and Holy Ghost on March 12, 7:30 pm (CST). Concordia University Chicago's Wind Symphony has partnered with the Symphonic Band of Sheboygan Lutheran High School in Wisconsin to present "From Coast to Coast: Praising Father, Son, and Holy Ghost." The concert will be live streamed to congregations throughout the United States, and Trinity Lutheran is invited to attend this virtual event. The concert will take place March 12 at 7:30 p.m. Central. Visit www.lutheranhigh.com/coast-to-coast-concert to access the live stream.



Important School Information & Reminders

Student cell phones should now be turned into the office every morning upon arrival (instead of in the classroom). Any questions, please contact the school office.

Registration forms are due by April 15th. After April 15th, the registration fee increases by \$100. If you need additional forms, please contact Mrs. Rindt in the school office.

SCRIP DATES: Scrip order dates are February 28 and March 14. Pick up dates are March 5 & 19.

PARENT/TEACHER CONFERENCES will take place on the following dates:

- Wednesday, March 24 (4-6p)
- Thursday, March 25 (4-8p)
- Friday, March 26 (7a-1p).

Please sign up for your conference times on Sycamore beginning next Wednesday, March 3. Third quarter conferences are mandatory for all grades.



Spring/Easter Break ~ March 29-April 5

The School Office, Childcare & Extended will be closed during Spring/Easter Break.

Classes resume Tuesday, April 6



Order your 2021 EASTER LILIES

Please complete this form and return it to the church office with payment. Make checks payable to "**Trinity**". Cost of each lily is \$10.00.

Deadline is Monday, March 22. PLEASE WRITE LEGIBLY SO NAMES MAY BE PRINTED CORRECTLY.

IN LOVING MEMORY OF:		
Or IN HONOR OF:	 	
Or FOR BLESSINGS RECEIVED:	 	
YOUR NAME:	 	

One Lily per form please!

THE GATHERING PLACE is having a homemade soup drive thru on Sunday, March 7th from 10:30-12:30 or until the soups runs out. Attached is the list of area restaurants that are participating with the soup they are making. This is heat and serve soup sold by the quart and there are no pre-orders. All proceeds go directly to The Gathering Place. There will be signs of where to pick up (in the back of the church) in your car at St. Paul Lutheran Church, 730 County Road PPP, Sheboygan Falls. Any questions please call 920-627-6847.



CONGREGATION AT PRAYER & DEVOTIONS FOR THE WEEK Invocation

Introit (front page)

Meditation: Portals of Prayer

Prayer/Devotion

DAILY READINGS: LSB #299

Sun: Gen. 16:1-9, 15-17:22; Mark

6:1-13

Mon: Gen. 18:1-15; Mark 6:14-34

Tues: Gen. 21:1-21; Mark 6:35-56

Wed: Gen. 22:1-19; Mark 7:1-23 **Thurs:** Gen. 24:1-31; Mark 7:24-37 **Fri:** Gen. 24:32-52, 61-67; Mark 8:1-21 **Sat:** Gen. 27:1-29; Mark 8:22-38

In Our Prayers This Week:

† Steve Heronemus and his family, living with ALS

† Debra Kelm, management of an illness

† Brendon Cullen, extended physical therapy

† Bernadette Strate, sister of Tom Hoem, cancer

† Sue Mack, cousin of Beth Riemer, cancer

† Christina Newton Ray, cancer treatment

† Jennifer Pralle, sister of Katherine Pape, breast cancer

† Sharon Riemer, sister-in-law of Beth Riemer, ovarian cancer

† Ruthann Shields, daughter of Marion Rieboldt, cancer treatment

† Sharon Gerber, cancer treatment

† Matt Makela, cancer treatment

† Barrett, son of Josh & Amanda (Dillman) Graminske, leukemia

† Ken Weimann, in treatment for cancer

† Jean Fengler, sister of Kathy Hermann, cancer treatment

† Serving in the military: Timothy Schwanke, Rev. Brian Banke, Robert Badtke, Andrew Kelm, Robert Holt, Austin Griesbach, Adam Robinson, Elizabeth Risler, Darryl Carlson, Nate Yeager, Robert Holt, Zach Schmitz

† Paula Huebschman, in physical therapy

† Trinity Members, family members and friends with COVID-19

† Fred Grenier, father of Darlene Mech, hospitalized with a brain injury

† Sandy Fenske, recovering after surgery

† Harold Holt, recovering at home after a hospital stay

† Lisa Friedl, upcoming surgery

† Tom Mockert, recovering after a hospital stay

† Don Schaefer, in hospice care

† Dorothy Wappler, in hospice care

† Jean Scheblein, in hospice care

† David Boje, cancer treatment

† Trinity Staff Member, Chrissy Schmidt, Assistant Child Care Teacher/Aid

Hymn of the Week: "Stricken, Smitten, and Afflicted" LSB #451

Apostles' Creed

Lord's Prayer

Benediction

The Second Sunday in Lent

February 28, 2021

Introit

Remember your mercy, O LORD, and your | steadfast love,* for they have been | from of old.

You who fear the LORD, trust | in the LORD!*

He is their help | and their shield.

The LORD has remembered us; he will | bless us;*

he will bless the house of Israel; he will bless the house of | Aaron:

he will bless those who | fear the LORD,*

both the small | and the great.

We will | bless the LORD*

from this time forth and forevermore. | Praise the LORD!

Glory be to the Father and | to the Son*

and to the Holy | Spirit;

as it was in the be- | ginning,*

is now, and will be forever. | Amen.

Remember your mercy, O LORD, and your | steadfast love,* for they have been | from of old.

Collect of the Day

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.

Gradual

[O come, let us fix our eyes on] | Jesus,*
the founder and perfecter | of our faith,
who for the joy that was set before him endured the cross, despis- |
ing the shame,* and is seated at the right hand of the | throne of God.

Learn by Heart: Baptism, part 21 LSB p. 325

Readings for next Sunday: Ex. 20:1-17; 1 Cor. 1:18-31; John 2:13-22 (23-25)

Genesis 17:1-7, 15-16

¹When Abram was ninety-nine years old the LORD appeared to Abram and said to him, "I am God Almighty; walk before me, and be blameless, ²that I may make my covenant between me and you, and may multiply you greatly." ³Then Abram fell on his face. And God said to him, ⁴"Behold, my covenant is with you, and you shall be the father of a multitude of nations. ⁵No longer shall your name be called Abram, but your name shall be Abraham, for I have made you the father of a multitude of nations. ⁶I will make you exceedingly fruitful, and I will make you into nations, and kings shall come from you. ¬And I will establish my covenant between me and you and your offspring after you throughout their generations for an everlasting covenant, to be God to you and to your offspring after you. . . . ¹⁵And God said to Abraham, "As for Sarai your wife, you shall not call her name Sarai, but Sarah shall be her name. ¹⁶I will bless her, and moreover, I will give you a son by her. I will bless her, and she shall become nations; kings of peoples shall come from her."

Romans 5:1-11 ¹Therefore, since we have been justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ. 2Through him we have also obtained access by faith into this grace in which we stand, and we rejoice in hope of the glory of God. More than that, we rejoice in our sufferings, knowing that suffering produces endurance, ⁴and endurance produces character, and character produces hope, ⁵and hope does not put us to shame, because God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit who has been given to us. For while we were still weak, at the right time Christ died for the ungodly. For one will scarcely die for a righteous person—though perhaps for a good person one would dare even to die— *but God shows his love for us in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us. ⁹Since, therefore, we have now been justified by his blood, much more shall we be saved by him from the wrath of God. ¹⁰For if while we were enemies we were reconciled to God by the death of his Son, much more, now that we are reconciled, shall we be saved by his life. ¹¹More than that, we also rejoice in God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have now received reconciliation.

Mark 8:27-38 ²⁷And Iesus went on with his disciples to the villages of Caesarea Philippi. And on the way he asked his disciples, "Who do people say that I am?" ²⁸And they told him, "John the Baptist; and others say, Elijah; and others, one of the prophets." ²⁹And he asked them, "But who do you say that I am?" Peter answered him, "You are the Christ." ³⁰And he strictly charged them to tell no one about him. ³¹And he began to teach them that the Son of Man must suffer many things and be rejected by the elders and the chief priests and the scribes and be killed, and after three days rise again, ³²And he said this plainly. And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him. ³³But turning and seeing his disciples, he rebuked Peter and said, "Get behind me, Satan! For you are not setting your mind on the things of God, but on the things of man." ³⁴And he called to him the crowd with his disciples and said to them. "If anyone would come after me, let him deny himself and take up his cross and follow me. ³⁵For whoever would save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for my sake and the gospel's will save it. ³⁶ For what does it profit a man to gain the whole world and forfeit his life? ³⁷ For what can a man give in return for his life? 38 For whoever is ashamed of me and of my words in this adulterous and sinful generation, of him will the Son of Man also be ashamed when he comes in the glory of his Father with the holy angels."

Notes on Today's Divine Service

Treasures from the Church: "God has not forgotten the man to whom He sends suffering and trials, but in this way is proving His closeness to him." - St John Chrysostom

Summary of the Readings: In His covenant with Abraham, the Lord promised to be with him, to bless him and to make him "the father of a multitude of nations." It is "an everlasting covenant" in Christ Jesus, the seed of Abraham who is blameless before God Almighty. All who believe in this Lord Jesus are the offspring of Abraham and are blessed "throughout their generations" (Gen. 17:1–7), because the Christ has suffered many things. He was rejected and killed, and after three days He rose again (Mark 8:31). To comprehend this theology of the cross, we must set our minds "on the things of God," and not "on the things of man" (Mark 8:33). "God shows his love for us in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us" (Rom. 5:8). Therefore, having been "reconciled to God by the death of his Son," much more "shall we be saved by his life" (Rom. 5:10). Baptized into His cross and resurrection, "we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ," and by faith we rejoice in the hope of His glory (Rom. 5:1–2).

Suffering and Affliction: "Does God will and even cause suffering? Or does He merely 'allow' it to happen? Let's begin with the suffering and cross of Jesus. For the answers to our questions about suffering, so far as we can understand anything at all of what the Bible teaches, begin and end with Jesus. Did God know from eternity that the Eternal Word, the Second Person of the Trinity, would assume flesh, be born, live, suffer and die for the sins of the world? Certainly so. Revelation 13:8 calls Jesus 'the Lamb slain from the foundation of the world.' Already at the fall into sin, God gave the promise, 'He [the Christ] shall bruise your [Satan's] head, and you shall bruise his heel' (Gen. 3:15). The promise was repeated by the prophets, first to last, and many times...The answer comes most clearly in Gethsemane. 'Father, if you are willing, remove this cup from me. Nevertheless, not my will, but yours, be done' (Luke 22:42). There it is. God the Father wills the suffering of God the Son. Under the pressure of the sins of the world. Iesus seemed to waver. Yet He, 'who in every respect has been tempted as we are, yet without sin' (Heb. 4:15), also did not sin at that tense moment. Jesus said, 'No one takes [my life] from me, but I lay it down of my own accord' (John 10:18). So there you have it. God the Father and God the Son willed that the Son should suffer and die. God willed death. God willed suffering...I cannot fully fathom the tiniest portion of what God is up to in this time of crisis. I do know what He did in the cross of Jesus. I do know that He knows what He is doing. I do know that He works His greatest blessings through crosses. I plunge all my questions into the wounds of Christ on Calvary. I know that 'he was pierced for our transgressions; he was crushed for our iniquities ... and with his wounds we are healed' (Isaiah 53:5). 'But one of the soldiers pierced his side with a spear, and at once there came out blood and water' (John 19:34). I plunge my doubts into His hands and His side. I plunge my fears into His blood (Lord's Supper) and water (my precious Baptism). And I know that through crosses, the Father is conforming 'every one of His elect to the image of His Son. His cross shall and must work together for good for everyone.' - Rev. Matthew Harrison. President of the LCMS

Sermon: The dictionary defines hope as cherishing a desire with anticipation, to want something to happen or be true. Hope such as this is located in our own wants and desires, in the "things of man." The apostle Paul reminds us today that a realized hope, hope that is certain, is not found there. It doesn't come from within us, but comes from outside of us, through the "things of God." It comes from God in Christ by His Spirit at work through His word and the things He has made holy through that word, namely, the water of Holy Baptism, and the bread and wine of Holy Communion by which we receive our Lord's very body and blood given and poured out at the cross. This hope he says, "does not put us to shame," or disappoint us, "because God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit who has been given to us."