

TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH.

The Lutheran Church–Missouri Synod

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The Third Sunday In Lent

March 12, 2023



THIRD SUNDAY *In Lent*

Adult Bible Study Opportunities

10:15 A.M. Today

Adult Bible Study

“The Book Of Genesis”

10:00 A.M. Thursday

Adult Bible Study

“The Gospel Of Matthew”

Everyone is welcome and encouraged to attend our Bible based study.

Our hymns for today: 699, 435, (637, 642, 763), 918

AS WE GATHER

Welcome to all who join us for worship today. We pray that God will bless you with a stronger faith through our worship service. Greet one another before and after the service, especially our visitors. Please fill out an attendance card, available in the pew racks, and introduce yourself at the door. If you would like a visit, prayer, or more information, about Trinity Lutheran Church, please note that on the card.

PRAYER IN PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

O God, you give faith to believe in the healing power of your Word: Put away from us, we entreat you, temptations to doubt Your providential care and give us those things that are profitable for our salvation; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

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I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say

LSB 699



1 I heard the voice of Je - sus say, "Come un - to Me and rest;
2 I heard the voice of Je - sus say, "Be - hold, I free - ly give
3 I heard the voice of Je - sus say, "I am this dark world's light.



Lay down, thou wea - ry one, lay down Thy head up - on My breast."
The liv - ing wa - ter; thirst - y one, Stoop down and drink and live."
Look un - to Me; thy morn shall rise And all thy day be bright."



I came to Je - sus as I was, So wea - ry, worn, and sad;
I came to Je - sus, and I drank Of that life - giv - ing stream;
I looked to Je - sus, and I found In Him my star, my sun;



I found in Him a rest - ing place, And He has made me glad.
My thirst was quenched, my soul re - vived, And now I live in Him.
And in that light of life I'll walk Till trav - 'ling days are done.

Stand

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 Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

C I confess to God Almighty, before the whole company of heaven and to you, my brothers and sisters, that I have sinned in thought, word, and deed by my fault, by my own fault, by my own most grievous fault; wherefore I pray God Almighty to have mercy on me, forgive me all my sins, and bring me to everlasting life. Amen.

P By the mercy of God we are redeemed by Jesus Christ, and in Him we are forgiven. We rest now in His peace and rise in the morning to serve Him.

C Amen.

Opening Versicles

L This is the day which the Lord has made;

C let us rejoice and be glad in it.

L From the rising of the sun to its setting,

C the name of the Lord is to be praised.

L Return to the Lord, your God, for He is gracious and merciful,

C slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love, and repents of evil.

L Jesus said: If any man would come after Me,

C let him deny himself and take up his cross and follow Me.

L Christ was wounded for our transgressions.

C He was bruised for our iniquities.

L From the rising of the sun to its setting,

C the name of the Lord is to be praised.

C Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit;
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.

Old Testament Canticle

LSB 261

Refrain

G The Lord God is my strength and my song, and
He has be - come my sal - va - tion.

With joy will you draw wa - ter from the
wells of sal - va - tion. And you will say in that
day: "Give thanks to the Lord, call up - on His name,
make known His deeds a - mong the peo - ples, pro -
claim that His name is ex - alt - ed."

Refrain
The Lord God is my strength and my song, and
He has be - come my sal - va - tion.
Sing prais - es to the Lord, for He has done
glo - rious - ly; let this be made known in all the
earth. Shout, and sing for joy, O in -
hab - i - tants of Zi - on, for great in your midst is the



Ho - ly One of Is - ra - el.



Refrain

The Lord God is my strength and my song, and



He has be - come my sal - va - tion.



Glo - ry be to the Fa - ther and to the Son



and to the Ho - ly Spir - it;



as it was in the be - gin - ning, is now, and will



be for - ev - er. A - men.



Refrain

The Lord God is my strength and my song, and



He has be - come my sal - va - tion.

Sit

Old Testament Reading

Exodus 17:1–7

¹All the congregation of the people of Israel moved on from the wilderness of Sin by stages, according to the commandment of the LORD, and camped at Rephidim, but there was no water for the people to drink. ²Therefore the people quarreled with Moses and said, “Give us water to drink.” And Moses said to them, “Why do you quarrel with me? Why do you test the LORD?” ³But the people thirsted there for water, and the people grumbled against Moses and said, “Why did you bring us up out of Egypt, to kill us and our children and our livestock with thirst?” ⁴So Moses cried to the LORD, “What shall I do with this people? They are almost ready to stone me.” ⁵And the LORD said to Moses, “Pass on before the people, taking with you some of the elders of Israel, and take in your hand the staff with which you struck the Nile, and go. ⁶Behold, I will stand before you there on the rock at Horeb, and you shall strike the rock, and water shall come out of it, and the people will drink.” And Moses did so, in the sight of the elders of Israel. ⁷And he called the name of the place Massah and Meribah, because of the quarreling of the people of Israel, and because they tested the LORD by saying, “Is the LORD among us or not?”

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Second Reading

Romans 5:1–8

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.

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Stand

P The Holy Gospel according to John, the fourth chapter, vs. 5-30, 39-42.

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

⁵[Jesus] came to a town of Samaria called Sychar, near the field that Jacob had given to his son Joseph. ⁶Jacob's well was there; so Jesus, wearied as he was from his journey, was sitting beside the well. It was about the sixth hour. ⁷There came a woman of Samaria to draw water. Jesus said to her, "Give me a drink." ⁸(For his disciples had gone away into the city to buy food.) ⁹The Samaritan woman said to him, "How is it that you, a Jew, ask for a drink from me, a woman of Samaria?" (For Jews have no dealings with Samaritans.) ¹⁰Jesus answered her, "If you knew the gift of God, and who it is that is saying to you, 'Give me a drink,' you would have asked him, and he would have given you living water." ¹¹The woman said to him, "Sir, you have nothing to draw water with, and the well is deep. Where do you get that living water?" ¹²Are you greater than our father Jacob? He gave us the well and drank from it himself, as did his sons and his livestock." ¹³Jesus said to her, "Everyone who drinks of this water will be thirsty again, ¹⁴but whoever drinks of the water that I will give him will never be thirsty forever. The water that I will give him will become in him a spring of water welling up to eternal life." ¹⁵The woman said to him, "Sir, give me this water, so that I will not be thirsty or have to come here to draw water." ¹⁶Jesus said to her, "Go, call your husband, and come here." ¹⁷The woman answered him, "I have no husband." Jesus said to her, "You are right in saying, 'I have no husband'; ¹⁸for you have had five husbands, and the one you now have is not your husband. What you have said is true." ¹⁹The woman said to him, "Sir, I perceive that you are a prophet. ²⁰Our fathers worshiped on this mountain, but you say that in Jerusalem is the place where people ought to worship." ²¹Jesus said to her, "Woman, believe me, the hour is coming when neither on this mountain nor in Jerusalem will you worship the Father. ²²You worship what you do not know; we worship what we know, for salvation is from the Jews. ²³But the hour is coming, and is now here, when the true worshipers will worship the Father in spirit and truth, for the Father is seeking such people to worship him. ²⁴God is spirit, and those who worship him must worship in spirit and truth." ²⁵The woman said to him, "I know that Messiah is coming (he who is called Christ). When he comes, he will tell us all things." ²⁶Jesus said to her, "I who speak to you am he." ²⁷Just then his disciples came back. They marveled that he was talking with a woman, but no one said, "What do you seek?" or, "Why are you talking with her?" ²⁸So the woman left her water jar and went away into town and said to the people, ²⁹"Come, see a man who told me all that I ever did. Can this be the Christ?" ³⁰They went out of the town and were coming to him. . . .

³⁹Many Samaritans from that town believed in him because of the woman's testimony, "He told me all that I ever did." ⁴⁰So when the Samaritans came to him, they asked him to stay with them, and he stayed there two days. ⁴¹And many more believed because of his word. ⁴²They said to the woman, "It is no longer because of what you said that we believe, for we have heard for ourselves, and we know that this is indeed the Savior of the world."

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C **Praise to You, O Christ.**

Responsory

- L** We have an advocate with the Father: Jesus Christ, the Righteous One.
C **He was delivered up to death; He was delivered for the sins of the people.**
L Blessed is the one whose transgression is forgiven, whose sin is covered.
C **He was delivered up to death; He was delivered for the sins of the people.**
L We have an advocate with the Father; Jesus Christ, the Righteous One.
C **He was delivered up to death; He was delivered for the sins of the people.**

Ten Commandments

- C** **You shall have no other gods.**
You shall not misuse the name of the Lord your God.
Remember the Sabbath day by keeping it holy.
Honor your father and your mother.
You shall not murder.
You shall not commit adultery.
You shall not steal.
You shall not give false testimony against your neighbor.
You shall not covet your neighbor's house.
You shall not covet your neighbor's wife, or his manservant or maidservant, his ox or donkey, or anything that belongs to your neighbor.

Apostles' Creed

- C** **I believe in God, the Father Almighty,**
maker of heaven and earth.
And 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.
I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy Christian Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life † everlasting. Amen.

Sit

Come to Calvary's Holy Mountain

LSB 435



1 Come to Cal - v'ry's ho - ly moun - tain, Sin - ners, ru - ined
 2 Come in pov - er - ty and mean - ness, Come de - filed, with -
 3 Come in sor - row and con - tri - tion, Wound - ed, im - po -
 4 They that drink shall live for - ev - er; 'Tis a soul - re -



by the fall; Here a pure and heal - ing foun - tain
 out, with - in; From in - fec - tion and un - clean - ness,
 tent, and blind; Here the guilt - y, free re - mis - sion,
 new - ing flood. God is faith - ful; God will nev - er



Flows for you, for me, for all, In a full, per -
 From the lep - ro - sy of sin, Wash your robes and
 Here the trou - bled, peace may find. Health this foun - tain
 Break His cov - e - nant of blood, Signed when our Re -

Sermon

“The Spring Of Living Water”

Sermon Text

John 4:5–30, 39–42

Offering

Stand

Prayer

- L** In peace let us pray to the Lord:
- C** **Lord, have mercy.**
- L** For the gift of divine peace and of pardon, with all our heart and with all our mind, let us pray to the Lord:
- C** **Lord, have mercy.**
- L** For the holy Christian Church, here and scattered throughout the world, and for the proclamation of the Gospel and the calling of all to faith, let us pray to the Lord:
- C** **Lord, have mercy.**
- L** For this nation, for our cities and communities, and for the common welfare of us all, let us pray to the Lord:
- C** **Lord, have mercy.**

- L** For seasonable weather and for the fruitfulness of the earth, let us pray to the Lord:
- C** **Lord, have mercy.**
- L** For those who labor, for those whose work is difficult or dangerous, and for all who travel, let us pray to the Lord:
- C** **Lord, have mercy.**
- L** For all those in need, for the hungry and homeless, for the widowed and orphaned, and for all those in prison, let us pray to the Lord:
- C** **Lord, have mercy.**
- L** For the sick and dying and for all those who care for them, let us pray to the Lord:
- C** **Lord, have mercy.**
- L** For . . . *[additional bids for prayer may be inserted here]* . . . let us pray to the Lord:
- C** **Lord, have mercy.**
- L** Finally, for these and for all our needs of body and soul, let us pray to the Lord:
- C** **Lord, have mercy. Christ, have mercy. Lord, have mercy.**

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.**

The Words of Our Lord

- P** 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 often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me.”

Pax Domini

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C Amen.

Sit

If you are a communicant member of a Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod congregation, you are invited to communion. If you are not a member of the LCMS and desire to commune at this altar, please contact Pastor Versemann to arrange new member classes so that the confession of Christ from this altar and pulpit may become your confession of faith. As a confirmed member we will then be one in faith and you will joyously be invited to receive Christ’s body and blood from this altar for the strengthening of your faith. Peace in Christ.

Distribution

Draw Near and Take the Body of the Lord

LSB 637



1 Draw near and take the bod - y of the Lord,
 2 He who His saints in this world rules and shields,
 3 Come for - ward then with faith - ful hearts sin - cere,



And drink the ho - ly blood for you out - poured;
 To all be - liev - ers life e - ter - nal yields;
 And take the pledg - es of sal - va - tion here.



Of - fered was He for great - est and for least,
 With heav'n - ly bread He makes the hun - gry whole,
 O Lord, our hearts with grate - ful thanks en - dow



Him - self the vic - tim and Him - self the priest.
 Gives liv - ing wa - ters to the thirst - ing soul.
 As in this feast of love You bless us now.

O Living Bread from Heaven

LSB 642



1 O liv - ing Bread from heav - en, How well You
2 My Lord, You here have led me To this most
3 You gave me all I want - ed; This food can
4 Lord, grant me then, thus strength - ened With heav'n - ly



feed Your guest! The gifts that You have giv - en
ho - ly place And with Your - self have fed me
death de - stroy. And You have free - ly grant - ed
food, while here My course on earth is length - ened,



Have filled my heart with rest. Oh, won - drous food of
The trea - sures of Your grace; For You have free - ly
The cup of end - less joy. My Lord, I do not
To serve with ho - ly fear. And when You call my



bles - ing, Oh, cup that heals our woes! My heart, this
giv - en What earth could nev - er buy, The bread of
mer - it The fa - vor You have shown, And all my
spir - it To leave this world be - low, I en - ter,



gift pos - sess - ing, With prais - es o - ver - flows.
life from heav - en, That now I shall not die.
soul and spir - it Bow down be - fore Your throne.
through Your mer - it, Where joys un - min - gled flow.

When Peace, like a River

LSB 763



1 When peace, like a riv - er, at - tend - eth my way; When
2 Though Sa - tan should buf - fet, though tri - als should come, Let
3 He lives— oh, the bliss of this glo - ri - ous thought; My
4 And, Lord, haste the day when our faith shall be sight, The



sor - rows, like sea bil - lows, roll; What - ev - er my lot, Thou hast
this blest as - sur - ance con - trol, That Christ hath re - gard - ed my
sin, not in part, but the whole, Is nailed to His cross, and I
clouds be rolled back as a scroll, The trum - pet shall sound and the



taught me to say, It is well, it is well with my soul.
help - less es - tate And hath shed His own blood for my soul.
bear it no more. Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, O my soul!
Lord shall de - scend; E - ven so it is well with my soul.



Refrain
It is well with my soul, It is well, it is well with my soul.

(Personal Prayer Of Thanksgiving After Receiving The Lord's Supper)

Blessed Savior, Jesus Christ, You have given Yourself to us in this Holy Supper of Your body and blood. Keep us in Your favor, and in our faith in You as our Savior, that we may live in You even as You live in us. May Your body and blood preserve us in the one true saving faith unto life everlasting. Hear us for the sake of Your Name. Amen.

Collect of the Day

L O God, whose glory it is always to have mercy, be gracious to all who have gone astray from Your ways and bring them again with penitent hearts and steadfast faith to embrace and hold fast the unchangeable truth of Your Word; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

Luther's Morning Prayer

C I thank You, my heavenly Father, through Jesus Christ, Your dear Son, that You have kept me this night from all harm and danger; and I pray that You would keep me this day also from sin and every evil, that all my doings and life may please You. For into Your hands I commend myself, my body and soul, and all things. Let Your holy angel be with me, that the evil foe may have no power over me.

Blessing

L Let us bless the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

L The almighty and merciful Lord, the Father, the ✠ Son, and the Holy Spirit, bless and preserve us.

C Amen.

Guide Me, O Thou Great Redeemer

LSB 918



1 Guide me, O Thou great Re - deem - er, Pil - grim through this
2 O - pen now the crys - tal foun - tain Whence the heal - ing
3 When I tread the verge of Jor - dan, Bid my anx - ious



bar - ren land. I am weak, but Thou art might - y;
stream doth flow; Let the fi - ery, cloud - y pil - lar
fears sub - side; Death of death and hell's de - struc - tion,



Hold me with Thy pow'r - ful hand. Bread of heav - en,
Lead me all my jour - ney through. Strong de - liv - 'rer,
Land me safe on Ca - naan's side. Songs of prais - es,



bread of heav - en, Feed me till I want no
strong de - liv - 'rer, Be Thou still my strength and
songs of prais - es I will ev - er give to



more; Feed me till I want no more.
shield; Be Thou still my strength and shield.
Thee; I will ev - er give to Thee.

CHILDREN'S ACTIVITY BAGS may be found on the stand just outside the center sanctuary doors.

P.A. DEVICE AVAILABLE - Please see an usher if you have difficulty hearing.

PEW CUSHIONS are available from a box near the Usher's Stand. Help yourself and please feel free to leave them in your seat after services.

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION TODAY AT 10:15 A.M.

PRE-K – 4th GRADE – Sarah Casebeer, Laura Cogan – Downstairs

5th-8th GRADE – Tracie England, Denise Roberts - Classroom across from the church office

HIGH SCHOOL BIBLE STUDY – Elizabeth Verseemann – Upstairs

ADULT BIBLE STUDY – Pastor Verseemann – Downstairs

THE CHURCH OFFICE regularly scheduled hours: 9:00 AM - 3:00 PM, Tuesday through Friday.

Pastor Verseemann's hours are 9:00 AM – 3:00 PM (tentative), Tuesday through Friday. If you need to speak with him, please call the church office at 422-3630 to make an appointment.

Weekly Average Offering for 2023 _____ **\$4,850.93**

Weekly Offerings Needed for 2023 Budget _____ **\$4,378.27**

Weekly Average Attendance for 2023 _____ **61**

Attendance for March 5, 2023 _____ **77**

Sunday, March 12, 2023

9:00 AM – Worship Service

10:15 AM – Sunday School, High School Bible Study, Adult Bible Study

11:30 AM – Ladies Bible Study

Monday, March 13, 2023

No office hours, Pastor's Day Off

Tuesday, March 14, 2023

10:00 AM – Circuit Pastor's Meeting

4:00 PM – Junior Confirmation Class

7:00 PM – Church Council Meeting

Wednesday, March 15, 2023

6:30 PM – Midweek Lenten Service

Thursday, March 16, 2023

8:30 AM – Quilters

10:00 AM – Thursday Morning Bible Study

Saturday, March 18, 2023

10:30 AM – Junior Confirmation Class

Sunday, March 19, 2023

9:00 AM – Worship Service

10:15 AM – Sunday School, High School Bible Study, Adult Bible Study

11:30 AM – Ladies Bible Study

Leading us in worship today:

The Officiant	Rev. Matthew Versemann
The Organist	Rachel Versemann
The Elders	John Casebeer, Zeb Poland
The Ushers	Mike Kurecki, Tom Robinson
The Greeters	Sarah Casebeer, Tracie England
The Acolyte	Charlotte Patterson
The Altar Guild	Sharon Harper, Phyllis Barringer
The Offering Counters	Tom Robinson, Barbara Robison

Our Volunteers for Wednesday, March 15, 2023

The Officiant	Rev. Robert Bruer
The Usher	Dave Morris

Our Volunteers for Sunday, March 19, 2023

The Officiant	Rev. Matthew Versemann
The Organist	Rachel Versemann
The Elders	Jim Harper, Bill Buechsenschuetz
The Ushers	Kent Birmingham, Terry Koontz
The Greeters	Sharon Harper, Diana Buechsenschuetz
The Acolyte	Conor Cogan
The Altar Guild	Tracie England
The Offering Counters	Bill Buechsenschuetz, Diana Buechsenschuetz

*Volunteers to serve snacks and coffee and clean up afterwards for Sunday
Adult Bible class:*

March 12 John and Sarah Casebeer

March 19 Terry and Sharon Koontz



SIGN UP TODAY FOR EASTER BREAKFAST!

Trinity will be celebrating our Lord's Resurrection with a worship celebration on April 9th, followed by our annual Easter Breakfast! Please sign up in the narthex, if you will be attending the Breakfast, and what food item(s) you will be providing. NOTE: We need a couple of people to be in charge of this event. If you are willing, please let Judy or Pastor know.



WE NEED TWO VOLUNTEERS EACH WEEK!!!

There is a sign-up sheet on the round table for volunteers to make/serve coffee and to bring/serve snacks, (ex: fruit, cheese/sausage and crackers, homemade goodies) for the Adult Bible Study Class Sunday mornings for **April - June 2023. (You will be signing up for the same week each month).**



PLEASE WARMLY WELCOME OUR NEW MEMBERS!

Brian and Anna Shookman are joining our Trinity family today. Please warmly welcome Brian and Anna as our brother and sister in Christ, into our congregation. And join me in praying that our congregation will be a great blessing to Brian and Anna, and that they will be a great blessing to Trinity, as together we serve our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ!



Easter lily order forms have been placed in your mailboxes.

The order forms and monies need to be returned to the secretary by Tuesday, March 21. The cost is \$23.50 per lily.



The available dates for the (\$35.00) 2023 altar flowers are:

4/16, 4/30, 7/9, 8/6, 8/13, 8/20, 8/27, 9/3, 9/10, 9/17, 11/5, 12/3, 12/10, 12/17, 12/31.

The available dates for the (\$10.00) 2023 worship folders are: 7/9, 8/6, 8/13, 8/20,

8/27, 9/3, 9/10, 9/17, 10/8, 10/15, 11/19, 11/26, 12/3, 12/10, 12/17, 12/24, 12/31.



Please let Pastor Verseemann know if you or a family member are going in the hospital.



ALL LADIES: We are going on a Trip to see The Original American Passion Play on March 25, a Saturday, at the Bloomington Center for the Performing Arts. The time is 1:00. The cost is \$25.00 a ticket. We will car pool for those wishing. We need to order tickets this week--by Wednesday the 8th. This is the 100th performance and the last year they will be performing. Please sign up in the entry on the list. More details to follow.

A Very Happy Anniversary to:

Danny and Rebecca Scott March 20 (19)

A Very Happy Birthday to:

Joshua Blair March 16

Jeremy Zientara-Kelly March 17

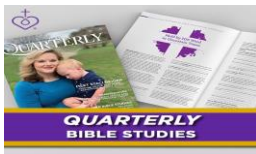
Berk Blenski March 17

Michael Knowles March 19

*Family prayers for
John and Sarah Casebeer and family and Tatiana Caston*

*The altar flowers are given to the glory of God by
Joe and Susan Patterson in memory of loved ones*

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The spring issue of Lutheran Women's Quarterly is on the stand.

LIFE THOUGHTS in the CHURCH YEAR

Jesus delights to invite the Samaritan woman into His fellowship and forgiveness for her sordid past (John 4:13-18). So He has received each of us, notwithstanding our mistakes and failures. And so He insists we know the joy and hope of explicitly articulating the same grace to any who suffer the guilt and grief of aborting their own children. He holds their lives as precious as those already lost.



CHRIST FOR YOU this week on KFUO.org: Study John 13-14 on Sharper Iron's "The Word Made Flesh" (weekdays at 8:00 a.m. CT), hear a Lenten Organ Recital and Worship Service on 3/15 at 11:00 a.m. CT, and study Hosea 6-10 on Thy Strong Word (weekdays at 11:00 a.m. CT). Find your favorite programs on demand at kfu.org or the KFUO Radio app!



SCRIPS HELP THE LSA ASSESSMENT!

All money earned this year, thru the Scrip program will go toward Trinity's LSA Assessment for K-8th grade. So far, \$377 has been earned toward next school year. All members are urged to buy scrip orders. This costs you nothing extra. If you order a \$25 gift card, you only pay \$25. We don't have many opportunities to support programs at no expense to us. If you have questions, please see Ilene McQuality on Sunday mornings, call 217-429-1367 or e-mail at ilenemcquality@att.net.

<u>Order Date</u>	<u>Delivery Date</u>
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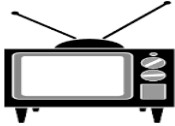


The April - June Portals of Prayer are on the stand.



Any Trinity student who would like to attend the **LSA HIGH SCHOOL** next year **FOR THE FIRST TIME**, please request an application from one of the KFF Scholarship Committee Members no later than Sunday, April 9th.

KFF Committee Members: Harry Kaminski, Ilene McQuality, Kristy Pranschke



LUTHERAN WORSHIP

Worship Anew celebrates the new life all people have in Jesus with a 30-minute broadcast service on COMCAST TV every Sunday morning at 7:30 am on channel 19, as well as on DIRECTV every Sunday morning at 10:30 AM on channel 377.

Exodus 17:1–7, Romans 5:1–8, John 4:5–26 (27–30, 39–42)

We Worship the Father of Our Lord Jesus Christ in the Spirit and Truth of His Gospel

Though the Lord had brought them out of Egypt, “all the congregation of the people of Israel” grumbled against Him because “there was no water for the people to drink” (Ex. 17:1). Despite their quarreling, the Lord graciously provided for them. He did not strike the people for their sins, but by the hand of Moses He struck the rock instead and brought forth water for the people. In the same way, living water flows from the pierced side of Christ at “about the sixth hour” (John 4:6; 19:14), when He is lifted up on the cross for the sins of the world. He is “the gift of God” (John 4:10), the well from which the Holy Spirit is poured out and becomes in His people “a spring of water welling up to eternal life” (John 4:14). By this grace in which we stand, being at peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, we “worship the Father in spirit and truth” (John 4:23). “We rejoice in hope of the glory of God” because “God’s love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit who has been given to us” (Rom. 5:2, 5).

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