

First Sunday in Lent
February 21, 2021
Trinity Lutheran Church
Hoyleton, IL

Preservice Music
Ringing of the Bells
Prelude

Opening Hymn:

#529, "Since Our Great High Priest, Christ Jesus"

- 1 Since our great High Priest, Christ Jesus
Bears the name above all names,
Reigning Son of God, surpassing
Other titles, pow'rs and claims -
Since to heav'n our Lord has passed,
Let us hold our witness fast!
- 2 Since we have a priest who suffered,
Knowing weakness, tears, and pain,
Who like us was tried and tempted,
Unlike us, without a stain -
Since He shared our lowly place,
Let us boldly seek His grace.
- 3 Sacrifice and suff'ring over,
Now He sits at God's right hand,
Crowned with praise, No more an outcast,
His preeminence long planned;
Such a great High Priest we have,
Strong to help, supreme to save.
- 4 Love's example, hope's attraction,
Faith's beginning and its end,
Pioneer of our salvation,
Mighty advocate and friend;
Jesus, high in glory raised,
Our ascended Lord be praised!

Welcome

Stand

Invocation

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

C: Amen.

+Confession and Absolution+

P: If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.

C: **But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.**

P: Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.

C: **Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. We have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved You with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways to the glory of Your holy name. Amen.**

P: 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.

Sit

+The Holy Baptism of Henry Isaiah Unverfehrt - LSB p. 268+

Baptismal Hymn: #594 "God's Own Child, I Gladly Say It"

- 1 God's own child, I gladly say it:
I am baptized into Christ!
He, because I could not pay it,
Gave my full redemption price.
Do I need earth's treasurers many?
I have one worth more than any
That brought me salvation free
Lasting to eternity!
- 2 Sin, disturb my soul no longer;
I am baptized into Christ!
I have comfort even stronger:
Jesus' cleansing sacrifice.
Should a guilty conscience seize me
Since my Baptism did release me
In a dear forgiving flood,
Sprinkling me with Jesus' blood?
- 3 Satan, hear this proclamation:
I am baptized into Christ!
Drop your ugly accusation,
I am not so soon enticed.
Now that to the font I've traveled,
All your might has come unraveled,
And, against your tyranny,
God, my Lord, unites with me!
- 4 Death, you cannot end my gladness:
I am baptized into Christ!
When I die, I leave all sadness
To inherit paradise!
Though I lie in dust and ashes
Faith's assurance brightly flashes;
Baptism has the strength divine
To make life immortal mine.

- 5 There is nothing worth comparing
To this lifelong comfort sure!
Open-eyed my grave is staring;
Even there I'll sleep secure.
Though my flesh awaits its raising,
Still my soul continues praising:
I am baptized into Christ:
I'm a child of paradise!

Stand

Introit

- P: When he calls to me, I will answer him;
I will be with him in trouble;
C: I will rescue him and honor him.
P: With long life I will satisfy him
C: and show him my salvation.
P: Because you have made the LORD your dwelling place -
C: the Most High. Who is my refuge -
P: no evil shall be allowed to befall you,
C: no plague come near your tent.
P: For He will command His angels concerning you
C: to guard you in all your ways.
P: On their hands they will bear you up,
C: lest you strike your foot against a stone.
P: You will tread on the lion and the adder;
**C: the young lion and the serpent
you will trample underfoot.**
**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.**
P: When he calls to me, I will answer him;
I will be with him in trouble;
C: I will rescue him and honor him.
P: With long life I will satisfy him
C: and show him my salvation.

Kyrie (sung)

P: In peace let us pray to the Lord.

C: Lord, have mercy.

P: For the peace from above and for our salvation,
let us pray to the Lord.

C: Lord, have mercy.

P: For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the
Church of God, and for the unity of all let us pray to the
Lord.

C: Lord, have mercy.

P: For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship
and praise let us pray to the Lord.

C: Lord, have mercy.

P: Help, save, comfort and defend us, gracious Lord.

C: Amen.

Lenten Hymn: #425, "When I Survey the Wondrous Cross"

- 1 When I survey the wondrous cross
On which the Prince of Glory died,
My richest gain I count but loss
And pour contempt on all my pride
- 2 Forbid it, Lord, that I should boast
Save in the death of Christ, my God;
All the vain things that charm me most,
I sacrifice them to His blood.
- 3 See, from His head, His hands, His feet
Sorrow and love flow mingled down!
Did e'er such love and sorrow meet
Or thorns compose so rich a crown?
- 4 Were the whole realm of nature mine,
That were a tribute far too small;
Love so amazing so divine,
Demands my soul, my life, my all!

Collect of the Day

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

P: Let us pray.

C: O Lord God, You led Your ancient people through the wilderness and brought them to the promised land. Guide the people of Your Church that following our Savior we may walk through the wilderness of this world toward the glory of the world to come; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Sit

Old Testament Reading:

Genesis 22:1-

18

¹After these things God tested Abraham and said to him, "Abraham!" And he said, "Here I am." ²He said, "Take your son, your only son Isaac, whom you love, and go to the land of Moriah, and offer him there as a burnt offering on one of the mountains of which I shall tell you." ³So Abraham rose early in the morning, saddled his donkey, and took two of his young men with him, and his son Isaac. And he cut the wood for the burnt offering and arose and went to the place of which God had told him. ⁴On the third day Abraham lifted up his eyes and saw the place from afar. ⁵Then Abraham said to his young men, "Stay here with the donkey; I and the boy will go over there and worship and come again to you." ⁶And Abraham took the wood of the burnt offering and laid it on Isaac his son. And he took in his hand the fire and the knife. So they went both of them together. ⁷And Isaac said to his father Abraham, "My father!" And he said, "Here I am, my son." He said, "Behold, the fire and the wood, but where is the lamb for a burnt offering?" ⁸Abraham said, "God will provide for himself the lamb for a burnt offering, my son." So they went both of them together.

⁹ When they came to the place of which God had told him, Abraham built the altar there and laid the wood in order and bound Isaac his son and laid him on the altar, on top of the wood. ¹⁰ Then Abraham reached out his hand and took the knife to slaughter his son. ¹¹ But the angel of the LORD called to him from heaven and said, "Abraham, Abraham!" And he said, "Here I am." ¹² He said, "Do not lay your hand on the boy or do anything to him, for now I know that you fear God, seeing you have not withheld your son, your only son, from me." ¹³ And Abraham lifted up his eyes and looked, and behold, behind him was a ram, caught in a thicket by his horns. And Abraham went and took the ram and offered it up as a burnt offering instead of his son. ¹⁴ So Abraham called the name of that place, "The LORD will provide"; as it is said to this day, "On the mount of the LORD it shall be provided."

¹⁵ And the angel of the LORD called to Abraham a second time from heaven ¹⁶ and said, "By myself I have sworn, declares the LORD, because you have done this and have not withheld your son, your only son, ¹⁷ I will surely bless you, and I will surely multiply your offspring as the stars of heaven and as the sand that is on the seashore. And your offspring shall possess the gate of his enemies, ¹⁸ and in your offspring shall all the nations of the earth be blessed, because you have obeyed my voice."

P: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

Gradual

P: [O come, let us fix our eyes on] Jesus,

C: the founder and perfecter of our faith,

P: who for the joy that was set before Him
endured the cross, despising the shame,

C: And is seated at the right hand of the throne of God.

Epistle Reading:

James 1:12-18

¹² Blessed is the man who remains steadfast under trial, for when he has stood the test he will receive the crown of life, which God has promised to those who love him. ¹³ Let no one say when he is tempted, "I am being tempted by God," for God cannot be tempted with evil, and he himself tempts no one. ¹⁴ But each person is tempted when he is lured and enticed by his own desire. ¹⁵ Then desire when it has conceived gives birth to sin, and sin when it is fully grown brings forth death.

¹⁶ Do not be deceived, my beloved brothers. ¹⁷ Every good gift and every perfect gift is from above, coming down from the Father of lights, with whom there is no variation or shadow due to change. ¹⁸ Of his own will he brought us forth by the word of truth, that we should be a kind of firstfruits of his creatures.

P: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

Stand

Lenten Verse: "Return to the Lord" - LSB p. 157

**Return to the Lord, your God,
for He is gracious and merciful,
slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love,
and abounding in steadfast love.**

Gospel Reading:

Mark 1:9-15

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P The Holy Gospel according to Mark, the 1st chapter.

C Glory to You, O Lord.

⁹ In those days Jesus came from Nazareth of Galilee and was baptized by John in the Jordan. ¹⁰ And when he came up out of the water, immediately he saw the heavens being torn

open and the Spirit descending on him like a dove. ¹¹ And a voice came from heaven, "You are my beloved Son; with you I am well pleased."

¹² The Spirit immediately drove him out into the wilderness. ¹³ And he was in the wilderness forty days, being tempted by Satan. And he was with the wild animals, and the angels were ministering to him.

¹⁴ Now after John was arrested, Jesus came into Galilee, proclaiming the gospel of God, ¹⁵ and saying, "The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God is at hand; repent and believe in the gospel."

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to You, O Christ.

Sit

Sermon Hymn: #745, "In God, My Faithful God"

1 In God, my faithful God,
I trust when dark my road;
Great woes may over take me,
Yet He will not forsake me.
My troubles he can alter;
His hands let nothing falter.

2 My sins fill me with care,
Yet I will not despair.
I build on Christ, who loves me;
From this rock nothing moves me.
To Him I will surrender,
To Him, my soul's defender.

3 If death my portion be,
It brings great gain to me;
It speeds my life's endeavor
To live with Christ forever.
He gives me joy in sorrow,
Come death now or tomorrow.

4 O Jesus Christ, my Lord,
So meek in deed and word,
You suffered death to save us
Because Your love would have us
Be heirs of heavn'ly gladness
When ends this life of sadness.

5 "So be it", then, I say
With all my heart each day.
Dear Lord, we all adore You,
We sing for joy before You.
Guide us while here we wander
Until we praise You yonder.

Sit

Sermon: "This Is Not a Drill" Genesis 22:1-18

Stand

Prayer of the Church

After each petition, the response will be:

P Lord, in Your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

Sit

Offertory Hymn: #547, "The Lamb"

1 The Lamb, the Lamb,
O Father, where's the sacrifice?
Faith sees, believes
God will provide the Lamb of price!

Refrain

Worthy is the Lamb whose death makes me His own!
The Lamb is reigning on His throne!

2 The Lamb, the Lamb,
One perfect final offering.
The Lamb, the Lamb,
Let earth join heav'n His praise to sing. *Refrain*

- 3 The Lamb, the Lamb,
As wayward sheep their shepherd kill
So still, His will
On our behalf the Law to fill. *Refrain*
- 4 He sighs, He dies,
He takes my sin and wretchedness.
He lives, forgives,
He gives me His own righteousness. *Refrain*
- 5 He rose, He rose,
My heart with thanks now overflows.
His song prolong
Till ev'ry heart to Him belong. *Refrain*

Refrain

Worthy is the Lamb whose death makes me His own!
The Lamb is reigning on His throne!

The Lord's Prayer

P: Lord, remember us in Your kingdom, and teach us to pray:

**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.**

Benediction

**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.

Sit

Closing Hymn: #861, "Christ be My Leader"

- 1 Christ be my Leader by night as by day;
Safe through the darkness, for He is the way
Gladly I follow, my future His care,
Darkness is daylight when Jesus is there.
- 2 Christ be my Teacher in age as in youth,
Drifting or doubting, for He is the truth.
Grant me to trust Him; though shifting as sand,
Doubt cannot daunt me; in Jesus I stand.
- 3 Christ be my Savior in calm as in strife;
Death cannot hold me, for He is the life.
Nor darkness nor doubting nor sin and its stain
Can touch my salvation: with Jesus I reign.

Silent Prayer

TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH AND SCHOOL
THIS WEEK WITH OUR LORD February 21 - 28, 2021

Sunday:

9:30am Divine Worship Service

Organist: Kathy Unverfehrt

Acolytes: jaymie Koelling and Kelton Roethemeyer

Elder: Al Meyer

Stream Live on facebook.com/tlshoyleton or trinityhoyleton.org

10:25 - 11:05am Sunday School

Monday:

2:45pm School Dismissal

4:30pm Volleyball Game at Patoka (A&B&C)

5:00pm Boys Basketball Individual/Group Pictures / Hoffman

6:00pm Boys Home Basketball Game vs St Ann Nashville

Tuesday:

2:45pm School Dismissal

5:30pm Volleyball Game at TSJ (A&B&C)

6:00pm Boys Basketball Game at Patoka

Wednesday:

8:20am School Chapel

2:45pm School Dismissal

3:00-4:30pm Lego Club / Activity Center

7:00pm Midweek Lenten Service

Acolytes: Chesney Ford and Timothy Meyer

Organist: Kathy Unverfehrt

Elder: Steve Eickmeyer

Thursday:

2:45pm School Dismissal

3:45-5:30pm Boys Basketball Practice at Hoffman

5:30pm Volleyball Game at St Bruno (A&B)

7:00pm Women's Bible Study / Stage Area

Friday:

2:45pm School Dismissal / No afternoon Bus Route

5:30pm Volleyball Home Game vs St Ann Nashville (A&B)

Sunday:

9:30am Divine Worship Service

Organist: Kathy Unverfehrt

Acolytes: Addie Grote and Stacie Schneider

Elder: Bill Hafford

Stream Live on facebook.com/tlshoyleton or trinityhoyleton.org

10:25 - 11:05am Sunday School

6:00pm YPS Youth Night

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As We Gather: When He calls to me, I will answer him; I will be with him in trouble; I will rescue him and honor him.

Welcome to Trinity! May the Spirit of our God strengthen your faith in the Lord Jesus Christ through this service. We ask that everyone, especially our guests, would sign the attendance pad in the pew, and that guests would leave their address so that we may thank you for worshipping with us. We are happy that you have joined us, and we invite you to worship with us again and often! (Cards in the pew are for those receiving Holy Communion.)

Prayers of the Church

+health: Lorna Grote, Thretta Hassell, Ferris Kasten, Bill Leutner, Helena Quaid, Esther Schaeffer, Bessie Sprehe, Brian Suedmeyer, Jim Lietz, Geri Schnitker, Elaine Spenner, Norma Tucker, Daryll Brammeier, Marvin Dannamann, Matthew Groh (cousin of Celeste Rueter), Amy Hafford, Beulah Holle, Ronnie Jolliff, Cheryll Krueger, Verdell Krueger, Brad Maschhoff, Richard McGee, Teddy Meyer, Carlene Michael, Alma Muentner, Jim Muentner, Greg Nattier, Doug Nelson, Linda Renth (mother of MaryBeth Suedmeyer), Karen Schnitker, Jean Sergent (cousin to Rueter family), Sam Smith, LaVerne Thorson, Todd Twenhafel, and all cancer patients

+birthdays: Gavin Lamczyk, Gabriel Wilkins, Zachary Kasten, Brittany Bassen, Doug Unverfehrt, Beth Weihe, Robert Selle

+baptism of Henry Isaiah Unverfehrt, infant son of Tyler and Joanna Unverfehrt

+mission in ministry: Rev. Joel Fritsche / Dominican Republic and SID Circuit Congregation Bethlehem Lutheran Ferrin

+those currently serving in our nation's Armed Forces: Michael Guinzy (Georgia), Daniel Hugel (Texas), Brett Hanenberger (Nebraska), Jesse Muentner (Texas), Chase Bourgeois (Guam), Issac Quaid (Guam), Patty Heard-Mann (Utah), Robert Agan (South Dakota), Austin Alsept (Germany), Cody Rhine (Italy), Ward Agan (Hawaii), Caitlyn Aussieker (Japan), Colby Aussieker (Alaska), Erik Harkness (State of Washington), Daniel Finley Brink (Colorado), Joyce Harkness (Germany), Tanya Alsept (Montana), Shaylin Quaid (Ukraine), Alex Klie (Alaska)

Serving Us in Worship Today

Preacher & Liturgist: Rev. Nathan Wollenberg

Organist: Kathy Unverfehrt

Acolytes: Jaymie Koelling and Kelton Roethemeyer

Elder: Al Meyer

We welcome Henry Isaiah Unverfehrt, infant son of Tyler and Joanna Unverfehrt into the body of Christ through the water and word of Holy Baptism during our service this morning. Serving as a sponsors for Henry are Matthew Unverfehrt, Jennifer Beckmann, and Ben Boehne.

A special thanks to Kurt Elsesser for cutting down the gumball tree in front of the teacherage and to Amber Lehde Tree Service for the use of her truck for this job. We appreciate their donation of their time, talent, and equipment.

Sunday Worship Update: The Board of Elders along with Pastor Wollenberg have decided to make the following changes to our in-person worship services:

1) Our attendance limit has been adjusted from 75 to 100 worshipers for each service. We are hoping that this will better accommodate those who would like to be physically present in the sanctuary for worship.

2) Holy Communion will be offered publicly again **on the first two Sundays of the month**. Until then, you are encouraged to make a private Communion appointment with Pastor Wollenberg at a time that is convenient for you.

As has been the case throughout the pandemic, this is all subject to change at any time. Please direct any concerns or questions to the elders or Pastor.

If your still uncomfortable receiving communion during the service, please contact the church office or Pastor to set up an appointment.

“The Fish-and-Bread Sign” is the topic for Sunday school this week. A crowd of at least five thousand men, plus women and children, gather to hear Jesus preach. When challenged to find a way to feed the hungry crowd, the disciples question how this is possible. Using just five barley loaves and two fish, Jesus feeds them all, with abundant leftovers. Discuss, “How does God provide food for His people today?”

Just a note about Sunday school: Sunday school will continue as long as "in person worship" gathers in the sanctuary. Pastor will dismiss the students at 10:25am before announcements. Teachers and students gather in the Activity Center close to 10:30 and classes dismiss near 11:05.

School Chapel on Wednesday mornings with the third quarter chapel offerings going to help support the “Hearts For Jesus” (Camp Wartburg) Program.

Lego Club...is open to all 1st and 2nd graders. The first Lego Club will meet on the stage area to eat a snack and build with Legos on Wednesday, February 24 after school to 4:30pm. Snacks will be provided. Please pick up your child on the south side ramp doors.

2021 Lenten Midweek Sermon Series - "Places of the Passion"
Join us during the upcoming Lenten season as we reflect on the sacrifice of our Lord Jesus on our behalf. This year, we will meditate upon the Passion of Christ as depicted in Matthew's Gospel. Each week, we'll take a look at a different place where Jesus stood on His path to our salvation. Our series will continue on Wednesday, February 24 at 7:00PM. Then, in the Wednesdays following, we will hear from Pastors Tim Mueller (St. John's, New Minden) and James Miller (Trinity, Nashville), who are participating in the rotation along with our congregation. We hope you can join us as we spend time in preparation for Easter! Acolytes for Wednesday, February 24 will be Tomothy Meyer and Chesney Ford, organist Kathy Unverfehrt, Elder Steve Eickmeyer.

Women's Bible Study Thursdays during Lent beginning at 7:00pm on the stage area where social distancing will be observed.

YPS Youth Nights Are Back! All YPS Youth are invited to join us next Sunday, February 28, at 6:00PM for an evening of food, fellowship, and devotion. We will gather in the school activity center and spread out in the youth loft. We hope you can join us for a Christ-centered, socially-distant good time! Questions can be directed to Kirk Meyer, Adam Tiemann, Ben Boehne, or Pastor Wollenberg.

Volleyball games and practice will be held at TLS Hoyleton for girls in 5th-8th grade. Monday (4:30pm) Game at Patoka (A&B&C), Tuesday

(5:30pm) Game at TSJ (A&B&C), Thursday (5:30pm) Game at St Bruno (A&B), Friday (5:30pm) Home Game vs St Ann (A&B).

Boys Basketball will continue practice and games for 5th-8th Grade at TLS Hoffman. Monday (5:00pm) Individual/Group Pictures (6:00pm) Home Game vs St Ann Nashville, Tuesday (6:00pm) Game at Patoka, Thursday (3:45-5:30pm) Practice.

Thrivent Members: Now is the time! The charitable outreach funds that you have accumulated during 2020 are available to be distributed now. YOU can choose where your portion goes. Simply call 800-847-4836, and when prompted, say "Thrivent Choice". A representative will work with you. Trinity Lutheran Church at 205 N. Main is able to receive funds.

Trinity Ladies Aid/LWML first started serving lunches for families following a funeral back in 1950 and our members are happy to be continuing that service. Those individuals to contact if you wish to bring a food item for February are Eunice Brink (249-6275) or Geri Schnitker (493-6266). Thank you for any assistance of food as we continue to provide this service for families during their time of loss.

The PTL will be hosting their annual Beer and Wine Tasting Fundraiser on April 17, 2021. At this time we are asking for any donations for auction items. If you or anyone you know would like to donate you may contact or drop them off at the school office.

St John New Minden Drive-Thru Only Chicken Supper: German potato salad, fried chicken, green beans, applesauce and dessert at the chicken supper on Sunday afternoon/evening, March 7 from 4:00-7:00pm. Please enter by the west parking lot drive at the God's Garden sign. Cost is \$10. A portion of the proceeds will be supplemented by Thrivent Financial for Lutherans.

Get 10% of Your Lunch Bill Donated to Trinity! At Bunkers Bar & Grill, the restaurant at the Roland Barkau Memorial Golf Course in Okawville, any time you bring your church bulletin with you for lunch on Sundays, 10% of your bill will be donated back to Trinity. This is a very easy way to support our congregation, a local Washington County small business, and eat delicious food all at the same time! Bunkers is located at 1501 N. Waterworks Rd. Okawville, IL 62271.

Stream our services LIVE on Sundays beginning at 9:30am. You may go to facebook.com/tlshoyleton. For those who don't have facebook the audio and video will be posted on our website trinityhoyleton.org around 11:30am.

Please remember to continue to give your offerings. You may do so by dropping it off in the church office Monday - Friday 8:00am - 4:00pm or mailing it to Trinity Lutheran Church PO Box 176 Hoyleton, Il. 62803.

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Life Quotes: "God controlled your salvation from start to finish. He gave you faith in Baptism and strengthens faith through the Word. You can trust that He will continue to keep control of your life because you rest in the palm of His loving hand. Stand firm because God is in control."

About the Bulletin Cover: As Jesus began His public ministry, He announced that all things were finding fulfillment in Him. Now is the time for repentance and faith for the Savior is here. As we begin this journey of Lent, this same Jesus encounters us today in His Word by the power of the Holy Spirit. There is no better day than today to hear His Word, repent, and believe the Gospel. "Behold, now is the favorable time; behold, now is the day of salvation" (2 Corinthians 6:2).