



To KNOW Christ. To SHARE Christ.

**Worship & Holy Communion
March 14, 2010
Fourth Sunday in Lent
“Forgiven and Forgiving”
10:45 am**



*The Mission of Trinity Lutheran Church:
Sharing God’s love and grace, we invite, embrace
and nurture everyone unconditionally into a
relationship with God through Jesus Christ.*

The Rev. Sandra L. Bentz, Pastor
Cassandra Sauter, Intern Pastor

Welcome!

We're glad you're here to worship this morning. We trust that in the songs we sing, the Word we hear and the Communion we share, Jesus' presence will touch your life.

Gray Welcome Cards are in the pew racks. Please use them to let us know you are here, to share prayer requests, or to request more information about Trinity ministries. When filled out, please pass them to the outside aisle for the ushers to collect.

- **Pre-Service Music** Alice Christianson
- **Welcome and Announcements**
- **Call to Worship** TLC Choir
- **Confession and Forgiveness**

All are invited to make the sign of the cross † in remembrance of our baptism

Pastor: Trusting in the word of life given in baptism, we are gathered in the name of the Father † Son and Holy Spirit.

People: Amen

Pastor: Let us confess our sins in the presence of God and of one another.
silence for reflection and self-examination

Pastor: Merciful God,

People: we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, and are not worthy to be called your children. Have mercy on us and turn us from our sinful ways. Bring us back to you as those who once were dead but now have life, through our Savior Jesus Christ. Amen.

Pastor: The Lord is gracious and full of compassion, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love. Through the Holy Spirit, God gives life, freedom from the power of sin, and resurrection from the dead. In the name of † Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven. Live in newness of life.

People: Amen

- **Opening Song** *please stand as you are able*
"Amazing Grace"

ELW (red) #779
vs 1,3 & 4

- **Greeting**

Pastor: From our God who loves us with an everlasting love, who brings forth a new creation in Christ, who leads us by the Spirit in the wilderness: Grace and abundant mercy be with you all.

People: And also with you.

• **Kyrie**

front of the ELW (red) pg 147

• **Prayer of the Day**

Pastor: Let us pray. God of compassion,

People: **you welcome the wayward, and you embrace us all with your mercy. By our baptism clothe us with garments of your grace, and feed us at the table of your love, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen**

following the prayer, the congregation may be seated

Hearing God's Word

• **2 Corinthians 5:16-21**

back of the pew Bible pg 1053

¹⁶From now on, therefore, we regard no one from a human point of view; even though we once knew Christ from a human point of view, we know him no longer in that way. ¹⁷So if anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation: everything old has passed away; see, everything has become new! ¹⁸All this is from God, who reconciled us to himself through Christ, and has given us the ministry of reconciliation; ¹⁹that is, in Christ God was reconciling the world to himself, not counting their trespasses against them, and entrusting the message of reconciliation to us. ²⁰So we are ambassadors for Christ, since God is making his appeal through us; we entreat you on behalf of Christ, be reconciled to God. ²¹For our sake he made him to be sin who knew no sin, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God!

• **Gospel Acclamation**

"Return to the Lord"

front of the ELW (red) pg 151

• **Luke 15:1-3, 11b-32**

back of the pew Bible pg 952

¹Now all the tax collectors and sinners were coming near to listen to him. ²And the Pharisees and the scribes were grumbling and saying, "This fellow welcomes sinners and eats with them."

³So he told them this parable:

^{11b}"There was a man who had two sons. ¹²The younger of them said to his father, 'Father, give me the share of the property that will belong to me.' So he divided his property between them. ¹³A few days later the younger son gathered all he had and traveled to a distant country, and there he squandered his property in dissolute living. ¹⁴When he had spent everything, a severe famine took place throughout that country, and he

began to be in need. ¹⁵So he went and hired himself out to one of the citizens of that country, who sent him to his fields to feed the pigs. ¹⁶He would gladly have filled himself with the pods that the pigs were eating; and no one gave him anything. ¹⁷But when he came to himself he said, 'How many of my father's hired hands have bread enough and to spare, but here I am dying of hunger! ¹⁸I will get up and go to my father, and I will say to him, "Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you; ¹⁹I am no longer worthy to be called your son; treat me like one of your hired hands." ' ²⁰So he set off and went to his father. But while he was still far off, his father saw him and was filled with compassion; he ran and put his arms around him and kissed him. ²¹Then the son said to him, 'Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you; I am no longer worthy to be called your son.' ²²But the father said to his slaves, 'Quickly, bring out a robe — the best one — and put it on him; put a ring on his finger and sandals on his feet. ²³And get the fatted calf and kill it, and let us eat and celebrate; ²⁴for this son of mine was dead and is alive again; he was lost and is found!' And they began to celebrate.

²⁵Now his elder son was in the field; and when he came and approached the house, he heard music and dancing. ²⁶He called one of the slaves and asked what was going on. ²⁷He replied, 'Your brother has come, and your father has killed the fatted calf, because he has got him back safe and sound.' ²⁸Then he became angry and refused to go in. His father came out and began to plead with him. ²⁹But he answered his father, 'Listen! For all these years I have been working like a slave for you, and I have never disobeyed your command; yet you have never given me even a young goat so that I might celebrate with my friends. ³⁰But when this son of yours came back, who has devoured your property with prostitutes, you killed the fatted calf for him!' ³¹Then the father said to him, 'Son, you are always with me, and all that is mine is yours. ³²But we had to celebrate and rejoice, because this brother of yours was dead and has come to life; he was lost and has been found.'"

Reader: The Gospel of the Lord. **People: Thanks be to God!**

• **Message** *"Forgiven and Forgiving"* Pastor Sandy Bentz

Responding to God's Word

• **Song** *"Forgive Our Sins As We Forgive"* ELW (red) #605

• Prayers of the People

The Pastor will end each petition with "Lord, in your mercy,"

*The people respond: "**hear our prayer.**"*

• Sharing Christ's Peace

Pastor: May the peace of Christ be with you always.

People: **And also with you.**

The people of God are invited to share Christ's peace with one another.

• Offering

Alice Christianson

please place your gifts for the Lord in the offering plate

• Offering Prayer

Pastor: Let us pray. Holy God, gracious and merciful,

People: **you bring forth food from the earth and nourish your whole creation. Turn our hearts toward those who hunger in any way, that all may know your care; and prepare us now to feast on the bread of life, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen**

The Celebration of Holy Communion

• Words of Institution and the Lord's Prayer

Pastor: On the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: "Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me." Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying: "This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me.

Pastor: Remember us in your Kingdom, Lord.
Teach us to pray, saying from our hearts:

People: **Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and forever. Amen**

Pastor: This is the feast of victory for our God.

People: **Lord, I am not worthy to receive you, but say the word and I shall be healed.**

Thank you for joining us today in worship! We are glad that you were here with us to experience the joy and the celebration of worshipping our Lord.

We hope this morning has been an inspiring time and that you have felt the Holy Spirit's presence here among the people of Trinity. If you currently do not have a church home and you would like more information about Trinity and our ministries, please call the church office. You do not have to be a member of Trinity to share in all of what God is doing here!

Our Regular Sunday Morning Worship Schedule

8:30 am – Contemporary Worship featuring *Spiritborn*

10:45 am – Traditional Worship

9:40 am – Bible Study

Lent Suppers & Mid-Week Worship

6 pm supper

7 - 7:30 pm worship

“Lead Me to the Cross”

What obstacles get in the way as we follow Jesus
to the cross & resurrection?

February 24 “Too Familiar”

March 3 “Too Comfortable”

March 10 “Too Busy”

March 17 “Too Consumed”

March 24 “To The Cross”

Assisting Ministers for Worship Today

Ushers Don & Kay Anderson

Reader Kay Anderson

Servers Kay Anderson

Nursery Courtney Badgett

Organist Alice Christianson

Song Leader Jill Stokes

Altar Care Lori Buecheler

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