

Sunday, March 15<sup>th</sup>, 2026  
Fourth Sunday in Lent

Welcome & Announcements

\*Confession & Forgiveness

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\*Opening Hymn

"Beneath the Cross of Jesus"

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1. Beneath the cross of Jesus I long to take my stand; the shadow of a mighty rock within a weary land, a home within a wilderness, a rest upon the way, from the burning of the noon tide heat and burdens of the day.
2. Upon the cross of Jesus, my eye at times can see the very dying form of one who suffered there for me. And from my contrite heart, with tears, two wonders I confess; the wonder of his glorious love and my unworthiness.
3. I take, O cross, your shadow for my abiding place, I ask no other sunshine than the sunshine of his face; content to let the world go by, to know no gain nor loss, my sinful self my only shame, my glory all, the cross.

\*Greeting

P: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit, be with you all. C: And also with you.

\*Prayer of the Day:

P: Let us pray together,

C: Bend your ear to our prayers, Lord Christ, and come among us. By your gracious life and death for us, bring light into the darkness of our hearts, and anoint us with your Spirit, for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

First Reading: 1 Samuel 16:1-13

The LORD said to Samuel, "How long will you grieve over Saul? I have rejected him from being king over Israel. Fill your horn with oil and set out; I will send you to Jesse the Bethlehemite, for I have provided for myself a king among his sons." <sup>2</sup> Samuel said, "How can I go? If Saul hears of it, he will kill me." And the LORD said, "Take a heifer with you and say, 'I have come to sacrifice to the LORD.' <sup>3</sup> Invite Jesse to the sacrifice, and I will show you what you shall do, and you shall anoint for me the one whom I name to you." <sup>4</sup> Samuel did what the LORD commanded and came to Bethlehem. The elders of the city came to meet him trembling and said, "Do you come peaceably?" <sup>5</sup> He said, "Peaceably. I have come to sacrifice to the LORD; sanctify yourselves and come with me to the sacrifice." And he sanctified Jesse and his sons and invited them to the sacrifice. <sup>6</sup> When they came, he looked on Eliab and thought, "Surely his anointed is now before the LORD." <sup>7</sup> But the LORD said to Samuel, "Do not look on his appearance or on the height of his stature, because I have rejected him, for the LORD does not see as mortals see; they look on the outward appearance, but the LORD looks on the heart." <sup>8</sup> Then Jesse called Abinadab and made him pass before Samuel. He said, "Neither has the LORD chosen this one." <sup>9</sup> Then Jesse made Shammah pass by. And he said, "Neither has the LORD chosen this one." <sup>10</sup> Jesse made seven of his sons pass before Samuel, and Samuel said to Jesse, "The LORD has not chosen any of these." <sup>11</sup> Samuel said to Jesse, "Are all your sons here?" And he said, "There remains yet the youngest, but he is keeping the sheep." And Samuel said to Jesse, "Send and bring him, for we will not sit down until he comes here." <sup>12</sup> He sent and brought him in. Now he was ruddy and had beautiful eyes and was handsome. The LORD said, "Rise and anoint him, for this is the one." <sup>13</sup> Then Samuel took the horn of oil and anointed him in the presence of his brothers, and the spirit of the LORD came mightily upon David from that day forward. Samuel then set out and went to Ramah.

Psalms 23 (read by half verse. Psalms can be found after pg. 338 and before the hymns.)

Second Reading: Ephesians 5:8-14

for once you were darkness, but now in the Lord you are light. Walk as children of light, <sup>9</sup> for the fruit of the light is found in all that is good and right and true. <sup>10</sup> Try to find out what is pleasing to the Lord. <sup>11</sup> Take no part in the unfruitful works of darkness; rather, expose them. <sup>12</sup> For it is shameful even to mention what such people do secretly, <sup>13</sup> but everything exposed by the light becomes visible, <sup>14</sup> for everything that becomes visible is light. Therefore it says, "Sleeper, awake! Rise from the dead, and Christ will shine on you."

\*Holy Gospel: John 9:1-41

As he walked along, he saw a man blind from birth. <sup>2</sup> His disciples asked him, "Rabbi, who sinned, this man

or his parents, that he was born blind?"<sup>3</sup> Jesus answered, "Neither this man nor his parents sinned; he was born blind so that God's works might be revealed in him."<sup>4</sup> We must work the works of him who sent me while it is day; night is coming, when no one can work."<sup>5</sup> As long as I am in the world, I am the light of the world."<sup>6</sup> When he had said this, he spat on the ground and made mud with the saliva and spread the mud on the man's eyes,<sup>7</sup> saying to him, "Go, wash in the pool of Siloam" (which means Sent). Then he went and washed and came back able to see.<sup>8</sup> The neighbors and those who had seen him before as a beggar began to ask, "Is this not the man who used to sit and beg?"<sup>9</sup> Some were saying, "It is he." Others were saying, "No, but it is someone like him." He kept saying, "I am he."<sup>10</sup> But they kept asking him, "Then how were your eyes opened?"<sup>11</sup> He answered, "The man called Jesus made mud, spread it on my eyes, and said to me, 'Go to Siloam and wash.' Then I went and washed and received my sight."<sup>12</sup> They said to him, "Where is he?" He said, "I do not know."<sup>13</sup> They brought to the Pharisees the man who had formerly been blind.<sup>14</sup> Now it was a Sabbath day when Jesus made the mud and opened his eyes.<sup>15</sup> Then the Pharisees also began to ask him how he had received his sight. He said to them, "He put mud on my eyes. Then I washed, and now I see."<sup>16</sup> Some of the Pharisees said, "This man is not from God, for he does not observe the Sabbath." Others said, "How can a man who is a sinner perform such signs?" And they were divided.<sup>17</sup> So they said again to the blind man, "What do you say about him? It was your eyes he opened." He said, "He is a prophet."<sup>18</sup> The Jews did not believe that he had been blind and had received his sight until they called the parents of the man who had received his sight<sup>19</sup> and asked them, "Is this your son, who you say was born blind? How then does he now see?"<sup>20</sup> His parents answered, "We know that this is our son and that he was born blind,<sup>21</sup> but we do not know how it is that now he sees, nor do we know who opened his eyes. Ask him; he is of age. He will speak for himself."<sup>22</sup> His parents said this because they were afraid of the Jews, for the Jews had already agreed that anyone who confessed Jesus to be the Messiah would be put out of the synagogue.<sup>23</sup> Therefore his parents said, "He is of age; ask him."<sup>24</sup> So for the second time they called the man who had been blind, and they said to him, "Give glory to God! We know that this man is a sinner."<sup>25</sup> He answered, "I do not know whether he is a sinner. One thing I do know, that though I was blind, now I see."<sup>26</sup> They said to him, "What did he do to you? How did he open your eyes?"<sup>27</sup> He answered them, "I have told you already, and you would not listen. Why do you want to hear it again? Do you also want to become his disciples?"<sup>28</sup> Then they reviled him, saying, "You are his disciple, but we are disciples of Moses.<sup>29</sup> We know that God has spoken to Moses, but as for this man, we do not know where he comes from."<sup>30</sup> The man answered, "Here is an astonishing thing! You do not know where he comes from, yet he opened my eyes.<sup>31</sup> We know that God does not listen to sinners, but he does listen to one who worships him and obeys his will.<sup>32</sup> Never since the world began has it been heard that anyone opened the eyes of a person born blind.<sup>33</sup> If this man were not from God, he could do nothing."<sup>34</sup> They answered him, "You were born entirely in sins, and are you trying to teach us?" And they drove him out.<sup>35</sup> Jesus heard that they had driven him out, and when he found him he said, "Do you believe in the Son of Man?"<sup>36</sup> He answered, "And who is he, sir? Tell me, so that I may believe in him."<sup>37</sup> Jesus said to him, "You have seen him, and the one speaking with you is he."<sup>38</sup> He said, "Lord, I believe." And he worshiped him.<sup>39</sup> Jesus said, "I came into this world for judgment, so that those who do not see may see and those who do see may become blind."<sup>40</sup> Some of the Pharisees who were with him heard this and said to him, "Surely we are not blind, are we?"<sup>41</sup> Jesus said to them, "If you were blind, you would not have sin. But now that you say, 'We see,' your sin remains.

Children's Sermon

Pastor Valerian Ahles

Sermon

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\*Hymn of the Day:

"Faith of our Fathers"

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1. Faith of our fathers, living still in spite of dungeon, fire, and sword. Oh, how our hearts beat high with joy whene'er we hear that glorious word. Faith of our fathers, holy faith, we will be true to thee till death.
2. The martyrs, chained in prisons dark, were still in heart and conscience free; and blest would be their children's fate if they, like them, should die for thee. Faith of our fathers, holy faith, we will be true to thee till death.
3. Faith of our fathers! We will love both friend and foe in all our strife; proclaim thee too, as love knows how, by saving word and faithful life. Faith of our fathers, holy faith, we will be true to thee till death.

\*The Apostle's Creed

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth. I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our

Lord. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit, and born of the Virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended into hell. On the third day he rose again. He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

\*The Prayers:

Each petition ends with: P: Lord, in your mercy, C: Hear our prayer.

\*The Peace:

P: The peace of the Lord be with you always. C: And also with you.

*We invite you to share the peace in the manner you are most comfortable with. Please respect others, knowing that someone may not be comfortable sharing the peace with you in the same manner.*

Offering

\*Offertory Hymn:

“Jesus, Remember Me”

ELW 616

1. Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom. Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom.

\*Offertory Prayer:

P: Let us pray, Merciful Father,

C: we offer with joy and thanksgiving what you have first given us-ourselves, our time, and our possessions, signs of your gracious love. Receive them for the sake of him who offered himself for us, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

\*The Words of Institution

\*The Lord's Prayer:

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.

Distribution of Communion

\*Post-Communion Blessing & Prayer

\*Benediction and Sending

P: May the Lord bless you and keep you. May the Lord's face shine upon you and be gracious to you. May the Lord look upon you with favor and give you peace, in the name of the Father and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

P: Go in peace to love and serve the Lord. C: THANKS BE TO GOD!

\*Closing Hymn

“Amazing Grace”

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1. Amazing grace! How sweet the sound that saved a wretch like me! I once was lost, but now am found; was blind, but now I see.
2. 'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear, and grace my fears relieved; how precious did that grace appear the hour I first believed!
3. Through many dangers, toils, and snares I have already come; 'tis grace has brought me safe thus far, and grace will lead me home.
4. The Lord has promised good to me; his word my hope secures; he will my shield and portion be as long as life endures.
5. When we've been there ten thousand years, bright shining as the sun, we've no less days to sing God's praise than when we'd first begun.

Postlude

*Trinity Lutheran Church exists to support its members in proclaiming the Word of God so that all may know the peace, joy, and fulfillment that comes through Jesus Christ*

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

No Bible Study tomorrow. PB is on vacation until March 21st

Lent meal (Taco Bar) will be Wednesday, March 18<sup>th</sup> at 5:30 and Holden Evening Prayer Worship at 6:30 pm

Crew is Wednesday, March 25<sup>th</sup>, 3:30-5:00pm for all 3rd-6th graders

Lagers with the Lord is Monday, March 23rd at Buckshots at 6 pm

PB is looking for your scriptures for March Facebook devotions! Email them to him at [pastorbradtrinity@gmail.com](mailto:pastorbradtrinity@gmail.com)

Have you made your Foundation gift? Help start our Parsonage project with a strong foundation with an initial gift. You should have received a letter in the mail by now, if not...call the office. You can give through a check, online, or using Venmo. Put "Foundation" or "Parsonage" on your gift.

Lily Orders Forms for Easter are here! Deadline for ordering is March 18th. They are \$16 each and can be made in memory or in honor of someone. Find the forms in Narthex, online, and in this bulletin.

Order Butter Braids to help our kids go to camp! Order deadline is March 29th. See any confirmation youth or the form on the table in the Narthex.

Raise the Roof Fundraiser Saturday, April 11<sup>th</sup>, 11 am till 4pm, Boyceville Fire Hall. This fundraiser for our new parsonage will feature a silent auction, raffles, games, "flip-flop" chicken, and more. If you would like to donate items, you can drop them off at the church. Also, see sign up sheet in the Narthex to help out. Contact the church office for more information.

### Serving Our Lord and Church

Pastor: Bradley K. Peterson

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Greeter: Joan & Dan O'Connell

Ministers: All Baptized Believers

Ushers: Nate Holden, Jeremy Mittlestadt, Stan Larson

Altar Guild: Melissa Holden, Pam Larson, Carol Nusberger

Fellowship: Abella Leach & Trevor Gross

### Schedule For The Week of March 15-22

Sunday	9:00am	Worship
Tuesday	9:00am	Quilting
Wednesday	5:30pm	Lent Meal
	6:30pm	Worship
Thursday	10:00am	Card Club
Sunday	9:00am	Worship



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### Our Prayer Concerns

Dick Clack	Saul Hedlund	Jeanna Hollister	Helen Rosen
Leona Steies	Kayden Ebersperger	Shannon Bauer	Amy Frieburg
Jennifer Marlett	Brad Stevens	Shirley Mittlestadt	Ken Larson
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Tom Lohfink	Lynda Bird	Kendra Kostman	
Ashley Behling	Brian Moll	Kathy Joles	

### Weekly Devotions

Sunday: Matthew 4:18-22	Monday: Matthew 4:23-25	Tuesday: Matthew 5:1-12
Wednesday: Matthew 5:13-16	Thursday: Matthew 5:17-20	Friday: Matthew 5:21-26
Saturday: Matthew 5:27-30	Sunday: Matthew 5:31-32	

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