

**BLESSED IS MAN WHO TRUSTS
IN THE LORD WHOSE TRUST IS THE LORD.
HE IS LIKE A TREE PLANTED
BY WATER, THAT SENDS OUT ITS ROOTS
STREAM AND DOES NOT FEAR WHEN
HEAT COMES, LEAVES FOR ITS REMAIN GREEN
ANXIOUS IN YEAR OF DROUGHT,
FOR IT DOES NOT CEASE TO BEAR FRUIT.**

JEREMIAH 17:7-8

*Septuagesima Sunday
February 13, 2022*

Morning Prayer and Sermon

Welcome to Trinity Church!

You may have seen on the front cover that it reads *Septuagesima Sunday*. What does this mean? In the Evangelical & Reformed tradition and from the Altar Book it notes that the three Sundays before Lent are to be treated as Sundays in preparation for Lent. The Sundays are called *Septuagesima, Sexagesima, and Quinquagesima*.

Septuagesima Sunday is the name for the ninth Sunday before East, the third before Ash Wednesday. The term comes from the Latin word “seventieth.” The significance of this naming is as follows: “Septuagesima Sunday is so called because it falls within seventy days but more than sixty days before Easter. Because every Sunday recalls the resurrection of Christ, they are considered “little Easters” and not treated as days of penance.” [Andrew Hughes]

The 17-day period beginning on Septuagesima Sunday was intended to be observed as a preparation for the season of Lent, which is itself a period of spiritual preparation. In many countries, however, Septuagesima Sunday marked and still marks the traditional start of the carnival season, culminating on Shrove Tuesday, sometimes known as Mardi Gras.

You may notice that the parament color has turned purple this year as the tradition also includes the use of purple vestments. The purple signifies penitence, preparation, mourning, humiliation and the passion.

This year, we will return to that “historical liturgical practice” that fell out of practice 50 years ago or more. The opportunity to seek the “holiness of God” so that we may behold the “glory of God.” The scripture lessons will have a decidedly challenging focus of leading us to consider our spiritual roots.

Welcome to “pre-Lent” this year. Come to the well of salvation and drink deeply of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Prelude

Invitation

When I Look into Your Holiness

God Calls Us to Confession

based on Psalm 139:23-24

The psalmist models a transparent faith with these words:

*Search me, O God, and know my heart;
test me and know my thoughts.
see if there is any wicked way in me,
and lead me in the way everlasting.*

We express our long for God's leading by our own transparent confession.

Silent Confession

Corporate Prayer of Confession

Almighty God,

Your Church is one body in Christ, and individually we are members one of another. Lord, we lament how our sin divides Your Church. We often fail to see how our actions, our convictions, and our attitudes contribute to disunity. We lack forbearance and patience with one another. We insist on our own way. We do not trust those who have different opinions than ours. Have mercy on us, most merciful Father, and grant us Your peace. Unite us by Your Holy Spirit, we pray, and help us serve You and one another in love and humility. This we ask in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord who lives with You and the Holy Spirit. Amen.

God Declares Us Forgiven in Christ

Romans 8:33-34

Who shall bring any charge against God's elect?

It is God who justifies.

Who is to condemn?

Christ Jesus is the one who died---more than that, who was raised -who is at the right hand of God, who indeed is interceding for us.

*Praise: 345

Blessed Assurance

*The Collect

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Let us pray. . .

Old Testament

Jeremiah 17:5-18

⁵ Thus says the LORD:

- “Cursed is the man who trusts in man
and makes flesh his strength,
whose heart turns away from the LORD.
- ⁶ He is like a shrub in the desert,
and shall not see any good come.
He shall dwell in the parched places of the wilderness,
in an uninhabited salt land.
- ⁷ “Blessed is the man who trusts in the LORD,
whose trust is the LORD.
- ⁸ He is like a tree planted by water,
that sends out its roots by the stream,
and does not fear when heat comes,
for its leaves remain green,
and is not anxious in the year of drought,
for it does not cease to bear fruit.”
- ⁹ The heart is deceitful above all things,
and desperately sick;
who can understand it?
- ¹⁰ “I the LORD search the heart
and test the mind,
to give every man according to his ways,
according to the fruit of his deeds.”
- ¹¹ Like the partridge that gathers a brood that she did not hatch,
so is he who gets riches but not by justice;
in the midst of his days they will leave him,
and at his end he will be a fool.
- ¹² A glorious throne set on high from the beginning
is the place of our sanctuary.
- ¹³ O LORD, the hope of Israel,
all who forsake you shall be put to shame;
those who turn away from you shall be written in the earth,
for they have forsaken the LORD, the fountain of living
water.
- ¹⁴ Heal me, O LORD, and I shall be healed;

- save me, and I shall be saved,
for you are my praise.
- 15 Behold, they say to me,
“Where is the word of the LORD?
Let it come!”
- 16 I have not run away from being your shepherd,
nor have I desired the day of sickness.
You know what came out of my lips;
it was before your face.
- 17 Be not a terror to me;
you are my refuge in the day of disaster.
- 18 Let those be put to shame who persecute me,
but let me not be put to shame;
let them be dismayed,
but let me not be dismayed;
bring upon them the day of disaster;
destroy them with double destruction! ¹

Psalter – Psalm 1

Responsively

Blessed is the man
who walks not in the counsel of the wicked,
nor stands in the way of sinners,
nor sits in the seat of scoffers;
² but his delight is in the law of the LORD,
and on his law he meditates day and night.

³ He is like a tree
planted by streams of water
that yields its fruit in its season,
and its leaf does not wither.

In all that he does, he prospers.

⁴ The wicked are not so,
but are like chaff that the wind drives away.

⁵ Therefore the wicked will not stand in the judgment,
nor sinners in the congregation of the righteous;
⁶ for the LORD knows the way of the righteous,
but the way of the wicked will perish.²

***Gospel Acclamation: No. 42**

Seek Ye First

¹ *The Holy Bible: English Standard Version* (Je 17:5–18). (2016). Crossway Bibles.

² *Revised Common Lectionary*. (2009). Faithlife.

¹⁷ And he came down with them and stood on a level place, with a great crowd of his disciples and a great multitude of people from all Judea and Jerusalem and the seacoast of Tyre and Sidon,
¹⁸ who came to hear him and to be healed of their diseases. And those who were troubled with unclean spirits were cured. ¹⁹ And all the crowd sought to touch him, for power came out from him and healed them all.

²⁰ And he lifted up his eyes on his disciples, and said:
“Blessed are you who are poor, for yours is the kingdom of God.
²¹ Blessed are you who are hungry now, for you shall be satisfied.

“Blessed are you who weep now, for you shall laugh.
²² Blessed are you when people hate you and when they exclude you and revile you and spurn your name as evil, on account of the Son of Man! ²³ Rejoice in that day, and leap for joy, for behold, your reward is great in heaven; for so their fathers did to the prophets.

²⁴ “But woe to you who are rich, for you have received your consolation.

²⁵ “Woe to you who are full now, for you shall be hungry.
“Woe to you who laugh now, for you shall mourn and weep.
²⁶ “Woe to you, when all people speak well of you, for so their fathers did to the false prophets.³

***Affirmation of Faith**

The Apostles' Creed

Do you believe in God the Father?

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.**

Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God's 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 hades.
On the third day he rose again;**

³ *Revised Common Lectionary*. (2009). Faithlife.

he ascended into heaven,
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and he will come to judge the quick and the dead.
Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?
I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church,
the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body, and life everlasting. Amen.

Proclamation of God's Word

"PD"

The Old Oak Tree

Song of Response: No. 429

Lord, Listen to Your Children

Morning Prayer

Our Savior's Prayer [using debts and debtors]

Hymn of Dedication: No. 79 *Jesus, the Very Thought of Thee

***Dismissal and Blessing**

***Response**

Go Now In Peace

Go now in peace. Never be afraid.

God will go with you each hour of ev'ry day.

Go now in faith, steadfast, strong and true.

Know He will guide you in all you do.

Go now in love, and show you believe.

Reach out to others so all the world can see.

God will be there watching from above.

Go now in peace, in faith, and in love.

***Going Forth**

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***** PLEASE NOTE *****

The church office will be closed Wednesday, February 16th but open Friday, February 18th.

The Saints In Action

Today – *Septuagesima Sunday*

9:00 a.m. Worship

10:10 a.m. Sunday School

Wednesday

6:30 p.m. Trinity Bells Rehearsal

Next Sunday – *Sexagesima Sunday*

9:00 a.m. Worship

10:10 a.m. Sunday School

6:30 p.m. Confirmation

Giving From 2/6/2022

	Rec	Budget	Over/Under
General	\$3298.00	\$2521.38	\$776.62
Ben	\$260.00	\$213.46	\$46.54
Maint	\$300.00	\$163.46	\$136.54
Mem	0		
Total	\$3858.00	\$2898.30	\$959.70

Benevolence includes donations to Food Pantry of \$10

Worship Attendance: 72

Sunday School: 12

Holy Trinity Lutheran Church Fundraiser: TODAY IS THE DEADLINE TO ORDER

The youth are planning a fundraiser soup sale to benefit Maria Mowry and to assist Jim & Esther Mowry with travel costs to visit Maria. We are hoping that in our small way, we can help Maria through this difficult time.

We are planning to make chicken noodle, beef vegetable, and ham and bean. This will be pre-order only for pickup on Sunday, February 20. The price per quart is \$7.00. You may call the church office at 814-267-5014 to place your order.

The deadline to place your order is February 13, 2022.

Thank you for your support!

Orders may be picked up on Sunday, February 20th between 8:30 - 12:00.



Those Remembered in prayer:

God's guidance and protection for Armed Forces.

Shut Ins:

Lew & Barb Berkley, Roy Bucher, Helen Diest, Mary Forespring, Janet Gindlesperger, Cynthia Kelly, Lois Krause, Deb Luteri, Lois Saylor.

Healing Concerns:

Sally Altfather, Mark Amyot, Donnie Baxter, Jim Benoit, Carol Boyer, Jim Coughenour, Pam Crooks, Larry Custer, Dana Dawson, Ray Engle, Pat Fritz, Mary Jane Harding, Andrea (Shaulis) & Michael Harris, Larry Hay, Barry Landis, Jennifer Miller, Bob Murphy, Bonnie Murphy, Curt & Dorothy Shaulis, Nancy Schrock, Avis Specht, Kelly Tharp, Robin Walker, Heather Weighley, Nancy Weighley, The Family of Karen Will, Kimberly Kay Roos Zimmerman, Gerald Zorn

Where You May Find. . .

The Nursery: *is on the lower level for children and their parent. A big screen TV is mounted in the room so that you may watch the service.*

At the Sanctuary Entrances. . .

Large Print Bulletins

Hearing Amplifiers

Recycling Boxes for Bulletins

These Days – Devotional

Assisting in Worship

Sound: Jim Darr, Gaye Maust

Acolyte: Cohen Clark, Colton Custer

The Flowers on the altar in honor of her parents and in memory of her grandparents by Michele Romesberg.

The Whole Congregation in Ministry and Assisted by

Pastor: Rev'd Dr. David A. Williams

Church Secretary: Pam Bush

Financial Secretary: Renee Gindlesperger

Chancel Choir Director Emeritus: Linda Gallick

Handbells: Jeanne Hillegas

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When I Look Into Your Holiness

Wayne Perrin and Cathy Perrin



A musical score for a solo voice, featuring six staves of music in common time with a treble clef. The lyrics are integrated into the music, with each staff containing a line of text corresponding to the notes. Measure numbers 1 through 13 are placed at the start of each staff. A bracket labeled '3' covers three measures of staff 11.

When I look in - to Your ho - li -
ness, when I gaze in - to Your love - li
ness, when all things that sur-round be-come
shad-ows in the light of You. When I've
found the joy of reach-ing Your heart, - when my
will be-comes en-thralled in Your love, when all
things that sur - round be - come

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14

shad-ows in the light of You. - I wor-ship

17

You, _____ I wor-ship You _____ The

21

rea-son I live is to wor - ship You. _____

24

— I wor-ship You _____ I wor-ship You _____

28

— The rea-son I live is to wor-ship You.

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