



PSALM 32

forgiveness, for you, for joy

***Fourth Sunday in Lent
Laetare Sunday - Rejoicing
March 27, 2022***

Confession, Word and Morning Prayer

Welcome to Trinity Church. . .

Today is Laetare Sunday – the Fourth Sunday in Lent.

Traditionally, this Sunday has been a day of celebration, within the austere period of Lent. This Sunday gets its name from the first few words of the entrance to worship for the day “Rejoice, O Jerusalem” from Isaiah 66:10.

The lectionary lessons this morning take us to Psalm 32 and Luke 15. Lessons about forgiveness.

In the Orthodox tradition, Forgiveness Sunday is the final day of pre-Lent. Those who attend worship will hear the Lord’s teaching about fasting and forgiveness and enter the season of the fast forgiving one another so that God will forgive them. *If you forgive men their trespasses, your heavenly Father will forgive you; but if you do not forgive men their trespasses, neither will your heavenly Father forgive you your trespasses.* [Matthew 6:14]. As the liturgy concludes, each person approaches the priest saying, “forgive me, a sinner.” The priest responds, “God forgives. Forgive me.” The person responds, “God forgives,” and receives a blessing from the priest.

Today we hear the cry for forgiveness and we hear the response of forgiveness. King David confesses his sin with Bathsheba and the Prodigal comes confessing his sin to the father. Both receive forgiveness and there is joy for both in finding forgiveness.

The parament colors are “rose” this morning. They are only used on the 3rd Sunday of Advent and the 4th Sunday in Lent. They are a call to rejoice. Today we rejoice in God’s forgiveness and mercy.

Prelude

Invitation

When I Look into Your Holiness

God Calls Us to Confession

Silent Confession

Corporate Prayer of Confession

God of all history and eternity,
whom we call upon even now,
you are eternal, unchangeable, infinite, and almighty.
You are completely wise, just, and good—and the overflowing
source of all goodness.

We thank you for your covenant, which is never broken,
and your love, which is never measurable.

Have mercy on us, O God, according to your steadfast love.
According to your abundant mercy blot out our
transgressions.

Wash us thoroughly from our iniquities
and cleanse us from our sin.

For we know our transgressions
and our sins are ever before us.

Against you, and you alone,
have we sinned and done what is evil in your sight.

Create in us a clean heart, O God.

Put a new and right spirit within us.

Cast us not away from your presence,
and do not take away your Holy Spirit,
restore to us the joy of your salvation and sustain in us a
willing spirit for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Kyrie

Lord, have mercy upon us.

Christ, have mercy upon us.

Lord, have mercy upon us.

Lord, have mercy upon us.

Christ have mercy upon us.

Lord have mercy upon us.

God Declares Us Forgiven in Christ -based on Psalm 91:14-15

Those who love me, I will deliver, says the Lord;

*I will protect those who know my name.
When they call to me, I will answer them;
I will be with them in trouble,
I will rescue them and honor them and show them my salvation.*
Receive the good news of the gospel: In Jesus Christ we are forgiven.

***Praise: No. 202**

Amazing Grace

***The Collect**

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Let us pray. . .

The Psalter

Psalm 32

¹ Blessed is the one whose transgression is forgiven,
whose sin is covered.

² **Blessed is the man against whom the LORD counts no
iniquity, and in whose spirit there is no deceit.**

³ For when I kept silent, my bones wasted away
through my groaning all day long.

⁴ **For day and night your hand was heavy upon me;
my strength was dried up as by the heat of summer.**

⁵ I acknowledged my sin to you,
and I did not cover my iniquity;

I said, "I will confess my transgressions to the LORD,"
and you forgave the iniquity of my sin.

⁶ **Therefore let everyone who is godly
offer prayer to you at a time when you may be found;
surely in the rush of great waters, they shall not reach him.**

⁷ You are a hiding place for me;
you preserve me from trouble;
you surround me with shouts of deliverance.

⁸ **I will instruct you and teach you in the way you should go;
I will counsel you with my eye upon you.**

⁹ Be not like a horse or a mule, without understanding,
which must be curbed with bit and bridle,
or it will not stay near you.

¹⁰ **Many are the sorrows of the wicked,
but steadfast love surrounds the one who trusts in the
LORD.**

¹¹ Be glad in the LORD, and rejoice, O righteous,
and shout for joy, all you upright in heart! ¹

***Gospel Acclamation: Bulletin Page**

You Are My Hiding Place

***Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ**

St. Luke 15:1-3,11-32

Now the tax collectors and sinners were all drawing near to hear him. ² And the Pharisees and the scribes grumbled, saying, “This man receives sinners and eats with them.”

³ So he told them this parable:

¹¹ And he said, “There was a man who had two sons. ¹² And the younger of them said to his father, ‘Father, give me the share of property that is coming to me.’ And he divided his property between them. ¹³ Not many days later, the younger son gathered all he had and took a journey into a far country, and there he squandered his property in reckless living. ¹⁴ And when he had spent everything, a severe famine arose in that country, and he began to be in need. ¹⁵ So he went and hired himself out to² one of the citizens of that country, who sent him into his fields to feed pigs. ¹⁶ And he was longing to be fed with the pods that the pigs ate, and no one gave him anything.

¹⁷ “But when he came to himself, he said, ‘How many of my father’s hired servants have more than enough bread, but I perish here with hunger! ¹⁸ I will arise and go to my father, and I will say to him, “Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you. ¹⁹ I am no longer worthy to be called your son. Treat me as one of your hired servants.”’ ²⁰ And he arose and came to his father. But while he was still a long way off, his father saw him and felt compassion, and ran and embraced him and kissed him. ²¹ And the son said to him, ‘Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you. I am no longer worthy to be called your son.’³ ²² But the father said to his servants, ⁴ ‘Bring quickly the best robe, and put it on him, and put a ring on his hand, and shoes on his feet. ²³ And bring the fattened calf and kill it, and let us eat and celebrate. ²⁴ For this my son was dead, and is alive again; he was lost, and is found.’ And they began to celebrate.

¹ *Revised Common Lectionary*. (2009). Faithlife.

²⁵ “Now his older son was in the field, and as he came and drew near to the house, he heard music and dancing. ²⁶ And he called one of the servants and asked what these things meant. ²⁷ And he said to him, ‘Your brother has come, and your father has killed the fattened calf, because he has received him back safe and sound.’ ²⁸ But he was angry and refused to go in. His father came out and entreated him, ²⁹ but he answered his father, ‘Look, these many years I have served you, and I never disobeyed your command, yet you never gave me a young goat, that I might celebrate with my friends. ³⁰ But when this son of yours came, who has devoured your property with prostitutes, you killed the fattened calf for him!’ ³¹ And he said to him, ‘Son, you are always with me, and all that is mine is yours. ³² It was fitting to celebrate and be glad, for this your brother was dead, and is alive; he was lost, and is found.’ ” ²

***Affirmation of Faith**

The Apostles’ Creed

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

**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;

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.

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”

Forgiveness

Morning Prayer

Our Savior’s Prayer [using debts and debtors.]

***Hymn of Leading: No. 385**

Near the Cross

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

***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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The Saints In Action

Today – *Fourth Sunday in Lent*

9:00 a.m. Worship

10:10 a.m. Sunday School

Wednesday

6:30 p.m. Trinity Bell Rehearsal

Next Sunday – *Fifth Sunday in Lent*

9:00 a.m. Worship

10:10 a.m. Sunday School

6:30 p.m. Confirmation

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Giving From 3/20/2022

	Rec	Budget	Over/Under
General	\$3331.00	\$2521.38	\$809.62
Ben	\$865.00	\$213.46	\$651.54
Maint	\$295.00	\$163.46	\$131.54
Mem	\$0.00		
Total	\$4491.00	\$2898.30	\$1592.70

Benevolence includes Food Pantry of \$20 and One Great Hour of Sharing/Ukraine \$560.00

Worship Attendance: 93

Sunday School: 21 plus 10 at Confirmation = 31!



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, Alvin Harbaugh, Mary Jane Harding, Andrea (Shaulis) Harris, Larry Hay, Barry Landis, Holby McClucas, Jennifer Miller, Bob Murphy, Bonnie Murphy, Nancy Schrock, Avis Specht, Kelly Tharp, Adeline Vierегge, Robin Walker, Heather Weighley, Nancy Weighley, Kimberly Kay Roos Zimmerman, Gerald Zorn
The Family of Paul Berkey, Sr.



**Sunday School Challenge:
We need everyone to help the children with this!**

During this Lenten season the kindergarten through third grade Sunday School class is challenging themselves to list everything that they are thankful for by using the alphabet – list something you are thankful for with each letter of the alphabet. We are learning to be faithful to God by planting ourselves in good soil (The Bible). We challenge you to do the same – ask for the paper that we are using when you get your bulletin. If you want to share with the class give your completed paper to Sheron Engleka.

Confirmation and Sue Coughenhour's Sunday School Class – Sue Coughenhour will be offering a “Sunday School Class” on the Sunday evenings when there is Confirmation at 6:30 p.m. Confirmation will be in Fellowship Hall and Sue’s Class will meet in the church office area. You are most welcome to join her class. [It is a new way of doing something together!]

DATE CHANGE: Sunday, April 10 – The Passion of the Christ – the Confirmation Class will be viewing Mel Gibson’s powerful movie about the crucifixion of Christ beginning at 5 p.m. with Pizza and Pop followed by the movie at 5:30. Signup sheet on the bulletin board in the Vine Street Hallway.

Sunday, April 10 – Palm Sunday Children and Youth Event at 10:10 a.m. Our children and youth will lead the Palm Sunday processional at worship at 9 a.m. with the waving of palm branches. At 10:10 an hour of joyful activities that will culminate in an Easter Egg hunt on the church yard [weather permitting]. HUGS & KISSES will be providing an after church snack reception for all to enjoy.

Holy Week 2022

Palm Sunday – April 10 – “Hosanna!”

Maundy Thursday – April 14 – Holy Communion and Stripping of the Altar at Trinity – 7 p.m.

Good Friday – April 15 – Service of Shadows and Darkness at Zion Lutheran – 7 p.m.

Easter Sunday – Festival Holy Communion with Trinity Bells at 9:00 a.m.

From Mayfield First United Methodist Church – *Thank you for your generous gift. Your financial contribution will help our congregation to relieve suffering and help with recovery one hurting household at a time. Please continue praying for us and watch our city as God works wonders in our midst. May God bless you! --- Betty S. Reyes, Faithful Member*

Jolly Quilters and Knotty Knotters – This community endeavor provides warm comfort for those in need. They meet on Tuesday mornings at Holy Trinity Lutheran Church here in Berlin. They would welcome additional people to help them in creating their creation. See Sharon Engleka for more details. Many fingers make light work!

Terry Luteri Approved for Ordination – The Church & Ministry Committee has approved Terry Luteri for ordination to the Christian Ministry pending the receipt of several documents, the completion of his pastoral profile, and the receipt of call to a congregation. Terry is currently serving at First-Trinity UCC, Youngwood. It is expected that he will be called to serve this congregation. His ordination service will be held here at Trinity in the coming months. As Terry is a “son” of Trinity, the Consistory has approved presenting him a pulpit robe and a set of clergy stoles. [The cost of vestments is not cheap for quality, and we know our pastor likes quality!] Terry is aware of the robe as measurements must be taken to have it made to fit him directly. The stoles will be a surprise as PD will make that choice. If you would like to share in this gift, you may do so through the offering

plate or speaking with Renee Gindlesperger. We look forward with joy to celebrating the ordination of a “son” of Trinity to the ministry of the United Church of Christ.

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: Tyler Gindlesperger, Tom Croner

Acolyte: Cora Wright

Flowers on the altar in memory of their daughter, Melissa Jean by Leonard & Shirley Gary

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

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-thrall-ed in Your love, when all
things that sur - round be - come

The musical score is written in 4/4 time on a single treble clef staff. It consists of seven lines of music. Line 1 starts with a quarter rest followed by a quarter note G4, a quarter note A4, a quarter note B4, a quarter note C5, a quarter note B4, a quarter note A4, and a quarter note G4. Line 2 starts with a quarter rest, followed by a quarter note G4, a quarter note A4, a quarter note B4, a quarter note C5, a quarter note B4, a quarter note A4, and a quarter note G4. Line 3 starts with a quarter rest, followed by a quarter note G4, a quarter note A4, a quarter note B4, a quarter note C5, a quarter note B4, a quarter note A4, and a quarter note G4. Line 4 starts with a quarter note G4, a quarter note A4, a quarter note B4, a quarter note C5, a quarter note B4, a quarter note A4, a quarter note G4, a quarter note F4, a quarter note E4, and a quarter note D4. Line 5 starts with a quarter note G4, a quarter note A4, a quarter note B4, a quarter note C5, a quarter note B4, a quarter note A4, a quarter note G4, a quarter note F4, a quarter note E4, and a quarter note D4. Line 6 starts with a quarter note G4, a quarter note A4, a quarter note B4, a quarter note C5, a quarter note B4, a quarter note A4, a quarter note G4, a quarter note F4, a quarter note E4, and a quarter note D4. Line 7 starts with a quarter note G4, a quarter note A4, a quarter note B4, a quarter note C5, a quarter note B4, a quarter note A4, a quarter note G4, a quarter note F4, a quarter note E4, and a quarter note D4. There is a triplet of eighth notes (G4, A4, B4) in the 11th measure.

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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 _____

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

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You Are My Hiding Place

Michael Lender

3
You are my hid - ing place,

6
You al - ways fill my heart with songs of de -
liv - er - ance; when - ev - er I am a -

8
Fine
fraid, I will trust in You. I will trust in

11
You. Let the weak say "I am strong in the

15
D.C. al Fine
strength of the Lord!

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Linda Coddington Creates a Print for the Ukraine – the beautiful picture of the Daisey’s created by Linda is preparing to be “printed.” Linda will donate all the profits of the print to Ukraine Refugee Assistance. If you would like to order a print, let Linda know. The print will brighten any corner of your home with a reminder of God’s beautiful creation.

