

O God, you are my God;
earnestly I seek you;
my soul thirsts for you;
my flesh faints for you, as in a
dry and weary land where
there is no water.
Psalm 63:1



Third Sunday in Lent
March 20, 2022

Confession, Word and Morning Prayer

Welcome to Trinity Church. . .

As we continue in Lent, this morning we look to the theme of “longing.” What do you long for in your life?

The late Dr. James Boice writes: *On Sunday mornings, there are three kinds of people here in church. There are those who are Christians in name only. They seem to be following after God and Jesus Christ and say they are, but theirs is a false following, like that of the five foolish virgins who did not truly know the Lord and were rejected by him. The second class are those who are following Jesus but are following “at a distance,” like Peter at the time of Jesus’ arrest. The third type are those who, as Murdoch Campbell suggests, “in storm and sunshine, cleave to him and enjoy daily communion with him.” These people want God, and they want him intensely, because they know that he and he alone will satisfy the deep longing of their souls. David was a person who desired God above everything else, and Psalm 63 is a classic expression of this longing.*

The 63rd Psalm notes the setting “in the desert of Judah.” There are only two periods in David’s life this can apply to, either [1] when he was in the wilderness fleeing from King Sa123 ul or [2] later when he was in the wilderness fleeing from his son Absalom. The second must be the case here, because in verse 11 David refers to himself as “the king,” and he was not yet king when he was fleeing Saul.

The story of Absalom’s rebellion is told in 2 Samuel 15-19. Absalom was angry with his father. He has spent four years planning to overthrow his father. Due to poor advice, Absalom failed in his endeavor.

The longing for God expressed here is similar to that in some of the psalms of the Sons of Korah, especially Psalms 42, 43, and 84. Psalm 63 is similar in tone to Psalms 61, 62, and 64.

Prelude

As a Deer – arr. Douglas Wagner

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When I Look into Your Holiness

God Calls Us to Confession

Silent Confession

Corporate Prayer of Confession

God of mercy,

you sent Jesus Christ to seek and save the lost.

We confess that we have strayed from you and turned aside from your way.

We are misled by pride,

for we see ourselves pure when we are stained and great when we are small. We have failed in love, neglected justice, and ignored your truth.

Have mercy, O God, and forgive our sin. Return us to paths of righteousness through Jesus Christ, our Savior. 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. 334**

Come, Ye Sinners, Poor and Needy

***The Collect**

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Let us pray. . .

The Old Testament Lesson

Isaiah 55:1-9

“Come, everyone who thirsts,
come to the waters;
and he who has no money,
come, buy and eat!
Come, buy wine and milk
without money and without price.

² Why do you spend your money for that which is not bread,
and your labor for that which does not satisfy?
Listen diligently to me, and eat what is good,
and delight yourselves in rich food.

³ Incline your ear, and come to me;
hear, that your soul may live;
and I will make with you an everlasting covenant,
my steadfast, sure love for David.

⁴ Behold, I made him a witness to the peoples,
a leader and commander for the peoples.

⁵ Behold, you shall call a nation that you do not know,
and a nation that did not know you shall run to you,
because of the LORD your God, and of the Holy One of Israel,
for he has glorified you.

⁶ “Seek the LORD while he may be found;
call upon him while he is near;

⁷ let the wicked forsake his way,
and the unrighteous man his thoughts;
let him return to the LORD, that he may have compassion on him,
and to our God, for he will abundantly pardon.

⁸ For my thoughts are not your thoughts,
neither are your ways my ways, declares the LORD.

⁹ For as the heavens are higher than the earth,
so are my ways higher than your ways
and my thoughts than your thoughts. ¹

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Father, Forgive Them

The Psalter

Psalm 63

¹ O God, you are my God; earnestly I seek you;
my soul thirsts for you;

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

**my flesh faints for you,
as in a dry and weary land where there is no water.**

² So I have looked upon you in the sanctuary,
beholding your power and glory.

³ Because your steadfast love is better than life,
my lips will praise you.

⁴ So I will bless you as long as I live;
in your name I will lift up my hands.

⁵ My soul will be satisfied as with fat and rich food,
and my mouth will praise you with joyful lips,

⁶ when I remember you upon my bed,
and meditate on you in the watches of the night;

⁷ for you have been my help,
and in the shadow of your wings I will sing for joy.

⁸ My soul clings to you;
your right hand upholds me.

⁹ But those who seek to destroy my life
shall go down into the depths of the earth;

¹⁰ they shall be given over to the power of the sword;
they shall be a portion for jackals.

¹¹ But the king shall rejoice in God;
**all who swear by him shall exult,
for the mouths of liars will be stopped. ²**

***Gospel Acclamation: Bulletin Page 14**

You Are My Hiding Place

***Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ**

St. Luke 13:1-9

There were some present at that very time who told him about the Galileans whose blood Pilate had mingled with their sacrifices.

² And he answered them, "Do you think that these Galileans were worse sinners than all the other Galileans, because they suffered in this way? ³ No, I tell you; but unless you repent, you will all likewise perish. ⁴ Or those eighteen on whom the tower in Siloam fell and killed them: do you think that they were worse offenders than all the others who lived in Jerusalem? ⁵ No, I tell you; but unless you repent, you will all likewise perish."

⁶ And he told this parable: "A man had a fig tree planted in his vineyard, and he came seeking fruit on it and found none. ⁷ And he

² *The Holy Bible: English Standard Version* (Ps 63:1–11). (2016). Crossway Bibles.

said to the vinedresser, ‘Look, for three years now I have come seeking fruit on this fig tree, and I find none. Cut it down. Why should it use up the ground?’⁸ And he answered him, ‘Sir, let it alone this year also, until I dig around it and put on manure.’⁹ Then if it should bear fruit next year, well and good; but if not, you can cut it down.’ ”³

***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.

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Amazing Love

Proclamation of God’s Word

“PD”

God’s Market

Morning Prayer

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

***Hymn of Leading: No. 183**

Beneath the Cross of Jesus

***Dismissal and Blessing**

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

***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 – *Third Sunday in Lent*

9:00 a.m. Worship with Trinity Bells

10:10 a.m. Sunday School

6:30 p.m. Confirmation Class

Sue Coughenhour's Sunday School Class

Tuesday

12:00 Noon Paul Berkey, Sr. Funeral, Deaner Funeral Home

Wednesday

6:30 p.m. Trinity Bell Rehearsal

Next Sunday – *Fourth Sunday in Lent*

9:00 a.m. Worship

10:10 a.m. Sunday School

Giving From 3/13/2022

	Rec	Budget	Over/Under
General	\$3114.00	\$2521.38	\$592.62
Ben	\$765.00	\$213.46	\$551.54
Maint	\$40.00	\$163.46	-\$123.46
Mem	\$0.00		
Total	\$3919.00	\$2898.30	\$1020.70

Benevolence includes Food Pantry of \$10 and One Great Hour of Sharing/Ukraine: \$560.00

Worship Attendance: 43

Sunday School: 12



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, 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 Vieregge, Robin Walker,
Heather Weighley, Nancy Weighley,
Kimberly Kay Roos Zimmerman, Gerald Zorn
The Family of Paul Berkey, Sr.

“WANTED – VBS DIRECTOR”

- Thank you to Jean Hart, Amy Clark, and Sue Coughenour for “stepping up” to take on the ministry of Vacation Bible School 2022.
- The date for VBS will be in July this year. Watch for more details!



**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.

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*

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!]

Sunday, April 3 – *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.

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 Sheron 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.

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.

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: Gaye Maust, Lori Gindlesperger

Acolyte: Vesper Ogburn

Flowers on the altar in memory of Virgil Vaughan, Jr. by Michelle and Nichole Parish

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 eight lines of music. The lyrics are placed below the notes. 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, a quarter note G4, and a quarter note F4. 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, a quarter note G4, and a quarter note F4. 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, a quarter note G4, and a quarter note F4. Line 4 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, a quarter note G4, and a quarter note F4. Line 5 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, a quarter note G4, and a quarter note F4. Line 6 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, a quarter note G4, and a quarter note F4. Line 7 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, a quarter note G4, and a quarter note F4. Line 8 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, a quarter note G4, and a quarter note F4.

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

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You, _____ I wor-ship You _____ The

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

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_____ 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 -

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

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

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D.C. al Fine
strength of the Lord!

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