

We welcome you in the name of our divine and human Savior. Jesus lived and died for us as our substitute – all to win us back to himself. This is good news! If you are a guest with us, please sign our guest register. We invite you to worship with us again.

Our Worship

Order of Service: “Service Of The Word” can also be found on page 38 in *Christian Worship* if you would like to follow the music there.

HYMN – 442

STAND

M: The grace of our Lord + Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you.

C: And also with you.

CONFESSION OF SINS

M: We have come into the presence of God, who created us to love and serve him as his dear children. But we have disobeyed him and deserve only his wrath and punishment. Therefore, let us confess our sins to him and plead for his mercy.

C: Merciful Father in heaven, I am altogether sinful from birth. In countless ways I have sinned against you and do not deserve to be called your child. But trusting in Jesus, my Savior, I pray: Have mercy on me according to your unfailing love. Cleanse me from my sin, and take away my guilt.

M: God, our heavenly Father, has forgiven all your sins. By the perfect life and innocent death of our Lord Jesus Christ, he has removed your guilt forever. You are his own dear child. May God give you strength to live according to his will.

C: Amen

PRAYER OF THE DAY

M: Let us pray.

M: Lord our strength, the battle of good and evil rages within and around us and our ancient foe tempts us with his deceits and empty promises. Keep us steadfast in your Word, and when we fall, raise us up again and restore us through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen (Sung)

BE SEATED

**St. John's Ev. Lutheran School 3-4th Grade Sing (Sun.)*

THE WORD

Old Testament Lesson: Genesis 22:1-18 (NIV) *God commands Abraham to sacrifice Isaac, his only son. Abraham is willing to surrender the son he loves, showing that he fears God.*

¹ Some time later God tested Abraham. He said to him, "Abraham!" "Here I am," he replied. ² Then God said, "Take your son, your only son, Isaac, whom you love, and go to the region of Moriah. Sacrifice him there as a burnt offering on one of the mountains I will tell you about." ³ Early the next morning Abraham got up and saddled his donkey. He took with him two of his servants and his son Isaac. When he had cut enough wood for the burnt offering, he set out for the place God had told him about. ⁴ On the third day Abraham looked up and saw the place in the distance. ⁵ He said to his servants, "Stay here with the donkey while I and the boy go over there. We will worship and then we will come back to you." ⁶ Abraham took the wood for the burnt offering and placed it on his son Isaac, and he himself carried the fire and the knife. As the two of them went on together, ⁷ Isaac spoke up and said to his father Abraham, "Father?" "Yes, my son?" Abraham replied. "The fire and wood are here," Isaac said, "but where is the lamb for the burnt offering?" ⁸ Abraham answered, "God himself will provide the lamb for the burnt offering, my son." And the two of them went on together. ⁹ When they reached the place God had told him about, Abraham built an altar there and arranged the wood on it. He bound his son Isaac and laid him on the altar, on top of the wood. ¹⁰ Then he reached out his hand and took the knife to slay his son. ¹¹ But the angel of the LORD called out to him

from heaven, "Abraham! Abraham!" "Here I am," he replied. ¹² "Do not lay a hand on the boy," he said. "Do not do anything to him. Now I know that you fear God, because you have not withheld from me your son, your only son." ¹³ Abraham looked up and there in a thicket he saw a ram caught by its horns. He went over and took the ram and sacrificed it as a burnt offering instead of his son. ¹⁴ So Abraham called that place The LORD Will Provide. And to this day it is said, "On the mountain of the LORD it will be provided." ¹⁵ The angel of the LORD called to Abraham from heaven a second time ¹⁶ and said, "I swear by myself, declares the LORD, that because you have done this and have not withheld your son, your only son, ¹⁷ I will surely bless you and make your descendants as numerous as the stars in the sky and as the sand on the seashore. Your descendants will take possession of the cities of their enemies, ¹⁸ and through your offspring all nations on earth will be blessed, because you have obeyed me."

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Epistle Lesson: Romans 8:31-39 (NIV) *This is an argument from the greater to the lesser. Since God is for us, and since he didn't spare his Son to free us from sin's condemnation, none of the troubles we have in this life can separate us from God's love.*"

³¹What, then, shall we say in response to this? If God is for us, who can be against us? ³²He who did not spare his own Son, but gave him up for us all—how will he not also, along

with him, graciously give us all things? ³³Who will bring any charge against those whom God has chosen? It is God who justifies. ³⁴Who is he that condemns? Christ Jesus, who died—more than that, who was raised to life—is at the right hand of God and is also interceding for us. ³⁵Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? Shall trouble or hardship or persecution or famine or nakedness or danger or sword? ³⁶As it is written: "For your sake we face death all day long; we are considered as sheep to be slaughtered." ³⁷No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us. ³⁸For I am convinced that neither death nor life, neither angels nor demons, neither the present nor the future, nor any powers, ³⁹neither height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God that is in Christ Jesus our Lord.

VERSE OF THE DAY:

M: It is written: "Worship the Lord your God, and serve him only."

STAND

Gospel: Mark 1:12-15 (NIV) *Christ defeats Satan at the beginning of his public ministry: this victory is a prelude to the defeat of Satan's power on Mount Calvary. Jesus then begins preaching the good news.*

¹²At once the Spirit sent him out into the desert, ¹³and he was in the desert forty days, being tempted by Satan. He was with the wild animals, and angels attended him. ¹⁴After

John was put in prison, Jesus went into Galilee, proclaiming the good news of God. ¹⁵"The time has come," he said. "The kingdom of God is near. Repent and believe the good news!"

C: (Sung) Praise be to you, O Christ!

BE SEATED

HYMN – 403

Sermon Text: Mark 1:12-15

“HE WAS WITH THE WILD ANIMALS”

STAND

APOSTLES CREED

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

I believe in Jesus Christ, his 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 hell. The third day he rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty. From there he will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

BE SEATED

OFFERING

STAND

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH (Responsively on page 125 in the hymnal)

LORD'S PRAYER

(Saturday)

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.

Or

(Sunday)

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. Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours now and forever. Amen.

BE SEATED

HYMN – 202

STAND

M: O Lord God, our heavenly Father, pour out the Holy Spirit on your faithful people. Keep us strong in your grace and truth, protect and comfort us in all temptation, and bestow on us your saving peace, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: (Sung) Amen.

M: Brothers and sisters, go in peace. Live in harmony with one another. Serve the Lord with gladness.

The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you.

The Lord look on you with favor and + give you peace.

C: (Sung) Amen. Amen. Amen.

HYMN – 192 (Please remain standing)

**After worship we will view the short video, “MLHS Dedication of the Music Center.”*



We welcome those visiting us today. If you are a resident of this area and have no church home, we invite you to consider Trinity Ev. Lutheran Church, town of Liberty. If you are interested, please speak to the pastor. We pray the blessing of God’s Holy Spirit upon his Word, which you have heard with us today. Please worship with us again!

Announcements:

Organist

Our organist this weekend is Tammie Nagel. We thank her for playing and helping to beautify our worship.

Thank you and Welcome!

We thank the 3rd and 4th Grade of St. John's Ev. Lutheran School, Newtonburg for adding to our worship of the Lord with their heartfelt Lenten song. Thanks also to director Lisa Radue.

Prayer Requests –

- Viola Rusch – who is recovering from a mini-stroke at River's Bend rehabilitation center, and Lucille Jaeger who is recovering from foot surgery at the Manitowoc Health Care Center, we give thanks to God for beginning the healing of their bodies and granting them comfortable lodging, and we pray that he increase their faith and hope in his salvation.
- Jesse Lietzau – back from the Middle East. We thank the LORD for graciously protecting him, body and soul, in Christ. We ask the same for John Wallander, nephew of Leon & Linda Wallander, also serving in Iraq, and for Lee W. Petersen Jr., grandson of Wayne & Elaine Petersen, who is now serving in Baghdad.

Choir Members Needed

A reminder that choir will be right after church today (Sunday) for a short half-hour practice. We will be singing for the 9:30 am Easter Sunday service, and also other selections in the near future. Practices will continue after church until the end of May. All are welcome and encouraged to attend!

Lenten Rotation

The Pastors in the area again will be on a rotation for Lent. This coming Wednesday, Pastor Maglietto will be here from Immanuel.

Spiritual Affairs Meeting

Spiritual Affairs will meet Thursday, March 5, at 8:00 pm.

Lenten Meal

This Wednesday's meal the Church Council will be providing. They are serving hot pork on buns. Please join us!

Confirmation

Confirmation Day will be May 3rd this year. Parents of the confirmands should have received a sheet last week on some of the information. We are having a quick meeting before Confirmation class on March 12th. This is to measure your child for their gown so they can be ordered. Also discussed will be the photographer date.

Youth Group

The Youth Group (7th Grade through High School) will be meeting on Thursday, March 5 from 6:30 ~ 7 PM (right after catechism). On the agenda will be the Lenten Supper (that we will be serving on Wednesday, March 18); the Dinner & Movie / stuff & hide Easter Eggs (on Saturday, April 11 @ 4 PM); bowling and ice skating. This will be a short, eventful meeting.

Donations Needed For Missions

There is a box in the narthex for donations of bandages for medical needs. They will be going to the WELS Mission in Zambia, Africa. Please bring your donations during the month of March and the Trinity Ladies Circle Mission Committee will be mailing them out in early April. Any donations of bandages will be greatly appreciated. Thank you!

Trinity Ladies' Circle

The Trinity Ladies' Circle decided that "The Choice," by Nicholas Sparks, is the first book our newly formed Book Club will read. Dianne Schultz will be ordering copies of the book, so those interested should contact her at 758-2512 or e-mail Dianne @ dlibelm@lakefield.net by Monday, March 2. Others may prefer to get their own copy of the book. At our April meeting, a discussion of the book will serve as our social activity.

Easter Lilies

The Trinity Ladies Circle will again be collecting for Easter Lilies to beautify the church. There is a sign up sheet in the Narthex. They will be \$8.75. Please put your money in the envelope provided. Final order date will be March 15th. Thank You

Reminder

- * We are still looking for co-superintendents for Sunday School. Jessica Jungbluth and Anna Knutson are stepping down. Please contact Pastor Pope if you are interested.
- * MLHS Sunday Showcase tickets are available in the narthex after worship services.

Calendar of Events

Sat.28th	7:00 p.m.	Worship
Sun.1st	8:15 a.m.	Sunday School
	8:15 a.m.	Adult Bible Class
	9:30 a.m.	Worship
Wed.4th	6:00 p.m.	Lenten Meal - Church Council
	7:00 p.m.	Lenten Worship
Thurs.5th	5:00 p.m.	Catechism
	6:30 p.m.	Youth Group
	8:00 p.m.	Spiritual Affairs
Sat.7th	7:00 p.m.	Worship with Holy Communion
Sun.8th	8:15 a.m.	Sunday School
	8:15 a.m.	Adult Bible Class
	9:30 a.m.	Worship with Holy Communion

Greeters:

March 1st: Len & Sharon Arnold

March 8th: Fred & Janice Wehausen

Ushers:

Feb. 28th Harold Bratz, Steve Pleuss

March 1st Keith Petersen, Elwood Free, Larry Hochkammer, Jim Krim

Lenten Worship

March 4th Dave Williamson, Mark Kiesow

March 7th James Ott (Server), Warren Lutze (Server), Peter Liermann

March 8th David Schultz (Server), Brian Glaeser (Server), Uriah Matznick, Eli Kenneke, A.J. Kenneke

Altar Guild: February- Group 2:

Elizabeth Otto, Lois Glaeser, Sharon Arnold, Mary Liermann



A Happy Birthday to...

3/1 Orabelle Fisher
3/1 James A. Ott
3/1 Louette Propson-Enders
3/1 Karen Teesch
3/1 Tara Teesch
3/1 William Teesch
3/4 Matthew Fischer
3/4 Kaitlyn Fischer
3/7 Julie Glaeser
3/7 Caden Jungbluth
3/7 Haley Ratsch
3/8 Brad Liermann
3/8 Miranda Smith
3/9 Ronald Kasten
3/9 Rebecca Schnell



Happy Anniversary To...

3/2 Dan & Anna Knutson – 13 Years!

*If you have a February/March birthday or anniversary that was missed or listed incorrectly, please let us know so we can update church records! Thanks!

