

Ash Wednesday
February 10th, 2016

The Lenten journey begins with humble repentance and forgiveness from our gracious God. The Lord's wrath on the self-righteous will be fierce. Thanks be to God that he has worked righteousness for our salvation in Jesus Christ.

Communion Announcement

Today we celebrate the Sacrament of Holy Communion. Here at Trinity we practice a "close" Communion. God tells us that we are to be properly prepared for the Lord's Supper and that we show a unity in our faith when we go to Communion. Since the Lord's Supper is an expression of our common confession and we wouldn't want to put our guests in the awkward position of confessing beliefs they might not hold to, we ask that only members of the WELS (Wisconsin Evangelical Lutheran Synod) and ELS (Evangelical Lutheran Synod) church come forward. If you have any questions or are interested in membership, please speak with Pastor Pope.

Order of Worship

"The Common Service" with Holy Communion, on page 15 in *Christian Worship* (red hymnal)

HYMNS: 98, 396, 310*, 108

* Holy Communion hymn

Prayer of the Day: Almighty and merciful Father, you freely forgive those who, as David of old, acknowledge and confess their sins. Create in us pure hearts, and wash away all our sins in the blood of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

First Lesson: Isaiah 59:12-20 (NIV)

¹² For our offenses are many in your sight, and our sins testify against us. Our offenses are ever with us, and we acknowledge our iniquities: ¹³ rebellion and treachery against the LORD, turning our backs on our God, fomenting oppression and revolt, uttering lies our hearts have conceived. ¹⁴ So justice is driven back, and righteousness stands at a distance; truth has stumbled in the streets, honesty cannot enter. ¹⁵ Truth is nowhere to be found, and whoever shuns evil becomes a prey. The LORD looked and was displeased that there was no justice. ¹⁶ He saw that there was no one, he was appalled that there was no one to intervene; so his own arm worked salvation for him, and his own righteousness sustained him. ¹⁷ He put on righteousness as his breastplate, and the helmet of salvation on his head; he put on the garments of vengeance and wrapped himself in zeal as in a cloak. ¹⁸ According to what they have done, so will he repay wrath to his enemies and retribution to his foes; he will repay the islands their due. ¹⁹ From the west, men will fear the name of the LORD, and from the rising of the sun, they will revere his glory. For he will come like a pent-up flood that the breath of the LORD drives along. ²⁰ “The Redeemer will come to Zion, to those in Jacob who repent of their sins,” declares the LORD.

Psalm of the Day: 51a, on page 86

Second Lesson: 2 Corinthians 5:20-6:2 (NIV)

²⁰ We are therefore Christ's ambassadors, as though God were making his appeal through us. We implore you on Christ's behalf: Be reconciled to God. ²¹ God made him who had no sin to be sin for us, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God.

¹ As God's fellow workers we urge you not to receive God's grace in vain. ² For he says, "In the time of my favor I heard you, and in the day of salvation I helped you." I tell you, now is the time of God's favor, now is the day of salvation.

VERSE OF THE DAY

M: Return to the Lord, your God, for he is gracious and merciful, slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love.
(Joel 2:13)

The Gospel: Luke 18:9-14 (NIV)

⁹ To some who were confident of their own righteousness and looked down on everybody else, Jesus told this parable: ¹⁰ "Two men went up to the temple to pray, one a Pharisee and the other a tax collector. ¹¹ The Pharisee stood up and prayed about himself: 'God, I thank you that I am not like other men—robbers, evildoers, adulterers—or even like this tax collector. ¹² I fast twice a week and give a tenth of all I

get.’¹³ “But the tax collector stood at a distance. He would not even look up to heaven, but beat his breast and said, ‘God, have mercy on me, a sinner.’¹⁴ “I tell you that this man, rather than the other, went home justified before God. For everyone who exalts himself will be humbled, and he who humbles himself will be exalted.”

Sermon Text: Luke 18:9-14

“THIS MAN WENT HOME JUSTIFIED”



We welcome those visiting us tonight. If you are a resident of this area and have no church home, we invite you to consider Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church, town of Liberty. If you are interested, please speak to the pastor. We pray that God the Holy Spirit may strengthen you by his Word, which you have heard with us today. Come worship with us again!