

We are currently using a Friendship Register that is found at the end of every pew. Trinity members and guests: if you are willing, please sign the book and pass it down to all others in your pew and, after signing, they can pass it back to you. This allows worshippers to get to know the names of each other better.

Second Sunday in Lent
March 15th & 16th, 2014

We welcome you in the name of the triune God, our Savior. The gift of God comes by faith to all nations. Christ joins us to the family of God!

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: 529

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: Almighty God, you see that we have no power to defend ourselves. Guard and keep us both outwardly and inwardly from all adversities that may happen to the body and from all evil thoughts that may assault and hurt the soul; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen (Sung)

BE SEATED

THE WORD

Old Testament Lesson: Genesis 12:1-8 (NIV)

¹ The LORD had said to Abram, “Leave your country, your people and your father’s household and go to the land I will show you.” ² “I will make you into a great nation and I will bless you; I will make your name great, and you will be a blessing. ³ I will bless those who bless you, and whoever curses you I will curse; and all peoples on earth will be blessed through you.” ⁴ So Abram left, as the LORD had told him; and Lot went with him. Abram was seventy-five years old when he set out from Haran. ⁵ He took his wife Sarai, his nephew Lot, all the possessions they had accumulated and the people they had acquired in Haran, and they set out for the land of Canaan, and they arrived there. ⁶ Abram traveled through the land as far as the site of the great tree of Moreh at Shechem. At that time the Canaanites were in the land. ⁷ The LORD appeared to Abram and said, “To your offspring I will give this land.” So he built an altar there to the LORD,

who had appeared to him. ⁸ From there he went on toward the hills east of Bethel and pitched his tent, with Bethel on the west and Ai on the east. There he built an altar to the LORD and called on the name of the LORD.

PSALM: 121, on page 112 (red hymnal)

Epistle Lesson: Romans 4:1-5, 13-17 (NIV)

¹ What then shall we say that Abraham, our forefather, discovered in this matter? ² If, in fact, Abraham was justified by works, he had something to boast about—but not before God. ³ What does the Scripture say? “Abraham believed God, and it was credited to him as righteousness.” ⁴ Now when a man works, his wages are not credited to him as a gift, but as an obligation. ⁵ However, to the man who does not work but trusts God who justifies the wicked, his faith is credited as righteousness.

¹³ It was not through law that Abraham and his offspring received the promise that he would be heir of the world, but through the righteousness that comes by faith. ¹⁴ For if those who live by law are heirs, faith has no value and the promise is worthless, ¹⁵ because law brings wrath. And where there is no law there is no transgression. ¹⁶ Therefore, the promise comes by faith, so that it may be by grace and may be guaranteed to all Abraham’s offspring—not only to those who are of the law but also to those who are of the faith of Abraham. He is the father of us all. ¹⁷ As it is written: “I have made you a father of many nations.” He is our father in the sight of God, in whom he believed—the God who gives life

to the dead and calls things that are not as though they were.

VERSE OF THE DAY:

M: Jesus humbled himself and became obedient to death, even death on a cross. (Philippians 2:8b)

STAND

Gospel: John 4:5-26 (NIV)

⁵ So he came to a town in Samaria called Sychar, near the plot of ground Jacob had given to his son Joseph.

⁶ Jacob's well was there, and Jesus, tired as he was from the journey, sat down by the well. It was about the sixth hour.

⁷ When a Samaritan woman came to draw water, Jesus said to her, "Will you give me a drink?" ⁸ (His disciples had gone into the town to buy food.) ⁹ The Samaritan woman said to him, "You are a Jew and I am a Samaritan woman. How can you ask me for a drink?" (For Jews do not associate with Samaritans.) ¹⁰ Jesus answered her, "If you knew the gift of God and who it is that asks you for a drink, you would have asked him and he would have given you living water."

¹¹ "Sir," the woman said, "you have nothing to draw with and the well is deep. Where can you get this living water?" ¹² Are you greater than our father Jacob, who gave us the well and drank from it himself, as did also his sons and his flocks and herds?" ¹³ Jesus answered, "Everyone who drinks this water will be thirsty again, ¹⁴ but whoever drinks the water I give him will never thirst. Indeed, the water I give him will become in him a spring of water welling up to eternal life." ¹⁵ The

woman said to him, “Sir, give me this water so that I won’t get thirsty and have to keep coming here to draw water.”¹⁶ He told her, “Go, call your husband and come back.”¹⁷ “I have no husband,” she replied. Jesus said to her, “You are right when you say you have no husband.¹⁸ The fact is, you have had five husbands, and the man you now have is not your husband. What you have just said is quite true.”¹⁹ “Sir,” the woman said, “I can see that you are a prophet.²⁰ Our fathers worshiped on this mountain, but you Jews claim that the place where we must worship is in Jerusalem.”²¹ Jesus declared, “Believe me, woman, a time is coming when you will worship the Father neither on this mountain nor in Jerusalem.²² You Samaritans worship what you do not know; we worship what we do know, for salvation is from the Jews.²³ Yet a time is coming and has now come when the true worshipers will worship the Father in spirit and truth, for they are the kind of worshipers the Father seeks.²⁴ God is spirit, and his worshipers must worship in spirit and in truth.”²⁵ The woman said, “I know that Messiah” (called Christ) “is coming. When he comes, he will explain everything to us.”²⁶ Then Jesus declared, “I who speak to you am he.”

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

BE SEATED

HYMN: 391 verses 1-4

Sermon Text: Genesis 12:1-8

“YOU CAN TRUST GOD’S PROMISES”

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

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: 286

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: 750 verses 1, 5, & 6

**There is a special door collection today after worship.
Details are on the next page.*



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 Evangelical 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. Come 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

Thank you to David & Cynthia Williamson for sponsoring the March WCUB radio broadcast in memory of their daughter, Cassandra. God's continued comfort to them in the promise of the resurrection and life everlasting through Jesus.

Door Collection – Ten Year Ministry Event

Pastor Pope has received an invitation for a gathering of his fellow graduates in San Antonio, TX to reflect on their ten years of service to God as shepherds of his flock under Christ. This gathering will provide Pastor with fellowship of his peers and an opportunity to learn from and discuss the many challenges and successes each of these called workers has faced. This is part of our synod's continuing education program. A seminary professor and others will give presentations to teach and encourage pastors and their wives.

At Trinity, we will conduct two door offerings, beginning March 8 & 9 and then again on March 15 & 16. These door offerings will help offset the cost for Pastor and Jennifer to attend this three day gathering toward the end of April. The voters in attendance at the quarterly voters meeting have approved these two door collections and to fund the remainder of the trip through the general fund. Please contribute generously for the betterment of our pastor.

Thank you,

Gary Vetter, Church President

Lenten Meals & Guest Preachers

For our next Wednesday Lenten meal, March 19th, the Trinity Ladies Circle will be serving Breakfast for Supper at 6:00 pm. Worship is at 7:00 pm and Pastor Victor Headrick from St. John's Newtonburg will be our guest preacher. Please join us for the meal and worship as we reflect on our Lord's suffering and death for our salvation.

Easter Flower Sign-up Sheet

The Easter flower sign-up sheet is in the narthex through the weekend of March 29th and 30th. Available flowers are as follows:

Easter Lily - Single Stem, 5 plus buds - \$8.75 each

Mum - Colors vary - \$9.00 each

Hydrangea - Colors vary - \$18.00 each

Azalea - Colors vary - \$18.00 each

Reiger Begonia - Colors vary - \$13.00 each

Reminder

- Our church services are available on DVD. Please ask Pastor.

MLHS Happenings

"Annie Get Your Gun" MLHS' Spring Musical is always a highlight featuring the talents of so many students, and this year will be no exception. Showtimes Fri & Sat, 3/21 & 22 at 7pm; Sun 3/23 at 2pm. Tickets are available by calling 682-0215.

Jr. Lancer Athletics Info Mtg & Baseball Registration, Thurs 3/27, 6pm. Parents & players interested in registering for boys' baseball (grades 5-8 THIS SPRING) and/or info on football (grades 5-8 in fall), should plan to attend this evening. Specific info & registration will be available for baseball, and info on football, along with some key dates/changes, will be discussed. Registration forms for baseball are available on the Athletics - Jr. Lancer page at www.mlhslancers.org. Even if you or your son are undecided on playing, please attend this meeting so that we may answer any questions.

Get Your Fish Fry On! Start your weekend with a great dinner at the Friends of the Lancer's annual Fish Fry. Friday 4/4 at Twin Fountains, a great menu selection will be available for dine it or carry out at Twin Fountains Supper Club from 4:00-8:30pm. Bring some frineds!

UPCOMING EVENTS:

Fri-Sun 3/21-23 MLHS Spring Musical "Annie Get Your Gun"

Thur 3/27 Jr. Lancer Baseball Registration & Football Info Mtg; 6pm

Tue 4/1 MLHS Board of Control Mtg; 6:30pm

Fri 4/4 Friends of the Lancer Fish Fry @ Twin Fountains Supper Club; 4-8:30pm

Mon 4/7 Friends of the Lancer Mtg @ MLHS; 7pm

Mon 4/14 Accents Mtg @ MLHS; 7pm

Wed 4/16 MLHS Easter Concert; 7pm

Calendar of Events

Sat.15th	7:00 p.m.	Worship
Sun.16th	8:15 a.m.	Sunday School
	8:15 a.m.	Adult Bible Class
	9:00 a.m.	WCUB Radio Broadcast
	9:30 a.m.	Worship
Wed.19th	6:00 p.m.	Lenten Meal – Trinity Ladies Circle
	7:00 p.m.	Lenten Worship
Thur.20th	6:30 p.m.	Choir
Sat.22nd	7:00 p.m.	Worship with Holy Communion
Sun.23rd	8:15 a.m.	Adult Bible Class
	8:15 a.m.	Sunday School
	9:30 a.m.	Worship with Holy Communion

Ushers:

March 15th Derrick Krey, Mike Kiesow

March 16th Larry Hochkammer, David Petersen, James A. Ott, Wayne Otto

Lenten Service

March 19th Keith Petersen, Todd Bergmann

March 22nd Fred Schnell (Server), Warren Lutze (Server), Steve Pleuss

March 23rd Gary Vetter (Server), Brian Glaeser (Server), Len Arnold, Andy Kiesow

Greeters:

March 16th Jim & Grace Ott

March 23rd Dave & Tara Mellstrom Family

March 30th Jennifer Pope & Jinny Min

Altar Guild: March – Group 1

Helen Isaacson, Darlene Kiesow, Donna Nagel, Elaine Petersen



A Happy Birthday to...

3/15 Jameson Hennen
3/16 Ed Vetter
3/17 Haley Tuschel
3/19 Marlene Borgwardt
3/20 Peter Liermann
3/21 Darlene Kiesow
3/22 Michael Kiesow
3/23 Pastor Greg Pope
3/23 Mikaela Mellstrom

Happy Anniversary To...

3/15 Lance & Erin Preston – 4 Years
3/21 Wayne & Kathy Schrank – 33 Years
3/25 Chris & Betty Mangin – 14 Years
3/25 Jim & Connie Mangin – 42 Years
3/26 Steve & Carole Curtis – 41 Years

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