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Service of the Word

Opening Prayer

Opening Hymn

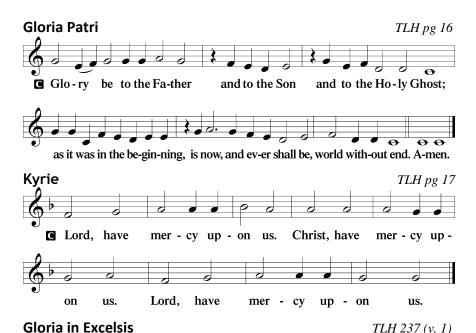
TLH 3 Lord Jesus Christ, Be Present Now

Invocation

- ${f P}$ In the name of the Father and of the ${f +}$ Son and of the Holy Spirit.
 - C (spoken) Amen.

Confession and Absolution

- P God is light and in Him is no darkness at all.
 - If we walk in the light as He is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus Christ, His Son, cleanses us from all sin.
- P If we say we have no sin we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.
 - If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.
- P Let us pray together:
 - Almighty God, merciful Father, we are sinful by nature, and have sinned against You in our thoughts, words, and actions. But we are sorry for our transgressions and pray You, of Your bountiful mercy, to be gracious and merciful unto us. Forgive us for Jesus' sake, renew us by Your Spirit, and lead us in the way everlasting.
- P Jesus Christ is the atoning sacrifice for our sins, and not for ours only, but also for the sins of the whole world. We are forgiven. With boldness and confidence, we may approach the throne to find grace to help in time of need. In the peace of forgiveness, let us praise the Lord!



♪ All glory be to God on high, Who hath our race befriended!
To us no harm shall now come nigh, The strife at last is ended.
God showeth His good will to men, And peace shall reign on earth again;
Oh thank Him for His goodness! ♪

Salutation and Collect of the Day

P The Lord be with you.

(spoken) And also with you.

P Let us pray. . .

C (spoken) Amen

First Reading

Genesis 14:8-20

And the king of Sodom, the king of Gomorrah, the king of Admah, the king of Zeboiim, and the king of Bela (that is, Zoar) went out and joined together in battle in the Valley of Siddim 9 against Chedorlaomer king of Elam, Tidal king of nations, Amraphel king of Shinar, and Arioch king of Ellasar—four kings against five. 10 Now the Valley of Siddim was full of asphalt pits; and the kings of Sodom and Gomorrah fled; some fell there, and the remainder fled to the mountains. 11 Then they took all the goods of Sodom and Gomorrah, and all their provisions, and went their way. 12 They also took Lot, Abram's brother's son who dwelt in Sodom, and his goods, and departed.

13 Then one who had escaped came and told Abram the Hebrew, for he dwelt by the terebinth trees of Mamre the Amorite, brother of Eshcol and

brother of Aner; and they were allies with Abram. 14 Now when Abram heard that his brother was taken captive, he armed his three hundred and eighteen trained servants who were born in his own house, and went in pursuit as far as Dan. 15 He divided his forces against them by night, and he and his servants attacked them and pursued them as far as Hobah, which is north of Damascus. 16 So he brought back all the goods, and also brought back his brother Lot and his goods, as well as the women and the people.

17 And the king of Sodom went out to meet him at the Valley of Shaveh (that is, the King's Valley), after his return from the defeat of Chedorlaomer and the kings who were with him. 18 Then Melchizedek king of Salem brought out bread and wine; he was the priest of God Most High. 19 And he blessed him and said:

"Blessed be Abram of God Most High, Possessor of heaven and earth; 20 And blessed be God Most High, Who has delivered your enemies into your hand." And he gave him a tithe of all.

Psalm of the Day

Psalm 138:7-8

- P Though I walk in the midst of trouble, You will revive me;
 - **Q** Against the wrath of my enemies, and Your right hand will save me.
- P The Lord will perfect that which concerns me; Your mercy, O Lord, endures forever;
 - O Do not forsake the works of Your hands.

Second Reading

Ephesians 2:1-10

And you He made alive, who were dead in trespasses and sins, 2 in which you once walked according to the course of this world, according to the prince of the power of the air, the spirit who now works in the sons of disobedience, 3 among whom also we all once conducted ourselves in the lusts of our flesh, fulfilling the desires of the flesh and of the mind, and were by nature children of wrath, just as the others.

4 But God, who is rich in mercy, because of His great love with which He loved us, 5 even when we were dead in trespasses, made us alive together with Christ (by grace you have been saved), 6 and raised us up together, and made us sit together in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus, 7 that in the ages to come He might show the exceeding riches of His grace in His kindness toward us in Christ Jesus. 8 For by grace you have been saved through faith, and that not of yourselves; it is the gift of God, 9 not of works, lest anyone should boast. 10 For we are His workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand that we should walk in them.

P Blessed are they who hear the Word of God and keep it!



Apostles' Creed

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

And 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 sits 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.

Hymn of the Day

TLH 156 Not All the Blood of Beasts

Sermon John 12:27-36

"Now My soul is troubled, and what shall I say? 'Father, save Me from this hour'? But for this purpose I came to this hour. 28 Father, glorify Your name." Then a voice came from heaven, saying, "I have both glorified it and will glorify it again." 29 Therefore the people who stood by and heard it said that it had thundered. Others said, "An angel has spoken to Him."

30 Jesus answered and said, "This voice did not come because of Me, but for your sake. 31 Now is the judgment of this world; now the ruler of this world will be cast out. 32 And I, if I am lifted up from the earth, will draw all peoples to Myself." 33 This He said, signifying by what death He would die. 34 The people answered Him, "We have heard from the law that the Christ remains forever; and how can You say, 'The Son of Man must be lifted up'? Who is this Son of Man?"

35 Then Jesus said to them, "A little while longer the light is with you. Walk while you have the light, lest darkness overtake you; he who walks in darkness does not know where he is going. 36 While you have the light, believe in the light, that you may become sons of light." These things Jesus spoke, and departed, and was hidden from them.

Sermon Theme:

Glory is the Gift God Gives Himself

I: The glorious incarnation II: The glorious crucifixion III: The glorious conversion

P The peace of God, which passes all understanding, keep your hearts and minds in Christ Jesus. Amen.

Offertory

Create in me a clean heart, O God, And renew a right spirit within me. Cast me not away from Thy presence, and take not Thy Holy Spirit from me. Restore unto me the joy of Thy salvation; and uphold me with Thy free spirit. ♪

Hymn

TLH 364 How Sweet the Name of Jesus Sounds (vv. 1-5)

Offering

Prayer of the Church + The Lord's Prayer

- **P** . . . in whose Name we also join to pray together:
 - 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

Benediction

P The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make His face shine upon you and be gracious unto you.

The Lord lift up His countenance upon you and + give you peace.

C Amen.

Hymn

TLH 158 Glory Be to Jesus

Silent Prayer

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Welcome to Worship at Trinity!

Please wait to be ushered out of the sanctuary. Please do not leave any bulletins or other materials behind. **Offerings** may be left in the offering plate in the rear of the sanctuary or mailed to the church.

Guest and Visitors, we are delighted to have you here for worship with us this morning and are grateful for the opportunity to share the saving gospel message of Jesus Christ with you! Because He lives, we shall live also! We invite you to sign our guest book in the entryway. Please speak to the members and pastor if you wish to learn more about the Gospel ministry here at *Trinity*, and we hope to see you again!

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Midweek Lenten Worship – Our midweek Lenten worship series continues this Wednesday evening at 6:30pm. Our sixth stop on our Landmarks of the Passion tour is *The Seat of Judgement Where Justice Prevailed*. We hope you will join us in meditating on our Savior's love for us!

No Midweek Bible Class – We have decided to recess our Tuesday afternoon Bible class during Lent. That will resume the first Tuesday after Easter.

Church Council + Women's Circle – Church council and Women's Circle will meet today following worship.

Holy Week Schedule – With it right around the corner, below are the plans for our worship and fellowship activities during Holy Week:

- <u>Good Friday</u> Soup Supper at 5pm (sign-up sheet in the North entry if you're able to bring a dish) followed by worship at 6:30pm
- <u>Easter Sunday</u> Brunch at 9am (no sign-up just bring a breakfast item of your choice) followed by worship at 10:30am.

Meeting with the City – We had to reschedule our meeting with the city to discuss the possibility of moving the traffic light on our corner onto church property. That meeting will now take place at 10:30am on Thursday (3/21). Any who would like to be present for that are welcome to join us.

PRAYERS REQUESTED

 Bertie Hein has been making progress in her recovery from COVID-19 and pneumonia. May the Lord continue to be with Bertie, giving her strength

- of body according to His will and strength of heart through the Gospel!
- Donna Zarling continues to recover at home from the minor stroke she suffered. May the Lord be with her and grant her strength and healing according to His will!
- Bob Conway, husband to Kathy, suffered a fall on one of January's icy days
 and recently discovered that he had actually broken a few ribs in the
 process. We ask the Lord to grant Bob swift healing and spare him any
 unnecessary pain.
- Lorraine Poetter has returned home to Fairwinds Assisted Living this
 week, for which we thank God! However, there are some questions about
 how best to meet her needs going forward. Please keep Lorraine and her
 family in your prayers for patience and wisdom in this matter.
- Pastor John Hein and his family remains in our prayers as he continues treatment for his thymic carcinoma. For updates on his care, visit: https://www.caringbridge.org/visit/pastorjohnhein. Additionally, a GoFundMe has been set up to help offset medical and travel expenses: https://www.gofundme.com/f/john-and-janelle-hein-family.

CALL NEWS

- Pastor Nathanael Mayhew of Grace Ev. Lutheran in Sleepy Eye, MN has <u>received</u> a call from Immanuel Lutheran Church and School, Mankato, MN.
- Teacher Neil Bernthal of Immanuel Lutheran School, Winter Haven, FL has <u>returned</u> the call from Luther Memorial School, Fond du Lac, WI.
- Teacher Levi Schaller of Grace Lutheran School, Fridley, MN, has <u>accepted</u> the call from Messiah Lutheran School, Hales Corners, WI.
- Teacher Matthew Kranz, Immanuel Lutheran in Mankato, MN has <u>returned</u> the call from Messiah Lutheran in Eau Claire, WI to be their 5th-6th grade teacher and assistant principal. Messiah Lutheran has now <u>called</u> Caleb Noeldner for that position.
- Teacher Josh Ohlmann Holy Trinity West Columbia, SC is still <u>considering</u> the call to teach at Gethsemane in Saginaw MI.
- Pastor Chad Seybt of the West Wisconsin Quad Parish has <u>received</u> and <u>returned</u> the calls to St. Peter's of Iron River and Calvary of Marquette.

FRUITS OF FAITH AT TRINITY						
Date	Attendance	Offering				
3/3/24	23	\$2,502				
3/6/24	9	\$115				
3/10/24	25	\$985				
3/13/24	15	\$85				

GREETER SCHEDULE				
Next Sunday	Tom & Molly Bettinger			
3/31	Joyce Miller			
4/7	Jeanne Helke			

MARCH CLEANING SCHEDULE				
North Entry	Maguire			
Sanctuary	Bettinger			
Basement	Naumann			

CLC Financial Report - January

CLC Financial Report	Balance	YTD	YTD	Budget	Balance
Operating Funds	7/1/2023	Revenue	Disbursed	7 Months	1/31/2024
General Fund	0	696,095	693,720	695,100	2,375
ILC Operations (incl. CLC subsidy)	0	1,069,429	931,392	955,500	138,037
Auxiliary Funds					
ILC Improvement Fund (IIF)	133,349	57,924	69,639		121,634
ILC Building Projects	1,279,816	261,503	65,536		1,475,783
Mission Development Fund (MDF)	95,621	145,320	117,597		123,344
Kinship	168,286	87,694	118,544		137,436
Church Extension Fund (CEF)	2,323,176	748,800	345,936		2,726,040
Student Aid Fund (SAF)	145,399	40,191	126,576		59,014
Reserve Fund	95,555	3,898	0		99,453
Auxiliary Funds Totals	\$4,241,202	\$1,345,330	\$843,828		\$4,742,704

General Fund – January receipts: \$136,368 VS disbursements: \$115,330. The General Fund subsidizes the work of the Boards of Missions, Trustees, EdPub, & Regents (including ILC.)

ILC Operations - January receipts: \$187,905 VS disbursements: \$126,056.

IIF - January receipts: \$4,191 VS disbursements: \$315.

ILC Building Projects – January receipts: \$29,662 (including an \$13,263 increase in market value of investments) VS disbursements: None.

MDF - January receipts: \$47,458 VS disbursements: \$21,556.

Kinship – January receipts: \$32,086 VS disbursements: \$31,505 (including \$13,000 for disaster relief).

CEF – January receipts: \$51,960 (including a \$27,427 increase in market value of investments) VS disbursements: \$4,092 (mostly payments on member loans to the CEF).

SAF – January receipts: \$10,403 VS disbursements: \$11,526 (including student loans, grants, scholarships and tuition assistance).

Reserve Fund is currently invested in a money market account until needed, typically each fiscal yearend.

EduK8 Fund - January receipts: \$1,862. Balance \$37,109.

Stephen R. Lentz, CLC Treasurer Thomas J. Lentz, Chairman, CLC Board of Trustees

