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The Second Week of Lent

Serving Us Today

Organist: Kathy Conway

Greeters: Dennis & Linda Lux

We Enter God's House and Prepare for Worship

Pre-service Meditation: *Psalm 1*

Pre-service Prayer:

Lord God, thank You for the everlasting love with which you loved me before time began. Thank You for the love with which You loved to world and sent Jesus to be our Savior. Thank you for Your love which has looked upon me with mercy and called me to faith as Your child. Your love for me has created my love for You and others--guard that love in my heart and cause it to always grow and flourish. Amen.

Order of Worship *(The Lutheran Hymnal, p. 5)*

*When the congregation is asked to stand, please do so only if you are able.
You may remain seated if standing is difficult.*

Welcome to Worship

Opening Prayer

Hymn: 37 — Lord, 'tis Not that I did Choose Thee

Pastor: In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

Congregation (sings): **Amen**

P: Beloved in the Lord! Let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins to God, our Father, beseeching Him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness. Our help is in the name of the Lord.

C (sings): **Who made heaven and earth.**

P: I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord.

C (sings): And You forgave the iniquity of my sin.

P: Almighty God, our Maker and Redeemer, we poor sinners confess to You that we are by nature sinful and unclean and that we have sinned against You by thought, word, and deed. Wherefore we flee for refuge to Your infinite mercy, seeking and imploring Your grace for the sake of our Lord Jesus Christ.

C: O most merciful God, who has given Your only begotten Son to die for us, have mercy upon us and for His sake grant us remission of all our sins; and by Your Holy Spirit increase in us true knowledge of You and of Your will and true obedience to Your Word, to the end that by Your grace we may come to everlasting life; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

P: Almighty God, our heavenly Father, has had mercy upon us and has given His only Son to die for us and for His sake forgives all our sins. To those who believe on His name He gives power to become the children of God and has promised them His Holy Spirit. He who believes and is baptized shall be saved. Grant this, Lord, to us all.

C (sings): Amen.

Responsive Reading: *Psalm 1:1-3, 6*

Pastor: Blessed is the man who walks not in the counsel of the wicked,
Cong: nor stands in the way of sinners, nor sits in the seat of scoffers;

P: but his delight is in the law of the LORD,

C: and on his law he meditates day and night.

P: He is like a tree planted by streams of water that yields its fruit in its season, and its leaf does not wither.

C: In all that he does, he prospers.

P: for the LORD knows the way of the righteous,

C: but the way of the wicked will perish.

Congregation Sings (TLH, p. 6ff)

Gloria Patri

**Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost; As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, forevermore.
Amen.**

The Kyrie

Lord, have mercy upon us. Christ, have mercy upon us. Lord, have mercy upon us.

Gloria in Excelsis

Pastor: Glory be to God on high:

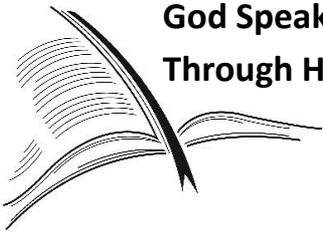
Cong: And on earth peace, good will toward men. We praise You, we bless You, we worship You, We glorify You, we give thanks to You, for Your great glory. O Lord God, heav'nly King, God the Father Almighty. O Lord, the only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ; O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father, Who takes away the sin of the world, Have mercy upon us. You who takes away the sin of the world, Receive our prayer. You who sits at the right hand of God the Father, Have mercy upon us. For You only are holy; You only are the Lord. You only, O Christ, with the Holy Ghost, Are most high in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

P: The Lord be with you.

C (sings): **And with Your spirit.**

P: Let us pray...

C (sings): **Amen!**



God Speaks to Us Through His Word

Scripture Lesson:

Jeremiah 17:5-14

God provides a sharp contrast between those who trust in sinful mankind (including themselves) and those who put their trust in the LORD.

Thus says the LORD:

*“Cursed is the man who trusts in man
and makes flesh his strength,
whose heart turns away from the LORD.*

*He is like a shrub in the desert,
and shall not see any good come.*

*He shall dwell in the parched places of the wilderness,
in an uninhabited salt land.*

*“Blessed is the man who trusts in the LORD,
whose trust is the LORD.*

*He is like a tree planted by water,
that sends out its roots by the stream,
and does not fear when heat comes,
for its leaves remain green,
and is not anxious in the year of drought,
for it does not cease to bear fruit.”*

*The heart is deceitful above all things,
and desperately sick;
who can understand it?*

*“I the LORD search the heart
and test the mind,
to give every man according to his ways,
according to the fruit of his deeds.”*

*Like the partridge that gathers a brood that she did not hatch,
so is he who gets riches but not by justice;
in the midst of his days they will leave him,
and at his end he will be a fool.*

*A glorious throne set on high from the beginning
is the place of our sanctuary.*

*O LORD, the hope of Israel,
all who forsake you shall be put to shame;
those who turn away from you shall be written in the earth,
for they have forsaken the LORD, the fountain of living water.
Heal me, O LORD, and I shall be healed;
save me, and I shall be saved,
for you are my praise.*

P: Blessed are they who hear the Word of God and treasure it! Hallelujah!

C (sings): Hallelujah! Hallelujah! Hallelujah!

Scripture Lesson: Hebrews 5:1-10

C (sings): Glory be to You, O Lord!

The Old Testament priests interceded before God on behalf of himself and the people by offering sacrifices again and again. Every sacrifice was a picture of Jesus, who would come and offer Himself once for all. Jesus is both our High Priest and the Lamb who was sacrificed. (See more about Melchizedek in Genesis 14 and Hebrews 7)

For every high priest chosen from among men is appointed to act on behalf of men in relation to God, to offer gifts and sacrifices for sins. He can deal gently with the ignorant and wayward, since he himself is beset with weakness. Because of this he is obligated to offer sacrifice for his own sins just as he does for those of the people. And no one takes this honor for himself, but only when called by God, just as Aaron was. So also Christ did not exalt himself to be made a high priest, but was appointed by him who said to him, "You are my Son, today I have begotten you"; as he says also in another place, "You are a priest forever, after the order of Melchizedek." In the days of his flesh, Jesus^[a] offered up prayers and supplications, with loud cries and tears, to him who was able to save him from death, and he was heard because of his reverence. Although he was a son, he learned obedience through what he suffered. And being made perfect, he became the source of eternal salvation to all who obey him, being designated by God a high priest after the order of Melchizedek.

C (sings): Praise be to You, O Christ!



Confession of Faith: The Apostolic 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.

Hymn: 379 - I Do Not Come Because my Soul

The Sermon

Text: *Luke 7:36-50*

One of the Pharisees asked him to eat with him, and he went into the Pharisee's house and reclined at table. And behold, a woman of the city, who was a sinner, when she learned that he was reclining at table in the Pharisee's house, brought an alabaster flask of ointment, and standing behind him at his feet, weeping, she began to wet his feet with her tears and wiped them with the hair of her head and kissed his feet and anointed them with the ointment. Now when the Pharisee who had invited him saw this, he said to himself, "If this man were a prophet, he would have known who and what sort of woman this is who is touching him, for she is a sinner." And Jesus answering said to him, "Simon, I have something to say to you." And he answered, "Say it, Teacher." "A certain moneylender had two debtors. One owed five hundred denarii, and the other fifty. When they could not pay, he cancelled the debt of both. Now which of them will love him more?" Simon answered, "The one, I suppose, for whom he cancelled the larger debt." And he said to him, "You have judged rightly." Then turning toward the woman he said to Simon, "Do you see this woman? I entered your house; you gave me no water for my feet, but she has wet my feet with her tears and wiped them with her hair. You gave me no kiss, but from the time I came in she has not ceased to kiss my feet. You did not anoint my head with oil, but she has anointed my feet with ointment. Therefore I tell you, her sins, which are many, are forgiven—for she loved much. But he who is forgiven little, loves little." And he said to her, "Your sins are forgiven."⁴⁹ Then those who were at table with him began to say among^[a] themselves, "Who is this, who even forgives sins?" And he said to the woman, "Your faith has saved you; go in peace."

“I Love You This Much”

- I. Love determines purpose
- II. Love produces love
- III. Love leads to trust

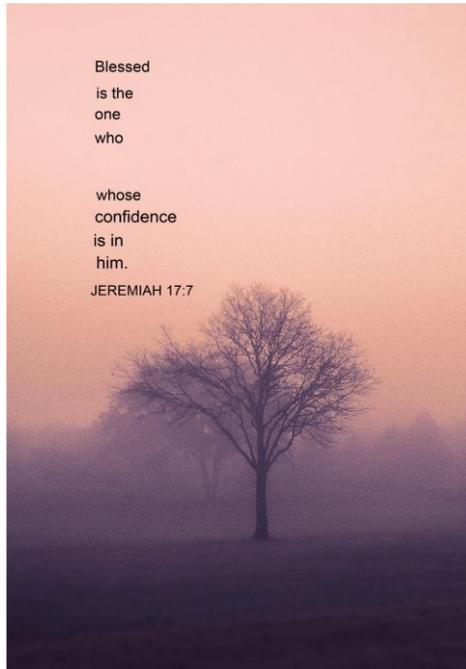
Cong. (sings): Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me. Cast me not away from Your presence and take not Your Holy Spirit from me. Restore unto me the joy of Your salvation and uphold me with Your free Spirit.

Hymn: 396 — Oh, for a Faith that Will Not Shrink

Prayer & Lord’s Prayer

Benediction (Pastor)

C (sings): Amen! Amen! Amen!



Hymn: Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing

1 Come, Thou Fount of ev - 'ry bless - ing, Tune my heart to
 2 Here I raise my Eb - en - e - zer, Hith - er by Thy
 3 Oh, to grace how great a debt - or Dai - ly I'm con -
 4 Oh, that day when freed from sin - ning, I shall see Thy

sing Thy grace; Streams of mer - cy, nev - er ceas - ing,
 help I've come; And I hope, by Thy good plea - sure,
 strained to be; Let that grace now like a fet - ter
 love - ly face; Clothed then in the blood - washed lin - en,

Call for songs of loud - est praise. While the hope of end - less
 Safe - ly to ar - rive at home. Je - sus sought me when a
 Bind my wan - d'ring heart to Thee: Prone to wan - der, Lord, I
 How I'll sing Thy won - drous grace! Come, my Lord, no long - er

glo - ry Fills my heart with joy and love, Teach me
 strang - er, Wan - d'ring from the fold of God; He, to
 feel it; Prone to leave the God I love. Here's my
 tar - ry; Take my ran - som'd soul a - way; Send Thine

ev - er to a - dore Thee; May I still Thy good - ness prove.
 res - cue me from dan - ger, In - ter - posed His pre - cious blood.
 heart, O take and seal it, Seal it for Thy courts a - bove.
 an - gels soon to car - ry Me to realms of end - less day.

Silent Prayer

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Welcome to Worship at Trinity! to all who have gathered for worship this morning. We especially welcome guests and visitors—please sign our guest book in the north entry. We look forward to having you worship with us again!

Thank-offerings may be left in the offering plate in the back of the church or mailed to the church. Electronic donations may be made via the link for “online offering” at the bottom of the home page on our website (Spokanelutheran.com)



Prayer List: Jackie Steger, Bertie Hein & Family, Ariel Smith & her Dad, Joyce Miller, Donna Zarling, CLC pastoral vacancies

Pastoral Acts

Memorial Service & Burial

Thomas Gary Steger



Born: February 6, 1951

Born again through Baptism: October 27, 1951

Called Home: February 11, 2026

Burial & Victory Service: February 21, 2026

Interment: Greenwood Memorial Terrace, Spokane

The memory of the righteous is blessed. Proverbs 10:7a



This Week's Schedule

(If the Lord wills we shall do this or that)

Today

9:15 a.m. Bible Class (**Words w/Big Meanings**)

10:30 a.m. Worship Service

Wednesday

1:30 p.m. Midweek Worship @ Gethsemane

6:30 p.m. Midweek Worship @ Gethsemane

Next Saturday (March 7)

9:15 a.m. Bible Class (**Words with Big Meanings**)

10:30 a.m. Worship Service with Holy Communion

Basement Fellowship following the service

News & Notes

It Is Finished

Wednesday Lenten Worship

Text: *Zechariah 11:7-13*

Theme: What Is He Worth to You?

Pastor David Naumann



News from around the Church of the Lutheran Confession

Call News: Teacher Noah Ohlmann of Grace Ev.

Lutheran School, Valentine, NE, has received the call to

teach grades 3-4 and serve as associate principal at Messiah Lutheran School,

Eau Claire, WI / Pastor Johnathan Schnose of Bethel Ev. Lutheran Church,

Morris, MN, has received the call to Messiah Lutheran Church, Eau Claire, WI

/ Pastor Tom Naumann of Mt. Zion Lutheran Church, Madison Heights, MI, has received the call to Holy Cross Ev. Lutheran Church, Phoenix, AZ. He is also considering the call to Grace Lutheran Church, Fridley, MN / Teacher Karen Swyter has resigned her call to Faith Lutheran School, Markesan, WI / Dr. Daniel Sullivan is considering the call to serve as a professor at Immanuel Lutheran High School, College, and Seminary in Eau Claire, WI / Dr. Daniel Schierenbeck has accepted the two-year call from the CLC Call Committee for Educational Institutions to serve as the President of Immanuel Lutheran High School, College, and Seminary in Eau Claire, WI / Teacher Debra Mayhew has accepted the full-time call to teach grades 1-2 at Immanuel Ev. Lutheran School, Mankato, MN / Pastor Emeritus Paul Nolting has accepted a one-year part-time call to teach religion at Immanuel Ev. Lutheran School, Mankato, MN / Teacher Katie Naumann of Immanuel Lutheran School, Winter Haven, FL, is considering the call to Redeemer Lutheran School, Cheyenne, WY / Pastor Stefan Sonnenfeld of Redeemer Lutheran Church, Sister Lakes, MI, is considering the call to Living Hope Lutheran Church, Appleton, WI.

Pray for Laborers--Current locations that are in need of pastor-trained men:

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| 1. Our Redeemer, Red Wing | 2. Living Hope, Appleton |
| 3. Trinity, Spokane | 4. Holy Cross, Phoenix |
| 5. St. Paul's, Austin | 6. St. Luke's, Lemmon |
| 7. Grace, Fridley | 8. Messiah, Eau Claire (3rd pastor) |

Our Response to God's Love

At Jesus' Feet

"But Mary sat at Jesus' feet and heard His Word"

(Luke 10:38)

February 14

Attendance: Bible Class (Pastor Hein's Funeral) - 9 / Worship - 23

Offerings: \$1,615

(\$1585 General Fund, \$15 MDF, \$15 Kinship)

February 21

Attendance: Worship - 58 (Tom Steger Funeral)