



**FOURTH SUNDAY IN LENT
MARCH 27, 2022
*PREACHER: PASTOR ROBERT BALZA***

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We will be following the service, Setting Two, found on page 172 in the CW21 hymnal. You may also follow along on the screens.

Hymn: 916 Today Your Mercy Calls Us

- 1 Today your mercy calls us
to wash away our sin.
However great our trespass,
whatever we have been,
however long from mercy
our hearts have turned away,
your precious blood can wash us
and make us clean today.
- 2 Today your gate is open,
and all who enter in
shall find a Father's welcome
and pardon for their sin.
The past shall be forgotten,
a present joy be giv'n,
a future grace be promised,
a glorious crown in heav'n.
- 3 Today our Father calls us,
his Holy Spirit waits;
his blessèd angels gather
around the heav'nly gates.
No question will be asked us
how often we have come;
although we oft have wandered,
it is our Father's home.
- 4 O all-embracing Mercy,
O ever-open Door,
what should we do without you
when heart and eye run o'er?
When all things seem against us,
to drive us to despair,
we know one gate is open,
one ear will hear our prayer.

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P: In the name of the Father and of the T Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

Confession and Absolution

P: If we claim to be without sin, we deceive ourselves and the truth is not in us.

C: If we confess our sins, God is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness.

P: Let us confess our sins to the Lord.

C: Holy God, gracious Father, I am sinful by nature and have sinned against you in my thoughts, words, and actions. I have not loved you with my whole heart; I have not loved others as I should. I deserve your punishment both now and forever. But Jesus, my Savior, paid for my sins with his innocent suffering and death. Trusting in him, I pray: God, have mercy on me, a sinner.

P: Our gracious Father in heaven has been merciful to us. He sent his only Son, Jesus Christ, who gave his life as the atoning sacrifice for the sins of the whole world. Therefore, as a called servant of Christ and by his authority, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the T Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

Lord, Have Mercy

P: In peace let us pray to the Lord.

C: Lord, have mercy.

P: For the peace from above and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.

C: Lord, have mercy.

P: For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God, and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.

C: Lord, have mercy.

P: For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise, let us pray to the Lord.

C: Lord, have mercy.

P: Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.

C: Amen.

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

Prayer of the Day:

P: Let us pray. Almighty God, our heavenly Father, your mercies are new every morning; and though we deserve only punishment, you receive us as your children and provide for all our needs of body and soul. Grant that we may heartily acknowledge your merciful goodness, give thanks for all your benefits, and serve you in willing obedience; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

First Lesson: Isaiah 12

¹In that day you will say: "I will praise you, LORD. Although you were angry with me, your anger has turned away and you have comforted me. ²Surely God is my salvation; I will trust and not be afraid. The LORD, the LORD himself, is my strength and my defense; he has become my salvation." ³With joy you will draw water from the wells of salvation. ⁴In that day you will say: "Give praise to the LORD, proclaim his name; make known among the nations what he has done, and proclaim that his name is exalted. ⁵Sing to the LORD, for he has done glorious things; let this be known to all the world. ⁶Shout aloud and sing for joy, people of Zion, for great is the Holy One of Israel among you."

P: The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

Psalm of the Day: 32B How Blest Are Those

**Sung to the tune of Hymn 304*

- 1 How blest are those the LORD forgives;
how glad they are to hear
their sin is gone, their guilt atoned,
their record clean and clear.
- 2 I silently concealed my guilt,
but then I groaned all day:
your heavy hand, like summer heat,
took all my strength away.
- 3 I then confessed my sin to you,
my grievous guilt and shame,
and you forgave my wickedness
by your most gracious name.

- 4 Let all the faithful pray to you
while you may still be found;
you place them safe above the flood,
secure on higher ground.
- 5 You hide me, LORD; you hold me fast
in all adversity,
surrounding me with faithful love
and songs of victory.

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Second Lesson: Romans 8:1–10 (sermon)

¹Therefore, there is now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus, ²because through Christ Jesus the law of the Spirit who gives life has set you free from the law of sin and death. ³For what the law was powerless to do because it was weakened by the flesh, God did by sending his own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh to be a sin offering. And so he condemned sin in the flesh, ⁴in order that the righteous requirement of the law might be fully met in us, who do not live according to the flesh but according to the Spirit. ⁵Those who live according to the flesh have their minds set on what the flesh desires; but those who live in accordance with the Spirit have their minds set on what the Spirit desires. ⁶The mind governed by the flesh is death, but the mind governed by the Spirit is life and peace. ⁷The mind governed by the flesh is hostile to God; it does not submit to God's law, nor can it do so. ⁸Those who are in the realm of the flesh cannot please God. ⁹You, however, are not in the realm of the flesh but are in the realm of the Spirit, if indeed the Spirit of God lives in you. And if anyone does not have the Spirit of Christ, they do not belong to Christ. ¹⁰But if Christ is in you, then even though your body is subject to death because of sin, the Spirit gives life because of righteousness.

P: The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation



Refrain



Praise to you, Lord Je - sus Christ, king of end - less glo - ry.

Tone



The reason the Son of God ap - peared was to destroy the dev - il's work.

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Gospel Lesson: Luke 15:1–3, 11–32

¹Now the tax collectors and sinners were all gathering around to hear Jesus. ²But the Pharisees and the teachers of the law muttered, “This man welcomes sinners and eats with them.” ³Then Jesus told them this parable: ¹¹Jesus continued: “There was a man who had two sons. ¹²The younger one said to his father, ‘Father, give me my share of the estate.’ So he divided his property between them. ¹³“Not long after that, the younger son got together all he had, set off for a distant country and there squandered his wealth in wild living. ¹⁴After he had spent everything, there was a severe famine in that whole country, and he began to be in need. ¹⁵So he went and hired himself out to a citizen of that country, who sent him to his fields to feed pigs. ¹⁶He longed to fill his stomach with the pods that the pigs were eating, but no one gave him anything. ¹⁷“When he came to his senses, he said, ‘How many of my father’s hired servants have food to spare, and here I am starving to death! ¹⁸I will set out and go back to my father and say to him: Father, I have sinned against heaven and against you. ¹⁹I am no longer worthy to be called your son; make me like one of your hired servants.’ ²⁰So he got up and went to his father. “But while he was still a long way off, his father saw him and was filled with compassion for him; he ran to his son, threw his arms around him and kissed him. ²¹“The son said to him, ‘Father, I have sinned against heaven and against you. I am no longer worthy to be called your son.’ ²²“But the father said to his servants, ‘Quick! Bring the best robe and put it on him. Put a ring on his finger and sandals on his feet. ²³Bring the fattened calf and kill it. Let’s have a feast and celebrate. ²⁴For this son of mine was dead and is alive

again; he was lost and is found.' So they began to celebrate.
²⁵“Meanwhile, the older son was in the field. When he came near the house, he heard music and dancing. ²⁶So he called one of the servants and asked him what was going on. ²⁷‘Your brother has come,’ he replied, ‘and your father has killed the fattened calf because he has him back safe and sound.’ ²⁸“The older brother became angry and refused to go in. So his father went out and pleaded with him. ²⁹But he answered his father, ‘Look! All these years I’ve been slaving for you and never disobeyed your orders. Yet you never gave me even a young goat so I could celebrate with my friends. ³⁰But when this son of yours who has squandered your property with prostitutes comes home, you kill the fattened calf for him!’ ³¹“ ‘My son,’ the father said, ‘you are always with me, and everything I have is yours. ³²But we had to celebrate and be glad, because this brother of yours was dead and is alive again; he was lost and is found.’ ”

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise be to you, O Christ!

Hymn of the Day: 576 Amazing Grace

- 1 Amazing grace—how sweet the sound—
 that saved a wretch like me!
 I once was lost but now am found,
 was blind but now I see.
- 2 The Lord has promised good to me,
 his Word my hope secures;
 he will my shield and portion be
 as long as life endures.
- 3 Through many dangers, toils, and snares
 I have already come;
 ’tis grace has brought me safe thus far,
 and grace will lead me home.
- 4 When we’ve been there ten thousand years,
 bright shining as the sun,
 we’ve no less days to sing God’s praise
 than when we’d first begun.

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Romans 8:1–10

Theme: BEFORE AND AFTER

1) BEFORE (under sin and under law) ... (“I once was lost”)

- I lived according to the sinful nature
- I was condemned by sin and the law

THE CHANGE

- God sent his Son as a sin offering
- The righteous requirements of the law were met

2) AFTER (under the Spirit and grace)... (“but now am found”)

- Sin is condemned, I am not
- The righteous requirements of the law are met
- I live according to the Spirit
- my body dies but my spirit lives

THE BEFORE	THE CHANGE	THE AFTER
<p>³ For what the law was powerless to do because it was weakened by the flesh, ⁵ Those who live according to the flesh have their minds set on what the flesh desires; ⁶ The mind governed by the flesh is death ⁷ The mind governed by the flesh is hostile to God; it does not submit to God’s law, nor can it do so. ⁸ Those who are in the realm of the flesh cannot please God. And if anyone does not have the Spirit of Christ, they do not belong to Christ.</p>	<p>^{3b} God did by sending his own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh to be a sin offering. And so he condemned sin in the flesh, ⁴ in order that the righteous requirement of the law might be fully met in us,</p>	<p>¹ Therefore, there is now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus, ² because through Christ Jesus the law of the Spirit who gives life has set you free from the law of sin and death. ^{4b} who do not live according to the flesh but according to the Spirit. ^{5b} but those who live in accordance with the Spirit have their minds set on what the Spirit desires. ^{6b} but the mind governed by the Spirit is life and peace. ⁹ You, however, are not in the realm of the flesh but are in the realm of the Spirit, if indeed the Spirit of God lives in you. ¹⁰ But if Christ is in you, then even though your body is subject to death because of sin, the Spirit gives life because of righteousness.</p>

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.

Prayer of the Church

P: Eternal Lord, give us peace as we ponder the good news that you forgive our sins in Christ. Lead us to see clearly the path you have laid out for us.

C: Work in us so that we believe and live the Word we have heard today.

P: Provide courage and compassion to all who preach and teach your Word. Fill them with a love like yours as they proclaim your grace to us and all people.

C: Move us to love all ministers of the Word wherever they serve.

P: Guard and guide the families of our congregation. Lead husbands and wives to love each other with commitment, respect, and patience. Help parents to grasp the eternal value of keeping their children close to Jesus all their lives. Grant joy to those who are single, and make them a blessing to others.

C: Protect us from the temptations that surround us; give us pure hearts and minds.

P: Provide wisdom and insight to those who make laws and set policies. Give us respect for those who protect us from crime. Lead us to value the rights of our fellow citizens and to defend those who cannot defend themselves.

C: Bless our land with peace and prosperity so that the gospel may be proclaimed to all.

P: Give us passion to share the story of your love with our family and friends. Overcome unbelief, and open the hearts of people everywhere to believe the good news that Jesus has forgiven their sins and opened the gates of heaven.

C: Fill us with joy over every sinner who repents and comes to trust in you.

P: Extend your healing power to those who are sick and suffering in body or mind. Give patience and compassion to all who care for the sick and dying.

C: Lift the eyes of the distressed to your love in Christ.

P: Hear us, Lord, as we pray in silence.

Silent prayer

P: Gracious God, you govern and direct all things and you love all people. Hear our prayers, spoken and silent, and answer them in your wisdom and grace.

C: In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

Offering

**The Choir will be singing His Mercy is More. The congregation is invited to join in when they feel comfortable.*

Hymn: 579 His Mercy Is More



1 What love could re - mem - ber no wrongs we have done?
2 What pa - tience would wait as we con - stant - ly roam,
3 What rich - es of kind - ness he lav - ished on us;



Om - ni - scient, all - know - ing, he counts not their sum;
what Fa - ther so ten - der is call - ing us home!
his blood was the pay - ment, his life was the cost.



thrown in - to a sea with - out bot - tom or shore,
He wel - comes the weak - est, the vil - est, the poor;
We stood 'neath a debt we could nev - er af - ford;



our sins they are man - y, his mer - cy is more.
 our sins they are man - y, his mer - cy is more.
 our sins they are man - y, his mer - cy is more.



Praise the Lord! His mer - cy is more!



Strong - er than dark - ness, new ev - 'ry morn; our



sins they are man - y, his mer - cy is more!

The refrain for stanza 3 is sung three times (twice, with no break between, then a final time).

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P: Blessed Lord, you have given us your Holy Scriptures for our learning. May we so hear them, read, learn, and take them to heart that, being strengthened and comforted by your holy Word, we may cling to the blessed hope of everlasting life; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

Lord's Prayer

C: 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.

Blessing

P: 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 T give you peace.

C: Amen.

Hymn: 624 Praise to the Lord, the Almighty

- 1 Praise to the Lord, the Almighty, the King of creation!
O my soul, praise him, for he is your health and salvation!
Let all who hear
now to his temple draw near,
joining in glad adoration!
- 2 Praise to the Lord, who o'er all things is wondrously reigning
and, as on wings of an eagle, uplifting, sustaining.
Have you not seen
how all that's needful has been
sent by his gracious ordaining?
- 3 Praise to the Lord, who has fearfully, wondrously, made you,
health has bestowed and, when heedlessly falling, has stayed you.
What need or grief
ever has failed of relief?
Wings of his mercy did shade you.
- 4 Praise to the Lord, who will prosper your work and defend you;
surely his goodness and mercy shall daily attend you.
Ponder anew
what the Almighty can do
as with his love he befriends you.
- 5 Praise to the Lord! O let all that is in me adore him!
All that has life and breath, come now with praises before him!
Let the amen
sound from his people again;
gladly forever adore him!

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Announcements-March 27, 2022

Trinity News

- The Lord called Jeanette Strobel home in the very early morning hours of March 24th. We pray that the Lord gives comfort to her family. The tentative funeral date is set for August 5th.
- The church is looking for donations of a few bags of individually wrapped Easter candy. These candies will be distributed on the tables for the Easter Breakfast that will take place in between the services.
- Trinity Lutheran School is hosting its 2nd annual Art Show and an Easter Egg Hunt coming up on **April 10th!** The event will run from **10:15-Noon** with all children ages 1-12 invited. Please invite anyone that may be interested! There will also be a sign up for those interested in volunteering on the back bulletin board. Please consider helping us greet and welcome families into our building!
- Musicians are needed to help beautify the services for Holy Week. There will be a sign-up sheet at the back of church. Our worship coordinator is willing to help pick out music, practice or accompany. Please sign up by **Thursday, March 31st**.
- In the Pastor Call Meeting this past Wednesday, the congregation voters gathered and called Reverend Samuel J. Hacker III, pastor of Grace Lutheran Church of Flint, MI. He is single and 49 years old. He has been at his current congregation 10 years. His contact numbers are (810)701-3732 (Cell) and (412)7011-3732 (Work). His email is sammyh73@gmail.com.
- Thrivent policy holders may be eligible to designate a portion of their premiums to Trinity. Please speak with your Thrivent agent to learn how to designate your Choice Dollars. **The deadline is March 31st**. Note that if you choose to do nothing, or miss the deadline, Thrivent will disburse your monies to a recipient of their own choosing. So, you may as well take advantage of this opportunity to benefit our congregation's ministry. Contact Pastor or check the March newsletter for further assistance.
- Thank you to Rev. Balza for leading us in worship.

FVL News

- All are invited to attend the FVL Choirs **Sacred Concert** on Sunday, March 27 at 2 PM in the Auditorium.
- The **March 2022 BEACON** is available. Find printed copies at your church, or read online (fvlhs.org/beamcon).
- 7th grade students are welcome to attend our **Discover FVL** event on Wednesday, March 30 from 9:45 AM-2:15 PM. Information and registration are available at fvlhs.org/discover-fvl, or contact the Admissions Office (admissions@fvlhs.org) with questions.

AVFP News

- If you are aware of suitable space that would be available or if you know someone who has vacant space or information about vacancies, please contact Brian Elmer at 920-277-7496 or elmer.brian@gmail.com. This ideal location should be approximately 2,400 sq. feet at street level with parking and easy access for loading and unloading. Thank you for supporting the Pantry!

WELS United News

- **SAVE THE DATE - WELS NIGHT AT THE TIMBER RATTLERS** WELS United is hosting an evening of fun and fellowship at a Timber Rattlers game on July 26, 2022, at 6:40 pm. Ticket prices are \$13 for a box seat and \$10 for bleacher seats. Tickets may be purchased online at <https://bit.ly/WELS-TimberRattlers> with the password WELS.

Upcoming Special services and Events

- Palm Sunday-April 10th @9:00 a.m.
- Easter Egg Hunt and Kid's Art Show-Sunday April 10th @10:15-12:00 p.m.
- Maundy Thursday-April 14th @6:30 p.m.
- Good Friday-April 15th @4:00 p.m.
- Easter Sunrise-April 17th @7:00 a.m.
- Easter Breakfast-April 17th in between services
- Easter Festival-April 17th @9:00 a.m.

Our Stewardship of

The Means of Grace

Date	Church	Visitors	Communion	Bible Class
3-13	105	30	N/A	13

The Means to do His Work

Date	Our gifts	'22 Budget/wk	'22 Actual YTD	'22 Budget/YTD
3-13	\$ 5,544	\$5,837	\$ 41,588	\$ 43,229
		(-- \$ 293)		(-- \$ 21,641)

Serving the

Lord today:

Organist: Emma Curtis

Video: Kyle Marks

Usher: Josh Jelinek

Screens: Ed Sternhagen

Next Wed.: Usher: Kurt Mau

Screen: Ed Sternhagen

Next week: Usher: Adam Eisenreich Screens: **Volunteer**

This week at Trinity Ev. Lutheran

Today	Sun 3/27	10 am	Fellowship
		10:15	Bible Class/Sunday School
Tue	3/29	7 pm	Adult Instruction
Wed	3/30	9 am	St Paul Home Volunteer arrival
		9:45	Lutheran Service
		3:30	Confirmation Class
		5:15	Lenten Supper
		6:30	Lenten Service-Holtz
Thur	3/31	4:30	Confirmation Back up
		6 pm	Choir
		7 pm	Handbells
Sun	4-3	9 am	Worship
		10 am	Fellowship
		10:15	Sunday School/Bible Class

Looking Ahead:

3/30 Lenten Supper hosted by the Cemetery Committee to fundraise for equipment

4/6 Lenten Supper hosted by the School Staff to fundraise for the Tuition Assistance fund

WELCOME TO TRINITY LUTHERAN!

A member of the Wisconsin Evangelical Lutheran Synod (WELS)

MISSION – To glorify God by growing in his Word and sharing the gospel of Jesus Christ.

VISITORS – If you are a visitor, we are very glad to have you here today and invite you to worship with us again.

QUESTIONS – If you have questions or would like more information about our church and/or school, please ask. Our deacons and greeters are available in the entry of the church to answer any questions you might have.

RESTROOMS – Our restroom is located in the upper entry of the church. More restrooms are located in the lower level.

CHILDREN – Jesus said, ‘Let the little children come to me.’ We love children and encourage their worship. Please don’t feel embarrassed if your child is restless during the service. You are among caring people who understand. If you decide that it’s best to remove your child from worship, please feel free to take him or her to the entry or lower level of the church.

SERVICE SCHEDULE – Sundays, 9:00 am; Radio Broadcast – Sundays, 7:30 am WEMI (91.9 FM)

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