

Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church

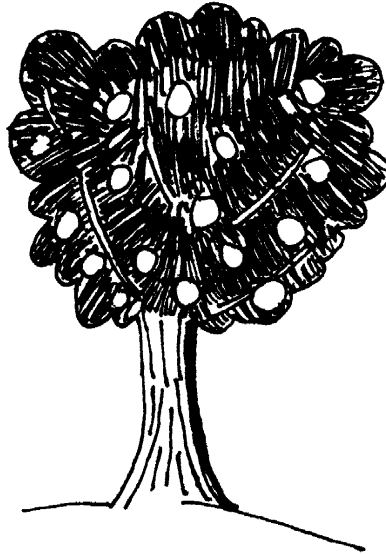
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Worship Services Sunday at 8:00 a.m., 8:15 a.m. & 10:45 a.m.

Saturday and Monday at 6:30 p.m.

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Servants of Jesus: Learning, Caring and Sharing God's Word

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Third Sunday in Lent

March 7, 2010

8:00 a.m. & 10:45 a.m. Services

Order of Service

As We Gather: We deal with the seeming reality of unfairness in our world. Earthquakes in Haiti, hurricanes in Florida, unjust accusations against family members, these all trouble us. God gives us a different perspective on unfairness. The Savior gave His life in a very unfair but loving way, so that we may worship Him today!

PRELUDE

“Jesus Loves Me”

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

SHARING GOD’S PEACE

Please be seated.

OPENING HYMN

“Let Us Ever Walk With Jesus”

LSB, 685

Children sing stanza 1. This hymn was chosen for Lutheran Schools week because it is loosely based on our theme for the 2009/10 school year: “Everything is possible for him who believes.” Mark 9:23



1 Let us ev - er walk with Je - sus, Fol - low His ex -
2 Let us suf - fer here with Je - sus And with pa - tience
3 Let us glad - ly die with Je - sus. Since by death He
4 Let us al - so live with Je - sus. He has ris - en



am - ple pure, Through a world that would de - ceive us And to
bear our cross. Joy will fol - low all our sad - ness; Where He
con - quered death, He will free us from de - struc - tion, Give to
from the dead That to life we may a - wak - en. Je - sus,



sin our spir - its lure. On - ward in His foot - steps tread - ing,
is, there is no loss. Though to - day we sow no laugh - ter,
us im - mor - tal breath. Let us mor - ti - fy all pas - sion
You are now our head. We are Your own liv - ing mem - bers;



Pil - grims here, our home a - bove, Full of faith and
We shall reap ce - les - tial joy; All dis - com - forts
That would lead us in - to sin; And the grave that
Where You live, there we shall be In Your pres - ence



hope and love, Let us do the Fa - ther's bid - ding. Faith - ful
that an - noy Shall give way to mirth here - af - ter. Je - sus,
shuts us in Shall but prove the gate to heav - en. Je - sus,
con - stant - ly, Liv - ing there with You for - ev - er. Je - sus,



Lord, with me a - bide; I shall fol - low where You guide.
 here I share Your woe; Help me there Your joy to know.
 here with You I die, There to live with You on high.
 let me faith - ful be, Life e - ter - nal grant to me.

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Please rise if able.

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

P We are reminded that we are a body of believers linked to previous generations through the words of our confession of sins. Throughout the ages God’s people have acknowledged, “If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.”

C: But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

P: Let us confess our sins to God our Father.

C: Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. We have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved You with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways to the glory of Your holy name. Amen.

P: Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the † Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

Please be seated.

INTROIT

Ps. 5:4–8; antiphon: Ps. 1:6

P: For the LORD knows the way of the righteous, but the way of the wicked will perish.

C: For you are not a God who delights in wickedness; evil may not dwell with you.

P: The boastful shall not stand before your eyes; you hate all evildoers.

C: You destroy those who speak lies; the LORD abhors the bloodthirsty and deceitful man.

P: But I, through the abundance of your steadfast love, will enter your house. I will bow down toward your holy temple in the fear of you.

C: Lead me, O LORD, in your righteousness because of my enemies; make your way straight before me.

All: Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit; as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.

P For the LORD knows the way of the righteous,

C: but the way of the wicked will perish.

KYRIE

LSB, 204



C Lord, have mer - cy; Christ, have mer - cy; Lord, have mer - cy.

SALUTATION AND COLLECT OF THE DAY

LSB, 205

P: The Lord be with you.

C: **And also with you.**

P: Let us pray. O God whose glory it is always to have mercy, be gracious to all who have gone astray from Your ways and bring them again with penitent hearts and steadfast faith to embrace and hold fast the unchangeable truth of Your Word; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: **Amen.**

FIRST READING

Ezekiel 33:7-20

⁷ “Son of man, I have made you a watchman for the house of Israel; so hear the word I speak and give them warning from me. ⁸ When I say to the wicked, ‘O wicked man, you will surely die,’ and you do not speak out to dissuade him from his ways, that wicked man will die for his sin, and I will hold you accountable for his blood. ⁹ But if you do warn the wicked man to turn from his ways and he does not do so, he will die for his sin, but you will have saved yourself. ¹⁰ “Son of man, say to the house of Israel, ‘This is what you are saying: “Our offenses and sins weigh us down, and we are wasting away because of them. How then can we live?” ’ ¹¹ Say to them, ‘As surely as I live, declares the Sovereign LORD, I take no pleasure in the death of the wicked, but rather that they turn from their ways and live. Turn! Turn from your evil ways! Why will you die, O house of Israel?’ ¹² “Therefore, son of man, say to your countrymen, ‘The righteousness of the righteous man will not save him when he disobeys, and the wickedness of the wicked man will not cause him to fall when he turns from it. The righteous man, if he sins, will not be allowed to live because of his former righteousness.’ ¹³ If I tell the righteous man that he will surely live, but then he trusts in his righteousness and does evil, none of the righteous things he has done will be remembered; he will die for the evil he has done. ¹⁴ And if I say to the wicked man, ‘You will surely die,’ but he then turns away from his sin and does what is just and right— ¹⁵ if he gives back what he took in pledge for a loan, returns what he has stolen, follows the decrees that give life, and does no evil, he will surely live; he will not die. ¹⁶ None of the sins he has committed will be remembered against him. He has done what is just and right; he will surely live. ¹⁷ “Yet your countrymen say, ‘The way of the Lord is not just.’ But it is their way that is not just. ¹⁸ If a righteous man turns from his righteousness and does evil, he will die for it. ¹⁹ And if a wicked man turns away from his wickedness and does what is just and right, he will live by doing so. ²⁰ Yet, O house of Israel, you say, ‘The way of the Lord is not just.’ But I will judge each of you according to his own ways.” *NIV*

L: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

ANTHEM (Gr. K-3)

“Forty Days and Forty Nights”

SECOND READING

1 Corinthians 10:1-13

¹ For I do not want you to be ignorant of the fact, brothers, that our forefathers were all under the cloud and that they all passed through the sea. ² They were all baptized into Moses in the cloud and in the sea. ³ They all ate the same spiritual food ⁴ and drank the same spiritual drink; for they drank from the spiritual rock that accompanied them, and that rock was Christ. ⁵ Nevertheless, God was not pleased with most of them; their bodies were scattered over the desert. ⁶ Now these things occurred as examples to keep us from setting our hearts on evil things as they did. ⁷ Do not

be idolaters, as some of them were; as it is written: “The people sat down to eat and drink and got up to indulge in pagan revelry.”⁸ We should not commit sexual immorality, as some of them did—and in one day twenty-three thousand of them died.⁹ We should not test the Lord, as some of them did—and were killed by snakes.¹⁰ And do not grumble, as some of them did—and were killed by the destroying angel.¹¹ These things happened to them as examples and were written down as warnings for us, on whom the fulfillment of the ages has come.¹² So, if you think you are standing firm, be careful that you don’t fall!¹³ No temptation has seized you except what is common to man. And God is faithful; he will not let you be tempted beyond what you can bear. But when you are tempted, he will also provide a way out so that you can stand up under it. *NIV*

L: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

APPOINTED VERSE (Soloist)

Please rise if able.

HOLY GOSPEL

Luke 13:1-9

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the thirteenth chapter.

C: **Glory to You, O Lord.**

¹ Now there were some present at that time who told Jesus about the Galileans whose blood Pilate had mixed with their sacrifices. ² Jesus answered, “Do you think that these Galileans were worse sinners than all the other Galileans because they suffered this way? ³ I tell you, no! But unless you repent, you too will all perish. ⁴ Or those eighteen who died when the tower in Siloam fell on them—do you think they were more guilty than all the others living in Jerusalem? ⁵ I tell you, no! But unless you repent, you too will all perish.” ⁶ Then he told this parable: “A man had a fig tree, planted in his vineyard, and he went to look for fruit on it, but did not find any. ⁷ So he said to the man who took care of the vineyard, ‘For three years now I’ve been coming to look for fruit on this fig tree and haven’t found any. Cut it down! Why should it use up the soil?’ ⁸ “‘Sir,’ the man replied, ‘leave it alone for one more year, and I’ll dig around it and fertilize it. ⁹ If it bears fruit next year, fine! If not, then cut it down.’ ” *NIV*

P: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C: **Praise to You, O Christ.**

Please be seated.

BILOXI MISSION TRIP BLESSING (8:00)

CHILDREN’S SONG “Behold What Manner of Love”

We invite the children to come forward as we sing the song.

**Behold what manner of love
the Father has given unto us!
Behold what manner of love
the Father has given unto us!
That we should be called the children of God,
That we should be called the children of God. Repeat**

CHILDREN’S MESSAGE

HYMN OF THE DAY

“God Moves in a Mysterious Way”

LSB, 764



1 God moves in a mys - te - rious way His
 2 Judge not the Lord by fee - ble sense, But
 3 His pur - pos - es will rip - en fast, Un -
 4 Blind un - be - lief is sure to err And



won - ders to per - form; He plants His foot - steps
 trust Him for His grace; Be - hind a frown - ing
 fold - ing ev - 'ry hour; The bud may have a
 scan His work in vain; God is His own in -



in the sea And rides up - on the storm.
 prov - i - dence Faith sees a smil - ing face.
 bit - ter taste, But sweet will be the flow'r.
 ter - pret - er, And He will make it plain.

**5 You fearful saints, fresh courage take;
 The clouds you so much dread
 Are big with mercy and will break
 In blessings on your head.**

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SERMON

APOSTLES' CREED (ALL)

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 thence 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.

Please be seated.

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

Prayer Response

**P: Lord in your mercy,
 C: Hear our prayer.**

OFFERING

VOLUNTARY (Trinity Staff) "Borning Cry"

This anthem teaches us that Christ is with us, nurturing and forgiving, throughout our lives. The Trinity staff humbly and thankfully takes a part with Christ in nurturing, forgiving, and teaching His children during this short portion of their lives.

BLESSING OF THE GIFTS (sung by children) “Accept, O Lord, the Gifts We Bring”

Please rise if able.

LORD’S PRAYER

LSB, 209

P: Lord, remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray.

All: **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.**

THE WORDS OF OUR LORD

LSB, 209

P: Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: “Take, eat; this is My T body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me.”

In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: “Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in My T blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me.”

PAX DOMINI

LSB, 209

P: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C: **Amen.**

AGNUS DEI

LSB, 210

1 O Je - sus Christ, true Lamb of God,
2 O Je - sus Christ, true Lamb of God,

You take the sin of the world a - way;
You take the sin of the world a - way;

O Je - sus Christ, true Lamb of God,
Have mer - cy on us, Je - sus Christ,

Have mer - cy on us, Lord, we pray.
And grant us peace, O Lord, we pray.

Please be seated.

DISTRIBUTION HYMNS

“Jesus, Refuge of the Weary”

LSB, 423

1 Je - sus, ref - uge of the wea - ry, Blest Re - deem - er,
2 Do we pass that cross un - heed - ing, Breath - ing no re -
3 Je - sus, may our hearts be burn - ing With more fer - vent

whom we love, Foun - tain in life's des - ert drea - ry, Sav - ior
pen - tant vow, Though we see You wound - ed, bleed - ing, See Your
love for You; May our eyes be ev - er turn - ing To be -

from the world a - bove: Of - ten have Your eyes, of - fend - ed,
thorn - en - cir - cled brow? Yet Your sin - less death has brought us
hold Your cross a - new Till in glo - ry, part - ed nev - er

Gazed up - on the sin - ner's fall; Yet up - on the
Life e - ter - nal, peace, and rest; On - ly what Your
From the bless - ed Sav - ior's side, Grav - en in our

cross ex - tend - ed, You have borne the pain of all.
grace has taught us Calms the sin - ner's deep dis - tress.
hearts for - ev - er, Dwell the cross, the Cru - ci - fied.

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“There is a Time for Everything”

LSB, 762



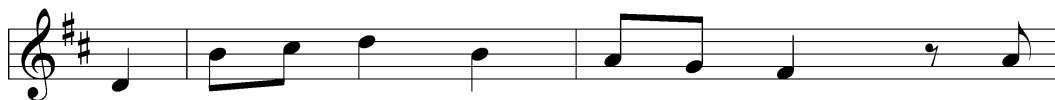
1 There is a time for ev - 'ry - thing, A
 2 A time to hold, then be a - lone, A
 3 E - ter - nal Lord, Your wis - dom sees And
 4 Be - fore all time had yet be - gun, You,



time for all that life may bring: A time to plant, a
 time to gath - er scat - tered stone, A time to break, a
 fath - oms all life's trag - e - dies; You know our grief, You
 Fa - ther, planned to give Your Son; Lord Je - sus Christ, with



time to reap, A time to laugh, a time to weep,
 time to mend, A time to search and then to end,
 hear our sighs— In mer - cy, dry our tear - stained eyes.
 time-less grace, You have re - deemed our time - bound race;



A time to heal, a time to slay, A
 A time to keep, then throw a - way, A
 From e - vil times, You bring great good; Be -
 O Ho - ly Spir - it, Par - a - clete, Your



time to build where rub - ble lay, A time to die, a
 time to speak, then noth - ing say, A time for war till
 neath the cross, we've safe - ly stood. Though dim - ly now life's
 time - ly work in us com - plete; Blest Trin - i - ty, Your



time to mourn, A time for joy and to be born,
 ha - treds cease, A time for love, a time for peace.
 path we trace, One day we shall see face to face.
 praise we sing— There is a time for ev - 'ry - thing!

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DISMISSAL BLESSING

LSB, 210

P: The most precious body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen and preserve you in body and soul to life everlasting. Depart T in peace.

C: Amen.

Please rise if able.

1 O Lord, now let Your ser - vant De -
2 All glo - ry to the Fa - ther, All
part in heav'n - ly peace, For I have seen the
glo - ry to the Son, All glo - ry to the
glo - ry Of Your re - deem - ing grace:
Spir - it, For - ev - er Three - in - One;
A light to lead the Gen - tiles Un -
For as in the be - gin - ning, Is
to Your ho - ly hill, The glo - ry of Your
now, shall ev - er be, God's tri - une name re -
peo - ple, Your cho - sen Is - ra - el.
sound - ing Through all e - ter - ni - ty.

POST-COMMUNION COLLECT

P: Let us pray. We give thanks to You, almighty God, that You have refreshed us through this salutary gift, and we implore You that of Your mercy You would strengthen us through the same in faith toward You and in fervent love toward one another; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

BENEDICAMUS AND BENEDICTION

P: Let us bless the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

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 T give you peace.

C: Amen.

Please be seated.

CLOSING HYMN

“When Aimless Violence Takes Those We Love”

LSB, 764



1 When aim - less vi - o - lence takes those we love,
2 When pass - ing years rob sight and strength and mind
3 Our faith may flick - er low, and hope grow dim,
4 Be - cause Your Son knew ag - o - ny and loss,



When ran - dom death strikes child - hood's prom - ise down,
Yet fail to still a strong - ly beat - ing heart,
Yet You, O God, are with us in our pain;
Felt des - o - la - tion, grief and scorn and shame,



When wrench - ing loss be - comes our dai - ly bread,
And grief be - comes the fab - ric of our days,
You grieve with us and for us day by day,
We know You will be with us, come what may,



We know, O God, You leave us not a - lone.
Dear Lord, You do not stand from us a - part.
And with us, shar - ing sor - row, will re - main.
Your lov - ing pres - ence near, al - ways the same.

**5 Through long grief-darkened days help us, dear Lord,
To trust Your grace for courage to endure,
To rest our souls in Your supporting love,
And find our hope within Your mercy sure.**

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POSTLUDE

“Let Us Ever Walk With Jesus”

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