



TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH GREENCASTLE, PA
“Sharing Christ in Word and Deed”

February 28, 2016 11 am 3rd Sunday in Lent

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Don Swart, Assisting Minister
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Donna Wolfe and Dale Thatcher, Communion Assistants
Music by Sandra Wingert and Phyllis McCullough

WE WELCOME ALL WHO WORSHIP HERE THIS DAY!

- If you are visiting with us, we are honored by your presence. We encourage you to complete the Welcome envelope located in the pew rack and place in the offering plate. If you are seeking a church home, please speak with the Pastor.
- Holy Communion is celebrated in this morning's worship. Our Lord invites to this table all baptized Christians. Young children should follow the practice of their home congregation. Come forward and receive bread from the Pastor, dip the bread into the chalice held by the Worship Assistant, then partake of the bread.
- Persons or concerns may be added to today's prayers by filling out a prayer request card located in the pew racks. The prayer cards will be collected during the Scripture Song. .

SONG – More Precious Than Silver/Awesome in this Place

Lord You are
More precious than silver
Lord You are
More costly than gold
Lord You are
More beautiful than diamonds
And nothing I desire
Compares with You
Nothing I desire
Compares with You
Nothing I desire
Compares with You

CCLI Song # 11335

You are awesome in this place
Mighty God
You are awesome in this place
Abba Father
You are worthy of all praise
To You our lives we raise
You are awesome in this place
Mighty God (repeat)

CCLI Song # 847554

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

SONG – All Who are Thirsty

All who are thirsty
All who are weak
Come to the fountain
Dip your heart in the stream of life
Let the pain and the sorrow
Be washed away
In the waves of His mercy
As deep cries out to deep
(We sing)

Come Lord Jesus come (4X)

All who are thirsty
All who are weak
Come to the fountain
Dip your heart in the stream of life

Let the pain and the sorrow
Be washed away
In the waves of His mercy
As deep cries out to deep
(We sing)

Come Lord Jesus come (4X)

Holy Spirit come, Holy Spirit come

As deep cries out to deep
As deep cries out to deep we sing

Come Lord Jesus come (3X)

CCLI Song # 2489542

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God,
who brings us safely through the sea,
who gives us water from the rock,
who leads us into the land of milk and honey.
Amen.

Let us come home to God, confessing our sin.

Silence is kept for reflection.

Merciful Father,
we have sinned against heaven and before you.
We do not fully live as your sons and daughters.
We use your gifts to our own ends.
Forgive us and restore us,
that we may resist all that draws us away from you,
and be at peace with one another. Amen.

We are reconciled to God through Christ;
for his sake, God does not count our trespasses against us.
Once dead in sin, we are now alive to God.
Once lost, we now are found.
God clothes you in the finest robe of all,
the righteousness of † Jesus Christ,
forgiving you all your sins
and making of you a new creation.
Amen.

Let us pray together... **Eternal God, your kingdom has broken into our troubled world through the life, death, and resurrection of your Son. Help us to hear your word and obey it, and bring your saving love to fruition in our lives, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

Congregation may be seated

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

SCRIPTURE SONG – Come to Me, All Pilgrims Thirsty #777 in Evangelical Lutheran Worship --- stanza 1, 3-5

SCRIPTURE READING – Luke 13:1-9

Asked about current tragic events, Jesus turns a lesson about whether suffering is deserved into a hard call to obedience. He then tells a parable that holds out hope that the timeline for ultimate judgment will be tempered by patience.

At that very time there were some present who told Jesus about the Galileans whose blood Pilate had mingled with their sacrifices. He asked them, “Do you think that because these Galileans suffered in this way they were worse sinners than all other Galileans? No, I tell you; but unless you repent, you will all perish as they did. Or those eighteen who were killed when the tower of Siloam fell on them—do you think that they were worse offenders than all the others living in Jerusalem? No, I tell you; but unless you repent, you will all perish just as they did.”

Then he told this parable: “A man had a fig tree planted in his vineyard; and he came looking for fruit on it and found none. So he said to the gardener, ‘See here! For three

years I have come looking for fruit on this fig tree, and still I find none. Cut it down! Why should it be wasting the soil?' He replied, 'Sir, let it alone for one more year, until I dig around it and put manure on it. If it bears fruit next year, well and good; but if not, you can cut it down.' ”

MESSAGE FOR THE DAY

SILENCE FOR REFLECTION

SONG OF THE DAY – Softly and Tenderly Jesus is Calling

Verse 1

Softly and tenderly
Jesus is calling
Calling for you and for me
See on the portals
He's waiting and watching
Watching for you and for me

Chorus

Come home come home
Ye who are weary come home
Earnestly tenderly Jesus is calling
Calling O sinner come home

Verse 2

Why should we tarry
When Jesus is pleading
Pleading for you and for me
Why should we linger
And heed not His mercies
Mercies for you and for me

Chorus

Come home come home
Ye who are weary come home
Earnestly tenderly Jesus is calling
Calling O sinner come home

Verse 3

O for the wonderful
Love He has promised
Promised for you and for me
Though we have sinned
He has mercy and pardon
Pardon for you and for me

Chorus

Come home come home
Ye who are weary come home
Earnestly tenderly Jesus is calling
Calling O sinner come home

CCLI Song # 5252989

APOSTLES' CREED

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God's 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 to the dead.*
On the third day he rose again;
he ascended into heaven,
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen**

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

The prayers will be offered in petitions ending in "Lord, in your mercy". The congregation will respond, "Hear our prayer"

PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you always.

And also with you.

The people may greet one another with a sign of Christ's peace, and may say, "Peace be with you," or similar words. Please remain standing after this

OFFERING PRAYER

Merciful God, as grains of wheat scattered upon the hills
were gathered together to become one bread,
so let your church be gathered together
from the ends of the earth into your kingdom,
for yours is the glory through Jesus Christ, now and forever.
Amen

HOLY COMMUNION

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.
We lift them up to the Lord

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
It is right to give God thanks and praise.

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy,
that we should at all times and in all places
give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God,
through our Savior Jesus Christ.

By the leading of a star he was shown forth to all nations;
in the waters of the Jordan you proclaimed him your beloved Son;
and in the miracle of water turned to wine he revealed your glory.

And so, with all the choirs of angels,
with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven,
we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your
glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest. Hosanna in the highest.**

In the night in which he was betrayed,
our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks;

broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying:
Take and eat; this is my body, given for you.
Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks,
and gave it for all to drink, saying:
This cup is the new covenant in my blood,
shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin.
Do this for the remembrance of me

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.

Come to the table.
Feast on God's abundant life for you.

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.
Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.
Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; grant us peace.

As you come forward receive the bread from the Pastor and then dip it in one of the cups held by the Communion Assistants. The first cup is wine and the second is grape juice. Then partake of the elements together. You may return to your place by using the side aisle.

DISTRIBUTION OF COMMUNION

COMMUNION SONG – O Praise the Name

Verse 1

I cast my mind to Calvary
Where Jesus bled and died for me
I see His wounds His hands His feet
My Saviour on that cursed tree

Verse 2

His body bound and drenched in tears
They laid Him down in Joseph's tomb
The entrance sealed by heavy stone
Messiah still and all alone

Chorus

O praise the Name of the Lord our God
O praise His Name forevermore
For endless days
we will sing Your praise
Oh Lord oh Lord our God

Verse 3

Then on the third at break of dawn
The Son of heaven rose again

O trampled death where is your sting
The angels roar for Christ the King

Chorus

O praise the Name of the Lord our God
O praise His Name forevermore
For endless days
we will sing Your praise
Oh Lord oh Lord our God

Verse 4

He shall return in robes of white
The blazing sun shall pierce the night
And I will rise among the saints
My gaze transfixed on Jesus' face

Chorus

O praise the Name of the Lord our God
O praise His Name forevermore
For endless days
we will sing Your praise
Oh Lord oh Lord our God

CCLI Song # 703778

PRAYER AND BLESSING

We thank you, O God, that you have fed us at your banqueting table with bread and wine beyond compare, the very life of Christ for us. Send your Spirit with us now, that we may set the captive free, use your gifts to build one another up, and in everything reflect your glory revealed in Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

God Almighty send you light and truth to keep you all the days of your life. The hand of God protect you; the holy angels accompany you; and the blessing of almighty God, the Father, the † Son, and the Holy Spirit, be with you now and forever.

Amen.

SENDING SONG – Beneath the Cross of Jesus

Verse 1

Beneath the cross of Jesus
I long to take my stand
The shadow of a mighty rock
Within a weary land
A home within a wilderness
A rest upon the way
From the burning of the noontide heat
And burdens of the day

Verse 2

Upon the cross of Jesus
My eye at times can see
The very dying form of one
Who suffered there for me

And from my contrite heart with tears
Two wonders I confess
The wonder of His glorious love
And my unworthiness

Verse 3

I take, O cross, your shadow
For my abiding place
I ask no other sunshine than
The sunshine of His face
Content to let the world go by
To know no gain nor loss
My sinful self my only shame
My glory all the cross

SENDING

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord!
Thanks be to God!

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Attendance last Sunday:

8:30 a.m. – 64 (7 visitors and 57 members)
11:00 a.m. – 28 (6 visitors and 22 members)

Offering last Sunday: Regular -\$1772.00.; Benevolence - \$53.00; Building Fund - \$1511.00; Special Appeal – \$42.00; Food Pantry - \$20.00

THE ALTAR FLOWERS are presented to the glory of God in honor of Gust & Mimi Barbuzanes 47th wedding anniversary.

IN THE CHURCH THIS WEEK:

Monday - AA - 8:00 p.m.

Tuesday - Bible Study - 1:00 p.m. to 2:00 p.m.

Wednesday - Lenten Soup & Spirit gathering - 5:30 p.m.

Thursday- Choir Practice – 6:45 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.

Friday - AA 8:00 p.m.

Sunday - Worship with Holy Communion - 8:30 a.m.

Fellowship time following service

Sunday School for all ages - 10:00 a.m.

Worship with Holy Communion - 11:00 a.m.

SPECIAL APPEAL FOR FEBRUARY is designated for the Brown Bag Program. If you desire to make a monetary donation, please mark your envelope for Special Appeal or use the white envelope in the pew rack and mark it "Special Appeal".

WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY GROUP is continuing to meet on Tuesdays from 1 -2 p.m. They are studying the book of Mark titled "Marked for Life". Plan to join us and feel free to invite a friend. If you have any questions see Marie Dean or Phyllis McCullough.

SOUP AND SPIRIT LENTEN GATHERINGS - On Wednesday evenings in Lent thru March 16th we will have our "Soup and Spirit" gatherings. We will offer a simple meal of soup and bread at 5:30 p.m. (If you need other food for dietary reasons, you are welcome to bring your own food.) Following the meal we will have informal worship service and discussion. We still need people to make soup or bring bread. There is a sheet on the bulletin board to sign.

HOLY WEEK/EASTER WORSHIP ASSISTANTS are needed for Maundy Thursday, Good Friday and Easter Vigil Services. Please sign the sheet on the bulletin board in the vestibule if you are able to assist.

EASTER BREAKFAST - There will be an Easter Breakfast at the church from 7-8 a.m. Pancakes, scrambled eggs, sausage, tater tots and beverages will be served. A free will donation will be accepted to cover the cost of the food. A sign-up sheet has been placed on the bulletin board in the vestibule in order to have an idea of the amount of food to order.

EASTER FLOWERS - We invite you to take part in our annual flower display on Easter by sponsoring a mum, tulip or lily in memory or in honor of loved ones. The flowers are purchased from Fisher's Florist at \$10.00 each. Please make your check payable to Trinity Lutheran Church. Order forms are located on the table in the vestibule. Please complete the form and return to Donna Wolfe by March 20.

HOLY WEEK/EASTER SCHEDULE

March 24 - Maundy Thursday - Stripping of the Altar - 7:00 p.m.

March 25 - Good Friday Service - 7:00 p.m.

March 26 - Easter Vigil Service - 7:00 p.m.

March 27 - Easter Breakfast - 7 to 8 a.m.

Easter Services with Holy Communion - 8:30 and 11 a.m.

Egg Hunt for Youth - 10 a.m. - No Sunday School

THE HARVEST COMMITTEE will be taking orders for Joe Corbi's Gourmet Pizza and More during the month of March. The orders are due by April 3rd with delivery date being set tentatively for April 16. We need everyone's help to make this fundraiser a success. Please pick up a book from the table in the vestibule and contact members of your family, co-workers, neighbors, etc. for orders. You can also give a book to other people who may want to take orders.

We would like to thank everyone who helped with our fundraisers last year. We were able to give \$750.00 to the general fund of the church and \$750.00 to the building fund. We also donated \$100.00 to the Brown Bag Program and \$100.00 to the New Hope Shelter. With everyone's help we hope to do more this year.

The 5th Annual Martin Luther Soccer Tournament!



Attention all youth in grades 7th through 12th! Join us for *The 5th Annual Martin Luther Soccer Tournament* vs. other local Lutheran churches. We will begin with brief devotions just like last year. Snacks and drinks will be provided. All you have to bring are proper shoes, your enthusiasm, will to participate and of course you can invite a friend. Don't miss this wonderful sporting event filled with friendly competition and opportunities to connect with other youth from the area. We will meet on **Sunday**,

March 13th at 2:30 pm at the church and head out together to Solomon's Lutheran Church in Chambersburg. The tournament will be over at 6:00 pm. Come and help us to win the Luther Trophy!