



TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH GREENCASTLE, PA

“Sharing Christ in Word and Deed”

March 6, 2016

11 am

4th Sunday in Lent

William W. DeHass, Pastor

Carol Swart, Assisting Minister

Peggy Potter, Usher

Cameron Schroy and Beth Fairchild, Communion Assistants

Music by Sandra Wingert, Phyllis McCullough and Rachel Stevenson

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 – How Can I Keep from Singing

Verse 1

There is an endless song
Echoes in my soul
I hear the music ring
And though the storms may come
I am holding on
To the rock I cling

Chorus

How can I keep from singing Your praise
How can I ever say enough
How amazing is Your love
How can I keep from shouting Your name
I know I am loved by the King
And it makes my heart want to sing

Verse 2

I will lift my eyes
In the darkest night
For I know my Savior lives

And I will walk with You
Knowing You'll see me through
And sing the songs You give

Bridge

I can sing in the troubled times
Sing when I win
I can sing when I lose my step
And fall down again
I can sing 'cause You pick me up
Sing 'cause You're there
I can sing 'cause You hear me Lord
When I call to You in prayer
I can sing with my last breath
Sing for I know
That I'll sing with the angels
And the saints around the throne

Chorus

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How can I keep from shouting Your name
I know I am loved by the King
And it makes my heart
I am loved by the King
And it makes my heart
I am loved by the King
And it makes my heart want to sing
CCLI Song # 482237

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

SONG – In the Cross of Christ I Glory (Hymn 324 in ELW)

Verse 1

In the cross of Christ I glory
Tow'ring o'er the wrecks of time
All the light of sacred story
Gathers round its head sublime

Verse 2

When the woes of life o'ertake me
Hopes deceive and fears annoy
Never shall the cross forsake me
Lo it glows with peace and joy

Verse 3

When the sun of bliss is beaming
Light and love upon my way
From the cross the radiance streaming
Adds more luster to the day

Verse 4

Bane and blessing, pain and pleasure
By the cross are sanctified
Peace is there that knows no measure
Joys that through all time abide

CCLI Song # 1964453

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... **God of compassion, you welcome the wayward, and you embrace us all with your mercy. By our baptism clothe us with garments of your grace, and feed us at the table of your love, 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 – Glory to God Forever

Verse 1

Before the world was made
Before You spoke it to be
You were the King of kings
Yeah You were yeah You were
And now You're reigning still
Enthroned above all things
Angels and saints cry out
We join them as we sing

Chorus

Glory to God
Glory to God
Glory to God forever
Glory to God
Glory to God
Glory to God forever

Verse 2

Creator God You gave me breath
So I could praise
Your great and matchless name
All my days all my days
So let my whole life be
A blazing offering

A life that shouts and sings
The greatness of our King

Chorus

Glory to God
Glory to God
Glory to God forever
Glory to God
Glory to God
Glory to God forever

Bridge

Take my life and let it be
All for You and for Your glory
Take my life and let it be Yours
Take my life and let it be
All for You and for Your glory
Take my life and let it be Yours

Chorus 2X

We sing Glory to God
Glory to God
Glory to God forever
Glory to God
Glory to God
Glory to God forever

CCLI Song # 5384338

SCRIPTURE READING – Luke 15:1-3, 11b-32

Jesus tells a parable about a son who ponders his father's love only after he has spurned it. The grace he receives is beyond his hopes. That same grace is a crisis for an older brother who believed it was his obedience that earned his place in the father's home.

Now all the tax collectors and sinners were coming near to listen to [Jesus.] And the Pharisees and the scribes were grumbling and saying, “This fellow welcomes sinners and eats with them.”

So he told them this parable...“There was a man who had two sons. The younger of them said to his father, ‘Father, give me the share of the property that will belong to me.’ So he divided his property between them. A few days later the younger son gathered all he had and traveled to a distant country, and there he squandered his property in dissolute living. When he had spent everything, a severe famine took place throughout that country, and he began to be in need. So he went and hired himself out to one of the citizens of that country, who sent him to his fields to feed the pigs. He would gladly have filled himself with the pods that the pigs were eating; and no one gave him anything. But when he came to himself he said, ‘How many of my father’s hired hands have bread enough and to spare, but here I am dying of hunger! I will get up and go to my father, and I will say to him, “Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you; I am no longer worthy to be called your son; treat me like one of your hired hands.”’ So he set off and went to his father. But while he was still far off, his father saw him and was filled with compassion; he ran and put his arms around him and kissed him. Then the son said to him, ‘Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you; I am no longer worthy to be called your son.’ But the father said to his slaves, ‘Quickly, bring out a robe—the best one—and put it on him; put a ring on his finger and sandals on his feet. And get the fatted calf and kill it, and let us eat and celebrate; for this son of mine was dead and is alive again; he was lost and is found!’ And they began to celebrate.

“Now his elder son was in the field; and when he came and approached the house, he heard music and dancing. He called one of the slaves and asked what was going on. He replied, ‘Your brother has come, and your father has killed the fatted calf, because he has got him back safe and sound.’ Then he became angry and refused to go in. His father came out and began to plead with him. But he answered his father, ‘Listen! For all these years I have been working like a slave for you, and I have never disobeyed your command; yet you have never given me even a young goat so that I might celebrate with my friends. But when this son of yours came back, who has devoured your property with prostitutes, you killed the fatted calf for him!’ Then the father said to him, ‘Son, you are always with me, and all that is mine is yours. But we had to celebrate and rejoice, because this brother of yours was dead and has come to life; he was lost and has been found.’”

MESSAGE FOR THE DAY

SILENCE FOR REFLECTION

SONG OF THE DAY – Change My Heart, O God

Chorus 2X

Change my heart oh God
Make it ever true
Change my heart oh God
May I be like You

Verse

You are the potter
I am the clay

Mold me and make me
This is what I pray

Chorus

Change my heart oh God
Make it ever true
Change my heart oh God
May I be like You

CCLI Song # 1565

TIME AND TALENT COMMITMENT

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 # 7037787

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 – Lord, Reign in Me

Verse 1

Over all the earth You reign on high
Every mountain stream every sunset sky
But my one request Lord my only aim
Is that You'd reign in me again

Chorus

Lord reign in me reign in Your pow'r
Over all my dreams in my darkest hour
You are the Lord of all I am
So won't You reign in me again

Verse 2

Over every thought over every word
May my life reflect the beauty of my
Lord
'Cause You mean more to me
Than any earthly thing
So won't You reign in me again

Chorus

Lord reign in me reign in Your pow'r
Over all my dreams in my darkest hour
You are the Lord of all I am
So won't You reign in me again

Chorus

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CCLI Song # 2490706

SENDING

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Attendance last Sunday:

8:30 a.m. – 79 (13 visitors and 66 members)

11:00 a.m. – 29 (7 visitors and 22 members)

Offering Last Sunday: Regular -\$1972.00; Benevolence - \$152.50; Building Fund - \$1169.00;
Special Appeal – \$72.50; Food Pantry - \$50.00; VBS - \$10.00

THE ALTAR FLOWERS are presented to the glory of God in honor of our granddaughter
Audrey on her birthday from Dave & Kathy Brown.

MONTHLY APPEAL FOR MARCH

The special appeal for March is designated for the Waynesboro Area Community and Human
Services. 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".

IN THE CHURCH THIS WEEK:

TODAY - 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.

Monday - AA - 8:00 p.m.

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

Christian Ed - 7:00 p.m.

Wednesday - Lenten Soup & Bread - 5:30 p.m.

Council Meeting - 7:30 p.m.

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

Friday - AA 8:00 p.m.

Sunday - Worship - 8:30 a.m.

Blood Pressures after 1st service

Fellowship time following service

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

Sunday School - 10:00 a.m.

NEEDED- The Sunday School Teachers are asking for donations of bags of candy to fill the Easter eggs. They are requesting **NO peanut butter or nuts**. Please bring in and give to Debbie Cline or Jess Swart.

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.

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 the same price as last year of \$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. We need 18 purple mums, 11 white mums and assorted tulips for the Easter Tree. All lilies will be placed around the cross in the narthex.