

Holy Trinity Lutheran Church

Sunday, March 6, 2022

1st Sunday in Lent

10am

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These forty days called Lent are like no other. It is our opportune time to return to the God who rescues, to receive the gifts of God's grace, to believe with the heart and confess with the mouth the wonder of God's love in Jesus, and to resist temptation at every turn. This is no small pilgrimage on which we have just embarked. It is a struggle Jesus knew. It is a struggle Jesus shares. The nearness of the Lord, in bread and wine, water and word, will uphold and sustain us.

Welcome to in-person worship!

Holy Trinity continues to follow pandemic protocols. We are grateful for your compliance, and hope that you are blessed by God's word and by our hospitality for this morning's worship!

- Please use the sanitizer before and after you touch any surfaces, for your protection and the protection of those who follow you.
- **Please wear your face mask for the entire time you are in the sanctuary except when taking communion.**
- Pick up your sealed communion wafer upon entering the sanctuary.
- Greeters will seat you, either together with household members or 6 feet apart for non-household members.
- Sharing of the peace is contact free with non-household members.
- **Humming the tune and meditating on the words of the hymns are encouraged. Singing WITH MASK ON is optional.**
- Offering may be given upon entering or leaving the building in designated places in the back of the sanctuary.
- Greeters will kindly guide you outside after the service ends.
- You are invited to congregate, visit and catch up with fellow brothers and sisters in Christ outside following worship.

Restrooms (including a changing table) are located downstairs and are accessed through the lift or the stairway door in the narthex.

GOD GATHERS US

Prelude and Announcements

Confession and Forgiveness

All may make the sign of the cross, the sign marked at baptism, as the pastor begins.

In the name of God, who makes a way in the wilderness, walks with us, and guides us in our pilgrimage.

Amen.

Silence is kept for reflection.

Holy One,

we confess that we have wandered far from you: we have not trusted your promises, we have ignored your prophets in our own day, we have squandered our inheritance of grace, we have failed to recognize you in our midst. Have mercy on us! Forgive us and turn us again to you. Teach us to follow in your ways, assure us again of your love, and help us to love our neighbor.

Beloved in Christ, the Word draws near to you, and all who call out to God shall be saved. In Jesus, God comes to you again and again and gathers you under wings of love. In † Jesus' name, your sins are forgiven. God journeys with you and teaches you how to live in love.

Amen.

Gathering Hymn

Bless Now, O God, the Journey verse 1

(please hum along or meditate on the words; singing while masked is optional)



1 Bless now, O God, the jour - ney that all your peo - ple make,
2 Bless so - journ-ers and pil - grims who share this wind - ing way;
3 Di - vine e - ter - nal lov - er, you meet us on the road.



the path through noise and si - lence, the way of give and take.
your hope burns through the ter - rors, your love sus - tains the day.
We wait for lands of prom - ise where milk and hon - ey flow,



The trail is found in des - ert and wīnds the moun-tain round,
We yearn for ho - ly free - dom while of - ten we are bound;
but wait-ing not for plac - es, you meet us all a - round.



then leads be - side still wa - ters, the road where faith is found.
to - geth - er we are seek - ing the road where faith is found.
Our cov - e - nant is writ - ten on roads, as faith is found.

Text: Sylvia G. Dunstan, 1955–1993

Music: LLANGLOFFAN, Welsh tune, 19th cent.

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Greeting

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

And also with you.

Prayer of the Day

Let us pray. O Lord God, you led your people through the wilderness and brought them to the promised land. Guide us now, so that, following your Son, we may walk safely through the wilderness of this world toward the life you alone can give, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

GOD SPEAKS TO US

Psalm: Psalm 91:1-2, 9-16 *(read together in unison)*

¹You who dwell in the shelter of the Most High, who abide in the shadow of the Almighty—

²you will say to the LORD, “My refuge and my stronghold, my God in whom I put my trust.”

⁹Because you have made the LORD your refuge, and the Most High your habitation,

¹⁰no evil will befall you, nor shall affliction come near your dwelling.

¹¹For God will give the angels charge over you, to guard you in all your ways.

¹²Upon their hands they will bear you up, lest you strike your foot against a stone.

¹³You will tread upon the lion cub and viper; you will trample down the lion and the

serpent.

¹⁴I will deliver those who cling to me; I will uphold them, because they know my name.

¹⁵They will call me, and I will answer them; I will be with them in trouble; I will rescue and honor them.

¹⁶With long life will I satisfy them, and show them my salvation.

Second Reading: Romans 10:8b-13

^{8b}"The word is near you, on your lips and in your heart" (that is, the word of faith that we proclaim); ⁹because if you confess with your lips that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. ¹⁰For one believes with the heart and so is justified, and one confesses with the mouth and so is saved. ¹¹The scripture says, "No one who believes in him will be put to shame." ¹²For there is no distinction between Jew and Greek; the same Lord is Lord of all and is generous to all who call on him. ¹³For, "Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved."

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God!

The Gospel: Luke 4:1-13

The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the 4th chapter. **Glory to you, O Lord.**

After being filled with the Holy Spirit at his baptism, Jesus is led in the wilderness. Through his responses to the temptations of the devil, he defines what it means to be called "the Son of God."

¹Jesus, full of the Holy Spirit, returned from the Jordan and was led by the Spirit in the wilderness, ²where for forty days he was tempted by the devil. He ate nothing at all during those days, and when they were over, he was famished. ³The devil said to him, "If you are the Son of God, command this stone to become a loaf of bread." ⁴Jesus answered him, "It is written, 'One does not live by bread alone.' "

⁵Then the devil led him up and showed him in an instant all the kingdoms of the world. ⁶And the devil said to him, "To you I will give their glory and all this authority; for it has been given over to me, and I give it to anyone I please. ⁷If you, then, will worship me, it will all be yours." ⁸Jesus answered him, "It is written, 'Worship the Lord your God, and serve only him.' "

⁹Then the devil took him to Jerusalem, and placed him on the pinnacle of the temple, saying to him, "If you are the Son of God, throw yourself down from here, ¹⁰for it is written, 'He will command his angels concerning you, to protect you,' ¹¹and 'On their hands they will bear you up, so that you will not dash your foot against a stone.' "

¹²Jesus answered him, "It is said, 'Do not put the Lord your God to the test.' " ¹³When the devil had finished every test, he departed from him until an opportune time.

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

The Sermon

see attached file

Hymn of the Day *O Lord, throughout These Forty Days*

all verses

(please hum along or meditate on the words; singing while masked is optional)



1 O Lord, through - out these for - ty days you
2 You strove with Sa - tan, and you won; your
3 Though parched and hun - gry, yet you prayed and
4 Be with us through this sea - son, Lord, and



prayed and kept the fast; in - spire re - pen - tance
faith - ful - ness en - dured; lend us your nerve, your
fixed your mind a - bove; so teach us to de -
all our earth - ly days, that when the fi - nal



for our sin, and free us from our past.
skill and trust in God's e - ter - nal word.
ny our - selves that we may know God's love.
Eas - ter dawns, we join in heav - en's praise.

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Music: CONSOLATION, A. Davisson, *Kentucky Harmony*, 1816

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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

Individual congregation members are invited to pray aloud on behalf of the congregation one of the following printed prayer petitions:

Drawn close to the heart of God, we offer these prayers for the church, the world, and all who are in need.

A brief silence.

We pray for the church. Sharpen its proclamation of the word so that your people learn to reject voices of deception and distraction. Strengthen all who are tempted to believe lies about themselves or others. We pray especially this day for ELCA Presiding Bishop Eaton, Synod Bishop Lee Miller, II, and our companion synods of Zambia and Zimbabwe; Transition Pastor Gail Wolling and Trinity in Herkimer; and our congregation of Holy Trinity. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

We pray for the earth and all its creatures. Protect wilderness places and all plant and animal species that call them home. Sustain farmers and all laborers who work the land and harvest the fruits of its abundance. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

We pray for the nations of the world. Awaken elected leaders and government officials to the needs of those who are oppressed and grant them compassion to deal mercifully with immigrants and refugees who reside among us. Provide hope and strength to the Ukrainian people as they endure the brutalities of war. Guide the leaders of Ukraine and Russia, the US, our NATO allies, and all those whose efforts are aimed at healing our very fragile and fractured world. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

We pray for those in need. Rescue those experiencing mental illness or contending with addiction. Ease the anxiety of those who live with dementia. Command your angels concerning all who are sick, especially those named on our prayer list, along with all those we name either aloud or silently in our hearts. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

We give thanks for those who have died. Gather them with all the saints into your heavenly dwelling place. Encourage us with the promise that all who call upon your name are saved. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

Accept the prayers we bring, O God, on behalf of a world in need, for the sake of Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

The Peace

The presiding minister and the assembly greet each other in the peace of the risen Christ.

The peace of Christ be with you always.

And also with you.

Unless you are in the same household, please share the peace by either bowing to one another, or placing your hand over your heart as you say the words.

GOD FEEDS US

God invites ALL God's beloved children to be fed at His table of grace. During this Lenten season we will continue to share this feast with one another by remaining in our pews AND RECEIVING ONLY the BREAD. For those who have

medical restrictions or other special concerns: the bread is made from wheat flour. We are assured of Christ's full presence in bread alone, as Christ forgives us and strengthens us for the journey ahead.

The Great Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Words of Institution

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.

Lord's Prayer

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, for ever and ever. Amen.

Communion

At this time, all may remove the wafer from its protective cover and partake of the Holy Meal.

The body of Christ, given for you.

Prayer after Communion

Let us pray. Blessed Jesus, in this rich meal of grace, you have fed us with your body, the bread of life. Now send us forth to bear your life-giving hope to a world in need.

Amen.

GOD SENDS US

Blessing

May the Lord bless you and keep you. May the Lord make his face shine upon you with grace and mercy. May the Lord look upon you with favor and ☩ give you peace.

Amen.

Sending Hymn

A Mighty Fortress Is Our God

verses 1, 4

(please hum along or meditate on the words; singing while masked is optional)



1 A might - y for - tress is our God, a sword and shield vic -
2 No strength of ours can match his might! We would be lost, re -
3 Though hordes of dev - ils fill the land all threat - 'ning to de -
4 God's Word for - ev - er shall a - bide, no thanks to foes, who



to - rious; he breaks the cruel op - pres - sor's rod and
ject - ed. But now a cham - pion comes to fight, whom
vour us, we trem - ble not, un - moved we stand; they
fear it; for God him - self fights by our side with



wins sal - va - tion glo - rious. The old sa - tan - ic foe
God him - self e - lect - ed. You ask who this may be?
can - not o - ver - pow'r us. Let this world's ty - rant rage;
weap - ons of the Spir - it. Were they to take our house,



has sworn to work us woe! With craft and dread - ful might
The Lord of hosts is he! Christ Je - sus, might - y Lord,
in bat - tle we'll en - gage! His might is doomed to fail;
goods, hon - or, child, or spouse, though life be wrenched a - way,



he arms him - self to fight. On earth he has no e - qual.
God's on - ly Son, a - dored. He holds the field vic - to - rious.
God's judg - ment must pre - vail! One lit - tle word sub - dues him.
they can - not win the day. The king - dom's ours for - ev - er!

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Dismissal

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

Thanks be to God!

Please be seated and wait for the ushers to dismiss you.

Postlude



The Slovak words on the arch over the chancel reflect the roots of Holy Trinity's original congregation.

"The Lord loves those who hate evil" is translated from Psalm 97 v.10.

The Psalm continues "Light dawns for the righteous and joy for the upright in heart.

Rejoice in the Lord... and give thanks to his holy name."

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website: www.htlutheranchurch.org**Celebrations this week:****Happy Birthday** to *Tara McSwain* on March 8.**Happy Ordination Anniversary** to *Pastor Paula* on March 12.**News:**

1. **Reflections Service at 8am** is offered on Sunday mornings via ZOOM. The interactive service can be accessed by downloading the ZOOM app and then clicking on "join" a meeting and entering the Meeting ID #374 073 8185 and Password 10311517. Prior to attending, please print out the bulletin which is used for the service.
2. The **10am Traditional Service** is held in-person. Reflections at 8am will continue to be offered digitally on ZOOM, along with the emailing and regular mailing of weekly bulletins, sermons, and children's activities, and livestreaming worship from the building on FaceBook, with a recording for website access.
3. **Outreach Committee** meets Wednesday, March 9 at 4pm at the church.
4. **Holy Trinity Midweek Lenten Study** will be held on Wednesdays in Lent (March 9,16,23,30 and April 6 and 13) on ZOOM, from 7-8pm. This year's study will use the book, *Acts: Caught Up with the Spirit*, by Professor Matthew Skinner. It is available on Amazon. Please let Pastor Paula know if you are planning to attend in order to receive the ZOOM invite.
5. **OUTREACH** – Our current project is collecting food items for **Cayuga Cupboard**, the food pantry at Cayuga Community College in Auburn. They were most appreciative of the food we donated last fall and the need is still great. We are requesting the following items: **Spaghetti Sauce, Pasta, Peanut Butter, Soup** and **Mac'nCheese**. We had cartons and cartons of food in the fall and the Outreach committee is hoping everyone will help us fill the basket in the back of the church plus bags and bags more!! Thank you again for supporting this local need over the next few weeks!!
6. **PLEASE PICK UP a REVISED 2022 CONGREGATION DIRECTORY**, located on the table in the back of the sanctuary.
7. In grateful response to all **God's many blessings**, please remember to either place your offering in the offering plate before or after worship, or mail it in. Thank you.
8. Please check our website, along with the **synod's website** (www.upstatenysynod.org) for current information throughout our synod.

The **Skaneateles Ecumenical Food Pantry's** regular business hours on Tuesdays 9:30-11:00 am and Thursday evenings 6:30-8:00 pm. Clients need to come alone and wear masks as our space is small. The Pantry is open to residents in the Town, Village or Skaneateles School District.

We remember those in need of prayer. Lord please grant...

Peace and Comfort to the Families of: *Beverly Short* (Mary Dobrovosky's mother); *Gus Wedemeyer* (former Assistant to the Bishop)

Healing from Surgery/Injury/Illness: *Sawyer Dennis; Melissa Epp* (Barb Egtvedt's daughter); *Herman Hertkorn; Maddy Ryder* (Sheila Ryder's granddaughter); *Paul Corbett; Mary Scott* (Pastor Paula's neighbor); *Dave*; friend of Jason Ryder; *Jim Bartlett* (Kathryn Carlson's nephew); *Pastor Emeritus Steve Hluchy; Jenny* (Tom and Gretchen Jeffers' friend); *Ferdie Jedik; Marjorie Reynolds* (former member); *Helen Dobrovosky; Linda Wetherbee* (Scott Braun's coworker's sister); *Jennifer Pink* (June Vuillemot's friend); *Ed and Rob Bilinski* (Lenore Gillmore's father and brother); *Ward Wesley Vuillemot* (Vuillemot's son); *Dianne Vitkus* (friend of the congregation); *Sheila Ryder; Rick Powers; Rick Munson; Louise Zabel; Dawn Matijas-Czolowski; Marian Settineri; The Griswold Family* (Vuillemot's friends); *Marike* (June Vuillemot's friend); *Don* (Preschool Director Desiree Franciamone's father); *Shirley Perry; Ann Bader; Rose; Clara Siefka; Sylvia Maditsi* (Val Schulz' friend)

Long-term Healing and Comfort to: *Suzanne Rouland* (Schwenke's relative); *Pat Barrie* (Karen Camp's sister-in-law); *The Olsen Family; Jim McGowen* (Scott Braun's coworker friend); *The Reeves Family*

Guidance and Wisdom to: All God's people facing persecution and gun violence throughout the world; those protecting the health of Skaneateles, Otisco, and Oswaco Lakes along with all the Finger Lakes; our companion synods in Zimbabwe and Zambia; our ELCA leaders and staff – *Presiding Bishop Elizabeth Eaton, Synod Bishop Bishop Lee Miller, II; Pastor Gail Wolling and Trinity in Herkimer*; and *Pastor Paula, the Council, and lay members of Holy Trinity Lutheran Church.*

Today's Stewards of Worship

Livestreaming and Recording: *Youngs & Schwenkes*

Organist/Keyboardist: *Barb Mushock*

Ushers: *Ryans*

Office Coordinator: *Arlene Johnston*

Pastor Emeritus: *The Rev. Stephen Hluchy*

Pastor: *The Rev. Paula E. Roulette*

All in attendance

Lector: *Nancy Tiedemann*

Counters: *Schulz/Vuillemot*

Altar Guild: *Val Schulz*

Custodian: *Sheila Ryder*



Holy Trinity Council: President – *Marty Siefka*; Vice President – *Tim Dobrovosky*; Treasurer – *Lisa Ryan*; members *Sharon Potucek, Lenore Gillmore, Janet Schwenke, and Pastor Paula*