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**Trinity Lutheran Church**

**Lenten Midweek 2**

**February 21, 2024 1:00 & 7:00 p.m.**

**WELCOME TO TRINITY!**

Thank you for worshipingwith us today, whether at home or in person. If you are visiting, please honor us by signing the Guest Register in the Narthex.

There are times in our worship service where we stand or kneel. Feel free to participate in either as you are able or feel comfortable to remain seated.

Please ask an usher should you require a hearing assistance device.

(†) ~ Those who wish may make the sign of the Cross in remembrance of their Baptism.

**REQUESTS FOR PRAYER**

Prayer requests may be emailed to [trinityoffice@bellsouth.net](mailto:trinityoffice@bellsouth.net) or to pastorjeffwebb@yahoo.com.

**FOR PARENTS WITH YOUNG CHILDREN**

We are delighted that you have brought your child to worship! We invite you to use the Cry Room as a courtesy to others if your little one gets a little rambunctious. Our Cry Room, complete with seating and children's activities, is located at the back of the Sanctuary. The service can be heard through the sound system. We hope your children feel glad they were here and that they are a part of the Trinity family!

***Our Vision:***

***Growing in God’s Word to Share Christ’s Love***

***Our Mission:***

***Led by God, equipped as disciples through Word and Sacrament,***

***we are empowered by the Holy Spirit to reach out with the Gospel of Jesus Christ to all.***



**AS WE GATHER TODAY**

From earliest days the Christian Church employed the weeks before Easter—what came to be called the season of Lent—as the time of the year to prepare candidates for the Sacrament of Holy Baptism, the catechumenate. Paul wrote, “We were buried therefore with Him by baptism into death, in order that, just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, we too might walk in newness of life” (Romans 6:4). Our midweek Lenten services prepare us to consider our identity and connection with the Passion of Christ as the baptized children of God. Today, we see how John puts our attention on two events happening at the same time—the interrogation of Jesus before the high priest and the interrogation of Peter in the courtyard—and we see how these interrogations confront and comfort us.

**Lent Midweek 2**

St. John Passion: Two Interrogations

*Please Stand*

**HYMN 704** “Renew Me, O Eternal Light”

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**OPENING SENTENCES** *Psalm 118:24; 113:3; Joel 2:13; Matthew 16:24; Isaiah 53:5*

Pastor: This is the day which the Lord has made;

**People: let us rejoice and be glad in it.**

Pastor: From the rising of the sun to its setting,

**People: the name of the Lord is to be praised.**

Pastor: Return to the Lord, your God, for He is gracious and merciful,

**People: slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love, and repents of evil.**

Pastor: Jesus said: If any man would come after Me,

**People: let him deny himself and take up his cross and follow Me.**

Pastor: Christ was wounded for our transgressions.

**People: He was bruised for our iniquities.**

Pastor: From the rising of the sun to its setting,

**People: the name of the Lord is to be praised.  
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.**

*Be Seated*

**FIRST READING** *Hebrews 2:1–9*  (The founder of salvation)

Therefore we must pay much closer attention to what we have heard, lest we drift away from it. For since the message declared by angels proved to be reliable and every transgression or disobedience received a just retribution, how shall we escape if we neglect such a great salvation? It was declared at first by the Lord, and it was attested to us by those who heard, while God also bore witness by signs and wonders and various miracles and by gifts of the Holy Spirit distributed according to his will.

Now it was not to angels that God subjected the world to come, of which we are speaking. It has been testified somewhere,

“What is man, that you are mindful of him,  
 or the son of man, that you care for him?  
You made him for a little while lower than the angels;  
 you have crowned him with glory and honor,  
 putting everything in subjection under his feet.”

Now in putting everything in subjection to him, he left nothing outside his control. At present, we do not yet see everything in subjection to him. But we see him who for a little while was made lower than the angels, namely Jesus, crowned with glory and honor because of the suffering of death, so that by the grace of God he might taste death for everyone.

Pastor: This is the Word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

**HYMN 544** “O Love, How Deep”

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5 For us by wickedness betrayed,  
For us, in crown of thorns arrayed,  
He bore the shameful cross and death;  
For us He gave His dying breath.

6 For us He rose from death again;  
For us He went on high to reign;  
For us He sent His Spirit here  
To guide, to strengthen, and to cheer.

7 All glory to our Lord and God  
For love so deep, so high, so broad;  
The Trinity whom we adore  
Forever and forevermore.

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*Please Stand*

**SECOND READING** *John 18:12–27*

(Jesus faces Annas and Caiaphas; Peter’s denial)

So the band of soldiers and their captain and the officers of the Jews arrested Jesus and bound him. First they led him to Annas, for he was the father-in-law of Caiaphas, who was high priest that year. It was Caiaphas who had advised the Jews that it would be expedient that one man should die for the people.

Simon Peter followed Jesus, and so did another disciple. Since that disciple was known to the high priest, he entered with Jesus into the court of the high priest, but Peter stood outside at the door. So the other disciple, who was known to the high priest, went out and spoke to the servant girl who kept watch at the door, and brought Peter in. The servant girl at the door said to Peter, “You also are not one of this man’s disciples, are you?” He said, “I am not.” Now the servants and officers had made a charcoal fire, because it was cold, and they were standing and warming themselves. Peter also was with them, standing and warming himself.

The high priest then questioned Jesus about his disciples and his teaching. Jesus answered him, “I have spoken openly to the world. I have always taught in synagogues and in the temple, where all Jews come together. I have said nothing in secret. Why do you ask me? Ask those who have heard me what I said to them; they know what I said.” When he had said these things, one of the officers standing by struck Jesus with his hand, saying, “Is that how you answer the high priest?” Jesus answered him, “If what I said is wrong, bear witness about the wrong; but if what I said is right, why do you strike me?” Annas then sent him bound to Caiaphas the high priest.

Now Simon Peter was standing and warming himself. So they said to him, “You also are not one of his disciples, are you?” He denied it and said, “I am not.” One of the servants of the high priest, a relative of the man whose ear Peter had cut off, asked, “Did I not see you in the garden with him?” Peter again denied it, and at once a rooster crowed.

Pastor: This is the Word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

**RESPONSORY** *1 John 2:1; Psalm 32:1*

Pastor: We have an advocate with the Father: Jesus Christ, the Righteous One.

**People: He was delivered up to death; He was delivered for the sins of the people.**

Pastor: Blessed is the one whose transgression is forgiven, whose sin is covered.

**People: He was delivered up to death; He was delivered for the sins of the people.**

Pastor: We have an advocate with the Father: Jesus Christ, the Righteous One.

**People: He was delivered up to death; He was delivered for the sins of the people.**

**CATECHISM** *Ten Commandments*

**People: You shall have no other gods.  
You shall not misuse the name of the Lord your God.  
Remember the Sabbath day by keeping it holy.  
Honor your father and your mother.  
You shall not murder.  
You shall not commit adultery.  
You shall not steal.  
You shall not give false testimony against your neighbor.  
You shall not covet your neighbor’s house.  
You shall not covet your neighbor’s wife, or his manservant or maidservant, his ox or donkey, or anything that belongs to your neighbor.**

*Be Seated*

**SERMON**

**HYMN 750** “If Thou but Trust in God to Guide Thee”

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5 Nor think amid the fiery trial  
    That God hath cast thee off unheard,  
That he whose hopes meet no denial  
    Must surely be of God preferred.  
Time passes and much change doth bring  
And sets a bound to ev’rything.

6 All are alike before the Highest;  
    ’Tis easy for our God, we know,  
To raise thee up, though low thou liest,  
    To make the rich man poor and low.  
True wonders still by Him are wrought  
Who setteth up and brings to naught.

7 Sing, pray, and keep His ways unswerving,  
    Perform thy duties faithfully,  
And trust His Word; though undeserving,  
    Thou yet shalt find it true for thee.  
God never yet forsook in need  
The soul that trusted Him indeed.

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**OFFERING**

*Kneel or Remain Seated*

**PRAYER**

Pastor: In peace let us pray to the Lord:

**People: Lord, have mercy.**

Pastor: For the gift of divine peace and of pardon, with all our heart and with all our mind, let us pray to the Lord:

**People: Lord, have mercy.**

Pastor: For the holy Christian Church, here and scattered throughout the world, and for the proclamation of the Gospel and the calling of all to faith, let us pray to the Lord:

**People: Lord, have mercy.**

Pastor: For this nation, for our cities and communities, and for the common welfare of us all, let us pray to the Lord:

**People: Lord, have mercy.**

Pastor: For seasonable weather and for the fruitfulness of the earth, let us pray to the Lord:

**People: Lord, have mercy.**

Pastor: For those who labor, for those whose work is difficult or dangerous, and for all who travel, let us pray to the Lord:

**People: Lord, have mercy.**

Pastor: For all those in need, for the hungry and homeless, for the widowed and orphaned, and for all those in prison, let us pray to the Lord:

**People: Lord, have mercy.**

Pastor: For the sick and dying and for all those who care for them, let us pray to the Lord:

**People: Lord, have mercy.**

Pastor: For . . . [*additional bids for prayer may be inserted here*] . . . let us pray to the Lord:

**People: Lord, have mercy.**

Pastor: Finally, for these and for all our needs of body and soul, let us pray to the Lord:

**People: Lord, have mercy. Christ, have mercy. Lord, have mercy.**

**PRAYER OF THE DAY**

Pastor: Almighty God, our heavenly Father, You have given to all who believe exceedingly great and precious promises. Grant us Your Holy Spirit that we may without all doubt trust in Your Son, Jesus Christ, so that our faith in Your sight may never be found wanting; through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord.

**People: Amen.**

**COLLECT FOR THE WORD**

Pastor: Blessed Lord, You have caused all Holy Scriptures to be written for our learning. Grant that we may so hear them, read, mark, learn, and take them to heart that, by the patience and comfort of Your Holy Word, we may embrace and ever hold fast the blessed hope of everlasting life; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**People: Amen.**

**LUTHER’S EVENING PRAYER**

**People: I thank You, my heavenly Father, through Jesus Christ, Your dear Son, that You have graciously kept me this day; and I pray that You would forgive me all my sins where I have done wrong, and graciously keep me this night. For into Your hands I commend myself, my body and soul, and all things. Let Your holy angel be with me, that the evil foe may have no power over me. Amen.**

*Please Stand*

**HYMN 596** “All Christians Who Have Been Baptized”

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5 O Christian, firmly hold this gift  
    And give God thanks forever!  
It gives the power to uplift  
    In all that you endeavor.  
When nothing else revives your soul,  
Your Baptism stands and makes you whole  
    And then in death completes you.

6 So use it well! You are made new—  
    In Christ a new creation!  
As faithful Christians, live and do  
    Within your own vocation,  
Until that day when you possess  
His glorious robe of righteousness  
    Bestowed on you forever!

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**BLESSING**

Pastor: Let us bless the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

Pastor: The almighty and merciful Lord, the Father, the ✠ Son, and the Holy Spirit, bless and preserve you.

**People: Amen.**

*Be Seated*

***Blessed is the one whose transgression is forgiven, whose sin is covered.***

***Psalm 32:1***

**LENT & EASTER SCHEDULE**

Wednesdays in Lent (February 21, 28, March 6, 13, 20):

1:00 & 7:00pm

Palm Sunday (March 24): 8:30 & 11:00am

Maundy Thursday (March 28): 1:00 & 7:00pm

Good Friday (March 29): 3:00 & 7:00pm

Easter Sunday (March 31): 8:30 & 11:00am

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