

***An Everlasting Covenant To You And To Your Offspring After You***

**March 1st, 2015**

**Holy Communion Setting 4**

**Evangelical Lutheran Worship (ELW) p. 147**

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**GATHERING**

 *Congregation reads* ***bold print****. \*Please stand*

**PRELUDE**

**GATHERING REFLECTION**

*"If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me.” This is harsh to hear. In a society of “have it your way,” “you deserve…, and “you’re worth it,” it is hard to hear anything about denying ourselves. It sounds like I am giving something up. But I think it is a little different than that. This is about the “theology of the cross.” We do not follow Jesus by artificial living or by demeaning ourselves. We are called upon to do the very best we can with the talents and abilities God has given us. We are called to keep our priorities in harmony with what Jesus told us in the two “great commandments” -- love God and love your neighbor (Mark 12:28-31).* **Lord Christ, help me in keeping priorities which also look to honor you and my neighbor. Amen.**

**BELL**

**WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**\*CONFESSION & FORGIVENESS**

**L: Let us make confession of our sins and receive God’s forgiveness.**

***Silence for Reflection***

**C: Amen.**

**\*GATHERING HYMN** *The Glory of These Forty Days*  **ELW #320**

**\*GREETING ELW p. 147**

**\*KYRIE ELW p. 147**

**\*HYMN OF PRAISE** *Glory to God in the Highest* **ELW p. 148**

**\*PRAYER OF THE DAY:** L: The Lord be with you. **C: And also with you.**

L: Let us pray. *Silence for reflection.*

L: O God,

**C: by the passion of your blessed Son you made an instrument of shameful death to be for us the means of life. Grant us so to glory in the cross of Christ that we may gladly suffer shame and loss for the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

**WORD**

**FIRST READING: Genesis 17:1-8, 15-16 (NRSV)**

17 When Abram was ninety-nine years old, the Lord appeared to Abram, and said to him, “I am God Almighty; walk before me, and be blameless. 2And I will make my covenant between me and you, and will make you exceedingly numerous.” 3Then Abram fell on his face; and God said to him, 4“As for me, this is my covenant with you: You shall be the ancestor of a multitude of nations. 5No longer shall your name be Abram, but your name shall be Abraham; for I have made you the ancestor of a multitude of nations. 6I will make you exceedingly fruitful; and I will make nations of you, and kings shall come from you. 7I will establish my covenant between me and you, and your offspring after you throughout their generations, for an everlasting covenant, to be God to you and to your offspring after you. 8And I will give to you, and to your offspring after you, the land where you are now an alien, all the land of Canaan, for a perpetual holding; and I will be their God.” 15God said to Abraham, “As for Sarai your wife, you shall not call her Sarai, but Sarah shall be her name. 16I will bless her, and moreover I will give you a son by her. I will bless her, and she shall give rise to nations; kings of peoples shall come from her.”

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| L: The Word of the Lord. **C: Thanks be to God.** **PSALM 22:23-31** *(read responsively the* ***bold print***) You who fear the Lord, praise him!    **All you offspring of Jacob, glorify him; stand in awe of him, all you offspring of Israel!** 24For he did not despise or abhor the affliction of the afflicted; **he did not hide his face from me, but heard when I cried to him.**25From you comes my praise in the great congregation;    **my vows I will pay before those who fear him.**26The poor shall eat and be satisfied;   **those who seek him shall praise the Lord. May your hearts live forever!**27All the ends of the earth shall remember and turn to the Lord; **and all the families of the nations shall worship before him.**28For dominion belongs to the Lord,    **and he rules over the nations.** 29To him, indeed, shall all who sleep in the earth bow down;     **before him shall bow all who go down to the dust, and I shall**  **live for him.**30Posterity will serve him;**future generations will be told about the Lord,**31and proclaim his deliverance to a people yet unborn,     **saying that he has done it.**SECOND READING: **Romans 4:13-25 (NRSV)**13For the promise that he would inherit the world did not come to Abraham or to his descendants through the law but through the righteousness of faith. 14If it is the adherents of the law who are to be the heirs, faith is null and the promise is void. 15For the law brings wrath; but where there is no law, neither is there violation. 16For this reason it depends on faith, in order that the promise may rest on grace and be guaranteed to all his descendants, not only to the adherents of the law but also to those who share the faith of Abraham (for he is the father of all of us, 17as it is written, “I have made you the father of many nations”)—in the presence of the God in whom he believed, who gives life to the dead and calls into existence the things that do not exist. 18Hoping against hope, he believed that he would become “the father of many nations,” according to what was said, “So numerous shall your descendants be.” 19He did not weaken in faith when he considered his own body, which was already as good as dead (for he was about a hundred years old), or when he considered the barrenness of Sarah’s womb. 20No distrust made him waver concerning the promise of God, but he grew strong in his faith as he gave glory to God, 21being fully convinced that God was able to do what he had promised. 22Therefore his faith “was reckoned to him as righteousness.” 23Now the words, “it was reckoned to him,” were written not for his sake alone, 24but for ours also. It will be reckoned to us who believe in him who raised Jesus our Lord from the dead, 25who was handed over to death for our trespasses and was raised for our justification.The Word of the Lord. **C: Thanks be to God.**  |   |  |

**\*GOSPEL ACCLAMATION** *Jesus, Remember Me* **ELW #616**

**\*GOSPEL: Mark 8:31-38 C: Glory to you O Lord.**

31Then he began to teach them that the Son of Man must undergo great suffering, and be rejected by the elders, the chief priests, and the scribes, and be killed, and after three days rise again. 32He said all this quite openly. And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him. 33But turning and looking at his disciples, he rebuked Peter and said, “Get behind me, Satan! For you are setting your mind not on divine things but on human things.” 34He called the crowd with his disciples, and said to them, “If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. 35For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake, and for the sake of the gospel, will save it. 36For what will it profit them to gain the whole world and forfeit their life? 37Indeed, what can they give in return for their life? 38Those who are ashamed of me and of my words in this adulterous and sinful generation, of them the Son of Man will also be ashamed when he comes in the glory of his Father with the holy angels.”

L: The Word of the Lord. **C: Praise to you, O Christ.**

**CHILDREN’S SERMON**

**SERMON**

**\*HYMN OF THE DAY** *Bless Now, O God, the Journey*  **ELW #326**

**\*APOSTLES’ CREED ELW p. 104**

**\*PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION**

L: As a people marked with the sign of the cross, let us pray for the church, the world and all according to their needs, responding Lord in your mercy, **C: Hear our prayer.**

**MEAL**

**OFFERING**

**OFFERING HYMN** *Create in Me* **ELW #188**

**\*OFFERING PRAYER Amen.**

**\*GREAT THANKSGIVING ELW p. 152**

**\*PREFACE & RESPONSE** *Holy, Holy, Holy Lord* **ELW p. 153**

**\*WORDS OF INSTITUTION**

**\*THE LORD’S PRAYER**

**LAMB OF GOD ELW p. 154**

**DISTRIBUTION**

*All who believe that Jesus Christ is Lord and Savior are welcome to receive Christ’s meal.*

**\*POST-COMMUNION PRAYER C: Amen**

**SENDING**

**\*BLESSING** Almighty God, Father, + Son and Holy Spirit, bless you now and forever.

 *Three-Fold Amen*

**\*SENDING HYMN** *In the Cross of Christ I Glory*  **ELW #324**

**BELL**

**SENDING** L: We continue our journey with Christ into Lent **C: Thanks be to God!**

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To endure the cross is not tragedy; it is the suffering which is the fruit of an exclusive allegiance to Jesus Christ. *~Dietrich Bonhoeffer*

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**Readings for Next Sunday:** Exodus 20:1-17; Psalm 19; I Corinthians 1:18-25; John 2:13-22

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

There is a telephone scam calling Trinity Members about stealing money from the offering plate. If you get a phone call like this, please hang up and call Vicar Kent (507-848-7192) right away. There is more information about this on the Trinity Facebook page—<https://www.facebook.com/pages/Trinity-Lutheran-Church-Truman/137166749780180> and Trinity Lutheran-Faith Formation Facebook site (*with it only being released to Friends of the pages*)

*We remember in our prayers…all who face catastrophic illness, surgery, and bindings of all kinds as well as the homebound:* **Bea Behrens, Vi Benoy, Agnes Carlson, Lisa** **Carlson & family, Donna Fisk, Rhonda Bonk, Oakley Selnes and family, and Danny Lang.** *Be present with your Spirit, Lord, and lead us to be your presence to all. Amen.*

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**If you wish to donate a plant(s) Trinity for the Easter season, please fill out the form inserted in your bulletin. Make your check out to Trinity Lutheran.**

**THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH**

**MONDAY, MARCH 2 –**Martha Circle meets at Marlene Breitbarth ‘s at 1:30 pm

**TUESDAY, MARCH 3**-Vicar Kent @ Luther Seminary in A.M. for class.

**WEDNESDAY, MARCH 4**-

5-6:15 pm Youth Lenten Supper- Taco Bar, assorted bars, cake

**6:30 pm Lenten Worship**

**THURSDAY, MARCH 5**-Open Bible Study/Lois Circle meets at the Truman Café at 9 am

**SUNDAY, MARCH 8**

 9 AM Communion Worship

10 AM Sunday School

*Reader: Brytni Drevlow, Comm. Server: Cathy Sorenson, Acolyte: Reese Goeringer*

*Ushers: \*Tom Kneeland, Tom Dodge, Dan Smith and Chad Hastad*

**FOR YOUR INFORMATION**

**6:30 PM WEDNESDAY LENTEN SERVICES**

**LENTEN REFLECTIONS 2015--ENCOUNTERING JESUS ON THE CROSS ROAD**

Lent 2: March 4th **John 4:1-42**

***The Woman at the Well encounters ACCEPTANCE in Christ***

Lent 3: March 11th **Luke 19:1-10**

***Zacchaeus encounters FELLOWSHIP in Christ***

Lent 4: March 18th Mark **5:25-34**

***The Woman who touched Jesus encounters HEALING in Christ***

Lent 5: March 25th **John 3:1-21**

***Nicodemus encounters REDEMPTION in Christ***

**Palm Sunday ~ March 29th Maundy Thursday ~ April 2nd**

**Good Friday ~ April 3rd Easter Sunday ~ April 5th**

*(Lenten offering— ½ is going to Heaven’s Table Food Shelf and ½ is going to CREST of Martin County)*

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