

***Forgive us our trespasses***

***as we forgive those who trespass against us***

**4th Sunday in Lent**

**March 6, 2016**

**Evangelical Lutheran Worship, Setting 4**

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**GATHERING**

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

**PRELUDE**

**BELL**

**WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**\*CONFESSION & FORGIVENESS-Lenten Confession**

Gracious and merciful God, we confess to you our reluctance to enter the wilderness places where we are confronted with our true selves.  The places where we are tempted to put worldly values before our desire for you, and when our hunger for power and wealth is greater than our hunger for seeking and doing your will:

**Merciful God, save us from temptation and deliver us from** **evil.**

**Forgive us our sins and fill us with the joy and peace of your** **salvation.**

**So strengthen us with your Spirit during this Lenten season**

**that we put our whole trust in you as confidently as Jesus did.**

**This we pray in his name.  Amen**

**Words of Forgiveness**

Have faith be of good courage - your sins are forgiven in the name of Jesus. **Amen**

**\*GATHERING SONG***Beautiful Savior*  **ELW #838**

**\*GREETING ELW p. 147**

**\*KYRIE**

**\*PRAYER OF THE DAY**

L: Let us pray,

**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.**

**WORD**

**SCRIPTURE READINGS: 1 John 1:3-9**

We declare to you what we have seen and heard so that you also may have fellowship with us; and truly our fellowship is with the Father and with his Son Jesus Christ. 4We are writing these things so that our joy may be complete. 5This is the message we have heard from him and proclaim to you, that God is light and in him there is no darkness at all. 6If we say that we have fellowship with him while we are walking in darkness, we lie and do not do what is true; 7but if we walk in the light as he himself is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus his Son cleanses us from all sin. 8If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. 9If we confess our sins, he who is faithful and just will forgive us our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

Word of God, Word of Life. **C: Thanks be to God.**

**CHILDREN’S TIME**

**\*GOSPEL ACCLAMATION** *Lord Let My Heart Be Good Soil*  **ELW #512**

\* **GOSPEL READINGS :  Matthew 6:5-15 C: Glory to you O Lord.**

5"And whenever you pray, do not be like the hypocrites; for they love to stand and pray in the synagogues and at the street corners, so that they may be seen by others. Truly I tell you, they have received their reward. 6But whenever you pray, go into your room and shut the door and pray to your Father who is in secret; and your Father who sees in secret will reward you. 7"When you are praying, do not heap up empty phrases as the Gentiles do; for they think that they will be heard because of their many words. 8Do not be like them, for your Father knows what you need before you ask him. 9"Pray then in this way:

 Our Father in heaven,  hallowed be your name.

 10Your kingdom come. Your will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.

 11Give us this day our daily bread.

 12And forgive us our debts, as we also have forgiven our debtors.

 13And do not bring us to the time of trial,  but rescue us from the evil one.

14For if you forgive others their trespasses, your heavenly Father will also forgive you; 15but if you do not forgive others, neither will your Father forgive your trespasses.

The Gospel of our Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

**SERMON**

**HYMN OF THE DAY***Jesus, Keep Me Near the Cross***ELW #335**

**\*PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION** *Lord, Listen to Your Children Praying* **ELW #752**

**\*SHARING OF THE PEACE**

L: The peace of the Lord be with you always. **C: And also with you.**

**OFFERING**

**\*OFFERING HYMN** *Create in Me a Clean Heart***ELW #188**

**\*OFFERING PRAYER** Let us pray.

God our provider, you have not fed us with bread alone, but with words of grace and life. Bless us and these your gifts, which we receive from your bounty, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

**THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE ELW p. 153**

**\*LORD’S PRAYER** *SALMON sheet on the back cover of the hymnal or*  **ELW p. 154**

**COMMUNION**  *(All are invited to Come to the banquet, for all is now ready)*

**PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

Let us pray,

**Compassionate God, you have fed us with the bread of heaven. Sustain us in our Lenten pilgrimage: may our fasting be hunger for justice; our alms, a making of peace; and our prayer, the song of grateful hearts, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.**

**Amen.**

**SENDING**

**BLESSING**

The blessing of God Almighty, the wisdom and power of ☩ Christ Jesus,

and the light of the Holy Spirit be among you and remain with you always. **Amen.**

***Three-Fold Amen.***

**SENDING SONG***Amazing Grace, How Sweet the Sound***ELW #779**

**BELL SENDING** L: Go in peace. Serve the Lord. **C: Thanks be to God!**

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**Readings for next Sunday: Isaiah 43:16-21, Psalm 126, Phil 3:4-14, John 12:1-8**

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

 **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**TODAY**: LOOK…for the March Messenger!! It is now in your mailboxes!

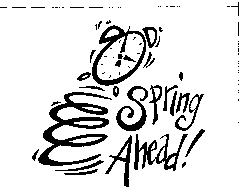
**Don’t forget to order your Easter flowers! The purple insert is now in your bulletin. You can take your plant home with you after the Easter Worship service.**

CONFIRMATION U Classes are from 12:15-5:00 pm at Trinity Truman today.

**MONDAY, March 7**-Martha Circle meets at Janice Buhmann’s at 1:30 pm

**WEDNESDAY, MARCH 9** – 6 pm Trinity Church Council Meeting

Lenten Worship at Madelia at 7 PM. (A Community Meal will be served at 5:30).

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**SUNDAY, MARCH 13*-Be sure to move your clocks ahead this Sunday!***

9-10:00 Sunday School, 10-10:30 Gathering time w/kid friendly snacks

10:30 Communion Worship

*Reader: Beth Kotewa, Comm. Server: Mark Durkee*

*Ushers: \*Tom Dodge, Denny Jahnz, Zach Jahnz and Tom Kneeland*

The Truman Lions Club is having their annual Fundraiser Breakfast at the Truman Community Building on March 13th from 9:00-12:30 pm. This is a fundraiser for Truman Public Schools. Tickets are $5 in advance (*you can get tickets from any child in school*). $6 at the door.

**The Fairmont Area Ministerial Association invites you to the**

**21st Annual Festival of Music on Sunday, March 13, 2016 at 2 pm.**

Hosted in 2016 by Grace Lutheran Church, 300 S Grant St. Fairmont, MN.

We invite you to come and enjoy music presented by area church choirs and musicians

to celebrate the love of God.

Proceeds from the free-will offering will benefit CREST (our local organization of volunteers helping neighbors in need)

St. Paul’s Lutheran School, Truman would like to invite you to their Pancake Brunch on Sunday, March 6th from 10:30-12:30 PM in the church basement, Homemade pancakes and sausages will be served by St. Paul’s Board of Education. Free will offering proceeds will go for Student Tuition Aid.

**ATTENTION THRIVENT MEMBERS! Your 2015 Choice Dollars Expire Soon!**

Act Now!! Thrivent Financial members have until March 31 to direct any remaining 2015 Choice Dollars. After that date, Choice Dollars will expire. Think of the positive impact that this money brings to Trinity.

Former pastor of Trinity, Pastor Morris Ulring passed away on February 5th in Alexandria, MN at the age of 95 years old. A memorial Service will be held at 2:00 on Friday, June 17 at Hope Lutheran Church, Walker, MN. Interment will be next to Marion in the Solar Lutheran Church Cemetery, Webster MN on June 18th. Pastor Ulring served Trinity from 1977-1982.



March 9—Lenten Worship at Trinity (Madelia) 7 pm

 (meal served beforehand)

March 16—Lenten Worship at Trinity (Truman) 7 pm

(5:30-6:45 youth Supper-summer picnic)

March 24-Maundy Thursday 9:30 am Service at Truman (*serving coffee & cake*)

7 pm worship at Madelia

March 25—Good Friday Worship at Trinity Truman 7 pm

March 27—Easter Worship at Trinity Truman at 10:30 am

(9:30 am brunch will be held before the service)