

Trinity Lutheran Church LC-MS

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OUR WORSHIP TODAY

The Old Testament reading is **Isaiah 42:14-21**. God cries out at the continuing idolatry of the people. Their idolatry has brought them nothing but trouble. They do not know where to go or what to do and don't realize how little they understand. It is up to God to overturn everything they know in order to bring them to a place of righteousness again. The Epistle reading is **Ephesians 5:8-14**. The Apostle John explains what a radical change we undergo as we become children of God. Everything we were is gone and a new person is born. As Christians, we now seek to live as the new people we have become and do not look to the old way of living we used to have. The Gospel reading is **John 9:1-41**. Jesus encounters a man who has been blind all his life. After healing him, everyone seems to be confused. The disciples do not understand what happened to cause the man to become blind. The Pharisees do not understand how this blind man could see again and what that says about Jesus. The formerly blind man is the only one who recognizes the simple truth: only the Son of Man could have done what He did.



The Message: "The Downward Spiral of Addiction" is based on the Old Testament reading: Isaiah 42:14-21

Thanks to the
Reverend Richard Davenport, Pastor
for bringing the Word of God to Trinity today.

Sunday, the 26th of March, 2017

Liturgy -- Divine Service 1 with Communion -- LSB page 151

The Lord's Supper: Scripture teaches us that the bread and wine in the Lord's Supper are truly Christ's Body and Blood given to us for the forgiveness of sins. It also teaches us that those who come together to share the Lord's Supper are joining in a common confession in Christ. As such, members of the LCMS who have been instructed on the Lord's Supper and who humbly seek His grace and mercy are invited to come and receive Holy Communion. Visitors to Trinity are asked to speak to the pastor prior to the service.

Opening Hymn 545 **Word of God come down to earth**
Sermon Hymn 544 **O love, how deep**
Distribution Hymn 396 **Arise and shine in splendor**
Closing Hymn 422 **On my heart imprint Your image**

The Week at a Glance

Sunday: 9:15 a.m. Sunday School/Adult Bible Study
 10:30 a.m. Worship Service
 After Church Coffee Hour
Tuesday: 6:00 p.m. Hope in the City / Tutoring
Wednesday: 6:30 p.m. Lenten Soup Supper
 7:30 p.m. Lenten Service

Announcements:

Coffee Hour Today! Come downstairs for refreshments and to catch up with friends. Thanks to all who volunteer to host these monthly get togethers. If interested in helping out, see the sign up sheet on the downstairs bulletin board.

Mid-Week Lenten Services will be held at 7:30 p.m. on Wednesdays from March 1st through April 5th. Join us for **Soup Suppers** before worship, beginning at 6:30 p.m. **See the sign up sheet to provide soup or dessert.** For the rest of the Lenten season we will be having different pastors in the midweek rotation each week. The order is: this Wednesday March 29th Rev. Everette Greene from Immanuel-Avondale, and April 5th Rev. Allen Stuckwisch from Messiah.

A comment from Martin Luther on today's Gospel (from Luther's Works 51:43): "The blind man did not imagine that he would be made whole, as the text says, 'Never has it been heard that a blind man should receive his sight' [John 9:32]. We must despair of everything that we can do. But those who say: Ah, but I have done as much as I possibly can; I have done enough, and I hope that God will give me grace — they set up an iron wall between themselves and the grace of God. But if you feel within yourself the urge to call upon God and pray and plead and knock, then grace is already there; then call upon it and thank God."

The Reformation Inserts: copies of the Reformation inserts will be kept in the Narthex for those who might have missed a service.

Last Week's Offering 03/19/17: Plate \$6, Envelopes \$1,180, Rental Hall \$100, Mid-week Service (03/22/17) \$428, Total \$1,614, Needed \$2,767.00, Shortage \$1,153.

KEEP IN PRAYERS: all who are ill, infirm, shut in and all who are undergoing tests and treatments. May they experience God's continual care.

Frieda Potzner	Ken Sanders	Verma Seim
Godfrey Reiter	Lyn Stalford (<i>Misty's Aunt</i>)	Penny Geist
Irmgard Milkuhn	Rose Neumeister	Sandy Jones
Frank Gehring	Marilyn Reinking	Lisa Davis
		Joe Klevenger