



THE TRUMPETER

Trinity Lutheran Church, LCMS

MARCH 2023

As we begin the season of Lent, we turn our attention to the Introits that we will be using during our worship services. The Introit, also known as the Entrance Antiphon, is a short text taken from the Psalms that is chanted by Vicar, me, and the congregation at the beginning of the service as a way of setting the tone and theme for the day's worship.

In the lectionary, the Introits for Lent are particularly rich and meaningful, offering us a way to enter more deeply into the penitential spirit of this season. Each of the Introits we will use during this time focuses on a different aspect of our journey toward the cross. The Latin titles of each service come from the first words.

The first Sunday of Lent (February 26) brings us the Introit "Invocabit me," which is taken from Psalm 91. This psalm reminds us that God is our refuge and our fortress, and that we can trust in Him to protect us from all that would harm us. It is a reminder that even in the midst of temptation and trial, we can find comfort and security in our Lord.

The second Sunday of Lent (March 5) brings us the Introit "Reminiscere," which is taken from Psalm 25. This psalm asks God to remember His mercy and His love for us, and to lead us in the paths of righteousness. It is a reminder that we are entirely dependent on God's grace and that we need to turn to Him constantly for guidance and support.

The third Sunday of Lent (March 12) brings us the Introit "Oculi mei," which is taken from Psalm 25. This psalm reminds us that God is the One who lifts us up and sets our feet on solid ground. It is a reminder that even in the midst of our struggles and our sin, God is always there to help us and to guide us back onto the path of righteousness.

The fourth Sunday of Lent (March 19) brings us the Introit "Laetare," which is taken from Isaiah 66. This text calls us to rejoice in the Lord even in the midst of our sorrow and our repentance. It is a reminder that God's love and mercy are always greater than our sin, and that even in our darkest moments, we can find hope and joy in the knowledge of His saving grace.

The fifth Sunday of Lent (March 26) brings us the Introit "Judica me," which is taken from Psalm 43. This psalm is a plea for God's justice and righteousness to prevail, and it reminds us that we can always trust in God to do what is right and just. It is a reminder that even in the face of our sin and our brokenness, God's justice will ultimately triumph.

As we journey through this season of Lent, let us take these Introits to heart and use them as a way of deepening our understanding of the sacrifice that Christ made for us on the cross. May they help us to turn away from our sin and to turn toward our loving and merciful Savior, who offers us the gift of forgiveness and new life.

Yours in Christ, Pastor Bollhagen

Sunday Schedule

9:00 am Worship Service with
Holy Communion

10:15 am Sunday School
and Adult Bible Study

On KLMJ, 104.9...

7:30 am The Lutheran Hour

10:15 am Radio Broadcast

Wednesday Lent Schedule

6:00 PM Meal

7:00 pm Lenten Service with
Holy Communion



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