

Third Sunday in Lent
March 15, 2020

Preparation for Worship – We bow before You, O Lord!

Prelude Organist
Announcements
Invocation.....Inside cover of hymnal
Confession of Sins/Absolution.....Inside cover of hymnal

Adoration in Worship – We Praise You, O Lord!

Opening Hymn....."The Old Rugged Cross".....#186
Liturgical Reading....."Glory In the Cross"#182
Hymn Response....."O, How He Loves You and Me".....#513
Prayer of the DayBulletin
Passing of the Peace

Instruction in Worship – We Serve You, O Lord!

First and Second Scripture Readings
Special Music Lands - Handbell Choir "Amazing Grace, My Chains are Gone"
Trinity - Trinity/Romsdal Choir "Bound for the Promised Land"
The Gospel.John 3:1-17
The Chorus: "Thank-You Lord"
Children's Sermon
Receiving of New Member: Todd Larson, Trinity
Sermon: "New Beginnings" John 3:1-17 Pastor Chris

Dedication in Worship – We Serve You, O Lord!

Offering Hymn....."Jesus Paid It All".....#210
Response....."We Give Thee But Thine Own".....#620
Apostle's CreedInside cover of hymnal
Words of Institution/Holy Communion at Lands
Prayers
The Lord's Prayer
Closing Hymn....."Near the Cross".....#385
Benediction
Postlude

THIS WEEK'S CALENDAR: March 15th thru March 22nd

Today: 8:15 a.m. Handbell practice at Lands
9:00 a.m. Worship at Lands
9:15 a.m. Sunday School at Trinity
10:15 a.m. Sunday School at Lands
10:30 a.m. Worship at Trinity
Parish Youth Group meets at Rosgaard's

Wed: 1:30 p.m. Trinity Women meet at
Jean Ingebrigtsen's
5:45 p.m. Confirmation at Lands
6-7 p.m. Lenten Supper at Lands
7:00 p.m. Lenten Worship at Lands
Parish Choir meets for Practice

Thurs: 9:45 a.m. Bethesda Chapel Worship
10:00 a.m. Bible Study at Laura's Lattes
2:00 p.m. Mary Circle at Lands

Fri: MESSENGER DEADLINE FOR APRIL

Sun: March 22nd Worship Schedule
9:00 a.m. Worship at Lands
9:15 a.m. Sunday School at Romsdal
10:15 a.m. Sunday School at Lands
10:30 a.m. Worship at Romsdal

We welcome Todd Larson today as a new member of Trinity congregation. We also recognize Sterling Heath, who became a member of our Congregation on July 10, 2019.

The Parish Youth Group will meet today at Rosgaard's immediately following worship for a Noon Dinner and Bible Study.

Please note that the deadline for the April Messenger is this coming Friday, March 20th.

Prayer of the Day

Dear Heavenly Father, We give You thanks for the many blessings You have granted. Help us to notice the ways that You bring us joy and peace, so that we might share with others what You have first given us. In Jesus' Name, Amen.

At Trinity:

New Member Congregational Response:
We receive you with open arms as a new member of our family of faith, and rejoice that you have chosen us as your church home. We pledge to support you in prayer and fellowship, as we walk with our Lord Jesus together in this journey of faith. Thanks be to God!

Today's Readings **March 15, 2020**
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First Reading: Genesis 17:1-14

17 When Abram was ninety-nine years old, the Lord appeared to him and said, "I am God Almighty; walk before me faithfully and be blameless. **2** Then I will make my covenant between me and you and will greatly increase your numbers." **3** Abram fell facedown, and God said to him, **4** "As for me, this is my covenant with you: You will be the father of many nations. **5** No longer will you be called Abram; your name will be Abraham, for I have made you a father of many nations. **6** I will make you very fruitful; I will make nations of you, and kings will come from you. **7** I will establish my covenant as an everlasting covenant between me and you and your descendants after you for the generations to come, to be your God and the God of your descendants after you. **8** The whole land of Canaan, where you now reside as a foreigner, I will give as an everlasting possession to you and your descendants after you; and I will be their God."

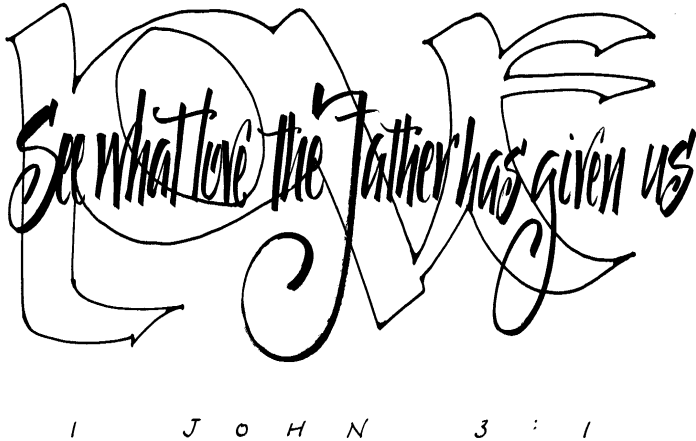
9 Then God said to Abraham, “As for you, you must keep my covenant, you and your descendants after you for the generations to come. **10** This is my covenant with you and your descendants after you, the covenant you are to keep: Every male among you shall be circumcised. **11** You are to undergo circumcision, and it will be the sign of the covenant between me and you. **12** For the generations to come every male among you who is eight days old must be circumcised, including those born in your household or bought with money from a foreigner — those who are not your offspring. **13** Whether born in your household or bought with your money, they must be circumcised. My covenant in your flesh is to be an everlasting covenant. **14** Any uncircumcised male, who has not been circumcised in the flesh, will be cut off from his people; he has broken my covenant.”

Second Reading: 1 John 3:1-10

3 See what great love the Father has lavished on us, that we should be called children of God! And that is what we are! The reason the world does not know us is that it did not know him. **2** Dear friends, now we are children of God, and what we will be has not yet been made known. But we know that when Christ appears, we shall be like him, for we shall see him as he is. **3** All who have this hope in him purify themselves, just as he is pure. **4** Everyone who sins breaks the law; in fact, sin is lawlessness. **5** But you know that he appeared so that he might take away our sins. And in him is no sin. **6** No one who lives in him keeps on sinning. No one who continues to sin has either seen him or known him. **7** Dear children, do not let anyone lead you astray. The one who does what is right is righteous, just as he is righteous. **8** The one who does what is sinful is of the devil, because the devil has been sinning from the beginning. The reason the Son of God appeared was to destroy the devil's work. **9** No one who is born of God will continue to sin, because God's seed remains in them; they cannot go on sinning, because they have been born of God. **10** This is how we know who the children of God are and who the children of the devil are: Anyone who does not do what is right is not God's child, nor is anyone who does not love their brother and sister.

Gospel Lesson: John 3:1-17

3 Now there was a Pharisee, a man named Nicodemus who was a member of the Jewish ruling council. **2** He came to Jesus at night and said, “Rabbi, we know that you are a teacher who has come from God. For no one could perform the signs you are doing if God were not with him.” **3** Jesus replied, “Very truly I tell you, no one can see the kingdom of God unless they are born again.” **4** “How can someone be born when they are old?” Nicodemus asked. “Surely they cannot enter a second time into their mother's womb to be born!” **5** Jesus answered, “Very truly I tell you, no one can enter the kingdom of God unless they are born of water and the Spirit. **6** Flesh gives birth to flesh, but the Spirit gives birth to spirit. **7** You should not be surprised at my saying, ‘You must be born again.’ **8** The wind blows wherever it pleases. You hear its sound, but you cannot tell where it comes from or where it is going. So it is with everyone born of the Spirit.” **9** “How can this be?” Nicodemus asked. **10** “You are Israel's teacher,” said Jesus, “and do you not understand these things? **11** Very truly I tell you, we speak of what we know, and we testify to what we have seen, but still you people do not accept our testimony. **12** I have spoken to you of earthly things and you do not believe; how then will you believe if I speak of heavenly things? **13** No one has ever gone into heaven except the one who came from heaven—the Son of Man. **14** Just as Moses lifted up the snake in the wilderness, so the Son of Man must be lifted up, **15** that everyone who believes may have eternal life in him.” **16** For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life. **17** For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but to save the world through him.”



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Next Sunday's Texts: Psalm 41:1-13
Acts 1:15-26
John 13:21-30