

Third Sunday in Lent

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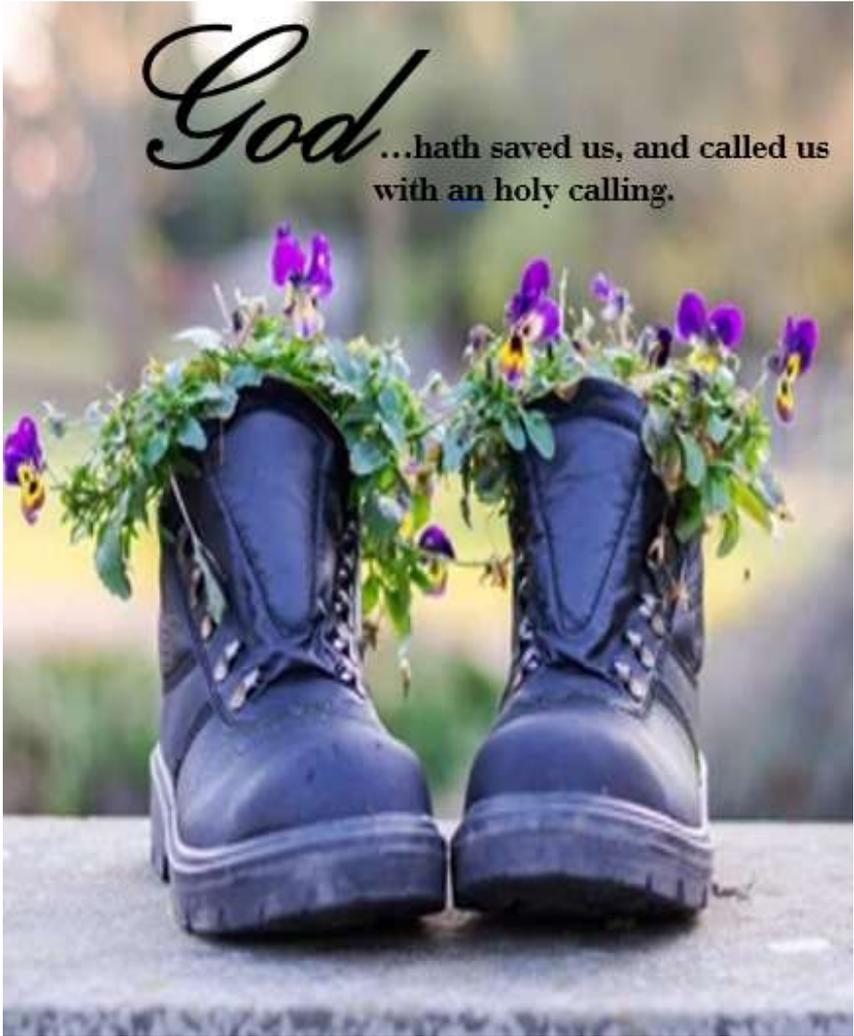
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God ...hath saved us, and called us
with an holy calling.

Welcome to Trinity!

We're glad you're here to worship!

Please join us Sunday's at 8:00am & 10:00am Monday's at 6:00pm
If you have any questions, please contact Pastor Tesch (715-587-8521)

You Are My King

I'm forgiven
Because You were forsaken
I'm accepted
You were condemned
I'm alive and well
Your Spirit is within me
Because You died
And rose again

Chorus
*Amazing love
How can it be
That You my King
Would die for me
Amazing love
I know it's true
It's my joy to honor You
In all I do I honor You*

I'm forgiven
Because You were forsaken
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Chorus

You are my King
You are my King
Jesus You are my King
Jesus You are my King

Please rise

Chorus

In all I do I honor You

Confession of Sins:

P: Beloved in the Lord: let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins to God our Father, asking him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.

C: Holy and merciful Father, I confess that I am by nature sinful and that I have disobeyed you in my thoughts, words, and actions. I have done what is evil and failed to do what is good. For this I deserve your punishment both now and in eternity. But I am truly sorry for my sins, and trusting in my Savior Jesus Christ, I pray: Lord, have mercy on me, a sinner.

Assurance of Forgiveness:

P: God, our heavenly Father, has been merciful to us and has given his only Son to be the atoning sacrifice for our sins. Therefore, as a servant of Christ and by his authority, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

Prayer of the Day:

P: Let us pray

Almighty God, look with favor on your humble servants and stretch out the right hand of your power to defend us against all our enemies; through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen

Please be seated

Old Testament Lesson

These are the commandments of the LORD our God. These are not suggestions or opinions. These are commands; there is judgment in store for anyone who breaks them. Fear of punishment can be a powerful motivator to obey. Think of how freely people break the speed limit. But what happens when they see a State Patrol car? Fear of punishment.

God's judgment can be a terrifying thing and it can motivate people to obey, but that's not the relationship God wants with his people. He wants a relationship based on love instead. He had just shown his love by saving the Israelites from slavery. Now they could show their love to him by keeping these commandments.

In Lent, Jesus freed us from a slavery far more profound than the slavery the Israelites experienced in Egypt. He freed us from slavery to sin, death, and Satan. Jesus loves us so much that he sacrificed everything for us. Now, saved by his grace, we show our love for God by obeying his commandments.

Exodus 20:1-17 (EHV)

Then God spoke all these words:

² I am the LORD your God, who brought you out from the land of Egypt, where you were slaves.

³ You shall have no other gods beside me. ⁴ You shall not make any carved image for yourself or a likeness of anything in heaven above, or on the earth below, or in the waters under the earth. ⁵ Do not bow down to them or be subservient to them, for I the LORD your God am a jealous

God. I follow up on the guilt of the fathers with their children, their grandchildren, and their great-grandchildren, if they also hate me. ⁶ But I show mercy to thousands who love me and keep my commandments.

⁷ You shall not misuse the name of the LORD your God, for the LORD will not permit anyone who misuses his name to escape unpunished.

⁸ Remember the Sabbath day by setting it apart as holy. ⁹ Six days you are to serve and do all your regular work, ¹⁰ but the seventh day shall be a sabbath rest to the LORD your God. Do not do any regular work, neither you, nor your sons or daughters, nor your male or female servants, nor your cattle, nor the alien who is residing inside your gates, ¹¹ for in six days the LORD made the heavens and the earth, the sea, and everything that is in them, but he rested on the seventh day. In this way the LORD blessed the seventh day and made it holy.

¹² Honor your father and your mother so that you may spend many days on the land that the LORD your God is giving to you.

¹³ You shall not commit murder.

¹⁴ You shall not commit adultery.

¹⁵ You shall not steal.

¹⁶ You shall not give false testimony against your neighbor.

¹⁷ You shall not covet your neighbor's house. You shall not covet your neighbor's wife, his male servant, his female servant, his ox, his donkey, or anything else that belongs to your neighbor.

Gospel Lesson

People in Jesus' day forgot what the temple was. It was God's house. It was a place to be in God's presence, to pray, and to sacrifice. Remember that, as a boy, Jesus had gone to the temple courts to be about his Father's business? It had changed. It wasn't about God anymore. They had made it into a marketplace. They had made it all about money.

Jesus wanted to change that. He drove out the distractions and the greed. Zeal for his Father's house consumed him.

Today, people still try to make church about money instead of about Jesus. And Jesus still wants to change it back into a house of prayer and worship. He is just as zealous for his house now as ever. Jesus sacrificed himself so we could be in his Father's presence—so we could be welcome in his house. Because of Jesus, we are welcome in God's house. And we will be welcome in God's presence forever.

John 2:13-22 (EHV)

¹³ The Jewish Passover was near, so Jesus went up to Jerusalem.

¹⁴ In the temple courts he found people selling cattle, sheep, and doves, and money changers sitting at tables. ¹⁵ He made a whip of cords and drove everyone out of the temple courts, along with the sheep and oxen. He scattered the coins of the money changers and overturned their tables. ¹⁶ To those selling doves he said, "Get these things out of here! Stop turning my Father's house into a place of business!"

¹⁷ His disciples remembered that it was written, "Zeal for your house will consume me."

¹⁸ So the Jews responded, "What sign are you going to show us to prove you can do these things?"

¹⁹ Jesus answered them, "Destroy this temple, and in three days I will raise it up again."

²⁰ The Jews said, "It took forty-six years to build this temple! And you are going to raise it in three days?" ²¹ But Jesus was speaking about the temple of his body. ²² When Jesus was raised from the dead, his disciples remembered that he had said this. Then they believed the Scripture and what Jesus had said.

Alas! and did my Savior bleed

(Hymn 129)

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| 1. Alas! and did my Savior bleed,
And did my Sov'reign die?
Would he devote that sacred head
For sinners such as I? | 2. Was it for crimes that I had done
He groaned upon the tree?
Amazing pity, grace unknown,
And love beyond degree! |
| 3. Well might the sun in darkness
hide
And shut its glories in
When God, the mighty Maker, died
For his own creatures' sin. | 4. Thus might I hide my blushing
face
While his dear cross appears,
Dissolve my heart in thankfulness,
And melt my eyes to tears. |
| 5. But drops of grief can ne'er repay
The debt of love I owe;
Here, Lord, I give myself away --
'Tis all that I can do. | |

Sermon Text:

There is a struggle of cosmic proportions going on in Lent, in the Word, and in us. God's law has the enormous power to kill, to condemn,

and to curse. There is no cure for its curses. Mankind has no power to no escape from its condemnation. Worse, our sinful nature doesn't even want to be free from its slavery to sin. We are under condemnation and headed for eternal death—and we can't stop it. We really need a Savior!

Thank God that Jesus came. In Christ we are free—from curse and condemnation. In Christ we are alive. We still struggle with our sinful nature. And, if we insist on running back to slavery, slavery is what we will have. But when we live by faith, Christ's victory is our life and his righteousness is our robe of glory. No one can condemn us and we live in peace.

Let us never forget the price Jesus paid to provide it.

Romans 8:1-10 (EHV)

So then, there is now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus. ²For in Christ Jesus the law of the Spirit of life set me free from the law of sin and death. ³Indeed, what the law was unable to do, because it was weakened by the flesh, God did, when he sent his own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh to deal with sin. God condemned sin in his flesh, ⁴so that the righteous decree of the law would be fully satisfied in us who are not walking according to the flesh, but according to the spirit.

⁵To be sure, those who are in harmony with the sinful flesh think about things the way the sinful flesh does, and those in harmony with the spirit think about things the way the spirit does. ⁶Now, the way the sinful flesh thinks results in death, but the way the spirit thinks results in life and peace. ⁷For the mind-set of the sinful flesh is hostile to God, since it does not submit to God's law, and in fact, it cannot. ⁸Those who are in the sinful flesh cannot please God.

⁹But you are not in the sinful flesh but in the spirit, if indeed God's Spirit lives in you. And if someone does not have the Spirit of Christ, that person does not belong to Christ. ¹⁰But if Christ is in you, your body is dead because of sin, but your spirit is alive because of righteousness.

Prayers for Our family and Friends

Beaumont Family, Melanie Bell, Milferd Behnke, Ashleigh Bourdelais, Ardice Cerney, Gladys Constine, Geri Garbrecht, Jean Harper, Dorothy Johnson, Rose Karr, John Peters, Sharon Malmstadt-Rupert, Noah & Kristin Olson, Lisa Schmitt, Aaron Wood and Jesse Zach

Prayers for those called to protect

Military: **Jesse Adams** (Sue Connor's son), **Greg Carow** (Dennis Carow's godson/nephew), **Aeron Forsberg** (Linda and Gene Erickson's grandson), Dayton Godfrey (Dave & Cindy Schacht's great-nephew), **Joshua Jansen** (Isaac Jansen's cousin), **Jesse Johnston** (Jim & Laurie Johnston's son), Patrick Noppenberg (Denis & Deb Vieth's son), **Aaron Stocker Jr.** (Martina (Dura) Stocker's husband), **Dylan Vanko**, (Roy and Grace Chmela's grandson), and **Thomas Weirich** (Mary Bush's nephew).

Firefighter: Steve Campbell.

Police: Greg Haemker, Raymond Cashaw (Pastor Sonnemann's niece's husband) **and David Peterson** (Jamie Tesch's uncle). Ask the Lord to bless them, strengthen them, and keep them safe.

The Lord's Prayer:

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name,
thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread; And forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those who trespass against us; And lead us not into
temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom
and the power and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.

The Benediction:

P: The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you.

The Lord look on you with favor and (†) give you peace.

C: Amen.

This Is Amazing Grace

Who breaks the power of sin and darkness
Whose love is mighty and so much stronger
The King of Glory the King above all kings

Who shakes the whole earth with holy thunder
Who leaves us breathless in awe and wonder
The King of Glory the King above all kings

This Is Amazing Grace cont...

Refrain

*This is amazing grace
This is unfailing love
That You would take my place
That You would bear my cross
You laid down Your life
That I would be set free
Oh Jesus I sing for all that You've done for me*

Who brings our chaos back into order
Who makes the orphan a son and daughter
The King of Glory the King of Glory

Who rules the nations with truth and justice
Shines like the sun in all of its brilliance
The King of Glory the King above all kings

Refrain

Worthy is the Lamb who was slain
Worthy is the King who conquered the grave
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Worthy is the Lamb who was slain
Worthy worthy worthy

Refrain

All that You've done for me



TRINITYS CORE MISSION

Shining the Light of the Gospel in our community.

John 8:12 - *“I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will never walk in darkness, but will have the light of life.”*

Matthew 5:16 - *“Let your light shine before others, that they may see your good deeds and glorify your Father in heaven*