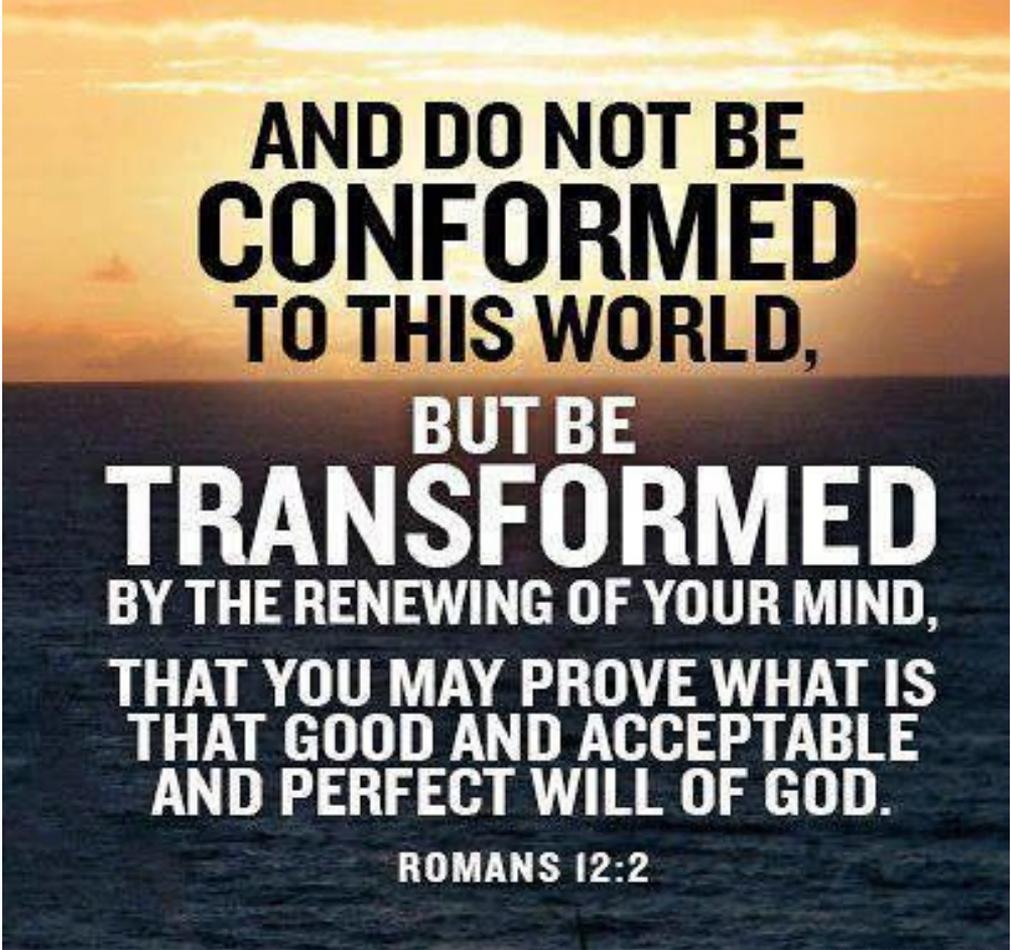


Trinity Lutheran Church of Leader

Growing Committed Followers of Jesus

by

*Trusting in God, Believing His Grace, Obeying His Word,
Leading Others to Know Him*



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ROMANS 12:2

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The Fourth Sunday in Lent

Learning to be the Church scattered...

Call to Worship- Psalm 46

God is our refuge and strength, an ever-present help in trouble.

Therefore we will not fear, though the earth give way and the mountains fall into the heart of the sea, though its waters roar and foam and the mountains quake with their surging.

There is a river whose streams make glad the city of God, the holy place where the Most High dwells. God is within her, she will not fall; God will help her at the break of day.

Nations are in uproar, kingdoms fall; he lifts his voice, the earth melts. The Lord Almighty is with us; the God of Jacob is our fortress.

Come and see the works of the Lord, the desolations he has brought on the earth; he breaks the bow and shatters the spear, he burns the shields with fire.

“Be still and know that I am God; I will be exalted among the nations, I will be exalted in the earth.” The Lord Almighty is with us; the God of Jacob is our fortress.

Welcome & Announcements

Worship in Song- Here I Am to Worship

Light of the world, you stepped down into darkness,

Opened my eyes, let me see.

Beauty that made this heart adore you.

Hope of a life spent with you.

Chorus

So here I am to worship, here I am to bow down,

Here I am to say that you're my God.

You're altogether holy, altogether worthy,

altogether wonderful to me.

King of all days, oh so highly exalted,
Glorious in heaven above.
Humbly You came to the earth You created,
All for love's sake became poor. *Chorus*

And I'll never know how much it cost
to see my sin upon that cross
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to see my sin upon that cross *Chorus*

Confession and Absolution

We gather in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit in whom we have life and forgiveness.

Pause to offer confession before the Lord. After a few moments of quiet reflection, pray:

Merciful Father, I know that you have died for me and have forgiven all my sins. I confess I have not always loved, trusted, and followed you with my whole heart. I also confess that I have not cared for my neighbour as I ought. For the sake of Your Son, renew my heart and life by the power of Your Holy Spirit so I may live, serve, and honour You in all that I do.

Prayer of the Day

Let us pray:

God of all mercy, by your power to heal and to forgive, gracious cleanse us from all sin and make us strong; through you Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Worship in Song- In the Cross of Christ I Glory (LBW 104)

1. In the cross of Christ I glory,
Tow'ring o'er the wrecks of time.
All the light of sacred story
Gathers round its head sublime.

2. When the woes of life o'er-take me,
Hopes deceive, and fears annoy,
Never shall the cross forsake me;
Lo, it glows with peace and joy.
3. When the sun of bliss is beaming
Light and love upon my way,
From the cross the radiance streaming
Adds more luster to the day.
4. Bane and blessing, pain and pleasure,
By the cross are sanctified;
Peace is there that knows no measure,
Joys that through all time abide.

Old Testament Reading: Isaiah 42:14-21

¹⁴ For a long time I have held my peace;
I have kept still and restrained myself;
now I will cry out like a woman in labor;
I will gasp and pant.

¹⁵ I will lay waste mountains and hills,
and dry up all their vegetation;
I will turn the rivers into islands,
and dry up the pools.

¹⁶ And I will lead the blind
in a way that they do not know,
in paths that they have not known
I will guide them.

I will turn the darkness before them into light,
the rough places into level ground.
These are the things I do,
and I do not forsake them.

¹⁷ They are turned back and utterly put to shame,
who trust in carved idols,
who say to metal images, "You are our gods."

- ¹⁸ Hear, you deaf,
and look, you blind, that you may see!
- ¹⁹ Who is blind but my servant,
or deaf as my messenger whom I send?
Who is blind as my dedicated one,
or blind as the servant of the Lord?
- ²⁰ He sees many things, but does not observe them;
his ears are open, but he does not hear.
- ²¹ The Lord was pleased, for his righteousness' sake,
to magnify his law and make it glorious.

Gospel Reading: John 9:1-41

As Jesus passed by, he saw a man blind from birth. ² And his disciples asked him, “Rabbi, who sinned, this man or his parents, that he was born blind?” ³ Jesus answered, “It was not that this man sinned, or his parents, but that the works of God might be displayed in him. ⁴ We must work the works of him who sent me while it is day; night is coming, when no one can work. ⁵ As long as I am in the world, I am the light of the world.” ⁶ Having said these things, he spit on the ground and made mud with the saliva. Then he anointed the man's eyes with the mud ⁷ and said to him, “Go, wash in the pool of Siloam” (which means Sent). So he went and washed and came back seeing.

⁸ The neighbors and those who had seen him before as a beggar were saying, “Is this not the man who used to sit and beg?” ⁹ Some said, “It is he.” Others said, “No, but he is like him.” He kept saying, “I am the man.” ¹⁰ So they said to him, “Then how were your eyes opened?” ¹¹ He answered, “The man called Jesus made mud and anointed my eyes and said to me, ‘Go to Siloam and wash.’ So I went and washed and received my sight.” ¹² They said to him, “Where is he?” He said, “I do not know.”

¹³ They brought to the Pharisees the man who had formerly been blind. ¹⁴ Now it was a Sabbath day when Jesus made the mud and opened his eyes. ¹⁵ So the Pharisees again asked him how he had received his sight. And he said to them, “He put mud on my eyes, and I washed, and I see.” ¹⁶ Some of the Pharisees said, “This man is not from God, for he does not keep the Sabbath.” But others said, “How can a man who is a sinner do such signs?” And there was a division among them. ¹⁷ So they said again to the blind man, “What do you say about him, since he has opened your eyes?” He said, “He is a prophet.”

¹⁸ The Jews did not believe that he had been blind and had received his sight, until they called the parents of the man who had received his sight ¹⁹ and asked them, “Is this your son, who you say was born blind? How then does he now see?” ²⁰ His parents answered, “We know that this is our son and that he was born blind. ²¹ But how he now sees we do not know, nor do we know who opened his eyes. Ask him; he is of age. He will speak for himself.” ²² (His parents said these things because they feared the Jews, for the Jews had already agreed that if anyone should confess Jesus to be Christ, he was to be put out of the synagogue.) ²³ Therefore his parents said, “He is of age; ask him.”

²⁴ So for the second time they called the man who had been blind and said to him, “Give glory to God. We know that this man is a sinner.” ²⁵ He answered, “Whether he is a sinner I do not know. One thing I do know, that though I was blind, now I see.” ²⁶ They said to him, “What did he do to you? How did he open your eyes?” ²⁷ He answered them, “I have told you already, and you would not listen. Why do you want to hear it again? Do you also want to become his disciples?” ²⁸ And they reviled him, saying, “You are his disciple, but we are disciples of Moses. ²⁹ We know that God has spoken to Moses, but as for this man, we do not know where he comes from.” ³⁰ The man

answered, “Why, this is an amazing thing! You do not know where he comes from, and yet he opened my eyes.”³¹ We know that God does not listen to sinners, but if anyone is a worshiper of God and does his will, God listens to him.³² Never since the world began has it been heard that anyone opened the eyes of a man born blind.³³ If this man were not from God, he could do nothing.”³⁴ They answered him, “You were born in utter sin, and would you teach us?” And they cast him out.

³⁵ Jesus heard that they had cast him out, and having found him he said, “Do you believe in the Son of Man?”³⁶ He answered, “And who is he, sir, that I may believe in him?”³⁷ Jesus said to him, “You have seen him, and it is he who is speaking to you.”³⁸ He said, “Lord, I believe,” and he worshiped him.³⁹ Jesus said, “For judgment I came into this world, that those who do not see may see, and those who see may become blind.”⁴⁰ Some of the Pharisees near him heard these things, and said to him, “Are we also blind?”⁴¹ Jesus said to them, “If you were blind, you would have no guilt; but now that you say, ‘We see,’ your guilt remains.

Confession of Faith: Apostles’ Creed

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended to the dead. On the third day He rose again. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

Worship in Song- Rock of Ages (LBW 327)

1. Rock of Ages, cleft for me,
Let me hide myself in thee;
Let the water and the blood,
From thy riven side which flowed,
Be of sin the double cure:
Cleanse me from its guilt and pow'r.
2. Not the labors of my hands
Can fulfill thy law's demands;
Could my zeal no respite know,
Could my tears forever flow,
All for sin could not atone;
Thou must save, and thou alone.
3. Nothing in my hand I bring;
Simply to thy cross I cling.
Naked, come to thee for dress;
Helpless, look to thee for grace;
Foul, I to the fountain fly;
Wash me, Savior, or I die.
4. While I draw this fleeting breath,
When mine eyelids close in death,
When I soar to worlds unknown,
See thee on thy judgment throne,
Rock of Ages, cleft for me,
Let me hide myself in thee.

New Testament Reading: Romans 12:1-8

I appeal to you therefore, brothers and sisters, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your spiritual worship. ² Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewal of your mind, that by testing you may discern what is the will of God, what is good and acceptable and perfect.

³ For by the grace given to me I say to everyone among you not to think of himself more highly than he ought to think, but to think with sober judgment, each according to the measure of faith that God has assigned. ⁴ For as in one body we have many members, and the members do not all have the same function, ⁵ so we, though many, are one body in Christ, and individually members one of another. ⁶ Having gifts that differ according to the grace given to us, let us use them: if prophecy, in proportion to our faith; ⁷ if service, in our serving; the one who teaches, in his teaching; ⁸ the one who exhorts, in his exhortation; the one who contributes, in generosity; the one who leads, with zeal; the one who does acts of mercy, with cheerfulness.

Sermon

Prayers of the Church

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.

Benediction

The Lord bless us and keep us. The Lord make His face shine upon us and be gracious to us. The Lord look on us with favour, and give us His peace. (Numbers 6:24-26)

In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

Closing Hymn- Our God

Water You turned into wine, opened the eyes of the blind;
There's no one like You, none like You.
Into the darkness, You shine; out of the ashes, we rise.
There's no one like You, none like You.

*Our God is greater, our God is stronger;
God, You are higher than any other.*

Our God is healer, awesome in power, our God, our God.

And if our God is for us then who could ever stop us,
and if our God is with us then what could stand against?

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P: Go in peace to serve the Lord. **All: Thanks be to God!**

Being the Church Scattered

Ways to stay connected:

1. Online worship gatherings

We will provide a recorded worship service for you to use at home with your family; while we know this can't replace worship physically together, this is better than nothing!

You can find our videos on our Facebook page:
@TLCLeader or on our website: www.trinityleader.ca

For those who don't use the internet, recorded physical copies of the service are available on request. Call Pastor J-M to request a copy.

2. Zoom Bible Studies

Sunday morning Bible Study will continue virtually using Zoom Video Conference Software. Sunday Morning Bible Study will be held on Sundays at 10:00 a.m.

How to set up Zoom:

1. On mobile- go to the app store, search for Zoom and download application. Create an account.
2. On desktop/laptop computer- go to www.zoom.us Click “sign up” to create an account, it will prompt you to download the Zoom application.
3. At 10 a.m. on Sunday morning open Zoom and click “Join Meeting.” Enter the Meeting ID: 306 628 4320

3. Online Sunday School Resources

Nicole has made available Trinity Sunday School’s online curriculum. Contact Nicole or visit the Sunday School Facebook Group for the login information.

4. Daily Devotions on Facebook

Pastor J-M is hosting daily video devotions on Facebook each morning at 8:30. The video is accessible live and anytime afterward. Visit Trinity’s Facebook page @TLCLLeader.

5. Communion

Pastor J-M will make Communion available on request, simply call to arrange a time.

6. Mom’s Virtual Coffee Time (via Zoom)

Cassy is hosting a virtual coffee time for moms to connect, support, and encourage each other. Contact Cassy (306) 628-8497 for more information.

WMPL Day of Prayer: March 27-28

Consider praying for missionaries and the spread of the Gospel around the world. We are encouraged to sign up to pray for half an hour time slots between Friday Mar. 27 @ 8:30 a.m. until Saturday Mar. 28 @ 8:30 a.m. Contact Roxana T. (306) 628-7423 to sign up.

Picture Day: March 25

At this point, we will continue with the scheduled picture times on Wednesday March 25. We will limit access to the building and ask that people take appropriate hygiene precautions as recommended by Public Health. If you don't want to come for your scheduled time, please call the church (306) 628-4320 and leave a message.

THIS WEEK'S PRAYER FOCUS:

- 1. Pray for Family**– Terry & Gayle
- 2. Pray for Healing**– Emmett, Florence, Joyce, Joe, Kristen, Colette, Scott, Carol
- 3. Pray for those in WSCH**– Esther, Leonard, Ted
- 4. Pray for Church Ministries** –Song Leaders/Musicians
- 5. Extended Church Body** –Little Flower Catholic church
- 6. Pray for the Mission of God**–‘WMPL’
- 7. Pray for our Government Leaders** –Town Council

Remember to pray for each other and to reach out to each other in love!