



Lent

40 DAYS OF RENEWAL



Week 2 of Lent:

Psalm 51

Luke 13:31-35

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Lent is a season of repentance, turning to God and asking for God's goodness to wipe away our sins and to show us how to live anew. Lent also turns us toward Easter and the abundant life God will offer through the Three Days. This Lenten midweek service series turns us toward God's abundance by focusing on five divine attributes from the gospel texts for Lent (lectionary cycle C).

Welcome all visitors! We welcome all who worship with us. May the joy of Christ's presence and the power of the Holy Spirit fill you with peace and hope! We are honored by your presence and trust that you will join us in the praise and worship of God.

Why no alleluias or hymns of praise during Lent? You may have noticed that the hymn of praise following the assurance of forgiveness is missing from our worship. We join other churches in omitting alleluias, glorias, and other hymns of praise as we turn again to our Lenten journey of exile and repentance. We long for the eschatological New Jerusalem "...the Jerusalem above; she is free, and she is our mother" (Galatians 4:26). We walk in darkness awaiting the city of God where... "there will be no more night; the servants of God need no light of lamp or sun, for the Lord God will be their light, and they will reign forever and ever" (Revelation 22:5). Until then, we travel with our Lord Jesus into the desert to face the devil, we join him in his triumphant procession into Jerusalem, we pray with him in the garden of Gethsemane, and we follow him to the painful cross and to the cold dark tomb. We trust that our journey with Christ does not end there. On Easter we once again join the praises of the choirs of heaven: "The Lord is risen; the Kingdom has come; our joy is complete; and, in concert with the angels and saints, we greet the risen Lord with shouts of 'Alleluia!'"

(http://catholicism.about.com/od/worship/f/No_Alleluia.htm).

PRELUDE

God's Time is Best

Bach

Nancy Enders, organist

(Please use the prelude as a quiet time to begin worship)

PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

(PLEASE STAND IF YOU ARE ABLE)

CALL TO WORSHIP

AFFIRMATION OF BAPTISM AND LENTEN VERSICLES

In the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.** (Sung)

Behold, now is the acceptable time;
now is the day of our salvation.

Turn us again, O God of our salvation,
that the light of your face may shine on us.

May your justice shine like the sun;
and may the poor be lifted up.

Let us pray.

We gather to worship, O God, under the shadow of the cross, sign of human shame and divine wisdom. Help us by your grace to follow faithfully in your ways so that we may live to you and die to you. We are your people; we belong to you. Therefore, we offer you our worship and our lives. May your name be glorified in your church as we are open to your presence this night! In the name of Jesus Christ our Lord, we pray. Amen.

CONFESSION OF SIN

CALL TO CONFESSION

In Jesus Christ, God came among us to save us from sin and death. In walking to the cross, Christ freed us from the bondage of guilt and judgment. We come before God now, seeking grace freely given to us.

(SEATED OR KNEELING)

SILENT PRAYER OF CONFESSION

LITANY PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Holy God, holy and mighty, holy immortal,
have mercy on us.

For self-centered living, and for failing to walk with humility and gentleness:

Holy God, holy and mighty, holy and immortal, have mercy on us.

For longing to have what is not ours, and for hearts that are not at rest with ourselves:

Holy God, holy and mighty, holy and immortal, have mercy on us.

For misuse of human relationships, for unwillingness to see the image of God in others:

Holy God, holy and mighty, holy and immortal, have mercy on us.

For jealousies that divide families and nations, and for rivalries that create strife and warfare:

Holy God, holy and mighty, holy and immortal, have mercy on us.

For reluctance in sharing the gifts of God, and for carelessness with the fruits of creation:

Holy God, holy and mighty, holy and immortal, have mercy on us.

For hurtful words that condemn, and for angry deeds that harm:

Holy God, holy and mighty, holy and immortal, have mercy on us.

For idleness in witnessing to Jesus Christ, and for squandering the gifts of love and grace:

Holy God, holy and mighty, holy and immortal, have mercy on us.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON AND CHORAL AMEN

In the cross, we see God's amazing love for us. We are God's children living in a confused world. So in abundant grace, God answers our doubt, heals our pain, and forgives our failures in grace. I announce therefore in the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven and made new. In the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven and set free in grace. Thanks be to God! **Amen.** (sung)

(PLEASE STAND IF YOU ARE ABLE)

HYMN

Just As I Am

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(PLEASE BE SEATED)

HOLY SCRIPTURES

THE PSALTER

Psalm 51

Have mercy on me, O God, according to your steadfast love; according to your abundant mercy blot out my transgressions. **Wash me thoroughly from my iniquity, and cleanse me from my sin.**

For I know my transgressions, and my sin is ever before me. **Against you, you alone, have I sinned, and done what is evil in your sight, so that you are justified in your sentence and blameless when you pass judgment.**

Indeed, I was born guilty, a sinner when my mother conceived me. **You desire truth in the inward being; therefore teach me wisdom in my secret heart.**

Purge me with hyssop, and I shall be clean; wash me, and I shall be whiter than snow. **Let me hear joy and gladness; let the bones that you have crushed rejoice.**

Hide your face from my sins, and blot out all my iniquities. **Create in me a clean heart, O God, and put a new and right spirit within me.**

Do not cast me away from your presence, and do not take your holy spirit from me. **Restore to me the joy of your salvation, and sustain in me a willing spirit.**

Then I will teach transgressors your ways, and sinners will return to you. **Deliver me from bloodshed, O God, O God of my salvation, and my tongue will sing aloud of your deliverance.**

O Lord, open my lips, and my mouth will declare your praise. **For you have no delight in sacrifice; if I were to give a burnt-offering, you would not be pleased.**

The sacrifice acceptable to God is a broken spirit; **a broken and contrite heart, O God, you will not despise.**

(PLEASE STAND IF YOU ARE ABLE)

THE GOSPEL LESSON ACCORDING TO ST. LUKE

Glory Be to You, O Lord

St. Luke 13:31-35

At that very hour some Pharisees came and said to him, "Get away from here, for Herod wants to kill you." He said to them, "Go and tell that fox for me, 'Listen, I am casting out demons and performing cures today and tomorrow, and on the

third day I finish my work. Yet today, tomorrow, and the next day I must be on my way, because it is impossible for a prophet to be killed outside of Jerusalem.' Jerusalem, Jerusalem, the city that kills the prophets and stones those who are sent to it! How often have I desired to gather your children together as a hen gathers her brood under her wings, and you were not willing! See, your house is left to you. And I tell you, you will not see me until the time comes when you say, 'Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.'"

THE GOSPEL OF OUR LORD

Praise Be to You, O Christ

(PLEASE BE SEATED)

SERMON

Dr. Randall Zachman

"The Sacrifice Acceptable to God is a Broken Spirit"

(PLEASE STAND IF YOU ARE ABLE)

APOSTLES' CREED

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

And in Jesus Christ, his only begotten Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sits on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the living and the dead.

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

THE VERSICLE AND RESPONSE

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Let us pray.

(SEATED OR KNEELING)

THE EVENING PRAYER

Lord, when we pity ourselves and think we make great sacrifices for others:

Remind us of your life-giving sacrifice on the Cross.

Lord, when our patience wears thin and we are ready to give up:

Speak to us through the example of your endurance on the Cross.

Lord, when we get angry and wish to retaliate against our enemies:

Bring to our remembrance your words to your enemies from the Cross.

Lord, when we feel rejected or persecuted for doing what is right and good:

Sustain us by the knowledge of how you were reviled and rejected on the Cross.

Lord, when we suffer pain of body or anguish of mind in this life:

Keep us near the Cross.

Lord, when we are afraid to stand for that which is true and honorable:

Strengthen us with the courage with which you went to the Cross.

Lord, when we feel alone in the world, forsaken and forgotten:

Comfort us with your love made known on the Cross.

Lord, when we come to the time of our own death:

Uphold us with the assurance that life did not end for you on the Cross.

Lord, when we are tempted by despair or fear of what lies ahead:

Fill us with the hope of resurrection and new life which are the fruits of your Cross.

Now in a time of silence, let us offer prayers for our loved ones who are in need of your healing love.

THE SILENT PRAYER

THE PRAYER OF OUR LORD

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 debts, as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

(PLEASE STAND IF YOU ARE ABLE)

PEOPLE'S OFFERING

OFFERTORY PRAYER

God our provider, you have not fed us with bread alone, but with the words of grace and life. Bless us and these gifts, which we receive from your bounty, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

CLOSE OF WORSHIP

Grant Us Wisdom to Perceive You

HYMN

1 Grant us wis - dom to per - ceive you, hearts a -
2 Grant us faith - ful - ness in pray - ing, strength to
3 Grant us dil - i - gence in do - ing, pa - tience
4 Grant us cour - age to pro - claim you; Sav - ior

wak - ened to re - ceive you, minds a - lert to
keep our souls from stray - ing, sense to cease from
when your truth pur - su - ing, ea - ger to re -
of our lives we name you! May our ac - tions

thoughts that grieve you, God of mer - cy, hear us.
dis - o - bey - ing, God of mer - cy, hear us.
ceive re - new - ing, God of mer - cy, hear us.
nev - er shame you; God of mer - cy, hear us.

(PLEASE BE SEATED)

MUSICAL MEDITATION

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Chaconne

Couperin

Nancy Enders, organist

CATCH THE VISION & SHARE THE JOY

Ministering This Evening

Liturgist: Rev. Dr. Christopher Rankin

Preacher: Dr. Randall Zachman

Building Trustee: John Shelsky

Tonight we welcome Dr. Randall Zachman as our guest preacher. Dr. Zachman is a graduate of Colgate University (B.A.), Yale Divinity School (M.Div.), and the University of Chicago Divinity School (Ph.D.). He is the Professor Emeritus of Reformation Studies at the University of Notre Dame, South Bend, IN. Dr. Zachman has published articles and books on John Calvin and Martin Luther. He is currently Adjunct Professor of Church History at Lancaster Theological Seminary. Dr. Zachman is the husband of the Rev. Dr. Carrie Call.

Thanks to Nancy Enders for serving as our supply organist tonight. A graduate of Lebanon Valley College, Nancy is a retired Hempfield School District music teacher. She served as our organist & director of music from 1989-2010 and interim organist in 2016.

LENTEN SERVICES---Theme: Turning Toward God's Abundance

Week 3: Compassion (March 23 at 7 p.m.)---Rev. Margaret Rohnacher

Week 4: Forgiveness (March 30 at 7 p.m.)---Rev. Bob Bistline

Week 5: Love (April 6 at 7 p.m.)—Rev. Sandy Morris (may include the order of healing)

We are also planning to stream the Wednesday evening services.

ADULT CHRISTIAN EDUCATION CLASS: The Rev. Dr. Rich Christensen will be leading an adult Sunday School class on **March 20** at 9:00 a.m. in Isenberg Hall. The title of Dr. Christensen's class is **“Uncovering Deeper Meaning in the Bible”**. He will look at some familiar texts and see the meanings behind them which are not immediately obvious.

GOOD FRIDAY BREAKFAST: The Lancaster YMCA is planning to have the Good Friday breakfast on at the Farm & Home Center on April 15 at 7:30 a.m. (doors open at 7:00 a.m.). The Rev. Gerald Simmons, Pastor of Faith Tabernacle Church of God in Christ and graduate of Lancaster Theological Seminary, will be the speaker. Trinity will once again have a table of 8 people for the breakfast. The cost will be \$20 per person. Contact the church office to make a reservation.

DEVOTIONALS: The January-March edition of *These Days* & Lenten devotionals are available on the table across from the church office or on the lower level by the portico entrance.

THE MARCH PARISH POST is available on both floors of the church building.

CHURCH DIRECTORY: Copies of the new church directory are available on the table across from the church office and in the information racks on both floors of the church building.

LUNCH WITH THE PASTOR: Bring your lunch and enjoy the fellowship on March 17 from noon-1 p.m. in Isenberg Hall!

2021 ANNUAL REPORTS are available on the table across from the church office and in the information racks on the both floors of the church building.

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2022 CHANCEL FLOWERS AND WORSHIP AIDS SPONSORS

Contact Carol in the church office to sign-up for chancel flowers and worship aids for 2022. We recently changed florists and so the new price for flowers will be \$60. The price for worship aids will remain at \$26. Upcoming dates for chancel flowers are: **March 27**.

A MEMORIAL SERVICE FOR KEN GEIB will be held at Trinity Church on Sunday, March 20 at 2 p.m.

CHURCH MULCHING: The Property Committee is planning to put mulch around the church property on Saturday, April 2, 8:30 AM. Raindate to be announced. Sign-up sheet in hallway across from the church office.

LIFE LINE SCREENING

Do you have high cholesterol or high blood pressure? Have members of your family suffered from these ailments? do you have a poor diet? If you answer “yes” to any of these questions, you may want to consider being screened through the services of Life Line Screening. Life Line Screening uses ultrasound technology to view the plaque buildup in your carotid arteries, the main arteries that carry blood to the brain. Blockages in these arteries are a leading cause of stroke. We are pleased to host this Life Line Screening event on **March 26** at Trinity UCC. Register for a Wellness Package which includes 4 vascular tests and osteoporosis screening from \$149(\$139 with our member discount).

All five screenings take 60-90 minutes to complete. In order to register for this event and to receive a \$10 discount off any package priced above \$129, please call 1-888-653-6441 or visit www.lifelinescreening.com/communitycircle or text the word circle to 797979. You can also sign up on the Screening Apt. Sheet on the table across from the church office.

Also available are coupons for either a free screening or a half price screening. There are a limited number of coupons. First come, first served. Contact the church office for more information.

PRAYER CONCERNS: The family of Donna Smoker (friend of Trinity), Anne Rankin, Donna Zirkel, Marvin Lehman and family, Lee Bossert, Dr. Cathy Hoshauer, Joann Garvin, Herb Charles, Rev. Phyllis Baum, Rev. Jere & Judy Chapman, Herb Holbein (father-in-law of Danielle Huggins Holbein), Jean Otthofer (mother of Dan Otthofer), Rev. Paul Eyer (former pastor of St. Luke's), Danielle Huggins Holbein, Carole Connor, Gina McCarty (daughter-in-law of Bud & Kathy McCarty), Mary Witmer, Mark & Mary Anne Ritter (friends of the Paulukows), Patrick & Mel (nephew of Marianne Gibble & his wife), the Martin family, Robert Richards (brother of Jerry Richards), Hillary Brennan (mother of John Brennan), Ann Wolf (neighbor of George & Sandy DeLong), David & Ann Potts (friends of Brenda & Harry Himelwright), Pete & Nora Petrosky (friends of Dr. Cathy Hoshauer), Lynn Dull, Hilma Slechta (mother of Mike Slechta), Chad & Paul Zirkel (sons of Donna Zirkel), Ronald Himelwright (grandson of Brenda & Harry Himelwright), Barry Richards (son of Jerry & Carmen Richards), Tyler Miller (grandson of Iris DeMaio), Joan Kalbach (mother of Dr. Cathy Hoshauer), Donna Denlinger, Nancy Patton, Gary Reynolds (friend of Mike & Shelley Wagner), Rev. Bob & Nancy Musser, Phyllis Zimmerman, Chris Rice (nephew of Diane Rice & Karen Olley), Jaimie & Aurora Commero (friends of Sarah Paulukow), Mark Zody (friend of Denise Huggins), Jim & Kathy Long (friends of Jerry & Carmen Richards), John Siebern (Bob Siever's brother-in-law), Carl Roth (Gretchen Leinbach's brother), Scott Summers, Rev. Frank Lantz, Lainie Christensen, Sandra Englert (niece of Betty Tyndall), Charles & Betty Booraem, Betty Tyndall and family, Dorothy Fasnacht, Jo Jo Richards & family (Carmen & Jerry's granddaughter-in-law), Bob & Marlyn Wible, Lily Kilgore & family, Barry Moore (Donna & Ron Denlinger's brother-in-law), Jordan Sensenig (grandson of Pat & Joan Sensenig), Judy Wisniewski (sister of Chuck Husted), Elaine Sturgis (friend of Sue Husted), Doris Leaman, Judie Bistline, and the Bonilla-Rodriguez family (friends of Trinity Church).

LENTEN DENIAL ENVELOPES: The Board of Deacons decided to use all donations given through the Lenten Denial envelope to assist those impacted by the crisis in Ukraine. Please be generous as we help our brothers and sisters in need.