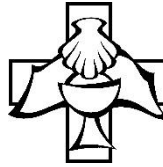


Sexagesima ('Sixtieth' before Easter)
 The Sunday of the Sower and the Seed
 February 4, 2024



**SERVICE
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INTROIT

Ps. 44:1-2, 7-8; antiphon: Ps. 44:23, 25a, 26a

- P** Awake! Why are you sleeping, O Lord?
 Rouse yourself! Do not reject us forever!
- C** **For our soul is bowed down to the dust.
 Rise up; come to our help!**
- P** O God, we have heard with our ears,
 our fathers have told us,
 what deeds you performed in their days, in the days of old:
- C** **you with your own hand drove out the nations,
 but them you planted;
 you afflicted the peoples, but them you set free.**
- P** But you have saved us from our foes
 and have put to shame those who hate us.
- C** **In God we have boasted continually,
 and we will give thanks to your name forever.**

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COLLECT OF THE DAY

O God, the strength of all who put their trust in You, mercifully grant that by Your power we may be defended against all adversity; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Isaiah 55:10-13

¹⁰[Thus says the Lord God:] As the rain and the snow come down from heaven and do not return there but water the earth, making it bring forth and sprout, giving seed to the sower and bread to the eater, ¹¹so shall my word be that goes out from my mouth; it shall not return to me empty, but it shall accomplish that which I purpose, and shall succeed in the thing for which I sent it. ¹²For you shall go out in joy and be led forth in peace; the mountains and the hills before you shall break forth into singing, and all the trees of the field shall clap their hands. ¹³Instead of the thorn shall come up the cypress; instead of the brier shall come up the myrtle; and it shall make a name for the LORD, an everlasting sign that shall not be cut off."

2 Corinthians 11:19 – 12:9

¹⁹[Brethren:] You gladly bear with fools, being wise yourselves! ²⁰For you bear it if someone makes slaves of you, or devours you, or takes advantage of you, or puts on airs, or strikes you in the face. ²¹To my shame, I must say, we were too weak for that!

But whatever anyone else dares to boast of—I am speaking as a fool—I also dare to boast of that. ²²Are they Hebrews? So am I. Are they Israelites? So am I. Are they offspring of Abraham? So am I. ²³Are they servants of Christ? I am a better one—I am talking like a madman—with far greater labors, far more imprisonments, with countless beatings, and often near death. ²⁴Five times I received at the hands of the Jews the forty lashes less one. ²⁵Three times I was beaten with rods. Once I was stoned. Three times I was shipwrecked; a night and a day I was adrift at sea; ²⁶on frequent journeys, in danger from rivers, danger from robbers, danger from my own people, danger from Gentiles, danger in the city, danger in the wilderness, danger at sea, danger from false brothers; ²⁷in toil and hardship, through many a sleepless night, in hunger and thirst, often without food, in cold and exposure. ²⁸And, apart from other things, there is the daily pressure on me of my anxiety for all the churches. ²⁹Who is weak, and I am not weak? Who is made to fall, and I am not indignant?

³⁰If I must boast, I will boast of the things that show my weakness. ³¹The God and Father of the Lord Jesus, he who is blessed forever, knows that I am not lying. ³²At Damascus, the governor under King Aretas was guarding the city of Damascus in order to seize me, ³³but I was let down in a basket through a window in the wall and escaped his hands.

¹I must go on boasting. Though there is nothing to be gained by it, I will go on to visions and revelations of the Lord. ²I know a man in Christ who fourteen years ago was caught up to the third heaven—whether in the body or out of the body I do not know, God knows. ³And I know that this man was caught up into paradise—whether in the body or out of the body I do not know, God knows— ⁴and he heard things that cannot be told, which man may not utter. ⁵On behalf of this man I will boast, but on my own behalf I will not boast, except of my weaknesses. ⁶Though if I should wish to boast, I would not be a fool, for I would be speaking the truth. But I refrain from it, so that no one may think more of me than he sees in me or hears from me. ⁷So to keep me from being too elated by the surpassing greatness of the revelations, a thorn was given me in the flesh, a messenger of Satan to harass me, to keep me from being too elated. ⁸Three times I pleaded with the Lord about this, that it should leave me. ⁹But he said to me, "My grace is sufficient for you, for my power is made perfect in weakness." Therefore I will boast all the more gladly of my weaknesses, so that the power of Christ may rest upon me.

Luke 8:4-15

⁴ [At that time:] When a great crowd was gathering and people from town after town came to [Jesus], he said in a parable:

⁵"A sower went out to sow his seed. And as he sowed, some fell along the path and was trampled underfoot, and the birds of the air devoured it. ⁶And some fell on the rock, and as it grew up, it withered away, because it had no moisture. ⁷And some fell among thorns, and the thorns grew up with it and choked it. ⁸And some fell into good soil and grew and yielded a hundredfold." As he said these things, he called out, "He who has ears to hear, let him hear."

⁹And when his disciples asked him what this parable meant, ¹⁰he said, "To you it has been given to know the secrets of the kingdom of God, but for others they are in parables, so that 'seeing they may not see, and hearing they may not understand.' ¹¹Now the parable is this: The seed is the word of God. ¹²The ones along the path are those who have heard. Then the devil comes and takes away the word from their hearts, so that they may not believe and be saved. ¹³And the ones on the rock are those who, when they hear the word, receive it with joy. But these have no root; they believe for a while, and in time of testing fall away. ¹⁴And as for what fell among the thorns, they are those who hear, but as they go on their way they are choked by the cares and riches and pleasures of life, and their fruit does not mature. ¹⁵As for that in the good soil, they are those who, hearing the word, hold it fast in an honest and good heart, and bear fruit with patience.



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Sermon Hymn	586 Preach You the Word
Distribution Hymns.....	728 How Firm a Foundation
	861 Christ Be My Leader
Closing Hymn	921 On What Has Now Been Sown



THE LORD’S SUPPER is being celebrated today. Trinity Lutheran upholds the Scriptural practice of Closed Communion. God’s Word teaches the real presence of Christ’s body and blood for the forgiveness of sins. It also teaches that those who eat and drink our Lord’s body and blood unworthily do so to their great harm (see 1 Cor. 11:27-29) and that Holy Communion is a confession of what is taught and believed at this altar (1 Cor. 11:26). Therefore, for your own spiritual welfare, if you are not yet instructed, in doubt, or if you hold a confession differing from that of this congregation (that is, belong to another church body or denomination), and yet desire to receive the Sacrament, you are asked to first speak with the pastor.

The
Word *or the* **Lord**
endures **Forever**



Verbum Domini Manet in Aeternum

1 Peter 1:24-25

EVENTS AND INFO

WEDNESDAY COMMUNION SERVICE 6:30PM

Heb. 12:3-9; Matt. 12:30-37

#685 Let Us Ever Walk with Jesus.

This service offers a second opportunity for worship during the week and an alternate for those who can't make a Sunday.

- **ASH WEDNESDAY** is February 14th and marks the beginning of the 40 days of Lent. We will have a Divine Service at 6:30pm beginning with the imposition of ashes.
- **OFFERING COUNTERS** are needed for 2024. There is a sign up sheet in the narthex or please talk with Nancy Jarrett.
- **SUNDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDY:** is at 9am in the Parish Hall. We'd love to have more of our church family joining us. We're nearing the end of the book of Acts and will be starting a new study right around the time of Easter.
- **WEDNESDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDY:** is at 9am every Wednesday in the Parish Hall. We have a great time every week and we'd love to have more join us. We're finishing up the book of Matthew. The timing is perfect as we'll be getting into His Passion and Resurrection right during Lent and Easter.
- **CHURCH'S EMAIL LIST:** If you're not receiving the two weekly emails (Thursday and Saturday) from our congregation, please let Pastor Boehne know so we can get your email on the list. Thanks!
- **UPDATE ON ORGAN AND SOUND SYSTEM:** We're in the process of collecting quite a bit of information and contacting various companies and reps. We will be setting up some visits with some of those companies in the near future and getting specific bids/prices to bring to the Voters. We will keep you updated.
- **DOLLARS FOR MISSIONS:** On the table in the narthex is a collection box where we continue to support various missions. Did you know that Dollar for Mission funds are now available for pastors to open new prison ministries in central Illinois? Currently the DFM project, for \$1,800, is to provide mileage reimbursement for Pastor David Dunlop of Chestnut and Clinton to continue CID's established prison ministry in Lincoln.
- **VACANCY SERVICE AT ZION LUTHERAN IN WENONA:** Pastor Boehne is overseeing the vacancy at Zion Lutheran Church in Wenona. He's leading a Saturday night Divine Service at 5pm in Wenona. Any members of Trinity are welcome to attend on a Saturday night if you can't make our Sunday morning here. There will be one Saturday each month where another pastor takes the service (Feb. 17, Mar. 9).
- **CHURCH CALENDAR:** To reserve any part of the building for a certain date, please talk to Judi Hartman or Pastor Boehne and they will coordinate with you.

THIS WEEK AT TRINITY

TODAY	9:00am	Sunday School and Bible Study
	10:00am	Divine Service with Holy Communion
MONDAY	8:30am	Preschool
	9:00am	Quilting Ladies
TUESDAY	8:30am	Preschool
WEDNESDAY	8:30am	Preschool (<i>Chapel at 8:45</i>)
	9:00am	Bible Study (Parish Hall)
	10:30am	Bible Study at El Paso Health Care
	3:30pm	Confirmation
	6:30pm	Evening Service with Holy Communion
THURSDAY	8:30am	Preschool (<i>Chapel at 8:45</i>)
FRIDAY	8:30am	Preschool
SATURDAY	9:00am	Life Team Meeting
SUNDAY	9:00am	Sunday School and Bible Study
	10:00am	Divine Service with Holy Communion
	1:30pm	Service at The Arc (Pastor Boehne)

PASTOR BOEHNE'S SCHEDULE THIS WEEK

M: Wenona AM; Office PM
T: El Paso Ministerial Meeting AM; Office rest of day
W: Bible Studies in AM; Office/Confirmation PM; Church at 6:30
Th: Visits All Day
F: Family Day
S: Office AM; Church in Wenona 5pm



THOSE SERVING TODAY

Pastor Rev. Jonathan P. Boehne
Elder Dennis Hocker
Organist Dr. Tim Fredstrom
Ushers Lucas Nenne, Zander Johnson
Acolyte Gabrielle Oakley

SERMON ON 2 CORINTHIANS 11:19—12:9



I'VE GOT PROBLEMS. THE LORD'S GOT POWER.

I'M WEAK. THE LORD'S STRONG.

Sermon Outline

1. Fact: No one's got it all together. We've all got problems.
2. The super-apostles were claiming they had it all together and Paul pokes fun at their foolishness.
3. Paul had problems and we've got problems. But the Lord has power.
 - a. Examples of Weaknesses – Physical or mental sicknesses, depression, chronic pain, disabilities (sight, hearing, mind, paralysis, etc.), barrenness, social anxieties, poverty, grief, persecution, victim of abuse, PTSD, weakness to particular temptations (might run in the family), attractions to same-sex, ADHD, dysfunctional or broken family, divorce in family, overly emotional/sensitive, a wayward child, obsessive, lonely, etc.
4. Boast in your weaknesses and the Lord's power. God uses our weaknesses and afflictions for His purposes:
 - a. To bring us to repentance and strengthen faith.
 - b. To put sin to death in our bodies.
 - c. To put God's works on display for others.
 - d. To declare our obedience to the world.

DOCTRINE FOR THE DAY – GOD’S PURPOSES IN AFFLICTIONS

From the Lutheran Confessions, Apology, Article XIIb:

Therefore, troubles are not always punishments or signs of wrath. Indeed, terrified consciences should be taught that there are more important purposes for afflictions [2 Corinthians 12:9], so that they do not think God is rejecting them when they see nothing but God's punishment and anger in troubles. The other more important purposes are to be considered, that is, that God is doing His strange work so that He may be able to do His own work, as Isaiah 28 teaches in a long speech. [62/159] When the disciples asked about the blind man who sinned, Christ replies that the cause of his blindness is not sin, but that “the works of God might be displayed in him” (John 9:2–3). In Jeremiah it is said, “If those who did not deserve to drink the cup must drink it ...” (49:12). So the prophets, John the Baptist, and other saints were killed [Matthew 5:11]. [63/160] Therefore, troubles are not always punishments for certain past deeds, but they are God’s works, intended for our benefit, and that God’s power might be made more apparent in our weakness.

So Paul says God’s strength “is made perfect in weakness” (2 Corinthians 12:9). Because of God’s will, our bodies should be sacrifices, to declare our obedience, and not to pay for eternal death. God has another price for that: the death of His own Son.

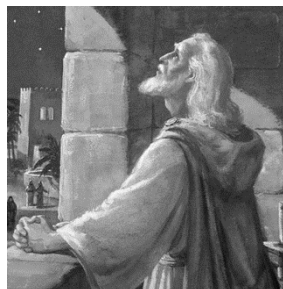
From the Lutheran Confessions, Formula of Concord, Solid Declaration:

Also, Paul teaches this in a very consoling way. He explains that God in His purpose has ordained before the time of the world by what crosses and sufferings He would conform every one of His elect to the image of His Son. His cross shall and must work together for good for everyone, because they are called according to God’s purpose. Therefore, Paul has concluded that it is certain and beyond doubt that neither “tribulation, or distress,” neither “death nor life,” or other such things “will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.” (See Romans 8:28, 29, 35, 38, 39.)

LAST SUNDAY

The Sunday of Septuagesima (70 days 'til Easter)

Daniel was 70 years in Babylon during the exile and kept turning his face to home and to the Lord. We also live in exile in this world knowing this "isn't all there is". We have a better home and country. So we keep turning our face to the Lord with Daniel—hearing God's Word, receiving His Sacraments, and praying for His mercy and forgiveness.



NEXT SUNDAY - February 11, 2024

Sunday of Passion Prediction & Healing Blind

*1 Sam. 16:1-13; 1 Cor. 13:1-13; Luke 18:31-43

Hymns: 719, 709, 739, 763, 725

The blind man begged, "Jesus, Son of David, have mercy on me." We will especially look at 1 Samuel 16, the calling and anointing of David, to see why Jesus is called "Son of David".



DAILY READINGS FOR HOME DEVOTIONS

(Please see the 2024 Trinity Family Handbook for a complete outline to use at home in your devotions. These readings are taken from the Daily Lectionary on p. 299 in the hymnal. The readings in italics are optional.)

DAILY BIBLE READINGS

LSB p. 299

Feb. 4	Job 1:1-22	John 1:1-18
Feb. 5	Job 2:1—3:10	John 1:19-34
Feb. 6	Job 3:11-26	John 1:35-51
Feb. 7	Job 4:1-21	John 2:1-12
Feb. 8	Job 5:1-27	John 2:13-25
Feb. 9	Job 6:1-13	John 3:1-21
Feb. 10	Job 6:14-30	John 3:22—4:6
Feb. 11	Job 7:1-21	John 4:7-26

PRAYER LIST

- † Anna Lehr (The Arc in El Paso)
- † Larry Byrd (Cancer)
Nick Cargill (cancer – cousin of Amy Whisker)
Evangeline Crump
Roger Fredrickson (friend of Todd Johnson)
Linda Hocker
Ethan Jeffreys (cancer)
Bev Jones (cancer)
Brian Kurz (cancer)
Erika, stepdaughter of Rhonda (Phillis) Martin
Jerry Whisker
- † For those suffering from mental illness
- † For those who have been led away from Christ and His Church
- † For our nation & leaders; for our police & emergency services
- † Military: Adam Burton 3051 Albacore Circle K18, Silverdale, WA 98315
James & Annley Armstrong (grandchild of Marilyn & Darrell Schieber)
Michael Kearney (LCMS Chaplain from El Paso)
Shelby Oertwig (Grandson of Connie Wills)
John Richardson (nephew of Valerie Boehne)
- † Rev. Matthew Harrison, Synod Pres.; Rev. Michael Mohr, District Pres
- † Trinity Lutheran Preschool, Michelle Wahls & Linda Haas

