

*OCULI*  
Third Sunday in Lent



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The Son of God did not come to be served, but to serve,  
and to give His life a ransom for many. (Matthew 20:28)

## Blessed Jesus, at Thy Word



1 Bless-ed Je - sus, at Thy word We are gath-ered all to hear  
 2 All our knowl-edge, sense, and sight Lie in deep - est dark - ness shroud -  
 3 Glo - rious Lord, Thy - self im - part, Light of Light, from God pro - ceed -  
 4 Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost, Praise to Thee and ad - o - ra -



Thee; Let our hearts and souls be stirred Now to seek and  
 ed Till Thy Spir - it breaks our night With the beams of  
 ing; O - pen Thou our ears and heart, Help us by Thy  
 tion! Grant that we Thy Word may trust And ob - tain true



love and fear Thee, By Thy teach - ings, sweet and ho - ly,  
 truth un - cloud - ed. Thou a - lone to God canst win us;  
 Spir - it's plead - ing; Hear the cry Thy peo - ple rais - es,  
 con - so - la - tion While we here be - low must wan - der,



Drawn from earth to love Thee sole - ly.  
 Thou must work all good with - in us.  
 Hear and bless our prayers and prais - es.  
 Till we sing Thy prais - es yon - der.

### WELCOME VISITORS!

*Please introduce yourselves to the pastors either before or after the Service and sign our guest register in the narthex. If you are a Lutheran and a member of a congregation of The Lutheran Church - Missouri Synod who wishes to receive the blessed Sacrament, please announce your intention to one of the pastors prior to the Service. Except on-call and first-response professionals, everyone is kindly asked to turn off all electronic devices. We hope that you will return again soon. Thank you.*

*Prelude on "Iste Confessor" – Healey Willan*

*Prayer upon entering Church: Almighty, ever-living God, grant that I may gladly hear Thy Word and that all my worship may be acceptable unto Thee; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.*

Pealing of the Bell

"Liebster Jesu"

Text: St. 1-3, Tobias Clausnitzer, 1619-84; St. 4, *Berliner Gesangbuch*, 1707;  
 Tune: Johann R. Ahle, 1625-73  
 Text and tune: Public domain

LIEBSTER JESU  
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*Luke 11:28*

*This hymn may be found in The Lutheran Hymnal, #16.*

In the Name of the Father and of the ☩ Son and of the Holy Ghost.

**Amen.**

Beloved in the Lord. Let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins unto God, our Father, beseeching Him in the Name of our Lord Jesus Christ, to grant us forgiveness.

☩ Our help ☩ is in the Name of the Lord.

**Who made heaven and earth.**

I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord.

**And Thou forgavest the iniquity of my sin.**

O almighty God, merciful Father, **I, a poor, miserable sinner, confess unto Thee all my sins and iniquities with which I have ever offended Thee and justly deserved Thy temporal and eternal punishment. But I am heartily sorry for them and sincerely repent of them, and I pray Thee of Thy boundless mercy and for the sake of the holy, innocent, bitter sufferings and death of Thy beloved Son, Jesus Christ, to be gracious and merciful to me, a poor, sinful being.**

Upon this your confession, I, by virtue of my office as a called and ordained servant of the Word, announce the grace of God unto all of you, and in the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of ☩ the Son and of the Holy Ghost.

**Amen.**



☩ Mine eyes are ever | toward the Lord:\*  
for He shall pluck my feet out | of the net.  
Turn Thee unto me and have mercy | upon me:\*  
for I am desolate and | afflicted.  
**Unto Thee, O Lord, do I lift | up my soul:\***  
**O my God, I trust in Thee; let me not | be ashamed.**  
**Glory be to the Father and | to the Son:\***  
**and to | the Holy Ghost:**  
**As it was in the beginning, is now, and | ever shall be:\***  
**world without | end. Amen.**

Mine eyes are ever | toward the Lord:\*  
for He shall pluck my feet out | of the net.  
Turn Thee unto me and have mercy | upon me:\*  
for I am desolate and | afflicted.

Psalms 25:15,16,1,2a

## Kyrie eleison, ninefold

HEALEY WILLAN, 1928

*In unison, moderate time*

Lord, have mer-cy up-on us. Lord, have mer-cy up-on us. Lord,

have mer-cy up-on us. Christ, have mercy up-on us. Christ, have mercy up-

on us. Christ, have mercy up-on . . . us. Lord, have mercy up-

on us. Lord, have mercy up-on us. Lord, have mercy up-on us.



The Lord be with you.



**And with thy spirit.**



Let us pray.

We beseech Thee, Almighty God, look upon the hearty desires of Thy humble servants: and stretch forth the right hand of Thy majesty; to be our defense against all our enemies, through Jesus Christ, Thy Son, our Lord; who liveth and reigneth with Thee and the Holy Ghost, ever one God: world without end.

Gregorian Sacramentary



**A — men.**

Almighty and everlasting God, who hatest nothing that Thou hast made and dost forgive the sins of all those who are penitent: create and make in us new and contrite hearts; that we, worthily lamenting our sins and acknowledging our wretchedness, may obtain of Thee, the God of all mercy, perfect remission and forgiveness, through Jesus Christ, Thy Son, our Lord; who liveth and reigneth with Thee and the Holy Ghost, ever one God: world without end.



**A — men.**

The Old Testament Reading for *Oculi* Sunday from Jeremiah:

In those days, in the beginning of the reign of Jehoiakim the son of Josiah, king of Judah, this word came from the LORD, saying, “Thus says the LORD: ‘Stand in the court of the Lord’s house, and speak to all the cities of Judah, which come to worship in the Lord’s house, all the words that I command you to speak to them. Do not diminish a word. Perhaps everyone will listen and turn from his evil way, that I may relent concerning the calamity which I purpose to bring on them because of the evil of their doings.’ And you shall say to them, ‘Thus says the LORD: “If you will not listen to Me, to walk in My law which I have set before you, to heed the words of My servants the prophets whom I sent to you, both rising up early and sending them (but you have not heeded), then I will make this house like Shiloh, and will make this city a curse to all the nations of the earth.”’” So the priests and the prophets and all the people heard Jeremiah speaking these words in the house of the LORD. Now it

happened, when Jeremiah had made an end of speaking all that the LORD had commanded him to speak to all the people, that the priests and the prophets and all the people seized him, saying, “You will surely die! Why have you prophesied in the name of the LORD, saying, ‘This house shall be like Shiloh, and this city shall be desolate, without an inhabitant’?” And all the people were gathered against Jeremiah in the house of the LORD. When the princes of Judah heard these things, they came up from the king’s house to the house of the LORD and sat down in the entry of the new gate of the Lord’s house. And the priests and the prophets spoke to the princes and all the people, saying, “This man deserves to die! For he has prophesied against this city, as you have heard with your ears.” Then Jeremiah spoke to all the princes and all the people, saying: “The LORD sent me to prophesy against this house and against this city with all the words that you have heard. Now therefore, amend your ways and your doings, and obey the voice of the LORD your God; then the LORD will relent concerning the doom that He has pronounced against you. As for me, here I am, in your hand; do with me as seems good and proper to you. But know for certain that if you put me to death, you will surely bring innocent blood on yourselves, on this city, and on its inhabitants; for truly the LORD has sent me to you to speak all these words in your hearing.”

Jeremiah 26:1-15



**Arise, O Lord, let not | man prevail:\***  
**let the heathen be judged | in Thy sight.**  
**When mine enemies | are turned back:\***  
**they shall fall and perish at | Thy presence.**

Psalms 9:1,3

The Epistle of Blessed Paul the Apostle to the Ephesians:

*Brethren:* Therefore be followers of God as dear children. And walk in love, as Christ also has loved us and given Himself for us, an offering and a sacrifice to God for a sweet-smelling aroma. But fornication and all uncleanness or covetousness, let it not even be named among you, as is fitting for saints; neither filthiness, nor foolish talking, nor coarse jesting, which are not fitting, but rather giving of thanks. For this you know, that no fornicator, unclean person, nor covetous man, who is an idolater, has any inheritance in the kingdom of Christ and God. Let no one deceive you with empty words, for because of these things the wrath of God comes upon the sons of disobedience. Therefore do not be partakers with them. For you were once darkness, but now you are light in the Lord. Walk as children of light (for the fruit of the Spirit is in all goodness, righteousness, and truth).

Ephesians 5:1-9



**Unto Thee lift I up mine eyes, O Thou that dwellest in the | heavens:\***  
**have mercy upon us, O Lord, have mercy | upon us.**

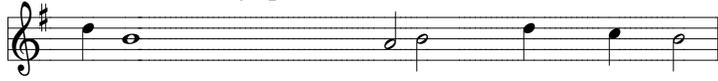
Psalms 123:1,3a



The Lord be with you.



And with thy spirit.



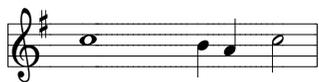
The continuation of the Holy Gospel according to Saint Luke.



Glory be to Thee, O Lord.

⌘ *At that time* Jesus was casting out a demon, and it was mute. So it was, when the demon had gone out, that the mute spoke; and the multitudes marveled. But some of them said, “He casts out demons by Beelzebub, the ruler of the demons.” And others, testing Him, sought from Him a sign from heaven. But He, knowing their thoughts, said to them: “Every kingdom divided against itself is brought to desolation, and a house divided against a house falls. If Satan also is divided against himself, how will his kingdom stand? Because you say I cast out demons by Beelzebub. And if I cast out demons by Beelzebub, by whom do your sons cast them out? Therefore they will be your judges. But if I cast out demons with the finger of God, surely the kingdom of God has come upon you. When a strong man, fully armed, guards his own palace, his goods are in peace. But when a stronger than he comes upon him and overcomes him, he takes from him all his armor in which he trusted, and divides his spoils. He who is not with Me is against Me, and he who does not gather with Me scatters. When an unclean spirit goes out of a man, he goes through dry places, seeking rest; and finding none, he says, ‘I will return to my house from which I came.’ And when he comes, he finds it swept and put in order. Then he goes and takes with him seven other spirits more wicked than himself, and they enter and dwell there; and the last state of that man is worse than the first.” And it happened, as He spoke these things, that a certain woman from the crowd raised her voice and said to Him, “Blessed is the womb that bore You, and the breasts which nursed You!” But He said, “More than that, blessed are those who hear the word of God and keep it!”

St. Luke 11:14-28



The Gospel of the Lord.



Praise be to Thee, O Christ.

I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth and of all things visible and invisible.

And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of His Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, Very God of Very God, Begotten, not made, Being of one substance with the Father, By whom all things were made; Who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven and was incarnate by the Holy Ghost of the Virgin Mary and was made man; And was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate. He suffered and was buried; And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures; and ascended into heaven, And sitteth on the right hand of the Father; and He shall come again with glory to judge both the quick and the dead; Whose kingdom shall have no end.

And I believe in the Holy Ghost, The Lord and Giver of Life, Who proceedeth from the Father and the Son, Who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified, Who spake by the prophets. And I believe one holy Christian and Apostolic Church. I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins, And I look for the resurrection of the dead, And the life of the world to come. Amen.



# Lord of Our Life and God of Our Salvation



1 Lord of our life and God of our sal - va - tion,  
 Star of our night and Hope of ev - ery na - tion,  
 Hear and re - ceive thy Church's sup - pli -  
 ca - tion, Lord God Al - might - y.

- 2 See round thine ark the hungry billows curling;  
 See how thy foes their banners are unfurling;  
 Lord, while their darts envenomed they are hurling,  
 Thou canst preserve us.
- 3 Lord, thou canst help when earthly armor faileth,  
 Lord, thou canst save when deadly sin assaileth;  
 Christ, o'er thy Church nor death nor hell prevai-leth;  
 Grant us thy peace, Lord.
- 4 Peace in our hearts, our evil thoughts assuaging;  
 Peace in thy Church, where brothers are engaging;  
 Peace, when the world its busy war is waging;  
 Calm thy foes' raging.
- 5 Grant us thy help till backward they are driven,  
 Grant them thy truth that they may be forgiven;  
 Grant peace on earth, and after we have striven,  
 Peace in thy heaven. Amen.



A-men.

Text: Matthäus A. von Löwenstern (1594–1648); paraphr. Philip Pusey (1799–1855), alc.  
 Tune: Iste confessor (Rouen Church tune) 11. 11. 11. 5

*This hymn may be found in Worship Supplement, #786*

Sermon

Collection of the Offerings

“Soft Voluntary” – George Elvey



**The statutes of the Lord are right, rejoicing the heart:  
 the judgments of the Lord are sweeter also than honey and the  
 honey-comb. Moreover by them is Thy servant warned.**

Psalm 19:8-11

Almighty and most merciful God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, we give Thee thanks for all Thy goodness and tender mercies, especially...

After each petition:

Lord in Thy mercy:

**Hear our prayer.**

These and whatsoever other things Thou wouldst have us ask of Thee. O God, grant unto us for the sake of the bitter sufferings and death of Jesus Christ, Thine only Son, our Lord and Savior, who liveth and reigneth with Thee and the Holy Ghost, ever one God, world without end.

**Amen.**



The Lord be with you.



**And with thy spirit.**



Lift up your hearts.



**We lift them up unto the Lord.**



Let us give thanks unto the Lord our God.



**It is meet and right so to do.**



It is truly meet, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks unto Thee, O Lord, holy Father, almighty, everlasting God, Who on the tree of the cross didst give salvation unto mankind that, whence death arose, thence Life also might rise again; and that he who by a tree once overcame might likewise by a tree be overcome, through Christ, our Lord; through whom with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Thy glorious name, evermore praising Thee and saying:



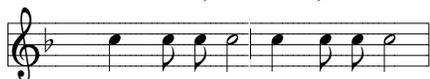
**\*Holy, holy, holy, Lord God of Sab - a - oth;**



**Heaven and earth are full of Thy glory;**



**Hosanna, Hosanna, Hosanna in the highest.**



**Blessed is He, Blessed is He,**



**Blessed is He that ✠ cometh in the name of the Lord.**



**Hosanna, Hosanna, Hosanna in the highest.**



Let us pray. 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.**



Our Lord Jesus Christ, the same night in which He was betrayed, took bread; and when He had given thanks ✠, He brake it and gave it to His disciples, saying,

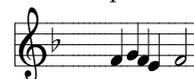
Take, eat,  
**THIS IS MY BODY,**  
which is given for you.  
This do in remembrance of Me.

After the same manner also He took the cup when He had supped, and when He had given thanks ✠, He gave it to them saying,

Drink ye all of it;  
**THIS CUP IS THE NEW TESTAMENT IN MY BLOOD,**  
which is shed for you for the remission of sins.  
This do, as oft as ye drink it, in remembrance of Me.



The peace ✠ of the ✠ Lord be with ✠ you always.



**A - men.**



**O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that takest away the sin  
O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that takest away the sin  
O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that takest away the sin**



**of the world, have mercy upon us.  
of the world, have mercy upon us.  
of the world, grant us Thy peace. A — men.**

*Please follow the Ushers' instructions to approach the Altar. Reception of the Lord's Supper indicates unity in confession and faith. If you have not communed at First Trinity's altar previously, please refrain from receiving the Sacrament until you have spoken with one of the pastors.*

Devotional Prayers During Holy Communion

Before Approaching the Altar (you may kneel)

*Lord Jesus Christ, Son of the living God, who by the will of the Father with the Holy Spirit has through Your death given life to the world; by this, Your most holy Body and Blood, deliver me from all my sins and from every evil, and enable me ever to abide in Your commandments, that I may never be separated from You; who lives and reigns with the same Father and the Holy Spirit, now and forever. Amen*

Before Receiving the Body of Christ

*I shall receive the bread of heaven and call upon the Name of the Lord. Lord, I am not worthy that You should come under my roof, but speak the word only and my soul shall be healed. ✠ May the Body of Our Lord Jesus Christ preserve my soul unto life everlasting! Amen*

Before Receiving the Blood of Christ

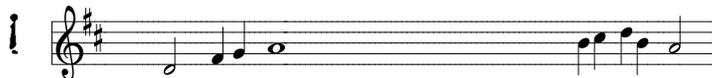
*What shall I give to the Lord for all the benefits that He has given to me? I will receive the cup of salvation and call upon the name of the Lord. I will call upon the Lord who is worthy to be praised, so shall I be saved from my enemies. ✠ May the Blood of Our Lord Jesus Christ preserve my soul unto life everlasting! Amen*

After Returning from the Altar (you may kneel)

*Grant, O Lord, that what I have taken into my mouth, I may receive with a pure heart; and that this holy gift may bring me life eternal. Let Your Body which I have received and Your Blood which I have drunk, O Lord, cleave to my members; and grant that no stain of sin remain in me, whom You have refreshed with a pure and holy Sacrament; who lives and reigns forever and ever.*

“Christe, du Lamm Gottes” – Sigfrid Karg-Elert

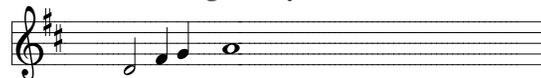
“O Durchbrecher alle Bande” – Sigfrid Karg-Elert



**Lord, now lettest Thou Thy servant depart in peace**



**according to Thy word.**



**For mine eyes have seen Thy salvation:**



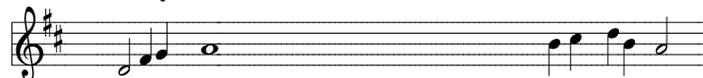
**which Thou hast prepared before the face of all people,**



**A Light to lighten the Gentiles, and the glory of Thy people Israel.**



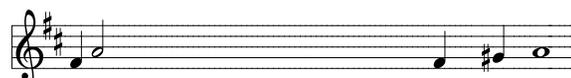
**Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the ✠ Holy Ghost**



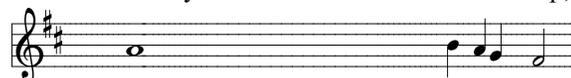
**As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be:**



**world without end. Amen.**



**As often as ye eat this Bread and drink this Cup;**



**Ye do show the Lord's death till He come.**



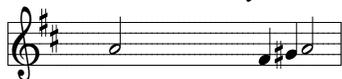
O Lord, who sufferest us to be partakers of Thy wondrous mysteries: we beseech Thee, that by Thy mercy we may be absolved from all our iniquities, and defended against all dangers; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with Thee and the ☩ Holy Ghost, ever one God, world without end.



**A — men.**



The Lord be with you.



**And with thy spirit.**



Bless we the Lord.



**Thanks be to God.**



The Lord bless thee and keep thee.  
The Lord make His face shine upon thee and be gracious unto thee.  
The Lord lift up His countenance upon thee ☩ and give thee peace.



**Amen. Amen. Amen.**

## Hail, Thou Once Despised Jesus



1 Hail, Thou once de - spis - ed Je - sus! Hail, Thou Gal - i - le - an King!  
2 Pas - chal Lamb, by God ap - point - ed, All our sins on Thee were laid;  
3 Je - sus, hail, en - throned in glo - ry, There for - ev - er to a - bide!  
4 Wor - ship, hon - or, pow'r, and bless - ing Thou art wor - thy to re - ceive;



Thou didst suf - fer to re - lease us; Thou didst free sal - va - tion bring.  
By al - might - y love a - noint - ed, Thou hast full a - tone - ment made.  
All the heav'n - ly host a - dore Thee, Seat - ed at Thy Fa - ther's side.  
Loud - est prais - es, with - out ceas - ing, Meet it is for us to give.



Hail, Thou u - ni - ver - sal Sav - ior, Who hast borne our sin and shame,  
Ev - 'ry sin may be for - giv - en Thro' the vir - tue of Thy blood;  
There for sin - ners Thou art plead - ing, There Thou dost our place pre - pare,  
Help, ye bright an - gel - ic spir - its, Bring your sweet - est, no - blest lays;



By whose mer - its we find fa - vor! Life is giv - en thro' Thy name.  
O - pen is the gate of heav - en, Peace is made 'twixt man and God.  
Ev - er for us in - ter - ced - ing Till in glo - ry we ap - pear.  
Help to sing our Sav - ior's mer - its, Help to chant Im - man - uel's praise.

**THIS WEEK AT FIRST TRINITY  
EVANGELICAL-LUTHERAN CHURCH  
THE WEEK BEGINNING 15 MARCH 2020**

<b>Today</b> <i>Oculi</i>	12:30 PM	FTHM Street Outreach
	12:30 PM	Parish Operating Board
	12:30 PM	LSF Luncheon
<b>Monday</b>	7:00 PM	Steel City Men's Chorale Rehearsal
<b>Tuesday - Friday</b>	9:30 AM	Matins
<b>Tuesday</b>	10:00 AM	English as a Second Language
	6:00 PM	Introduction to American Sign Language
<b>Wednesday</b>	1:00 PM	Homeschool Choir
	5:30 PM	Parish Lenten Supper
	7:00 PM	Vespers
	8:00 PM	LSF Bible Study
<b>Thursday</b>	7:00 PM	Overeaters Anonymous
<b>Friday</b>	5:30 PM	Parish Work Night
<b>Saturday</b>	9:00 AM	"Save Pioneer" Event <i>Redeemer Lutheran School</i>
<b>Next Sunday</b> <i>Laetare</i>	8:30 AM	Matins
	9:00 AM	Private Confession and Absolution
	9:45 AM	Bible Class & Catechesis
	11:00 AM	<b>Divine Service</b>
	12:30 PM	FTHM Street Outreach / LSF Luncheon



**NEWS AND NOTES**

**Attendance at the Divine Service:** *Reminiscere* - 63; Wednesday Vespers - 8.

**Special Voters' Assembly** - Sunday, March 22, 12:30 PM (after the Divine Service) for the election of Mr. Walter Brooks, a member of First Trinity at Holy Cross Chapel, to fill the vacant Elder's seat. All voting members are encouraged to participate.

The Ladies of First Trinity will be holding a **Baby Shower for Deaconess Hanna Kern** on Sunday, April 19, after the Divine Service. For more information, please speak with Leigh Spittel.

**Church Sign Project** – Our current sign has served us well for many decades, however, time has taken its toll and it is in need of replacement. Because our church sign is often the first opportunity we have to connect with passers-by, we have concluded that this would be a good opportunity to upgrade the appearance and functionality of our sign in order to more effectively reach those who don't know us or those who are trying to find us. Several design options have been brought before the voters assembly over the past 2 years, and in December, we approved a restricted-gifts project to raise the funds for a fully-programmable, LED-panel sign, including a stone base to match the exterior of our building. The budgetary cost estimate for this project is \$35,000. Like other large projects we have undertaken as a congregation, your generous support of this project which will help us to bring the Gospel message to our neighbors and those we serve. If you have any questions or suggestions regarding the project, please speak with one of the members of the Sign Project committee. In Christ – Tim Palmer, Clara Seaman & Michael Kennedy

**COVID-19 Response:** First Trinity is following the advice and mandates of the CDC and the City of Pittsburgh with regard to the Coronavirus pandemic. Some events at First Trinity are being cancelled in order to protect our at-risk members and guests. This being the case, the parish calendar will be updated on a rolling basis. It is best to check the calendar at [www.firsttrinity.net/calendar](http://www.firsttrinity.net/calendar) for the latest information. Since this is a developing situation, please listen for a special announcement from the Pastor.

