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Laetare (Lent 4)
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Psalm 122 is where we get our *Gradual* for this Sunday. "I was glad when they said to me, 'Let us go into the house of the LORD' Peace be within your walls, prosperity within your palaces." This is always our refuge in tempest, famine, plague, war, and all attacks. It is the house of the LORD. St. Paul calls this the Jerusalem who is above. She is the church of God cleansed by the blood of Jesus. She is protected from all evil. But on earth, she is seen as torn down. Soon after David and Solomon's reign Jerusalem's earthly power and influence became less and less until finally the Babylonians came and took it all away. God graciously caused the city to be rebuilt until he sent his Son into the flesh to gather the remnant into the holy temple of his body forever. The earthly Jerusalem rejected him, so St. Paul says that this earthly Jerusalem is in bondage with her children. She remains in bondage as long as she does not find her rest in Christ who gave his body up into death in order to present to himself a pure bride, a free mother of all those who trust in him. This is his pure and free church who is free from all condemnation.

The heavenly Jerusalem is hidden here on earth. It is visible in the gathering of his saint around his pure gospel and holy sacraments. But even when people are prevented from gathering around the visible signs of the church, they find their refuge in the Word of God where their Savior gathers all his saints. Those who avoid the house of the LORD for the pleasures of this life are in bondage with the earthly Jerusalem, because they are finding their comfort in worldly things that are passing away, in their own accomplishments and desires. But what of those who are stuck at home, sick, or near death? They are the ones who should rejoice in the Word of their Savior when their pastor and other members of Christ's body bring them the comfort of the gospel. We are one body, after all, united together by the freedom Jesus gives in his gospel. When you have God's Word, then you can be glad, even when steeples are falling. The God who provides daily bread for our bodies will see to it that we are nurtured in our souls when we dwell in his Word.

DEAR VISITORS: As a congregation in the Lutheran Church - Missouri Synod, Trinity practices ***closed communion***, which means that we only commune those who are members in good standing of sister congregations and have been instructed in the Christian faith as it is summarized in Luther's Small Catechism. If you are a visitor and desire to commune at Trinity, **please speak to Pastor Preus before the service.**

The Order of Matins

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Hymn of Invocation ☞ *O Living Bread from Heaven*

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Stand for final stanza

Opening Versicles

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Gloria Patri ☞ *Glory be to the Father*

Venite ☞ *O Come, Let Us Sing*

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Service of the Word



Introit

Rejoice with Jerusalem, and be | glad with her,*
all you who | love her;

that you may feed and be | satisfied*

with the consolation of her | bosom. (*Isaiah 66:10-11*)

I was glad when they | said to me,*

"Let us go into the house | of the LORD."

Our feet have been | standing*

within your gates, O Je- | rusalem!

Pray for the peace of Je- | rusalem:*

"May they prosper who | love you."

For the sake of my brethren and companions, I will | now say,*

"Peace be with- | in you." (*Psalms 122:1-2, 6, 8*)

Old Testament Reading - Exodus 16:2-21

²In the wilderness the whole congregation grumbled against Moses and Aaron.

³"If only we had died by the LORD's hand in Egypt," the Israelites told them, "when we sat by our pots of meat and ate all the food we wanted! You brought us into this wilderness to starve this whole congregation to death!"

⁴"I will send you bread like rain from heaven," the LORD told Moses. "And I will test them to see if they will do what I tell them or not: Each day the people will go out and gather only what they need for that day. ⁵But on the sixth day, when they prepare what they bring home, it will be twice as much as they gather any other day."

⁶Moses and Aaron told all the Israelites: "This evening you will realize the LORD took you out of Egypt, ⁷and in the morning you will see the LORD's glory, for He has heard you grumble against the LORD. What are we that you should grumble against us." ⁸Moses added: "This evening the LORD is giving you meat to eat and in the morning all the bread you want, for the LORD has heard you grumble against Him. What are we? You didn't grumble against us but against the LORD."

⁹"Tell the whole congregation of Israel," Moses said to Aaron: "Come before the LORD, for He has heard you grumble." ¹⁰But then, as Aaron talked to the whole

congregation of Israel, they turned toward the desert and saw the LORD's glory appearing in the cloud. ¹¹ "I have heard Israel grumble," the LORD said to Moses. ¹²"Tell them: 'At twilight you will eat meat, and in the morning you will get all the bread you want, and then you will know I am the LORD your God.' "

¹³In the evening quails came up and covered the camp, and in the morning dew was lying around the camp. ¹⁴When the dew lifted, the desert ground was covered with something small and flaky as fine as hoarfrost on the ground. ¹⁵When the Israelites saw it, they asked one another, "What is it?" because they didn't know what it was.

Moses told them, "This is the food the LORD gives you to eat. ¹⁶And this is what the LORD orders you to do: Everyone should gather as much of it as he can eat — take one and one-half quarts for each as you count the persons each of you has in his tent."

¹⁷The Israelites did so, some gathering more, some less. ¹⁸But when they measured it with a measure, the one who gathered much didn't have too much, and the one who gathered little didn't have too little, but each had gathered as much as he could eat.

¹⁹Moses told them, "Nobody should keep any of it till morning." ²⁰But they didn't listen to Moses. Some men kept part of it till morning, and it was full of maggots and stank. So Moses was angry with them.

²¹Every morning each one gathered as much as he could eat. When the sun was hot, it melted away. ²²But on the sixth day they gathered twice as much food, three quarts for each person, and all the leaders of the congregation came to Moses to tell him about it.

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**



Gradual

I was glad when they | said to me,*

"Let us go into the house | of the LORD."

Peace be with- | in your walls,*

Prosperity within your | palaces. (Psalm 122:1, 7)

Epistle - *Galatians 4:21-31*

²¹Tell me, you who want to be under the Law, will you not listen to what the Law says? ²²It is written that Abraham had two sons; one was the son of the slave and the other the son of the free woman. ²³Now, the son of the slave was born like other children, but the son of the free woman by being promised.

²⁴This has figurative meaning. The women are two covenants. The children of the covenant given on Mount Sinai are born to be slaves; this is Hagar. ²⁵"Hagar" in Arabia means Mount Sinai. She is like Jerusalem today, because she and her children are slaves. ²⁶But the Jerusalem that is above is free; and she is our mother.

²⁷It is written: Be glad, barren woman, you who don't have any children; break into shouting, you who have no pains of childbirth, because the deserted woman has many more children than the one who has the husband.

²⁸Now you, my fellow Christians, like Isaac, are children born by a promise. ²⁹At that time the son born like other children persecuted the son born by the Spirit. And so it is now. ³⁰But what does the Bible say? "Put away the slave and her son, because the son of the slave must not get any of the inheritance of the son of the free woman." ³¹Now, then, fellow Christians, we are not children of a slave but of a free woman.

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Stand



Verse

Those who trust | in the LORD*
are like Mount | Zion,

which can- | not be moved,*
but abides for- | ever.

As the mountains surround Je- | rusalem,*
so the LORD surrounds His | people

from this time forth and for- | ever.*

Peace be upon | Israel! (Psalm 125:1-2, 5)

Gospel - John 6:1-15

P The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the sixth chapter.

C **Glory be to Thee, O Lord.**

Some time later Jesus crossed over to the other side of the Sea of Galilee, which is the Sea of Tiberias. ²A large crowd was following Him because they saw the miracles He did on the sick. ³Jesus went up the hill and sat down there with His disciples. ⁴The Jewish Festival of the Passover was near.

⁵As Jesus looked up, He saw a large crowd coming to Him. He turned to Philip: "Where should we buy bread for these people to eat?" ⁶He asked this only to test him, since He knew what He was going to do.

⁷"Two hundred denarii," Philip answered, "wouldn't buy enough bread for each of them to get just a little."

⁸One of His disciples, Andrew, Simon Peter's brother, told Him, ⁹"There's a boy here who has five barley loaves and two fish. But what is that among so many?"

¹⁰"Have the people sit down," Jesus said. There was much grass at the place. So they sat down. There were about 5,000 men.

¹¹Then Jesus took the loaves, gave thanks, and distributed them to the people who were sitting down, and in the same way as much of the fish as they wanted. ¹²When

they had enough, He told His disciples, "Gather the pieces that are left so that nothing will be wasted." ¹³They gathered them and filled twelve baskets with pieces of the five barley loaves left by those who had eaten.

¹⁴Seeing the miracle He did, the people said, "This certainly is the Prophet Who is coming into the world."

¹⁵When Jesus learned that the people meant to come and take Him by force and make Him king, He went back again to the hill by Himself.

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C **Praise be to Thee, O Christ.**

Hymn of the Day ∞ *Jesus, Priceless Treasure*

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Sermon

Stand

Offertory

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Sit

Gathering of the Offering

Stand to sing as the offerings are brought forward

We give Thee but Thine own,

Whate'er the gift may be

All that we have is Thine alone,

A trust, O Lord, from Thee.

Please complete the
Record of Fellowship in the
folder in your pew.

Canticle

Stand

The Te Deum Laudamus ∞

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Prayer

Kyrie ∞ *Lord, have mercy*

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Lord's Prayer

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Salutation

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Collect of the Day

Additional Collects of Intercession

and Thanksgiving

Collect for Grace

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After each collect:

C **Amen.**

Benedicamus & Benediction

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Sit

Hymn to Depart ∞ *O Jesus, Blessed Lord, to Thee*

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Silent Prayer

Ushers for today:

Jeff Hoerstkamp, Luke Otten, Corey Swann

Next week:

John Otten, Matthew Otten, David Otten

Greeter for today:

Luke Otten

Next Week:**Acolyte today:** Sam Scheer**Midweek Lent:** Colton Swann**Next Week:** Oscar Otten**Flower and Altar Care: April:** Ruth Rethemeyer**Organist:** Andrew Finck

Prayer and Petitions: Ken Altemeyer, health issues; Rachel Preus (breast cancer); Wayne Scheer and Sue Eads, health concerns. Homebound: Ray & LeeAnn Rohling, Diana Scheer, Paul & Sue Laune; Missionaries: Brandt Klawitter, mission work in Norway; Pastor James May (missionary to Africa); Rev. David Preus (missionary to Romania); Michael & Naomi Erslund, Lutheran Bible Translators. Immanuel Lutheran School, Washington; Camp Trinity; Luther Classical College; Christ the King Lutheran High School.

Birthdays and Annivers: Kyle Scheer, 29th, April Lueckenhoff, 1st, Lori Quick, 2nd
(Please email office@trinitynewhaven.com if your birthday or anniversary has not been listed or was incorrectly listed, so the records can be updated with correct information)

Lent/Easter Worship ScheduleMidweek Lenten Services 2pm @ 7:00 p.m. (Apr. 2nd, 9th)Palm Sunday – Confirmation 10:00 a.m. service (April 13th)Maundy Thursday @ 7:00 p.m. (April 17th)Good Friday @ 7:00 p.m. (April 18th)*Easter (April 20th)**Sunrise service at Camp Trinity 6:30 a.m.**Easter Sunday Divine Service – 10:00 a.m.*

VBS 2025, May 28-30 God's Living Water Part 2. We need our members, children and grandchildren to register for VBS. Youth and Adult volunteers need to register too. Letters are being handed out to all of our young families, youth and adult volunteers. It will fill up fast and we want our members to have the opportunity to take part in this wonderful Christ Centered activity. Registration will be made public on April 18 with the 700 door hangers that will be distributed throughout New Haven and on April 21st the link will be shared on Facebook. VBS will fill up and we want our members to have a spot, but you need to register to make that happen.



You may use this QR code with your phone to

Register: <https://vbsmate.com/events/vbs2024CampTrinity/30135>

Needed: Stuffed Easter eggs. The Ladies Aid of Trinity is requesting the donations of stuffed Easter Eggs for the Annual Easter Egg hunt to be held here at Trinity after the 10:00 a.m. Easter Service (April 20). Please leave all donations in the large plastic tub in the conference room. Free empty plastic eggs are available in the conference room for your convenience.

Ladies' Bible Study (Thursdays @ 1:30) "A Light in the Dark Belt, The Story of Rosa Young as Told by Herself".

No Ladies luncheon in April. Will resume in May.

NEW SELECTION of Greeting Cards from Hymns in My Heart are available for sale in the narthex, by the Trinity Ladies Aid. Check out the NEW EASTER greeting cards recently added to the collection of Encouragement, Babies, Thank You, Graduation and Confirmation Cards. The cards are \$2.00 per card. Please deposit money in money slot.

Wednesday School/Catechism Class. All children, preschool through confirmation age are welcome and encouraged to attend. Vespers is at 5:00 p.m. Parents, members of Trinity and visitors are welcome and encouraged to attend Vespers.

The Augsburg Confession

Article X. Of the Lord's Supper.

1 Of the Supper of the Lord they teach that the Body and Blood of Christ are truly present, and are distributed 2 to those who eat the Supper of the Lord; and they reject those that teach otherwise.

Article XI. Of Confession.

1 Of Confession they teach that Private Absolution ought to be retained in the churches, although in confession 2 an enumeration of all sins is not necessary. For it is impossible according to the Psalm: Who can understand his errors? Ps. 19:12.