

TRINITY EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH

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Lent 2

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The First Sunday in Lent showed us the Son of Man as He met the enemy, Satan, face to face. Jesus defeated His arch rival with the sword of the Spirit, which is God's word. The Second Sunday brings us Jesus' own prophecy concerning His death as the way in which His mission must be accomplished. To those who are Christians, it seems unbelievable that someone (Herod) would want to murder or reject Jesus.

At the root of anyone's rejection of Jesus, however, is the truth that the person doesn't see our Lord as the only solution for sin. A rejector either thinks there is no true God to whom all remain answerable to His demand to not sin, or thinks he is "good enough" and doesn't believe God takes sin so seriously.

But let the suffering and death of Jesus remind us of how seriously God took sin! Let the suffering and death of Jesus comfort us that He lived perfectly and died sacrificially as our Substitute, and rose triumphantly to make His victory our victory over sin and death.

Order of Worship: ELH Page 60, The Divine Service "*Rite Two*."

Hymns: 24, 432, 403, 592

THE SERVICE OF THE WORD

Old Testament Lesson: Deuteronomy 26:8-15. Jeremiah, a prophet of the LORD, faced persecution because of the message God told him to proclaim. Yet, Jeremiah faithfully spoke the truth. He proclaimed God's judgment on those who rejected his message and announced the LORD's love and forgiveness to all who in faith obeyed.

Psalms of the Day: Psalms 42-43. Since the LORD is our only source of salvation, we are eager to hear His word and we put our trust in Him (*Supplement*).

Epistle Lesson: Philippians 3:17-4:1. St. Paul explains that many people continue to resist their Savior and their salvation. He then encourages us to stand firm in the LORD, since we know that our citizenship is in heaven with our Savior, the Lord Jesus Christ.

Verse of the Day: Jesus humbled himself and became obedient to the point of death—even death on a cross. (Philippians 2:8b, EHV)

Gospel: Luke 13:31-35. Just as the Jews rejected and killed the prophets sent by God and refused their message of salvation, so Jesus is also rejected and would soon be killed. However, through His rejection and sacrifice, we enjoy the gift of salvation.

Sermon Text: Luke 13:31-35

Theme - "Jesus Has A Love That Never Quits"

Points to ponder from the day's Scripture readings:

- Old Testament: Why did Jeremiah experience the hatred of the people of Jerusalem?
- Old Testament: Jeremiah's "suffering" in the "holy city" of Jerusalem, we could say, prefigured what event from Jesus' life?
- Old Testament: Despite Jeremiah's persecution for speaking the word of God, how did he demonstrate his faithfulness?
- Epistle: Why do Christians do well to remember that their citizenship is in heaven?
- Epistle: Paul defines some of the characteristics of those who are "enemies of the cross." What does Paul mean when he writes about them: "their god is their stomach, and their glory is in their shame?" (See Romans 11:8-12; 16:17-18)
- Epistle: What does Paul mean when he says that our resurrected Christ will one day "transform our lowly bodies to be fashioned (transformed) like his glorious body?" (See Revelation 21:4)
- Gospel: Despite the peoples' rejection of Jesus, what does Luke record about Jesus' determination in verse 32?
- Gospel: What does verse 34 reveal about Jesus' emotions as true God and man?
- **Announcements:**

+ Please join us for Bible class on Sunday mornings at 8:00 a.m. We are studying the Book of Psalms.

+ Confirmation class: 3:15-5:00 p.m. at the church on Monday.

+ Sunday school on Sunday mornings from 8-8:30 a.m.

+ Midweek Lenten service on March 23 at 6:00 p.m.

Deuteronomy 26:8-15 – When Jeremiah had finished saying everything the LORD had commanded him to say to all the people, then the priests, the prophets, and all the people seized him and said, "You must die! Why do you prophesy in the name of the LORD that this house will be like Shiloh and that this city will be desolate with no one living here?" All the people crowded around Jeremiah in the House of the LORD. When the officials of Judah heard about these things, they came up from the king's house to the House of the LORD and sat in the entrance of the New Gate of the LORD's house. Then the priests and the prophets said to the officials and to all the people, "This man deserves the sentence of death because he has been prophesying against this city, as you heard with your own ears." Then Jeremiah said to all the officials and to all the people, "The LORD sent me to prophesy against this house and against this city all the things that you have heard. Now reform your ways and your actions, and obey the LORD your

God. Then the LORD will relent and not bring about the disaster he has pronounced against you. But as for me, look, I am in your hands. Do with me whatever seems good and right in your eyes. But you can be certain of this. If you put me to death, you will bring innocent blood on yourselves and on this city and on those who live here, for it is true that the LORD has sent me to you to speak all these words in your hearing.” (EHVTM)

Philippians 3:17-4:1 – Brothers, join together in imitating me and in paying attention to those who are walking according to the pattern we gave you. To be sure, many walk as enemies of the cross of Christ. I told you about them often, and now I am saying it while weeping. Their end is destruction, their god is their appetite, and their glory is in their shame. They are thinking only about earthly things. But our citizenship is in heaven. We are eagerly waiting for a Savior from there, the Lord Jesus Christ. By the power that enables him to subject all things to himself, he will transform our humble bodies to be like his glorious body. So then, my brothers, whom I love and long for, my joy and crown, in this way keep standing firm in the Lord, my dear friends. (EHVTM)

Luke 13:31-35 – In that very hour, some Pharisees came to him and said, “Leave, and go away from here, because Herod wants to kill you.” He said to them, “Go tell that fox, ‘Look, I am going to drive out demons and heal people today and tomorrow, and on the third day I will reach my goal. Nevertheless, I must go on my way today and tomorrow and the next day, because it cannot be that a prophet would be killed outside Jerusalem!’” “Jerusalem, Jerusalem, the city that kills the prophets and stones those sent to her! How often I have wanted to gather your children together, as a hen gathers her chicks under her wings, but you were not willing! Look, your house is left to you desolate. I tell you, you will not see me until the time comes when you will say, ‘Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord!’” (EHVTM)

*Our Christian brothers and sisters in Ukraine are in need of our support. First and foremost, they need our prayers to God for peace, protection and security. There is also a very great need for humanitarian assistance as the war continues to destroy lives and property. The ELS Board for Christian Service has established the Ukraine Crisis fund to aid our brothers and sisters in the Ukrainian Lutheran Church and the Gift of Life program as well as other Ukrainians in need. To contribute to this fund, go to els.org/donate. Please use one of the “Other” options and enter “Ukraine Crisis Fund.” Or, checks may be sent to ELS Ukraine Crisis Fund, 6 Browns Ct., Mankato, MN 56001. Jesus bless all with His saving grace.