



TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH

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Worship Times: Saturday Night 6:15 p.m.

Sunday Mornings 9:15 a.m.

Sunday School: Sunday Morning 10:30 a.m.

Lent & Easter 2020

To: the saints who gather here at Trinity in the presence of Christ

Re: *“The Tree of Life: From Prevention to Preservation”*

Grace mercy and peace to you from God our Father through Jesus Christ our dear LORD and Savior.

Did you know that there is a tree mentioned in the early chapters of Genesis and again in the last chapters of Revelation? *The Tree of Life* is mentioned in both books which were written some 1500 years apart.

In Genesis, God plants this *Tree of Life* in the midst of the garden. The fruit was for Adam and Eve to eat. But as far as we know they didn't. No sin was committed in doing so. But after Adam and Eve ate of *The Tree of The Knowledge of Good and Evil*, God prevented them from eating from *The Tree of Life*.

This was to protect them. If Adam and Eve had eaten of *The Tree of Life*, they would have lived forever in their sin. God armed an angel to prevent them from entering the garden thus preventing them from eating from *The Tree of Life*.

This was a loving and caring act on the part of God. He did not want His children to live in sin forever. He permitted death to be a part of theirs and our lives. He did so because He used another tree to bring us life. That tree was the cross.

On that cursed tree, the cross, Christ died in our place. His death brings us life. With His death we were united with Him through Baptism to die to sin. God allowed man to die so that He might raise Him to life.

Then we will get to eat of the fruit of *The Tree Life*. God will not bar us from eating but instead lead us to *The Tree of Life*. There we will be confirmed in righteousness, purity

and holiness forever. There will be no more sin and death, sorrow and tears. We will serve the LORD in joy and peace forever.

Our Lenten theme for the midweek services is the trees of the Scripture. We take a look how trees played an important role in teaching us about the salvation Christ has won for us.

God bless and keep you in the one true faith so that you may someday in eternity eat from *The Tree of Life*.

Sincerely in Christ,

Rev. Rodney Blomquist

John 14:6

Jesus said to him, "I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me.

Midweek Lenten Schedule

Wednesday February 26th 7 p.m. Ash Wednesday Divine Service with the imposition of ashes.

Wednesdays March 4th through April 1st at 7 p.m. Divine Services with the theme of trees in the Scriptures

Holy Week Divine Services

April 9th Maundy Thursday Divine Services at 7 p.m.

April 10th Good Friday Tenebrae Service at 7 p.m.

April 11th Easter Vigil Divine Service Saturday at 6:15 p.m.

April 12th Easter Sunrise Divine Service at 7 a.m.

Easter Morning Divine Service at 9:15 a.m.

Found and contributed by Cecil Polley
Chairman of the Congregation
A prayer that can be our personal prayer also

Heavenly Father,
My church is composed of people
like me.
I help make it
what it is.
It will be friendly
if I am.
It will be holy
if I am.
Its pews will be filled
if I help fill them.
It will do great work
if I work.
It will be prayerful
if I pray.
It will make generous gifts to many causes
if I am a generous giver.
It will bring other people into its worship
if I invite and bring them.
It will be a church family
of loyalty and love,
of fearlessness and faith
and of compassion, charity and mercy
If I, who make it what it is,
am filled with these same qualities.

Therefore, with the help of God,
I will dedicate myself to the task
of being all the things I want my church to be.

Bless my journey Lord God
that with the help of the Holy Spirit
I might follow Jesus
and build my church for your glory.

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(Author Unknown)

UNTIL WE EAT OF THE TREE OF LIFE

**God grant that we are in His Word
and taking every opportunity
to do the work of the kingdom of God
and the good works
which God has provided for us.**

LWML NOTES to all women

Watch the bulletin for the next Thursday afternoon of Word and Service.

MEN'S BREAKFAST AND BIBLE STUDY: Come and have breakfast with other men of the congregation and learn more about the truths and teachings of the Bible. We meet on the third Saturday of the month at Spring Gardens at 7 a.m.

SUNDAY MORNING ADULT BIBLE STUDY AND BIBLE SCHOOL FOR CHILDREN: Set aside Sunday for you and your children to gather in the basement to learn more of God's Word. Sunday School begins at 10:30 a.m. Adult Bible Study begins at 10:45 a.m.

PRESCHOOL NEWS – We have openings in the 3 yr. old & 4 yr. old class for the 2020-2021 school year. Registration forms are available in the church office or online @trinitylutherantaylorville.org. If you have any questions, please call the church office at 217-824-8148.

CHILDCAREPLUS caring for children with a Christ centered atmosphere

MIDWEEK CLASSES FOR GRADES 3RD THROUGH 12TH ARE AVAILABLE TO ALL: Contact the church office to register.

AND

Foster parents, Thrivent Action Team Sponsors, Choir, Chime Choir, Music, holding an office on one of our many boards and committees and being a Good Samaritan to all you meet.

Contributions such as:

EASTER LILLIES AND FLOWERS: Watch the bulletin to know when you can order Easter lilies and/or flowers to be placed in the altar area of the sanctuary.

[You may also read our announcements online at www.trinitylutherantaylorville.org You may also receive them by E-mail by writing your E-mail address beside your name in the "Ritual of Friendship" located at the end of the pew or E-mailing the church office.]