

Our Savior's Lutheran Church

Second Sunday in Lent

March 13, 2022

Pastor Greg Anderson

St. Patrick, Shamrocks and the Holy Trinity

The concept of the Holy Trinity states that there is only one God, but the god is made up of the God the father, god the Son and God the Holy Spirit. It is a difficult concept, which has occupied minds of theologians for 2,000 years. Legend had it that the pagan people St. Patrick was trying to convert just couldn't understand this seemingly contradictory idea that God was both one and three at the same time. St. Patrick is said to have used the shamrock as a way of explaining the mystery to them. The shamrock was a single plant made up of three leaves, each representing one facet of God. It is widely thought that St. Patrick is responsible for making the shamrock an important Irish symbol. It has been popular in Ireland for thousands of years. The ancient Celts believed many of the important aspects of life came in groups of three and the shamrock was used to symbolize this. This is another St. Patrick story that is likely to have originated with Irish monks.

PRELUDE

Irish Music

SHARING OF JOYS AND CONCERNS

CONFESSION & FORGIVENESS

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GATHERING HYMN Irish Celtic tune: 1868

WOV # 776

Be thou My Vision

GREETING

KYRIE

LBW pg. 78-79

PRAYER OF THE DAY

God of the Covenant, in the mystery of the cross you promise everlasting life to the world. Gather all peoples into your arms, and shelter us with your mercy, that we may rejoice in the life we share in your Son, Jesus Christ, our savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

CHILDREN'S SERMON

FIRST READING

Genesis 15:1-12, 17-18

After these things the word of the LORD came to Abram in a vision, "Do not be afraid, Abram, I am your shield; your reward shall be very great." But Abram said, "O Lord GOD, what will you give me, for I continue childless, and the heir of my house is Eliezer of Damascus?" And Abram said, "You have given me no offspring, and so a slave born in my house is to be my heir." But the word of the LORD came to him, "This man shall not be your heir; no one but your very own issue shall be your heir." He brought him outside and said, "Look toward heaven and count the stars, if you are able to count them." Then he said to him, "So shall your descendants be." And he believed the LORD; and the LORD reckoned it to him as righteousness. Then he said to him, "I am the LORD who brought you from Ur of the Chaldeans, to give you this land to possess." But he said, "O Lord GOD, how am I to know that I shall possess it?" He said to him, "Bring me a heifer three years old, a female goat three years old, a ram three years old, a turtledove, and a young pigeon." He brought him all these and cut them in two, laying each half over against the other; but he did not cut the birds in two. And when birds of prey came down on the carcasses, Abram drove them away. As the sun was going down, a deep sleep fell upon Abram, and a deep and terrifying darkness descended upon him.

When the sun had gone down and it was dark, a smoking fire pot and a flaming torch passed between these pieces. On that day the LORD made a covenant with Abram, saying, "To your descendants I give this land, from the river of Egypt to the great river, the river Euphrates.

R: The word of the Lord. **C: Thanks be to God**

PSALM 27 (*Read Responsively*)

The LORD is my light and my salvation; whom shall I fear? The LORD is the stronghold of my life; of whom shall I be afraid?

When evildoers assail me to devour my flesh— my adversaries and foes— they shall stumble and fall.

Though an army encamp against me, my heart shall not fear; though war rise up against me, yet I will be confident.

One thing I asked of the LORD, that will I seek after: to live in the house of the LORD all the days of my life, to behold the beauty of the LORD, and to inquire in his temple.

For he will hide me in his shelter in the day of trouble; he will conceal me under the cover of his tent; he will set me high on a rock.

Now my head is lifted up above my enemies all around me, and I will offer in his tent sacrifices with shouts of joy; I will sing and make melody to the LORD.

Hear, O LORD, when I cry aloud, be gracious to me and answer me!

“Come,” my heart says, “seek his face!” Your face, LORD, do I seek.

Do not hide your face from me. Do not turn your servant away in anger, you who have been my help. Do not cast me off, do not forsake me, O God of my salvation!

If my father and mother forsake me, the LORD will take me up.

Teach me your way, O LORD, and lead me on a level path because of my enemies.

Do not give me up to the will of my adversaries, for false witnesses have risen against me, and they are breathing out violence.

I believe that I shall see the goodness of the LORD in the land of the living.

Wait for the LORD; be strong, and let your heart take courage; wait for the LORD!

SECOND READING

Philippians 3:17-4:1

Brothers and sisters, join in imitating me, and observe those who live according to the example you have in us. For many live as enemies of the cross of Christ; I have often told you of them, and now I tell you even with tears. Their end is destruction; their god is the belly; and their glory is in their shame; their minds are set on earthly things. But our citizenship is in heaven, and it is from there that we are expecting a Savior, the Lord Jesus Christ. He will transform the body of our humiliation that it may be conformed to the body of his glory, by the power that also enables him to make all things subject to himself.

Therefore, my brothers and sisters, whom I love and long for, my joy and crown, stand firm in the Lord in this way, my beloved.

R: The word of the Lord. **C: Thanks be to God.**

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

LBW pg. 83

“Return to the Lord, your God...”

GOSPEL INTRODUCTION

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“Glory to you O lord...”

GOSPEL

Luke 13:31-35

At that very hour some Pharisees came and said to him, “Get away from here, for Herod wants to kill you.” He said to them, “Go and tell that fox for me, ‘Listen, I am casting out demons and performing cures today and tomorrow, and on the third day I finish my work. Yet today, tomorrow, and the next day I must be on my way, because it is impossible for a prophet to be killed outside of Jerusalem.’ Jerusalem, Jerusalem, the city that kills the prophets and stones those who are sent to it! How often have I desired to gather your children together as a hen gathers her brood under her wings, and you were not willing! See, your house is left to you. And I tell you, you will not see me until the time comes when you say, ‘Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.’”

GOSPEL RESPONSE Praise to you, O Christ... LBW pg. 83

SERMON

HYMN OF THE DAY Irish Melody – 1800’s LBW # 456

The King of Love My Shepherd Is

APOSTLES’ CREED

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth. I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the Virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended into hell. On the third day he rose again. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

P: Merciful God, **C: receive our prayer.**

THE PEACE

OFFERING

OFFERTORY Violin, Beth Getman & Solo, Cyndi Worshek

OFFERING PRAYER

THE LORD’S PRAYER LBW pg. 91

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.

BENEDICTION

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SENDING HYMN

WOV # 778

Irish tune Londonderry Air – Danny Boy

O Christ the Same

DISMISSAL

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POSTLUDE

Irish Music

St. Patrick's Day Prayer

In the name of dear St. Patrick this brings a lovely prayer. May you forever be within God's tender love and care. May your heart be filled with happiness, your home be filled with laughter, and may the holy Trinity, bless your life forever after.

Friday, March 17

Patrick, bishop, missionary to Ireland, died 461

At sixteen, Patrick was kidnapped by Irish pirates and sold into slavery in Ireland. He himself admitted that up to this point he cared little for God. He escaped after six years, returned to his family in southwest Britain, and began to prepare for ordained ministry. He later returned to Ireland, this time to serve as a bishop and missionary. He made his base in the north of Ireland and from there made many journeys, with much success. In his autobiography he denounced the slave trade, perhaps from his own experience as a slave. Patrick's famous baptismal hymn to the Trinity, "I Bind unto Myself Today", can be used as a meditation on Lent's call to return to our baptism.

~Prayer Concerns~

John Nelson, Charlotte and Ken Carlson, Marie Anderson, Glorene Clark, Bill Utley, Tom & Judy Lehtinen

Thank you to those who helped with today's service ~

Pastor Greg Anderson

Solo ~ Cyndi Worshek

Reader ~ Colleen Sprink

Ushers ~ Charles Olson & M Boback

Acolyte ~ Nick Butzke

Violin ~ Beth Getman

Organist/Piano ~ Diane Boback

Contributions

2022 Total budget \$ 84,000

Contributions needed weekly per 2022 budget \$ 1,600.00

Given Sunday March 6, 2022 \$ 1,341.00

~Calendar~

Tuesday 8:30 Bandage Rolling
Wednesday **** Bulletin Announcement Deadline
9:30 Quilting
5:30 Lent Service
Next Sunday 10:30 Worship/HC & Sunday School
11:30 Coffee an'

Next Sunday, March 20th

Pastor Greg Anderson

Reader ~ Pam Peterson
Ushers ~ John & Kathy Baxter
Acolyte ~ Miikah Honkola
Organist ~ Diane Boback

~Announcements~

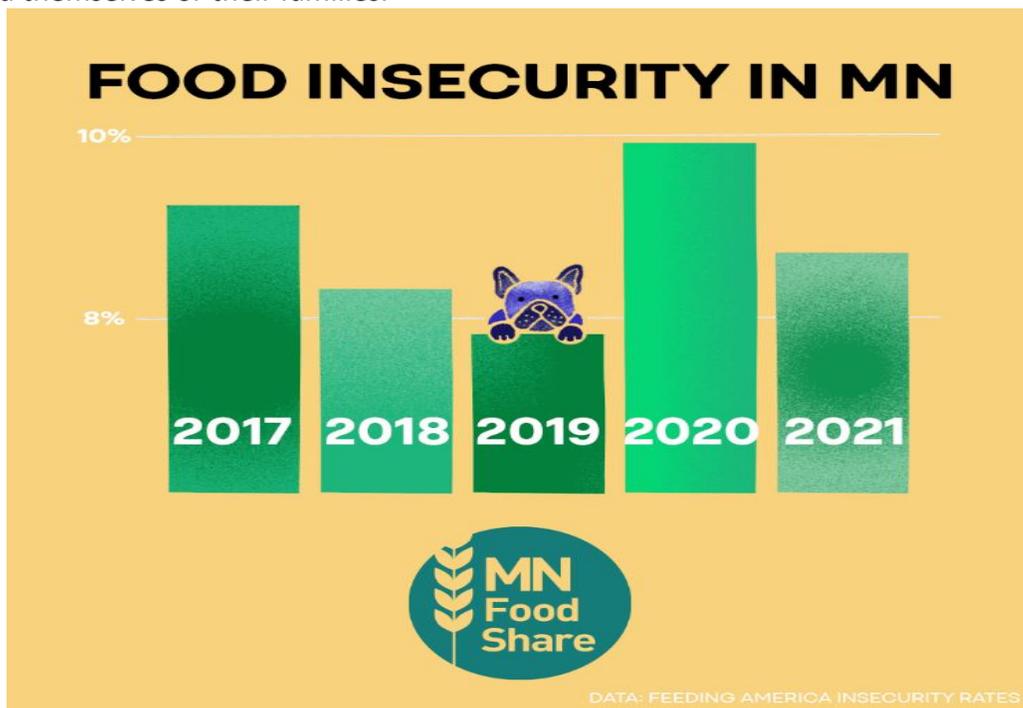
Prayers of strength and healing for John Nelson as he receives 28 days of Radiation treatments, not including Saturday and Sundays. The treatments began on March 9th.

Office ~ Kelly will not be in the office Tuesday(15th), Wednesday(16th) and Thursday(17th) of this week.

March 27 Sunday School will be having a chili feed and hot dogs for Coffee an'. All proceeds go to the food shelf. Jill Dickinson.

Snow Shoveling List 3/12 – 3/18 Steve Ekman, 3/19 – 3/25 Tim Salo.

One in ten of our Northland neighbors is food insecure meaning they don't have access to enough food to live a healthy and active life. Hunger is not a problem facing just those in poverty – it is also a challenge faced by our working and middle-class neighbors. Many never imagined they would need a food shelf or meal program to feed themselves or their families.



Minnesota hunger Fact ~ 3.7 million visits were made to food shelves during 2021 in Minnesota.

TOGETHER, WE CAN FEED OUR NORTHLAND NEIGHBORS