



Our Savior's Lutheran Church

Fourth Sunday in Lent

March 17, 2024

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 "The Wearing of the Green"

"The Kerry Dance"

"The Sailor's Hornpipe"

SHARING OF JOYS AND CONCERNS

CONFESSION & FORGIVENESS

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GATHERING HYMN "Be Thou My Vision"

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(Irish Celtic Tune 1868)

GREETING

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KYRIE

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HYMN OF PRAISE c: "Lord God, heavenly king" LBW pg. 59

APOSTLES' CREED

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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

Celebrate Insert

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

THE PEACE

OFFERING "When Irish Eyes Are Smiling"

OFFERTORY **C: Let the vineyards...**

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OFFERING PRAYER

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GREAT THANKSGIVING

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THE LORD'S PRAYER

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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.

COMMUNION (Juice in center ring)

“Too-Ra-Loo-Ra-Loo-Ra”

“Morning Has Broken”

CANTICLE

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PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

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BENEDICTION

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SENDING HYMN “O Christ The Same”

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(Irish tune Londonderry Air – Danny Boy)

DISMISSAL

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THE **AMEN!!**

POSTLUDE

Irish Music

“John Ryan’s Song”

“Breakdown Pipe”

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.

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

Pastor Greg Anderson

Reader ~ Mary Mulari

Ushers ~ Tim Salo and Mark Boback

Music ~ Diane Boback and Beth Getman

~Prayer Concerns~

Joy and Kim Norman, Charlotte and Ken Carlson, Louise Ellingson, Glorene Clark, Bill Utley, Barb Swanson, Elsie Lehtinen, Susan Ray (Paula Skelton's sister), Tom and Lori Berrigan.

~Calendar ~

Tuesday	8:30	Bandage Rolling
Wednesday	9:00	Quilting
	1:00	Adult Bible Study
	****	Bulletin Announcement Deadline
	5:30	Soup Supper and Lenten Service @ Faith Lutheran, Hoyt Lakes
Next Sunday	10:30	Worship/ Sunday School
	11:30	Coffee an

Next Palm Sunday ~ March 24, 2023

Pastor Greg Anderson

Reader ~ Kari Fallos

Ushers ~ Jack Jeffrey and Mark Boback

Music ~ Diane Boback

Contributions

2024 Total budget \$ 81,000

Contributions needed weekly per 2024 budget \$ 1,465.00

Given Sunday March 10, 2024 \$748.00

~ Announcements~

Lent 2024 Schedule:

Wed. March 20, 2024 Soup Supper/Service 5:30 pm Our Lady of Hope Aurora

All LADIES are invited to attend the Laurentian Conference Spring Gathering on Saturday, April 6, 2024 at Immanuel Lutheran in Tower, Minnesota. The lunch price is \$8.00 and we must RSVP by March 30, 2024. Please let Kate Undeland know if you plan to attend.

Prayer Concerns ~ Everyone, if you need or know someone who needs/wants prayers, please call the church office, Pastor Greg, Deb Maki or call the prayer chain as printed in the weekly bulletins and monthly EyeOpener.

Prayer Chain ~ When anyone is in need of prayer for special needs, concerns or support, please call Pastor Greg, or anyone on the list of the prayer chain. All requests and prayers are kept confidential. Lorraine Ekman 229-3328, Janet Salo 229-2332 or 404-3358, Yvonne Trowbridge 229-2463, Linda Loeffler 248-8511, Jan Moore 229-3466, Kate Undeland 780-2436, Debbie Maki 290-2728.

Please remember the Food Shelf. The Board of Stewardship has set up a table in the Fellowship Hall for items for the Food Shelf. Items needed are personal hygiene items such as soaps, toilet paper, tissue, lotions, deodorants, feminine products, tooth brushes, etc. This table will be set up until the end of the month. These donations replace the Lenten Soup Can Offering.

Snow Shoveling List ~ Thank you to all who shovel, you all are very much appreciated!!

3/14 - 3/20

Jack Jeffrey

3/21 - 3/27

John Baxter

Happy St. Patrick's Day