



Lent, 2012

Dear Members of Historic Trinity:

During the Christmas season its all about THE GIFT of the Christ child as the Son of Man. The Epiphany season is about the manifestation of the Son of God. The Lenten season is all about forgiveness. While sacrifice, sorrow, and death are not as flashy as shepherds, angels host, wise men, it is necessary for us this time of year to contemplate about sin and forgiveness. Yes we need to be reminded that we all need to know that we are forgiven. Forgiven by God. Forgiven by those we have wronged. We even need to be able to forgive ourselves. Jesus sets the example of forgiveness. When He was forsaken by His disciples. When He was betrayed by Judas. When He was denied by Peter. When He was put on the cross. When He was even forsaken by His Father. What did He do? He said "Father Forgive Them" ! The "Them" includes you and me - we are forgiven indeed.

Set aside time this Lenten Season, Holy Week, and Easter to attend the many Worship Services at Historic Trinity Lutheran Church and experience the forgiveness and love of our Lord. Repent, believe, and accept His forgiveness. Lent begins with Ash Wednesday Services on Wednesday, February 22nd , at 12:00noon and 7:00p.m., followed by the Downtown Lutheran Lenten Services, each Wednesday, at 12:00 noon. The Lenten Passion Drama "Prince of Peace" is on Sunday, March 25th , at 8:15, 9:30, and 11:00 a.m. The Lenten season ends with inspiring Worship Services during Holy Week, Maundy Thursday April 5th 12:00 Noon and 7:00 p.m. , Good Friday April 6th 12:00 Noon, 12:45 p.m. , 1:30 p.m. and 7:00 p.m. And then return for the joyous Festival of the Resurrection on Easter Sunday, April 8th at 7:30, 9:00, and 11:00 a.m.

Blessings,

The Rev. Dr. David Eberhard

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