



Lent, 2011

Dear Members of Historic Trinity:

This Lenten season our theme is “Father Forgive Them”. Yes we need to be reminded that we all need to be forgiven. When we make a mistake, when we goof off, when don’t do what we should do, we know we have done wrong. We can deny we did wrong. Or we can try to cover up our wrongs. We can try to come up with all kinds of excuses. We can blame everyone and every thing else - “he made me do it”. We can get weighed down with guilt. But none this helps. 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 set 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 of 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.

Make time this Lenten Season, Holy Week, and Easter to attend the many Worship Services at Historic Trinity Lutheran Church and experience the forgiveness of our Lord. Repent, believe, and accept His forgiveness. Lent begins with Ash Wednesday Services on Wednesday, March 9th, 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, April 10th, at 8:15, 9:30, and 11:00 a.m. The Lenten season ends with inspiring Worship Services during Holy Week, and then the joyous Festival of the Resurrection on Easter Sunday, April 24th at 7:30, 9:00, and 11:00 a.m.

Blessings,

The Rev. Dr. David Eberhard