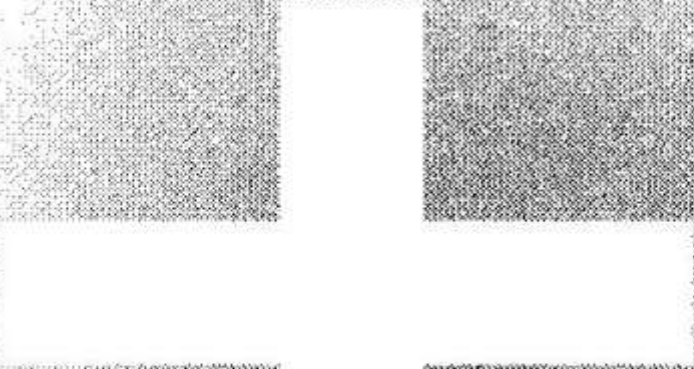


Ash Wednesday
Wednesday, February 17, 2021



ASH

W e d n e s d a y
S e r v i c e

WELCOME TO ALL

Welcome to worship at Trinity Lutheran Church! We are glad you are here. Even though we are spread out and wearing masks, we are delighted to gather as one people in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ, in whose power over disease and death we take hope. Please use this bulletin to participate in the liturgy and take it with you when the service is ended. Don't forget to register each week on our website or by calling the office (717-263-8156) for the service that you wish to attend, so that we can maintain appropriate physical distancing in our sanctuary. If you are a guest or visitor worshipping with us and did not know to register for today's service, no problem; we have kept open some extra seating just in case. Simply plan to register for the service next week – and we do invite you to worship with us again!

Bathrooms are located down the hall from the side entrance to the sanctuary. Our nursery is not yet open, but the space is available for special use by individual families. If you visit the nursery to settle a child or change a diaper, please let one of the pastors or ushers know so that we can be sure to sanitize the room before the next service.

Ushers will dismiss worshippers at the end of the service row by row. Please wait to be dismissed, and conduct conversations and fellowship in the fresh, open air outside. We trust that as we take such precautions together, we follow our Lord's command to love our neighbor, and we help to ensure that we will be able to continue to gather for worship during the pandemic. Thank you for working with us toward that end!

Ash Wednesday

**Wednesday, February 17, 2021
7:00 PM**

*On Ash Wednesday
we begin our forty-day journey toward Easter
with a day of fasting and repentance.
Marked with dust,
we acknowledge that we die and return to the earth.
At the same time, the dust traces the sign of the cross,
which we received at baptism.
While we journey through Lent to return to God,
we have already been reconciled to God through Christ.
We humbly pray for God to make our hearts clean
while we rejoice that “now is the day of salvation.”
Returning to our baptismal call,
we more intentionally bear the fruits of mercy
and justice in the world.*

Congregation responds with bold print.

GREETING

L: The Lord be with you.
And also with you.

WORD

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray,
**Almighty and ever-living God,
you hate nothing you have made,
and you forgive the sins of all who are penitent.
Create in us new and honest hearts, so that,
truly repenting of our sins,
we may receive from you,
the God of all mercy,
full pardon and forgiveness through your Son,
Jesus Christ,
our Savior and Lord,
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and forever.
Amen.**

FIRST READING

Joel 2:1-2, 12-17

¹Blow the trumpet in Zion; sound the alarm on my holy mountain! Let all the inhabitants of the land tremble, for the day of the LORD is coming, it is near— ²a day of darkness and gloom, a day of clouds and thick darkness! Like blackness spread upon the mountains a great and powerful army comes; their like has never been from of old, nor will be again after them in ages to come.

¹²Yet even now, says the LORD, return to me with all your heart, with fasting, with weeping, and with mourning; ¹³rend your hearts and not your clothing. Return to the LORD, your God, for he is gracious and merciful, slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love, and relents from punishing. ¹⁴Who knows whether he will not turn and relent, and leave a blessing behind him, a grain offering and a drink offering for the LORD, your God?

¹⁵Blow the trumpet in Zion; sanctify a fast; call a solemn assembly; ¹⁶gather the people. Sanctify the congregation; assemble the aged; gather the children, even infants at the breast. Let the bridegroom leave his room, and the bride her canopy.

¹⁷Between the vestibule and the altar let the priests, the ministers of the LORD, weep. Let them say, “Spare your people, O LORD, and do not make your heritage a mockery, a byword among the nations. Why should it be said among the peoples, ‘Where is their God?’ ”

L: Word of God. Word of Life.

Thanks be to God!



PSALM

Psalm 51:1-17

(We will speak the Psalm in unison.)

- ¹Have mercy on me, O God, according to your steadfast love;
in your great compassion blot out my offenses.**
- ²Wash me through and through from my wickedness,
and cleanse me from my sin.**
- ³For I know my offenses,
and my sin is ever before me.**
- ⁴Against you only have I sinned and done what is evil in your sight;
so you are justified when you speak and right in your judgment.**
- ⁵Indeed, I was born steeped in wickedness,
a sinner from my mother's womb.**
- ⁶Indeed, you delight in truth deep within me,
and would have me know wisdom deep within.**
- ⁷Remove my sins with hyssop, and I shall be clean;
wash me, and I shall be purer than snow.**
- ⁸Let me hear joy and gladness;
that the body you have broken may rejoice.**
- ⁹Hide your face from my sins,
and blot out all my wickedness.**
- ¹⁰Create in me a clean heart, O God,
and renew a right spirit within me.**
- ¹¹Cast me not away from your presence,
and take not your Holy Spirit from me.**
- ¹²Restore to me the joy of your salvation and sustain me with your
bountiful Spirit.**
- ¹³Let me teach your ways to offenders,
and sinners shall be restored to you.**
- ¹⁴Rescue me from bloodshed, O God of my salvation,
and my tongue shall sing of your righteousness.**
- ¹⁵O Lord, open my lips,
and my mouth shall proclaim your praise.**
- ¹⁶For you take no delight in sacrifice, or I would give it.
You are not pleased with burnt offering.**
- ¹⁷The sacrifice of God is a troubled spirit;
a troubled and broken heart, O God, you will not despise.**

SECOND READING

2 Corinthians 5:20b-6:10

^{20b}We entreat you on behalf of Christ, be reconciled to God. ²¹For our sake he made him to be sin who knew no sin, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God. ^{6:1}As we work together with him, we urge you also not to accept the grace of God in vain. ²For he says, “At an acceptable time I have listened to you, and on a day of salvation I have helped you.” See, now is the acceptable time; see, now is the day of salvation! ³We are putting no obstacle in anyone’s way, so that no fault may be found with our ministry, ⁴but as servants of God we have commended ourselves in every way: through great endurance, in afflictions, hardships, calamities, ⁵beatings, imprisonments, riots, labors, sleepless nights, hunger; ⁶by purity, knowledge, patience, kindness, holiness of spirit, genuine love, ⁷truthful speech, and the power of God; with the weapons of righteousness for the right hand and for the left; ⁸in honor and dishonor, in ill repute and good repute. We are treated as impostors, and yet are true; ⁹as unknown, and yet are well known; as dying, and see—we are alive; as punished, and yet not killed; ¹⁰as sorrowful, yet always rejoicing; as poor, yet making many rich; as having nothing, and yet possessing everything.

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HYMN OF REFLECTION

ELW #321

Eternal Lord of Love, Behold Your Church

1 E - ter - nal Lord of love, be - hold your church
2 So dai - ly dy - ing to the way of self.

The image shows the musical notation for the hymn. It consists of two staves. The top staff is in G-clef (treble clef) and the bottom staff is in F-clef (bass clef). The key signature has one flat (B-flat). The melody is written in a simple, hymn-like style with quarter and eighth notes. The lyrics are written below the notes, with two versions: a first version (1) and a second version (2). The first version is: "1 E - ter - nal Lord of love, be - hold your church". The second version is: "2 So dai - ly dy - ing to the way of self." The notes are placed above the lyrics to indicate the pitch and rhythm.

walk - ing once more the pil - grim way of Lent.
 so dai - ly liv - ing in your way of love.

led by your cloud by day, by night your fire,
 we walk the road, Lord Je - sus, that you trod,

moved by your love and toward your pres - ence bent:
 know - ing our - selves bap - tized in - to your death:

far off yet here— the goal of all de - sire,
 so we are dead and live with you in God.

Please stand as you are able.

GOSPEL

Matthew 6:1-6, 16-21

The Holy Gospel according to Matthew, the 6th chapter.

Glory to you, O Lord.

Jesus said to the disciples: ¹“Beware of practicing your piety before others in order to be seen by them; for then you have no reward from your Father in heaven. ²So whenever you give alms, do not sound a trumpet before you, as the hypocrites do in the synagogues and in the streets, so that they may be praised by others. Truly I tell you, they have received their reward. ³But when you give alms, do not let your left hand know what your right hand is doing, ⁴so that your alms may be done in secret; and your Father who sees in secret will reward you. ⁵And whenever you pray, do not be like the hypocrites; for they love to stand and pray in the synagogues and at the street corners, so that they may be seen by others. Truly I tell you, they have received their reward. ⁶But whenever you pray, go into your room and shut the door and pray to your Father who is in secret; and your Father who sees in secret will reward you. ¹⁶And whenever you fast, do not look dismal, like the hypocrites, for they disfigure their faces so as to show others that they are fasting. Truly I tell you, they have received their reward. ¹⁷But when you fast, put oil on your head and wash your face, ¹⁸so that your fasting may be seen not by others but by your Father who is in secret; and your Father who sees in secret will reward you. ¹⁹Do not store up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moth and rust consume and where thieves break in and steal; ²⁰but store up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust consumes and where thieves do not break in and steal. ²¹For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.”

The Gospel of our Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

Please be seated.

SERMON

Pastor Aaron

SPECIAL MUSIC

“Be Thou My Vision”

Irish

INVITATION TO LENT

Friends in Christ, today with the whole church we enter the time of remembering Jesus' Passover from death to life, and our life in Christ is renewed.

We begin this holy season by acknowledging our need for repentance and for God's mercy. We are created to experience joy in communion with God, to love one another, and to live in harmony with creation. But our sinful rebellion separates us from God, our neighbors, and creation, so that we do not enjoy the life our creator intended.

As disciples of Jesus, we are called to a discipline that contends against evil and resists whatever leads us away from love of God and neighbor. I invite you, therefore, to the discipline of Lent—self-examination and repentance, prayer and fasting, sacrificial giving and works of love — strengthened by the gifts of word and sacrament. Let us continue our journey through these forty days to the great Three Days of Jesus' death and resurrection.

Please stand as you are able.



CONFESSION OF SIN

Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

Most holy and merciful God,

**we confess to you and to one another,
and before the whole company of heaven,
that we have sinned by our fault,
by our own fault,
by our own most grievous fault,
In thought, word, and deed,
by what we have done and by what we have left undone.**

We have not loved you with our whole heart, and mind, and strength.

We have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.

We have not forgiven others as we have been forgiven.

Have mercy on us, O God.

We have shut our ears to your call to serve as Christ served us.

We have not been true to the mind of Christ.

We have grieved your Holy Spirit.

Have mercy on us, O God.

Our past unfaithfulness, the pride, envy, hypocrisy, and apathy that have infected our lives, we confess to you.

Have mercy on us, O God.

Our self-indulgent appetites and ways, and our exploitation of other people, we confess to you.

Have mercy on us, O God.

Our negligence in prayer and worship,
and our failure to share the faith that is in us,
we confess to you.

Have mercy on us, O God.

Our neglect of human need and suffering,
and our indifference to injustice and cruelty,
we confess to you.

Have mercy on us, O God.

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Our false judgments, our uncharitable thoughts toward our neighbors,
and our prejudice and contempt toward those who differ from us,
we confess to you.

Have mercy on us, O God.

Our waste and pollution of your creation,
and our lack of concern for those who come after us,
we confess to you.

Have mercy on us, O God.

Restore us, O God, and let your anger depart from us.

Hear us, O God, for your mercy is great.

Please be seated.

IMPOSITION OF ASHES

People may come forward to receive the ashes.

Wearing gloves, ministers mark the wrist of each person with a cross of ashes, saying:

Remember that you are dust, and to dust you shall return.

Please stand as you are able.

Accomplish in us, O God, the work of your salvation,
that we may show forth your glory in the world.

By the cross and passion of your Son, our Savior,
bring us with all your saints to the joy of his resurrection.

The presiding minister addresses the assembly.

Almighty God have mercy on us, forgive us all our sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen us in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep us in eternal life.

Amen.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us:

**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.

SENDING

THE BENEDICTION

Now is the acceptable time.
Now is the day of salvation.
Holy God,
speaking, spoken, and inspiring,
✠ bless you, unbind you,
and send you in love and in peace.
Amen.

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Share the good news.
Thanks be to God.

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Lenten Services Schedule

“Way of the Cross”

<u>Date</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Theme</u>	<u>Speaker</u>
Feb 24	Trinity Lutheran	<i>“Jesus in the Garden of Gethsemane”</i> Matthew 26:36-41	Pastor Arlyn Rusche
March 3	Corpus Christi Catholic	<i>“Jesus is Denied by Peter ”</i> Matthew 26:69-75	Father Richard Lyons
March 10	First Lutheran	<i>“Jesus Promises Kingdom to Good Thief ”</i> Luke 23:39-43	Pastor Jane Nicholson
March 17	Corpus Christi Catholic	<i>“Jesus Speaks to Mother and Disciple”</i> John 19:25-27	Father Allan Wolfe
March 24	Trinity Episcopal	<i>“Jesus Dies on the Cross ”</i> Luke 23:44-46	Mother Patricia Dickson

Our Lutheran, Anglican, Roman Catholic (LARC) Midweek Lenten Services will be available online Wednesdays beginning at 7 PM from Feb 24 to March 24

You can view them on our website: <https://trinitylutheranchambersburg.org/> or
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"Growing in God"

Mission Statement

*"Seed - Planting and Growing in our Faith
Sow - Sharing the word of God with our community"*