

First Sunday in Lent

Sunday, February 26, 2023 – Traditional Service with Holy Communion

**AGAIN IT IS WRITTEN,
'YOU SHALL
NOT
PUT THE LORD
YOUR GOD
TO THE TEST.'**

MATTHEW 4:7, ESV

WELCOME TO ALL

Welcome to worship at Trinity Lutheran Church! We are glad you are here. We are delighted to gather as one people in the name of the risen Lord Jesus, 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.

Based on revised CDC guidance, we are no longer encouraging the wearing of masks for those attending worship, regardless of vaccination status. However, if you have symptoms, have tested positive for Covid or been exposed to someone with Covid-19, we ask that you do wear a mask.

*Please feel free to continue wearing a mask in worship for your safety, if desired.
This guidance may change if our risk level changes.*

Bathrooms are located down the hall from the side entrance to the sanctuary.

Children are always welcome during worship, but if desired, there is a nursery in room 107 available for children ages birth to school age.

*Please be aware that we are streaming our services.
If you do not wish to be on camera please contact the church office.*

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Today's gospel tells of Jesus' temptation in the desert.

His forty-day fast becomes the basis of our Lenten pilgrimage.

*In the early church Lent was a time of intense preparation
for those to be baptized at the Easter Vigil.*

This catechetical focus on the meaning of faith

is at the heart of our Lenten journey to the baptismal waters of Easter.

Hungry for God's mercy, we receive the bread of life to nourish us for the days ahead.

WELCOME / ANNOUNCEMENTS

Congregation responds in bold print.

Please respect the silence of those around you preparing for worship.

PRELUDE

"Liebster Jesus"

Richard Purvis

Please stand as you are able.

CONFESSiON & FORGIVENESS

Blessed be the holy Trinity, + one God,
who journeys with us these forty days,
and sustains us with the gift of grace.

Amen.

Let us acknowledge before God and one another
our need for repentance and God's mercy.

Silence is kept for reflection.

Holy God,
we confess to you our faults and failings.
Too often we neglect and do not trust your holy word;
we take for ourselves instead of giving to others;
we spoil rather than steward your creation;
we cause hurt though you call us to heal;
we choose fear over compassion.
Forgive us, renew us, and lead us,
as we seek to follow in your way of life.
Amen.

Hear the good news:
God so loved the world that God gave the only Son,
so that all may receive life.
This promise is for you!
God embraces you with divine mercy,
+ forgives you in Christ's name,
and revives you in the Spirit's power.
Amen.

OPENING HYMN

ELW 319

O Lord, throughout These Forty Days

1 O Lord, through - out these for - ty days you
 2 You strove with Sa - tan, and you won;
 3 Though parched and hun - gry, yet you prayed
 4 Be with us through this sea - son, Lord,

prayed and kept the fast; in - spire re - pen - tance
 faith - ful - ness en - dured; lend us your nerve, your
 fixed your mind a - bove; so teach us to de -
 all our earth - ly days, that when the fi - nal

for our sin, and free us from our past.
 skill and trust in God's e - ter - nal word.
 ny our - selves that we may know God's love.
 Eas - ter dawns, we join in heav - en's praise.

APOSTOLIC GREETING

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God,
and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

And also with you.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray.

Lord God,
our strength,
the struggle between good and evil
rages within and around us,
and the devil and all the forces that defy you
tempt us with empty promises.
Keep us steadfast in your word,
and when we fall, raise us again
and restore us 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.

Please be seated.



WORD

FIRST READING

Genesis 2:15-17; 3:1-7

Human beings were formed with great care,

to be in relationship with the creator, creation, and one another.

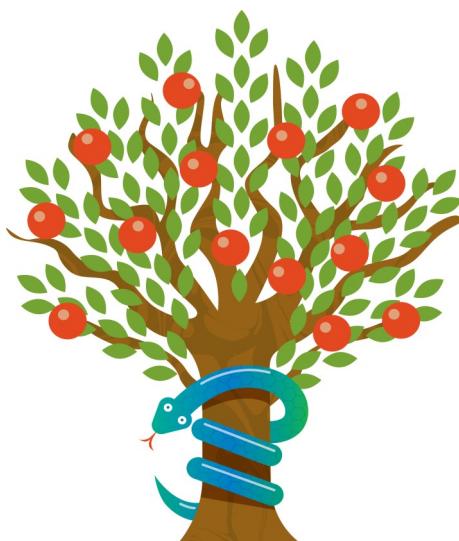
*The serpent's promise to the first couple that their eyes would be opened led, ironically,
to the discovery only that they were naked.*

¹⁵The Lord God took the man and put him in the garden of Eden to till it and keep it. ¹⁶And the Lord God commanded the man, “You may freely eat of every tree of the garden; ¹⁷but of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil you shall not eat, for in the day that you eat of it you shall die.”

^{3:1}Now the serpent was more crafty than any other wild animal that the Lord God had made. He said to the woman, “Did God say, ‘You shall not eat from any tree in the garden’?” ²The woman said to the serpent, “We may eat of the fruit of the trees in the garden; ³but God said, ‘You shall not eat of the fruit of the tree that is in the middle of the garden, nor shall you touch it, or you shall die.’” ⁴But the serpent said to the woman, “You will not die; ⁵for God knows that when you eat of it your eyes will be opened, and you will be like God, knowing good and evil.” ⁶So when the woman saw that the tree was good for food, and that it was a delight to the eyes, and that the tree was to be desired to make one wise, she took of its fruit and ate; and she also gave some to her husband, who was with her, and he ate. ⁷Then the eyes of both were opened, and they knew that they were naked; and they sewed fig leaves together and made loincloths for themselves.

Word of God. Word of Life.

Thanks be to God!



We will speak the Psalm responsively.

Mercy embraces those who trust in the Lord. (Ps. 32:10)

- ¹Happy are they whose transgressions are forgiven,
and whose sin is put away!
- ²**Happy are they to whom the LORD imputes no guilt,
and in whose spirit there is no guile!**
- ³While I held my tongue, my bones withered away,
because of my groaning all day long.
- ⁴**For your hand was heavy upon me day and night;
my moisture was dried up as in the heat of summer.**
- ⁵Then I acknowledged my sin to you, and did not conceal my guilt.
I said, “I will confess my transgressions to the LORD.”
Then you forgave me the guilt of my sin.
- ⁶**Therefore all the faithful will make their prayers to you in time of trouble;
when the great waters overflow, they shall not reach them.**
- ⁷You are my hiding-place; you preserve me from trouble;
you surround me with shouts of deliverance.
- ⁸**“I will instruct you and teach you in the way that you should go;
I will guide you with my eye.**
- ⁹Do not be like horse or mule, which have no understanding;
who must be fitted with bit and bridle, or else they will not stay near you.”
- ¹⁰**Great are the tribulations of the wicked;
but mercy embraces those who trust in the LORD.**
- ¹¹Be glad, you righteous, and rejoice in the LORD;
shout for joy, all who are true of heart.

I WILL INSTRUCT YOU
AND TEACH YOU
IN THE WAY
you should go;
I WILL COUNSEL YOU
WITH MY
loving eye
ON YOU.

PSALM 32:6

SECOND READING

Romans 5:12-19

Through Adam's disobedience, humanity came under bondage to sin and death, from which we cannot free ourselves. In Christ's obedient death, God graciously showers on us the free gift of liberation and life.

¹²Just as sin came into the world through one man, and death came through sin, and so death spread to all because all have sinned—¹³sin was indeed in the world before the law, but sin is not reckoned when there is no law. ¹⁴Yet death exercised dominion from Adam to Moses, even over those whose sins were not like the transgression of Adam, who is a type of the one who was to come.

¹⁵But the free gift is not like the trespass. For if the many died through the one man's trespass, much more surely have the grace of God and the free gift in the grace of the one man, Jesus Christ, abounded for the many. ¹⁶And the free gift is not like the effect of the one man's sin. For the judgment following one trespass brought condemnation, but the free gift following many trespasses brings justification. ¹⁷If, because of the one man's trespass, death exercised dominion through that one, much more surely will those who receive the abundance of grace and the free gift of righteousness exercise dominion in life through the one man, Jesus Christ.

¹⁸Therefore just as one man's trespass led to condemnation for all, so one man's act of righteousness leads to justification and life for all. ¹⁹For just as by the one man's disobedience the many were made sinners, so by the one man's obedience the many will be made righteous.

Word of God. Word of Life.

Thanks be to God!

Please stand as you are able.

LENTEN ACCLAMATION



We are turn - ing, Lord, to hear you; you are mer - ci - ful and kind –



slow to an - ger, rich in bless - ing, and with love to us in - clined.

GOSPEL

Matthew 4:1-11

*Jesus experiences anew the temptations that Israel faced in the wilderness.
As the Son of God, he endures the testing of the evil one.*

The Holy Gospel according to Matthew, the 4th chapter.

Glory to you, O Lord.

¹Jesus was led up by the Spirit into the wilderness to be tempted by the devil. ²He fasted forty days and forty nights, and afterwards he was famished. ³The tempter came and said to him, “If you are the Son of God, command these stones to become loaves of bread.” ⁴But he answered, “It is written,

‘One does not live by bread alone,
but by every word that comes from the mouth of God.’”

⁵Then the devil took him to the holy city and placed him on the pinnacle of the temple, ⁶saying to him, “If you are the Son of God, throw yourself down; for it is written,

‘He will command his angels concerning you,’
and ‘On their hands they will bear you up,
so that you will not dash your foot against a stone.’”

⁷Jesus said to him, “Again it is written, ‘Do not put the Lord your God to the test.’”

⁸Again, the devil took him to a very high mountain and showed him all the kingdoms of the world and their splendor; ⁹and he said to him, “All these I will give you, if you will fall down and worship me.” ¹⁰Jesus said to him, “Away with you, Satan! for it is written,

‘Worship the Lord your God,
and serve only him.’”

¹¹Then the devil left him, and suddenly angels came and waited on him.

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

Please be seated.

CHILDREN'S SERMON

SERMON

Pastor Bill Nienstedt

ANTHEM

*“Jesus Loves Me”
Children’s Choir*

Traditional

Please stand as you are able.

APOSTLES' CREED

With the whole church, let us confess our faith.

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried;
he descended to the dead.
On the third day he rose again;
he ascended into heaven,
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and he will come 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

Names of family & friends in prayer found on page 17.

A brief silence.

Response following each petition:

L: Merciful God,

R: receive our prayer.

SHARING OF THE PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you always.
And also with you!



OFFERING

*Thank you for your generous and faithful support during these extraordinary times.
Out of an abundance of caution, we are not currently passing the collection plates.*

*Instead, you may place your offerings in the plates provided
by the door as you enter or exit worship.*

If you prefer, Trinity offers 5 other ways to give as well:

Text, Mail, Mobile, Automatic Transfer, & Online. Contact the church office for details.

Create in Me a Clean Heart *Offering Song*

The musical notation consists of five staves of music in G clef, common time, and a key signature of one flat. The lyrics are integrated into the music, appearing below each staff. The lyrics are as follows:

Cre - ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re - new a right
spir - it with - in me. Cast me not a - way from your
pres - ence, and take not your Ho - ly Spir - it from me.
Re - store to me the joy of your sal - va - tion, and up - hold me
with your free Spir - it. Cre - ate in me a clean heart, O God,
and re - new a right spir - it with - in me.

MEAL

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.
We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
It is right to give our thanks and praise.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

In the night in which he was betrayed,
our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks;
broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying:
Take and eat; this is my body, given for you.
Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks,
and gave it for all to drink, saying:
This cup is the new covenant in my blood,
shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin.
Do this for the remembrance of me.



THE LORD'S PRAYER

Lord, remember us in your kingdom and teach us to pray:

**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.**

Please be seated.



INVITATION TO COMMUNION

Come and taste the joy of God!
Thanks be to God.



1 O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world a - way;
2 O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world a - way;
3 O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world a - way;



you suf-fered death our lives to save: have mer - cy now, we pray.
you set us free from guilt and grave: have mer - cy now, we pray.
e - ter-nal peace with God you made: give us your peace, we pray.

COMMUNION DISTRIBUTION INFORMATION

All baptized followers of Christ are welcome at the Lord's Table.

Communicants are ushered forward row-by-row.

Please open your hand and the pastor will place the bread in your hand.

Once you have eaten the bread, the communion assistant will offer you a cup of wine.

Please take the cup of wine from the tray.

After drinking the wine, you may return to your seat along the side aisle.

If you prefer, grape juice is available which you may request from the communion assistant.

Please stand as you are able.

COMMUNION BLESSING

THE POST COMMUNION PRAYER

THE BENEDICTION

CLOSING HYMN

ELW 517

Lord, Keep Us Steadfast in Your Word

1 Lord, keep us steadfast in your word; curb those who
 2 Lord Je - sus Christ, your pow'r make known, for you are
 3 O Com - fort - er of price - less worth, send peace and

by de - ceit or sword would wrest the king - dom from your Son
 Lord of lords a - lone; de - fend your ho - ly church, that we
 u - ni - ty on earth; sup - port us in our fi - nal strife

and bring to naught all he has done.
 may sing your praise e - ter - nal - ly.
 and lead us out of death to life.

DISMISSAL

SENDING

Go in peace. Serve in love.
Thanks be to God.

Please be seated.

POSTLUDE

"Passacaglia"

Young

*Altar Flowers are given to the Glory of God
and in memory of loved ones
by Beatrice Clark*



*The children's bulletins are given to the Glory of God,
and in honor of Trinity's children,
by Dave & Becky Morningstar*

LAST WEEKS ATTENDANCE:

Sunday, February 19, 2023: 79

Online views: 144

ASH WED. ATTENDANCE:

Wednesday, February 22, 2023: 70

Online views: 36

Next week's Lessons:

Genesis 12:1-4a

Psalm 121

Romans 4:1-5, 13-17

John 3:1-17



WORSHIP ASSISTANTS

<i>Preacher / Presider</i>	<i>Pastor Bill Nienstedt</i>
<i>Organist</i>	<i>Robert Eyer Jr.</i>
	<i>10 AM</i>
<i>Ushers</i>	<i>Don Grier Ken Runshaw</i>
<i>Acolyte</i>	<i>Frank Barra</i>
<i>Lector</i>	<i>Ray Brindle</i>
<i>Communion Asst.</i>	<i>Wallace Whitworth</i>
<i>Communion Prep</i>	<i>Herm Hopple Pam Hopple</i>
<i>Livestream Team</i>	<i>Jason Brown</i>
<i>Nursery</i>	<i>Janelle Barkman Travis Barkman</i>

IN OUR THOUGHTS & PRAYERS .



We Pray For

FAMILY & FRIENDS

Jean Druckenbrod	Bob Shannon	Larry Royce
Bea Texter	Doris Krieble	Donna Shetter
Jim Cistone	Sue Freeman	Phyllis Dusman
Bob Kitzmiller	Shirley Shilling	Floss Sterner
Carl Forrester	Deb Hutsler	Michele Phillips
Rich Przwarty	Sue Lensbower	Susie Glick
Ray Guldin	Thomas Clarke	Curt Stambaugh
Connie Renshaw	Brenda Zullinger	Cheryl Kelly
Richard & Gloria McCauley	Marlene Fisher	Cameron
Bernice Conner	Mary Royce	

MEMBERS

Peggy Tarner	Judy & Larry Tinberg	Shirley Tomlinson
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*****Names may be added / removed by calling the church office.***

*****Names will normally be removed after 4 weeks.***

OFFERING

Budgeted amount needed: \$8,072.12 02.19.23: \$4,673.00
Thank You!

TRINITY EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH WEEKLY ANNOUNCEMENTS



12 different soups are needed for each of the Lenten Soup Suppers. We are also in need of volunteers to help out with the suppers on Wednesdays.

If you can help, please contact Jim Druckenbrod at 717-264-8760 or druckjj@gmail.com

BIBLE & BREW



Monday, February 13th &
Monday, February 27th
Join us @ 6 PM - Pizza Hut on LWE

We will discussing
"The Mothers and Daughters of the Bible Speak"
while having great conversation, food, & fellowship.

For questions,
contact Judy Tinberg.



Trinity will be partnering together with churches to provide midweek Community Lenten Services. All are welcome! Spread the word!

5:30 PM - Join us for Soup

Wednesdays @ 7 PM

Following worship, you are invited to a time of fellowship where beverages will be served.

LARC (Lutheran, Anglican (Episcopalian), and Roman Catholic) Midweek Lenten Worship Services Schedule

"God's Call to Salvation"

Date	Location	Theme	Speaker
March 1	Solomon's Lutheran	<i>Abraham's Call to Journey</i> Genesis 12:1-9	Father Matthew Smith
March 8	Trinity Lutheran	<i>Moses' Call to Liberate</i> Exodus 3:1-6, 9-13	Mother Pat Dickson
March 15	Trinity Episcopal	<i>Jonah's Call to Preach Repentance</i> Jonah 3:1-10	Pastor Jane Nicholson
March 22	Corpus Christi	<i>Mary's Call to Bear God's Son</i> Luke 1:26-38	Pastor Barb Barry
March 29	First Lutheran	<i>Disciples' Call to Share the Gospel</i> Matthew 4:18-22	Father Allan Wolfe

All offerings received during LARC Lenten Worship will be given to Maranatha this year.
They run a food pantry and the cold weather shelter on Loudon St.

GRIEF SHARE

GRIEF RECOVERY SUPPORT GROUPS

TO REGISTER CONTACT
THE CHURCH OFFICE:

717-263-8156

MEETS THURSDAYS:
BEGINNING
MARCH 16, 2023 - JUNE 22, 2023 @ 7 PM
(ZOOM & IN-PERSON)



Find help and encouragement after the death of a spouse, child, family member, or friend. GriefShare is a support group designed to help you rebuild your life after losing a loved one.

This group will be led by people who have dealt first hand with grief and want to help get you through the difficult days and experience peace and joy again.

THIS WEEK @ TRINITY

Today - 02/26	9:00 AM 9:00 AM 9:00 AM 9:00 AM 10:00 AM	Sunday School for all ages - Library Confirmation - Cloud 9 Sunday School for High Schoolers - Social Hall Scripture & Coffee Worship - Sanctuary <i>1st Sunday in Lent</i> <i>Recycle Paper Day</i>
Monday - 02/27	6:00 PM 7-8:30 PM	Bible & Brew - Pizza Hut LWE Boy Troop - Scout Room
Tuesday - 02/28	6-8 PM	Stamp Club - Library
Wednesday - 03/01	10:00 AM 5:30 PM 5:30 PM 7:00 PM 7:00 PM	Service/Witness - Lounge Yoga - Social Hall Soup Supper—Solomons Lutheran LARC Lenten Worship - Solomon's Lutheran Choir rehearsal - Sanctuary
Thursday - 03/02	6:00 PM	Learning Committee—Cloud 9
Friday - 03/03	6-8 PM 8-10 PM	Cub Scouts - Scout Room Girl Troop - Scout Room
Saturday - 03/04		National Snack Day
Sunday - 03/05	9:00 AM 9:00 AM 9:00 AM 9:00 AM 10:00 AM	Sunday School for all ages - Library Confirmation - Cloud 9 Sunday School for High Schoolers - Social Hall Scripture & Coffee Worship - Sanctuary <i>2nd Sunday in Lent</i>



Palms for Palm Sunday:

If you are willing to volunteer your palms for the Palm Sunday Service, please contact Kathy Ashway:
717-860-5874 or kathyashway@yahoo.com



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Mission Statement

"Seed - Planting and Growing in our Faith

Sow - Sharing the word of God with our community

Steward - Giving to all the love of God

Service - Showing the love of God with our community"