

Second Sunday in Lent

Sunday, March 05, 2023 – Traditional Service with Holy Communion

What is born of the flesh is flesh,

&

what is born of the

SPIRIT

is spirit.

John 3:6, NRSV

JOY
LOVE

PEACE

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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During Lent we journey with all those around the world who will be baptized at the Easter Vigil. In today's gospel Jesus tells Nicodemus that he must be born of water and Spirit. At the font we are given a new birth as children of God. As God made a covenant with Abraham, in baptism God promises to raise us up with Christ to new life. From worship we are sent forth to proclaim God's love for all the world.

WELCOME / ANNOUNCEMENTS

Congregation responds in bold print.

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

PRELUDE

"What Wondrous Love Is This?"

Hayes

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.

Dearest Jesus, We Are Here

1 Dear - est Je - sus, we are here, glad - ly your com -
5 Now in - to your heart we pour prayers that from our

mand o - bey - ing. With this child we now draw near
hearts pro - ceed - ed. Our pe - ti - tions heav'n - ward soar;

in re - sponse to your own sav - ing that to you it
may our heart's de - sires be heed - ed! Write the name we

shall be giv - en as a child and heir of heav - en.
now have giv - en; write it in the book of heav - en!

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.

**O God,
our leader and guide,
in the waters of baptism
you bring us to new birth to live as your children.
Strengthen our faith in your promises,
that by your Spirit
we may lift up your life to all the world
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 12:1-4a

*God's call of Abram and Sarai has a clear purpose -
that through them all the families of the earth would gain a blessing.
As they set out on their journey, they are accompanied by promises of land,
nation, and a great reputation.*

¹The Lord said to Abram, “Go from your country and your kindred and your father’s house to the land that I will show you. ²I will make of you a great nation, and I will bless you, and make your name great, so that you will be a blessing. ³I will bless those who bless you, and the one who curses you I will curse; and in you all the families of the earth shall be blessed.”

^{4a}So Abram went, as the Lord had told him; and Lot went with him.

Word of God. Word of Life.
Thanks be to God!



PSALMODY

Psalm 121

We will speak the Psalm responsively.

I lift up my eyes to the hills; my help comes from the Lord. (Ps. 121:1, 2)

¹I lift up my eyes to the hills;

from where is my help to come?

²**My help comes from the LORD,
the maker of heaven and earth.**

³The LORD will not let your foot be moved
nor will the one who watches over you fall asleep.

⁴**Behold, the keeper of Israel
will neither slumber nor sleep;**

⁵the LORD watches over you;
the LORD is your shade at your right hand;

⁶**the sun will not strike you by day,
nor the moon by night.**

⁷The LORD will preserve you from all evil
and will keep your life.

⁸**The LORD will watch over your going out and your coming in,
from this time forth forevermore.**



SECOND READING

Romans 4:1-5, 13-17

In the person and example of Abraham we discover that a right relationship with God does not involve earning a reward from God but entails trusting God's promises. Abraham is the forebear and model for both Jews and Gentiles, because we too trust that ours is a God who gives life to the dead.

¹What then are we to say was gained by Abraham, our ancestor according to the flesh? ²For if Abraham was justified by works, he has something to boast about, but not before God. ³For what does the scripture say? "Abraham believed God, and it was reckoned to him as righteousness." ⁴Now to one who works, wages are not reckoned as a gift but as something due. ⁵But to one who without works trusts him who justifies the ungodly, such faith is reckoned as righteousness.

¹³For the promise that he would inherit the world did not come to Abraham or to his descendants through the law but through the righteousness of faith. ¹⁴If it is the adherents of the law who are to be the heirs, faith is null and the promise is void. ¹⁵For the law brings wrath; but where there is no law, neither is there violation.

¹⁶For this reason it depends on faith, in order that the promise may rest on grace and be guaranteed to all his descendants, not only to the adherents of the law but also to those who share the faith of Abraham (for he is the father of all of us, ¹⁷as it is written, "I have made you the father of many nations")—in the presence of the God in whom he believed, who gives life to the dead and calls into existence the things that do not exist.

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

John 3:1-17

*A curious Pharisee visits Jesus by night to learn from the teacher his friends reject.
Jesus speaks to him about life in the Spirit and the kingdom of God.*

The Holy Gospel according to John, the 3rd chapter.

Glory to you, O Lord.

¹Now there was a Pharisee named Nicodemus, a leader of the Jews. ²He came to Jesus by night and said to him, “Rabbi, we know that you are a teacher who has come from God; for no one can do these signs that you do apart from the presence of God.” ³Jesus answered him, “Very truly, I tell you, no one can see the kingdom of God without being born from above.” ⁴Nicodemus said to him, “How can anyone be born after having grown old? Can one enter a second time into the mother’s womb and be born?” ⁵Jesus answered, “Very truly, I tell you, no one can enter the kingdom of God without being born of water and Spirit. ⁶What is born of the flesh is flesh, and what is born of the Spirit is spirit. ⁷Do not be astonished that I said to you, ‘You must be born from above.’ ⁸The wind blows where it chooses, and you hear the sound of it, but you do not know where it comes from or where it goes. So it is with everyone who is born of the Spirit.” ⁹Nicodemus said to him, “How can these things be?” ¹⁰Jesus answered him, “Are you a teacher of Israel, and yet you do not understand these things?

¹¹“Very truly, I tell you, we speak of what we know and testify to what we have seen; yet you do not receive our testimony. ¹²If I have told you about earthly things and you do not believe, how can you believe if I tell you about heavenly things? ¹³No one has ascended into heaven except the one who descended from heaven, the Son of Man. ¹⁴And just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, ¹⁵that whoever believes in him may have eternal life.

¹⁶“For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life.

¹⁷“Indeed, God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him.”

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

Please be seated.

CHILDREN’S SERMON

SERMON

Pastor Bill Nienstedt

ANTHEM

*“Gather the People”
Senior Choir*

Pethel

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

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

How Firm a Foundation



1 How firm a foun - da - tion, O saints of the Lord,
4 "Through - out all their life - time my peo - ple shall prove

is laid for your faith in Christ Je - sus, the Word!
my sov - 'reign, e - ter - nal, un - change - a - ble love;

What more can he say than to you he has said
and then, when gray hairs shall their tem - ples a - dorn,

who un - to the Sav - ior for ref - uge have fled?
like lambs they shall still in my bo - som be borne."

SENDING

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Serve in love.

Thanks be to God.

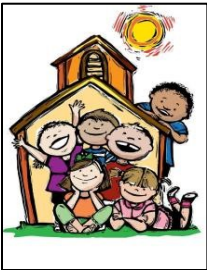
Please be seated.

POSTLUDE

“Psalm XX”

Marcello

*Altar Flowers are given to the Glory of God
and in honor of our wonderful family
by Bert and Paul Kolva.*



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

WORSHIP ASSISTANTS

Preacher/Presider Pastor Bill Nienstedt

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10 AM

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Paul Kolva

Acolyte

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Phil Lobaugh

Communion Prep Dave Etter
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LAST WEEKS ATTENDANCE:

Sunday, February 26, 2023: 100

Online views: 100

Next week's Lessons:

Exodus 17:1-7

Psalm 95

Romans 5:1-11

John 4:5-42



IN OUR THOUGHTS & PRAYERS



We Pray For

FAMILY & FRIENDS

Jerry Crist
Bob Kitzmiller
Rich Przwarty
Ray Guldin
Connie Renshaw
Richard & Gloria McCauley
Bernice Conner
Bob Shannon
Doris Kriebel

Sue Freeman
Shirley Shilling
Deb Hutsler
Sue Lensbower
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Marlene Fisher
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Larry Royce
Donna Shetter
Phyllis Dusman
Floss Sterner
Michele Phillips
Curt Stambaugh
Cheryl Kelly
Cameron

MEMBERS

Glenn & Judith
Trego

Roberta & John
Trombulak

Patrick, Amanda,
Lilah, Piper, & Stella
Upham

Erich & Laurie
Vogel

*****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 02.26.23: \$7,941.75

Thank You!

TRINITY EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH WEEKLY ANNOUNCEMENTS

Godspeed, Christie

Join us after the service
in the Lounge

After 4+ years of faithful and
fruitful service in the office,
beginning this week, Christie
Brown will be transitioning
to remote work only.

Christie has been a huge
help to us here at Trinity and
we hope and expect that her
good work will continue –
just off-site!



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, 9-15	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.



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

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 - 03/05	9:00 AM	Sunday School for all ages - Library
	9:00 AM	Confirmation - Cloud 9
	9:00 AM	Sunday School for High Schoolers - Social Hall
	9:00 AM	Scripture & Coffee
	10:00 AM	Worship - Sanctuary 2nd Sunday in Lent
Monday - 03/06	6-8:30 PM	Boy Troop - Scout Room
Tuesday - 03/07	11:00 AM	Worship Committee - Lounge
	6-9 PM	Cub Scout Cmtee Mtg - Scout Room
	7:00 PM	Property Committee - Lounge
Wednesday - 03/08	5:30 PM	Yoga - TBD
	5:30 PM	Soup Supper - Social Hall
	7:00 PM	LARC Lenten Worship - Sanctuary
Thursday - 03/09	6:30-8 PM	Girl Scouts - Scout Room & Library
Friday - 03/10	6-8 PM	Cub Scouts - Scout Room
	8-10 PM	Girl Troop - Scout Room
Saturday - 03/11		National Johnny Appleseed Day
Sunday - 03/12	9:00 AM	Sunday School for all ages - Library
	9:00 AM	Confirmation - Cloud 9
	9:00 AM	Sunday School for High Schoolers - Social Hall
	9:00 AM	Scripture & Coffee
	10:00 AM	Worship - Sanctuary 3rd Sunday in Lent

Jesus Revolution - a movie about the Christian revival movement in the 1970's that came to be known as the *Jesus Revolution*, is currently screening at the Regal Cinemas, Valley Mall in Hagerstown, MD. Check out the show times online and plan to go see this uplifting film.



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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Vision

"Growing in God"

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"*