

Fifth Sunday of Lent

Sunday, March 17, 2024 – Traditional Service with Holy Communion

Unless a grain of *wheat* falls into the earth and dies, it remains just a single grain; but if it dies, it



bears much fruit.

John 12:24, NRSV

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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God promises Jeremiah that a “new covenant” will be made in the future: a covenant that will allow all the people to know God by heart. The church sees this promise fulfilled in Christ, who draws all people to himself when he is lifted up on the cross.

Our baptismal covenant draws us to God’s heart through Christ and draws God’s love and truth into our hearts. We join together in worship, sharing in word, song, and meal, and leave strengthened to share God’s love with all the world.

WELCOME / ANNOUNCEMENTS

Congregation responds in bold print.

Please use the Chapel beside the office if you desire silent prayer before worship.

PRELUDE

“When I Survey the Wondrous Cross”

Lowell Mason

GATHERING

Please stand as you are able.

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God,
who writes the law on our hearts,
who draws all people together through Jesus.

Amen.

Held in God's mercy, let us confess our sin
in the presence of God and of one another.

Silence is kept for reflection.

Holy God,
**we confess that we are caught in snares of sin
and cannot break free.
We hoard resources while our neighbors
are hungry and cold.
We speak in ways that silence others.
We are silent when we should speak up.
We keep score in our hearts.
We let hurts grow into hatred.
For all these things and for sins only you know,
forgive us, Lord.
Amen.**

Here is a flood of grace:
Out of love for the whole world,
God draws near to us,
breaks every snare of sin,
washes away our wrongs,
and restores the promise of life through † Jesus Christ.
Amen.

“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,

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.

Text: Thomas H. Cain, 1931–2003
Music: OLD 124TH, *Trente quatre pseumes de David*, Geneva, 1551
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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, with steadfast love
you draw us to yourself,
and in mercy you receive our prayers.**

**Strengthen us to bring forth
the fruits of the Spirit,
that through life and death
we may live in 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

Jeremiah 31:31-34

The Judeans in Babylon blamed their exile on their ancestors, who had broken the covenant established at Sinai. Here the prophet looks to a day when God will make a new covenant with the people. There will be no need to teach the law, because God will write it on their hearts.

³¹The days are surely coming, says the Lord, when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and the house of Judah. ³²It will not be like the covenant that I made with their ancestors when I took them by the hand to bring them out of the land of Egypt - a covenant that they broke, though I was their husband, says the Lord. ³³But this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, says the Lord: I will put my law within them, and I will write it on their hearts; and I will be their God, and they shall be my people. ³⁴No longer shall they teach one another, or say to each other, "Know the Lord," for they shall all know me, from the least of them to the greatest, says the Lord; for I will forgive their iniquity, and remember their sin no more.

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



PSALMODY

Psalm 51:1-12

We will speak the Psalm responsively.

Create in me a clean heart, O God. (Ps. 51:10)

- ¹Have mercy on me, O God, according to your steadfast love;
in your great compassion blot out my offenses.
- ²**Wash 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.
- ⁴**Against 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.
- ⁶**Indeed, 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.
- ⁸**Let 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.
- ¹⁰**Create 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.
- ¹²**Restore to me the joy of your salvation
and sustain me with your bountiful Spirit.**

SECOND READING

Hebrews 5:5-10

Using priestly imagery and references to the Old Testament, the author explains how Christ lived in trusting obedience to God, and so God has made Christ the source of our eternal salvation.

⁵Christ did not glorify himself in becoming a high priest, but was appointed by the one who said to him,

“You are my Son,
today I have begotten you”;

⁶as he says also in another place,

“You are a priest forever,
according to the order of Melchizedek.”

⁷In the days of his flesh, Jesus offered up prayers and supplications, with loud cries and tears, to the one who was able to save him from death, and he was heard because of his reverent submission. ⁸Although he was a Son, he learned obedience through what he suffered; ⁹and having been made perfect, he became the source of eternal salvation for all who obey him, ¹⁰having been designated by God a high priest according to the order of Melchizedek

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 12:20-33

*Jesus entered Jerusalem for the last time to celebrate the Passover festival.
Here Jesus' words about seeds planted in the ground turn the disaster of his death
into the promise of a harvest in which everyone will be gathered.*

The Holy Gospel according to John, the 12th chapter.

Glory to you, O Lord.

²⁰Now among those who went up to worship at the festival were some Greeks. ²¹They came to Philip, who was from Bethsaida in Galilee, and said to him, "Sir, we wish to see Jesus." ²²Philip went and told Andrew; then Andrew and Philip went and told Jesus. ²³Jesus answered them, "The hour has come for the Son of Man to be glorified. ²⁴Very truly, I tell you, unless a grain of wheat falls into the earth and dies, it remains just a single grain; but if it dies, it bears much fruit. ²⁵Those who love their life lose it, and those who hate their life in this world will keep it for eternal life. ²⁶Whoever serves me must follow me, and where I am, there will my servant be also. Whoever serves me, the Father will honor.

²⁷"Now my soul is troubled. And what should I say - 'Father, save me from this hour'? No, it is for this reason that I have come to this hour. ²⁸Father, glorify your name." Then a voice came from heaven, "I have glorified it, and I will glorify it again." ²⁹The crowd standing there heard it and said that it was thunder. Others said, "An angel has spoken to him." ³⁰Jesus answered, "This voice has come for your sake, not for mine. ³¹Now is the judgment of this world; now the ruler of this world will be driven out. ³²And I, when I am lifted up from the earth, will draw all people to myself." ³³He said this to indicate the kind of death he was to die.

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

Please be seated.

CHILDREN'S SERMON

SERMON

Pastor Barb Barry

Anthem

*"Jesus in the Morning"
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: Hear us, O God.

R: Your mercy is great.

SHARING OF THE PEACE

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

MEAL

OFFERING

Thank you for your generous and faithful support. 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 five other ways to give as well: Text, Mail, Mobile, Automatic Transfer, and 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 un - to me the joy of your sal - va - tion,
and up - hold me with your free Spir - it.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

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.**

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

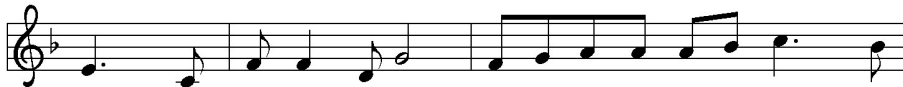
Bread for the journey.
A feast for hungry hearts. Come!
Thanks be to God.



Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world; have



mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the



world; have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the



sin of the world; grant us peace.

Please be seated.

COMMUNION DISTRIBUTION INFORMATION

*God loves you! All 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 or juice from the tray.
Wine is red. Juice is white.
After drinking, you may return to your seat along the side aisle.*

SENDING OF EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS

*James Druckenbrod, Donald Grier,
Philip Lobaugh, Barb Montgomery, & Brenda Runshaw*

Gracious God, as you have sent messengers of compassion to your people, we send these brothers and sisters to those who are unable to share the sacrament with us today. Fill them with your Spirit; give them the gifts of humility, patience, gentleness, kindness, and above all, love, that through their ministry others may know the peace of your presence, and that by the body and blood of your Son they may experience the joy of your salvation.

Amen.

Please stand as you are able.

COMMUNION BLESSING

THE POST COMMUNION PRAYER

SENDING

THE BENEDICTION

CLOSING HYMN

ELW 545

“Lord Dismiss Us With Your Blessing”

1 Lord, dis - miss us with your bless-ing, fill our hearts with joy and peace;
 2 Thanks we give and ad - o - ra - tion for your gos - pel's joy - ful sound.
 3 Sav - ior, when your love shall call us from our strug - gling pil - grim way,

let us each, your love pos - sess-ing, tri - umph in re - deem-ing grace.
 May the fruits of your sal - va - tion in our hearts and lives a - bound.
 let no fear of death ap - pall us, glad your sum - mons to o - bey.

Oh, re - fresh us; oh, re - fresh us, trav - 'ling through this wil - der - ness.
 Ev - er faith - ful, ev - er faith - ful to your truth may we be found.
 May we ev - er, may we ev - er reign with you in end - less day.

Text: attr. John Fawcett, 1740–1817, sts. 1–2, alt.; Godfrey Thring, 1823–1903, st. 3, alt.
 Music: SICILIAN MARINERS, Sicilian, 18th cent.

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Share your bread.

Thanks be to God.

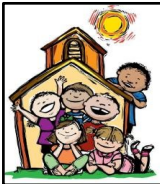
Please be seated.

POSTLUDE

"Toccata"

Pachelbel

*Altar Flowers are given to the Glory of God
and in loving memory of Bertie
by Rick and Lynn Lerew.*



*The children's bulletins are given to the Glory of God
and in honor of our grandson Chase's 10th Birthday
by Ed and Helen Wlazlowski.*

| LAST WEEKS ATTENDANCE: | |
|--------------------------------|----|
| Sunday, March 10, 2024: | 78 |
| Online views: | 78 |

| WORSHIP ASSISTANTS | |
|---------------------------|-----------------------------|
| Preacher /Presider | Pastor Barb Barry |
| Organist | Robert Eyer, Jr. |
| Ushers | Ray Brindle Don Grier |
| Acolyte | Darci Aurand |
| Lector | Ruth Cramer |
| Cantor | Alison Ross |
| Communion Asst. | Luke Coder Erich Vogel |
| Communion Prep | Gloria McCauley |
| Livestream Team | Jason Brown |
| Nursery | Erich Vogel Laurie Vogel |

Next week's Lessons:

- Isaiah 50:4-9a
- Psalms 31:9-16
- Philippians 2:5-11
- Mark 14:1--15:47





SEWING GROUP

March 27, 2024 at 11 AM
at Linda S's home.
For more info call/email
the church office.



DISCOUNT CARDS FOR YOUR EASTER BASKET!

Please contact the Church Office.
The sale benefits Luther Ridge Community Residents.



IN OUR THOUGHTS & PRAYERS



We Pray For

FAMILY & FRIENDS

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| Family and Friends of Stanley Shilling | PJ Snider | Greg Wilson |
| Michele Phillips | Becky Morningstar | Deb Hutsler |
| John Seilhamer | Judy Wrights | Thomas Clarke |
| Bob Shannon | Diane Sterner | Brenda Zullinger |
| Jean Baughman | Paul Stockhausen | Marlene Fisher |
| Sharon Emmons | Shirley Shilling | Mary Royce |
| Joanne Forrester | Denny Verner | Phyllis Dusman |
| Angela Krom | Bea Clark | Floss Sterner |
| Denny Alleman | Linda Remson | Curt Stambaugh |
| Kathy Largent | Sue Lensbower | Cheryl Kelly |
| Kathy Hoffman | Doris Krieble | Cameron |

MEMBERS

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| Cathie Marie Smeedy | Donald and Beverly Smith | Jade and Meyah Smith | Mike and Loriann Smith |
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*****Names may be added / removed by calling the church office.***

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

OFFERING

Total Budgeted Giving Expected as of March 10, 2024: \$281,057.91
Thank You!

TRINITY EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH WEEKLY ANNOUNCEMENTS

MARCH SPECIAL OFFERING

Lutheran Camping Corp. & SpiriTrust Lutheran Home Care Endowment

One of our special benevolence appeals for the month of March is for Camp Nawakwa (Lutheran Camping Corporation). Each year members of Trinity attend camp or Confirmation retreat at Camp Nawakwa, Kirchenwald or Wittel Farm. It is a wonderful facility.

SpiriTrust Lutheran Home Care Endowment provides benevolent care resources that offer hope to individuals who, through no fault of their own, have outlived their financial resources and cannot afford the services they need. Gifts for these critical resources provide much needed services for hospice and home health clients. Your contributions to these appeals are greatly appreciated.



LARC LENTEN SERVICES at 7:00 PM

Theme:
Drawing Nearer to God
*Soup Supper will be served
at 5:30 PM at the hosting Church*

March 20 - Lamb of God

Solomon's Lutheran
4856 Wayne Road, Chambersburg
Father Allan Wolfe

Dutch Mill Bulbs Fundraiser

Support
BSA Troop 135
Trinity Evangelical
Lutheran Church

Show your support with the
purchase of quality flower
bulbs that ship right to you!

For more information,
please check out the
March Newsletter.

NewsLetter **March 20th**
DEADLINE Newsletter
Deadline




March 17th - Last Day to get Soup for the Youth Fundraiser. Proceeds to support the Youth Gathering.

The youth are selling *Vegetable Beef Soup* today
after worship in the hallway: \$12 per quart.
\$10 per quart if you return the jar from the previous week.

Catechism

The Confirmation 101 refresher class will not be meeting on
Palm Sunday or Easter Sunday.
Join us on Sunday, April 7th in the Lounge at 9AM
for a discussion of the Lord's Prayer.
Come join us in deepening your understanding of the basics of faith
and encounter Christ in exciting new ways.

THIS WEEK @ TRINITY

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| <p>Sunday - 3/17/24</p>  | <p>9:00 AM 10:00 AM</p> | <p>Learning for all Ages: Confirmation 101 Refresher Class Confirmation - Cloud 9 2nd to 5th Grade - Library Preschool to 1st Grade - Nursery Worship - Sanctuary Fifth Sunday in Lent</p> |
| <p>Monday - 3/18/24</p> | <p>7:00 - 8:30 PM</p> | <p>Boy Troop - Scout Room</p> |
| <p>Tuesday - 3/19/24</p> | <p>7:00 - 8:30 PM</p> | <p>Girl Troop Committee - Scout Room</p> |
| <p>Wednesday - 3/20/24</p> | <p>4:00 PM 5:30 PM 5:30 PM 7:00 PM 7:00 PM</p> | <p>Spiritual Book Club - Lounge Yoga - Social Hall Soup Supper at Solomon's LARC Lenten Service at Solomon's Choir - Sanctuary NEWSLETTER DEADLINE</p> |
| <p>Thursday - 3/21/24</p> | <p>9:00 AM 5:00 - 8:00 PM 6:30 - 8:00 PM 7:00 PM 7:00 PM</p> | <p>Service - Kitchen Discover Dance Works - Social Hall Girl Scouts - Scout Room and Library Grief Share - Lounge UCCA - Social Hall</p> |
| <p>Friday - 3/22/24</p> | <p>8:30 AM 5:00 - 8:00 PM 6:00 - 8:00 PM 8:00 - 10:00 PM</p> | <p>Service - Kitchen Discover Dance Works - Social Hall Cub Scouts - Scout Room Girl Troop - Scout Room</p> |
| <p>Saturday - 3/23/24</p> | | <p><i>National Puppy and Cuddly Kitten Day</i></p> |
| <p>Sunday - 3/24/24</p> | <p>9:00 AM 10:00 AM</p> | <p>Learning for all Ages: NO Confirmation 101 Refresher Class Confirmation - Cloud 9 2nd to 5th Grade - Library Preschool to 1st Grade - Nursery Worship - Sanctuary Sunday of the Passion / Palm Sunday</p> |



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TRINITY STAFF TO SERVE YOU

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|------------------------------|-------------------------------|
| Pastor | <i>The Rev. Barbara Barry</i> |
| Visitation Pastor | <i>The Rev. Ruth Smith</i> |
| Director of Music Ministries | <i>Robert Eyer, Jr.</i> |
| Communications Secretary | <i>Monica Crider</i> |
| Administrative Assistant | <i>Priscilla Cullinane</i> |
| Treasurer | <i>Dennis Alleman</i> |
| Financial Secretary | <i>Cindy Scanzello</i> |
| Livestream Coordinator | <i>Jason Brown</i> |

TRINITY CHURCH COUNCIL

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|------------------------|------------------------|
| Council President | <i>Evan Sutton</i> |
| Council Vice President | <i>Gloria McCauley</i> |
| Council Secretary | <i>Joyce McDonald</i> |

COUNCIL MEMBERS

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|--------------------------|---------------------|
| <i>Kathy Ashway</i> | <i>Ray Brindle</i> |
| <i>Heidi Hawbaker</i> | <i>Laura Pearce</i> |
| <i>Ken Saylor</i> | <i>David Wenerd</i> |
| <i>Wallace Whitworth</i> | |

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"*