

# *Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church*

March 13<sup>th</sup>, 2022

Second Sunday in Lent



Though we sometimes doubt and often resist God's desire to protect and save us, our God persists. In holy baptism, God's people have been called and gathered into a God-initiated relationship that will endure. Lent provides the church with a time and a tradition in which to seek God's face again. Lent provides another occasion to behold the God of our salvation in the face of the Blessed One who "comes in the name of the Lord."

- PRELUDE
- WELCOME
- ANNOUNCEMENTS
- PRAYER REQUESTS

*For sections with an \*, please stand as you are able*

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### **\*CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**

L: In the name of God,  
who makes a way in the wilderness,  
walks with us,  
and guides us in our pilgrimage.

**ALL: Amen.**

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

L: Holy One,

**ALL: we confess that we have wandered far from you:  
we have not trusted your promises,  
we have ignored your prophets in our own day,  
we have squandered our inheritance of grace,  
we have failed to recognize you in our midst.  
Have mercy on us!  
Forgive us and turn us again to you.  
Teach us to follow in your ways,  
assure us again of your love,  
and help us to love our neighbor.  
Amen.**

L: Beloved in Christ,  
the Word draws near to you,  
and all who call out to God shall be saved.  
In Jesus, God comes to you again and again  
and gathers you under wings of love.  
In ✝ Jesus' name, your sins are forgiven.  
God journeys with you and teaches you how to live in love.

**ALL: Amen.**

**\*OPENING HYMN:**

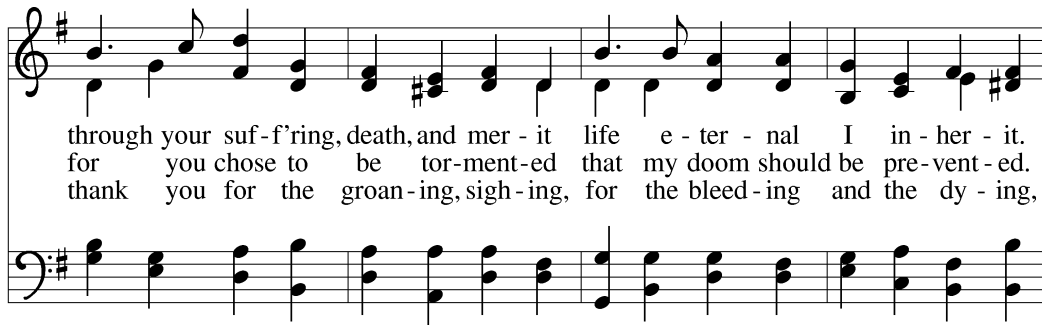
**Christ, the Life of All the Living**



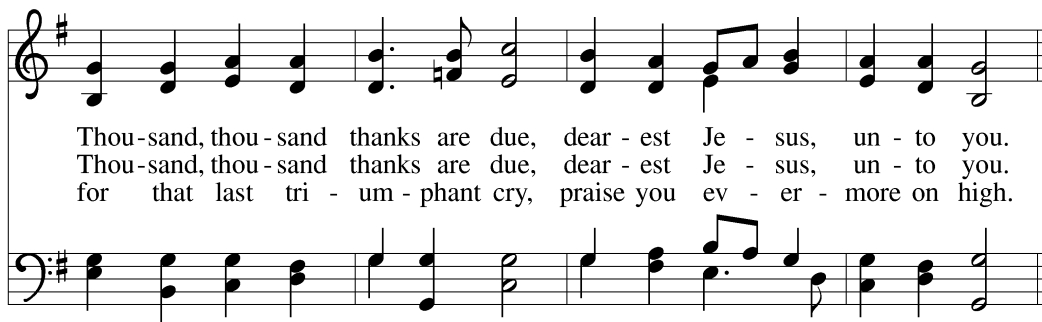
1 Christ, the life of all the liv - ing, Christ, the death of death, our foe,  
2 You have suf - fered great af - flic - tion and have borne it pa - tient - ly,  
3 Then, for all that bought my par - don, for the sor - rows deep and sore,



Christ, your - self for me once giv - ing to the dark - est depths of woe:  
e - ven death by cru - ci - fix - ion, ful - ly to a - tone for me;  
for the an - guish in the gar - den, I will thank you ev - er - more;



through your suf - f'ring, death, and mer - it life e - ter - nal I in - her - it.  
for you chose to be tor - ment - ed that my doom should be pre - vent - ed.  
thank you for the groan - ing, sigh - ing, for the bleed - ing and the dy - ing,



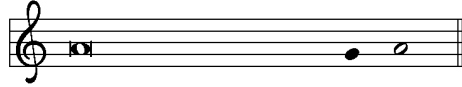
Thou - sand, thou - sand thanks are due, dear - est Je - sus, un - to you.  
Thou - sand, thou - sand thanks are due, dear - est Je - sus, un - to you.  
for that last tri - um - phant cry, praise you ev - er - more on high.

**\*GREETING**

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

**ALL: And also with you.**

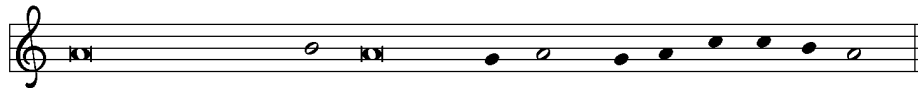
**\*KYRIE**



In peace, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



For the peace from a-bove, and for our sal - vation, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



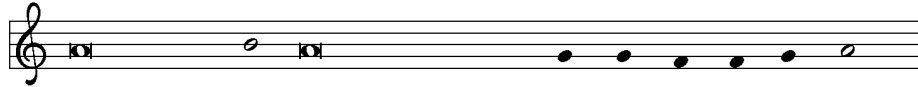
For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God,



and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



For this holy house, and for all who offer here their wor-ship and praise,



let us pray to the Lord. Lord have mer - cy.



Help, save, comfort, and de - fend us, gra-cious Lord. A - - men.

## \*PRAYER OF THE DAY

L: The Lord be with you.

**ALL: And also with you.**

L: God of the covenant, in the mystery of the cross you promise everlasting life to the world. Gather all peoples into your arms, and shelter us with your mercy, that we may rejoice in the life we share in your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**ALL: Amen.**

### FIRST READING: Genesis 15:1-12, 17-18

*God promises a childless and doubting Abram that he will have a child, that his descendants will be as numerous as the stars, and that the land of Canaan will be their inheritance. Abram's trust in God is sealed with a covenant-making ceremony, a sign of God's promise.*

L: <sup>1</sup>After these things the word of the LORD came to Abram in a vision, "Do not be afraid, Abram, I am your shield; your reward shall be very great." <sup>2</sup>But Abram said, "O Lord GOD, what will you give me, for I continue childless, and the heir of my house is Eliezer of Damascus?" <sup>3</sup>And Abram said, "You have given me no offspring, and so a slave born in my house is to be my heir." <sup>4</sup>But the word of the LORD came to him, "This man shall not be your heir; no one but your very own issue shall be your heir." <sup>5</sup>He brought him outside and said, "Look toward heaven and count the stars, if you are able to count them." Then he said to him, "So shall your descendants be." <sup>6</sup>And he believed the LORD; and the LORD reckoned it to him as righteousness.

<sup>7</sup>Then he said to him, "I am the LORD who brought you from Ur of the Chaldeans, to give you this land to possess." <sup>8</sup>But he said, "O Lord GOD, how am I to know that I shall possess it?" <sup>9</sup>He said to him, "Bring me a heifer three years old, a female goat three years old, a ram three years old, a turtledove, and a young pigeon." <sup>10</sup>He brought him all these and cut them in two, laying each half over against the other; but he did not cut the birds in two. <sup>11</sup>And when birds of prey came down on the carcasses, Abram drove them away.

<sup>12</sup>As the sun was going down, a deep sleep fell upon Abram, and a deep and terrifying darkness descended upon him.

<sup>17</sup>When the sun had gone down and it was dark, a smoking fire pot and a flaming torch passed between these pieces. <sup>18</sup>On that day the LORD made a covenant with Abram, saying, "To your descendants I give this land, from the river of Egypt to the great river, the river Euphrates."

L: The word of the Lord.

**ALL: Thanks be to God.**

## PSALM: Psalm 27

*In the day of trouble, God will give me shelter. (Ps. 27:5)*

L: <sup>1</sup>The LORD is my light and my salvation; whom then shall I fear?  
The LORD is the stronghold of my life; of whom shall I be afraid?

**ALL:**<sup>2</sup>**When evildoers close in against me to devour my flesh,  
they, my foes and my enemies, will stumble and fall.**

L: <sup>3</sup>Though an army encamp against me, my heart will not fear.  
Though war rise up against me, my trust will not be shaken.

**ALL:**<sup>4</sup>**One thing I ask of the LORD; one thing I seek;  
that I may dwell in the house of the LORD all the days of my life; to gaze upon the  
beauty of the LORD and to seek God in the temple.**

L: <sup>5</sup>For in the day of trouble God will give me shelter,  
hide me in the hidden places of the sanctuary, and raise me high upon a rock.

**ALL:** <sup>6</sup>**Even now my head is lifted up above my enemies who surround me.  
Therefore I will offer sacrifice in the sanctuary, sacrifices of rejoicing; I will sing and  
make music to the LORD.**

L: <sup>7</sup>Hear my voice, O LORD, when I call;  
have mercy on me and answer me.

**ALL:** <sup>8</sup>**My heart speaks your message—"Seek my face."  
Your face, O LORD, I will seek.**

L: <sup>9</sup>Hide not your face from me, turn not away from your servant in anger.  
Cast me not away—you have been my helper; forsake me not, O God of my salvation.

**ALL:** <sup>10</sup>**Though my father and my mother forsake me,  
the LORD will take me in.**

L: <sup>11</sup>Teach me your way, O LORD;  
lead me on a level path, because of my oppressors.

**ALL:** <sup>12</sup>**Subject me not to the will of my foes,  
for they rise up against me, false witnesses breathing violence.**

L: <sup>13</sup>This I believe—that I will see the goodness of the LORD  
in the land of the living!

**ALL:**<sup>14</sup>**Wait for the LORD and be strong.  
Take heart and wait for the LORD!**

### SECOND READING: Philippians 3:17--4:1

*Although Paul's devotion to Christ has caused him to be persecuted, he does not regret the course he has taken. Writing from prison, he expresses confidence in a glorious future and encourages other Christians to follow in his footsteps.*

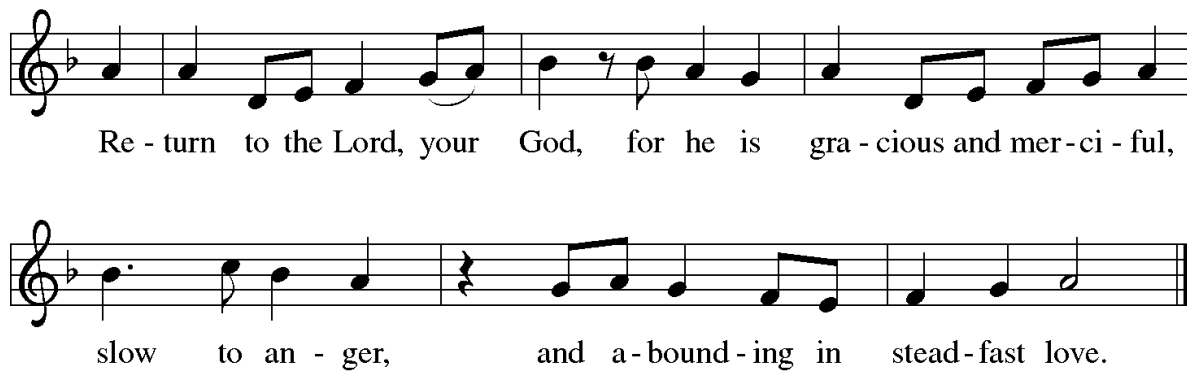
<sup>17</sup>Brothers and sisters, join in imitating me, and observe those who live according to the example you have in us. <sup>18</sup>For many live as enemies of the cross of Christ; I have often told you

of them, and now I tell you even with tears. <sup>19</sup>Their end is destruction; their god is the belly; and their glory is in their shame; their minds are set on earthly things. <sup>20</sup>But our citizenship is in heaven, and it is from there that we are expecting a Savior, the Lord Jesus Christ. <sup>21</sup>He will transform the body of our humiliation that it may be conformed to the body of his glory, by the power that also enables him to make all things subject to himself. <sup>4:1</sup>Therefore, my brothers and sisters, whom I love and long for, my joy and crown, stand firm in the Lord in this way, my beloved.

L: The word of the Lord.

**ALL: Thanks be to God.**

**\*GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**



Re - turn to the Lord, your God, for he is gra - cious and mer - ci - ful,  
slow to an - ger, and a - bound - ing in stead - fast love.

**\*GOSPEL: Luke 13:31-35**

*Neither Herod's plotting nor Jerusalem's resistance to maternal love will deter Jesus from his sacrificial mission.*

L: The Holy Gospel according to Luke.

**ALL: Glory to you, O Lord.**

L: <sup>31</sup>At that very hour some Pharisees came and said to [Jesus,] "Get away from here, for Herod wants to kill you." <sup>32</sup>He said to them, "Go and tell that fox for me, 'Listen, I am casting out demons and performing cures today and tomorrow, and on the third day I finish my work. <sup>33</sup>Yet today, tomorrow, and the next day I must be on my way, because it is impossible for a prophet to be killed outside of Jerusalem.' <sup>34</sup>Jerusalem, Jerusalem, the city that kills the prophets and stones those who are sent to it! How often have I desired to gather your children together as a hen gathers her brood under her wings, and you were not willing! <sup>35</sup>See, your house is left to you. And I tell you, you will not see me until the time comes when you say, 'Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.'"

L: The Gospel of the Lord.

**ALL: Praise to you, O Christ.**

**Sermon: Pastor Rick Mollenkopf-Grill**

**\*HYMN OF THE DAY: Thy Holy Wings**



# Thy Holy Wings

1 Thy ho - ly wings, O Sav - ior, spread gent - ly o - ver me,  
 2 Oh, let me nes - tle near thee, with - in thy down - y breast  
 3 Oh, wash me in the wa - ters of No - ah's cleans - ing flood.

and let me rest se - cure - ly through good and ill in thee.  
 where I will find sweet com - fort and peace with - in thy nest.  
 Give me a will - ing spir - it, a heart both clean and good.

Oh, be my strength and por - tion, my rock and hid - ing place,  
 Oh, close thy wings a - round me and keep me safe - ly there,  
 Oh, take in - to thy keep - ing thy chil - dren great and small,

and let my ev - 'ry mo - ment be lived with - in thy grace.  
 for I am but a new - born and need thy ten - der care.  
 and while we sweet - ly slum - ber, en - fold us one and all.

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## **\*APOSTLES CREED**

**ALL:**

**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 power of 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**

L: Drawn close to the heart of God, we offer these prayers for the church, the world, and all who are in need.

*Each prayer ends with these words:*

L: Merciful God,  
**All: Receive our prayer.**

L: Accept the prayers we bring, O God, on behalf of a world in need, for the sake of Jesus Christ.

**All: Amen.**

## **\*THE SHARING OF THE PEACE**

L: The peace of the LORD be with you always.

**ALL: And also with you.**

*All are invited to greet one another with a sign of Christ's peace.*

## \*OFFERING PRAYER

*Any financial gifts you wish to give towards the ministry of Trinity may be placed in the offering plate at the rear of the worship space. We give thanks for your sharing of your offerings this and every day.*

L: Extravagant God,

**ALL: you have blessed us with the fullness of creation.**

**Now we gather at your feast**

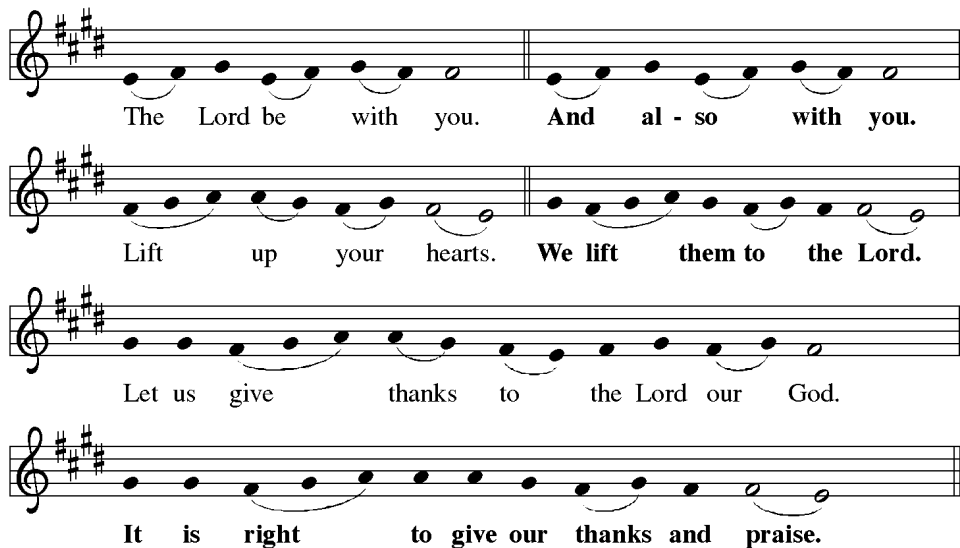
**where you offer us the food that satisfies.**

**Take and use what we offer here, come among us,**

**and feed us with the body and blood of Christ,**

**in whose name we pray.**

## \*THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

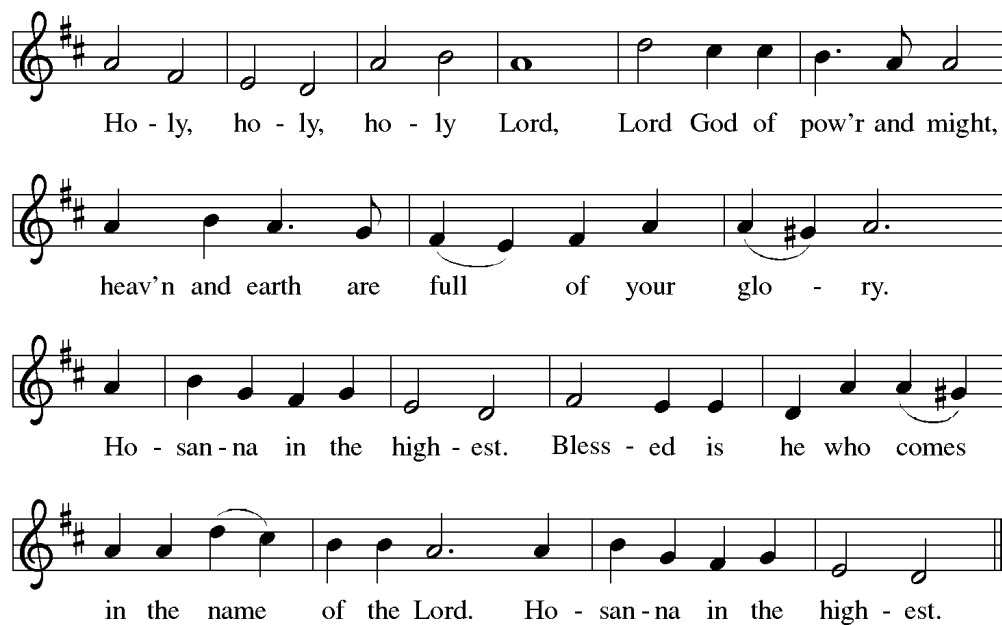


The Lord be with you. And al - so with you.  
Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.  
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.  
It is right to give our thanks and praise.

L: It is indeed right, our duty and our joy,  
that we should at all times and in all places  
give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God,  
through our Savior Jesus Christ.

You call your people to cleanse their hearts  
and prepare with joy for the paschal feast,  
that, renewed in the gift of baptism,  
we may come to the fullness of your grace.

And so, with all the choirs of angels,  
with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven,  
we praise your name and join their unending hymn:



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, Lord God of pow'r and might,  
 heav'n and earth are full of your glo - ry.  
 Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who comes  
 in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

L: 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

L: Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us.  
**ALL: 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.**

### \*INVITATION TO COMMUNION

L: Here is food and drink for the journey.  
 Take and be filled.

## **THE DISTRIBUTION OF COMMUNION**

*The minister will give instruction on the distribution of communion.*

### **COMMUNION HYMN: There is a Balm in Gilead**

**Blue Book: #614**

*To be sung during the distribution of communion*

### **\*POST-COMMUNION BLESSING**

L: The body and blood of our Lord, Jesus Christ, strengthen and keep you in God's grace, now and forever.

**ALL: Amen.**

### **\*PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

L: Blessed Jesus,  
in this rich meal of grace,  
you have fed us with your body, the bread of life.  
Now send us forth to bear your life-giving hope  
to a world in need.

**ALL: Amen.**

### **\*BLESSING**

L: You are children of God,  
anointed with the oil of gladness  
and strengthened for the journey.  
Almighty God,  
motherly, majestic, and mighty,  
✠ bless you this day and always.

**ALL: Amen.**

### **\*CLOSING HYMN:**

# Day by Day

1 Day by day, your mer-cies, Lord, at-tend me, bring-ing  
 2 Day by day, I know you will pro-vide me strength to  
 3 Oh, what joy to know that you are near me when my

com-fort to my anx-ious soul. Day by day, the bless-ings, Lord, you  
 serve and wis-dom to o-bey; I will seek your lov-ing will to  
 bur-dens grow too great to bear; oh, what joy to know that you will

send me draw me near-er to my heav'n-ly goal.  
 guide me o'er the paths I strug-gle day by day.  
 hear me when I come, O Lord, to you in prayer.

Love di-vine, be-yond all mor-tal mea-sure, brings to  
 I will fear no e-vil of the mor-row, I will  
 Day by day, no mat-ter what be-tide me, you will

naught the bur-dens of my quest; Sav-ior, lead me to the home I  
 trust in your en-dur-ing grace. Sav-ior, help me bear life's pain and  
 hold me ev-er in your hand. Sav-ior, with your pres-ence here to

trea-sure, where at last I'll find e-ter-nal rest.  
 sor-row till in glo-ry I be-hold your face.  
 guide me, I will reach at last the prom-ised land.

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## \*DISMISSAL

L: Go in peace. Jesus meets you on the way.

**ALL: Thanks be to God.**

### Office hours

**Pastor Rick:** Tuesdays & Thursdays 10:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

**Tracy:** Tuesdays & Thursdays 11 a.m. - 2 p.m.

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*God's love is powerful...powerful enough to wade through our doubts, fears, and challenges.  
And, God's love is for YOU and ALL!*

# ANNOUNCEMENTS

## Please pray for:

➤ *Thanksgiving for:*

- *Craig Blake, recovering well*
- *Jim Kidder, recovering well*
- *Annette Adamczak – thankful for smooth surgery*

➤ *Strength and healing for:*

- *Hal & Carol Ferguson – healing, understanding and patience*
- *Jessica Brown – healing*
- *Annette Adamczak – strength*
- *Jodi (Linda Laurie's daughter) – battling covid*



- *Bob Say - battling cancer*
- *John Lang - battling cancer*
- *Eileen Kittel – continued recovery*
- *Harold Gardner - recovery*
- *Jean Kron - recovery*

**Counters:** March: Mary Lou. April: Donna May: Jennifer

Deadline for March Beacon submissions: *March 21<sup>st</sup>*

## **Sunday School: TODAY!**

Join us for Sunday School downstairs following worship at 10:45!

Upcoming: April 10<sup>th</sup> & May 8<sup>th</sup>

## **Volunteers Needed**

Extra hands will be needed for spring cleaning at Trinity. All are welcome! Please join us on:

March 26<sup>th</sup> at 9am – Outdoor Yardwork

April 2<sup>nd</sup> at 9am – Interior Spring Cleaning

## **Lenten Midweek Devotions**

Join us Wednesday evenings during Lent (March 9<sup>th</sup> through April 6<sup>th</sup>) from 6:30-7:15 as we take a look at *Lent in Plain Sight: A Devotion through Ten Objects* by Jill L. Duffield. God is often at work through the ordinary: ordinary people, ordinary objects, ordinary grace. Through the ordinary, God communicates epiphanies, salvation, revelation, and reconciliation. It is through the mundane that we hear God's quiet voice. *Lent in Plain Sight* draws our attention to ten ordinary objects that Jesus would have encountered on his way to Jerusalem.

This year our church will use the season of Lent to facilitate conversation and connection to each other and the meaning of this time in the church year. The goal of these devotions will be to focus on spiritual lessons and recognize how the seemingly ordinary can reveal the extraordinary presence of God in our lives.

**Devotions will also be available via Zoom, use Meeting ID: 878 4162 1035 and Passcode: 952121**



## **The Hospitality Room Returns**

Starting March 20th, the hospitality room - and after-worship fellowship - is being restarted. We hope you'll hang around after Sunday worship to get to know each other better again, and have those in-person connection times we've missed so much. There will be a sign-up sheet available soon if you'd be able to help with refreshments. See Paula Jendrowski if you'd like to help.

## **Lenten Diaper Collection**

This Lent the entire Upstate New York Synod is collecting...Diapers!

What are the consequences of diaper need? One in three families suffers from diaper need in the US. Based on present funding in NYS and many other areas in the US, diapers cannot be purchased with food stamps. Babies who remain too long in a soiled diaper are exposed to increased health risks and concerns. Diaper need creates additional stress and concern for the family as well. Most child care centers, even free and subsidized facilities, require parents to provide a day's supply of disposable diapers; therefore, many parents cannot go back to work or school if they cannot leave their babies at child care.

**Trinity is joining in to do something about this! We are collecting size 4, 5 and 6 disposable diapers that will be donated to *All Babies Cherished* in Batavia, an agency that helps with the needs of young families through support, education and supplies. You can add to the diaper stack that will be growing in front of the altar during Lent starting March 6th and ending April 13th!**

## **Easter Sunday Brunch and Egg Hunt**

Join us after Easter Sunday worship in the fellowship hall as we have our joyous Easter brunch! Kids: there will be an Easter egg hunt too! Help make brunch happen by bringing an item to share. Please let Donna Kumpf or Paula Jendrowski if you're able to bring an item.

## **Spaghetti Supper**

Our Spaghetti Supper will be on Saturday, April 23rd. We will be serving take out only again this year. More info on times to help with the dinner and to donate items is coming soon.

## Choir Rehearsals

Choir is meeting on Wednesday evenings immediately following Lenten Devotions (7:15 pm). All are welcome, don't be shy! We are always in need of more voices.

## Akron's Sidewalk Sale

Akron's Sidewalk Sale is back this year on Saturday, June 18th. More info on items to donate for Trinity's sale is coming soon.

## Save the Date!

Trinity will be having our 150th Anniversary Worship Service & Picnic in Akron Falls Park on **Sunday, July 17th**. Worship will be at 10:30 am (one hour later than usual) with the picnic with food, games and good times to follow.

## Adult Forum

Our next meeting is **March 20<sup>th</sup>** following worship. All are welcome! We will be exploring a new social statement recently developed by the ELCA called "Faith, Sexism and Justice: A Call to Action." Join us in the fellowship hall...the coffee will be on!

## Upcoming:

- **Palm Sunday** is April 10<sup>th</sup>
- **Maundy Thursday** is April 14<sup>th</sup> at 7:00pm
- **Good Friday** is April 15<sup>th</sup> at 8:00 pm
- **Easter Sunday** is April 17<sup>th</sup> at 9:30am

Anyone who needs Craig Blake's address - it's Craig & Kathy Blake  
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