

Welcome to Trinity!

We are glad you are here!



First Sunday in Lent Holy Communion

February 26, 2023
9:30 am

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.

All Are Welcome At Our Lord's Table Of Grace. *In, Through, And Under Bread And Wine We Receive The Real Presence Of Christ – God's Love Poured Out For Us – As Jesus Taught Us. Please Prepare Communion Elements Of Bread Or Crackers, Juice Or Wine For Your Household. As You Are Invited During The Meal Portion Of The Service, You May Partake Of The Elements Saying The Words, "The Body Of Christ Given For You, The Blood Of Christ Shed For You."*

+ GATHER +

PRELUDE

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

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CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

All may make the sign of the cross, the sign that is marked at baptism, as the presiding minister begins.

In the name of the Father, and of the ☩ Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

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

Silence is kept for reflection.

Most merciful God,

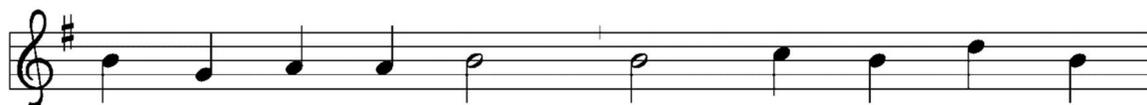
we confess that we are captive to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name.

In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us, and for his sake God forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained minister of the church of Christ, and by his authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the ☩ Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.



1 The glo - ry of these for - ty days we cel - e -
 2 A - lone and fast - ing Mo - ses saw the lov - ing
 3 So Dan - iel trained his mys - tic sight, de - liv - ered
 4 Then grant, O God, that we may, too, re - turn in



brate with songs of praise; for Christ, through whom all
 God who gave the law; and to E - li - jah,
 from the li - ons' might; and John, the Bride - groom's
 fast and prayer to you. Our spir - its strength - en

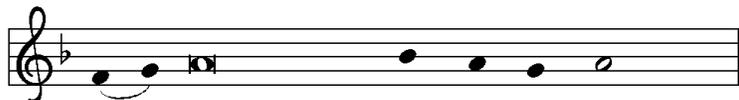


things were made, him - self has fast - ed and has prayed.
 fast - ing, came the steeds and char - i - ots of flame.
 friend, be - came the her - ald of Mes - si - ah's name.
 with your grace, and give us joy to see your face.

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.



In peace, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



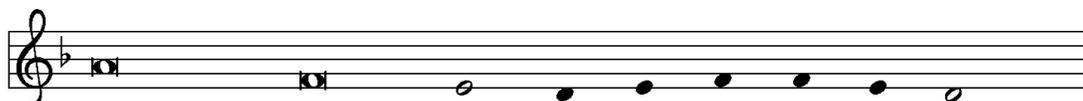
For the peace from a-bove, and for our sal-va-tion, let us pray to the Lord.



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.



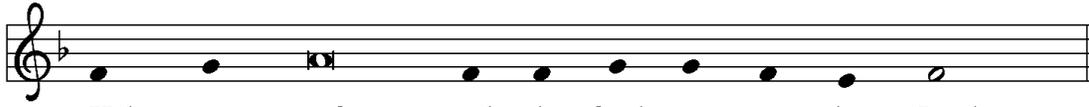
For this ho - ly house, and for all who of - fer here their wor-ship and praise,



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

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.**

Sit

+ WORD +

ANTHEM

Lonesome Valley/We Shall Walk
Trinity Singers

Arr. T. Mabry & V. Schwarz

CHILDRENS MESSAGE

**We are in God's house today. We will learn and we will pray.
Let us listen, let us sing. Gladly make our praises ring.**

**We are in God's house today. We will learn and we will pray.
Let us listen to God's Word. Gladly do what we have heard.**

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

¹⁵The LORD God took the man and put him in the garden of Eden to till it and keep it.

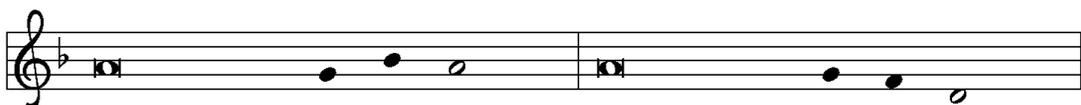
¹⁶And the LORD God commanded the man, "You may freely eat of every tree of the garden; ¹⁷but of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil you shall not eat, for in the day that you eat of it you shall die."

^{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.

The word of the Lord.

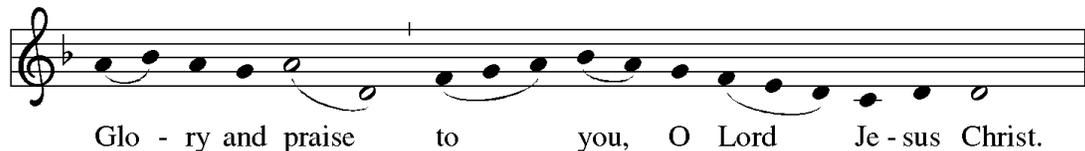
Thanks be to God.

PSALM 32



- ¹Happy are they whose transgressions [|] are forgiven,
and whose sin is [|] put away!
- ²**Happy are they to whom the LORD im- [|] putes no guilt,
and in whose spirit there [|] is no guile!**
- ³While I held my tongue, my bones with- [|] ered 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 con- [|] ceal 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.

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stand



GOSPEL: Matthew 4:1-11

Whirl Story Bible p. 210

The Holy Gospel according to Matthew.

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.

Sit

SERMON

Pr. Paul Collinson-Streng

Silence for reflection

Stand

HYMN OF THE DAY O Lord, throughout These Forty Days

ELW 319



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



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.

APOSTLES CREED

With the whole church we 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

Sustained by God's abundant mercy, let us pray for the church, the world, and all of creation.

A brief silence.

... Merciful God,
receive our prayer.

We lift our prayers to you, O God, trusting in your steadfast love and your promise to renew your whole creation; through Jesus Christ our Savior. **Amen.**

PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you always.

And also with you.

Please share a sign of God's peace with those around you. Children and youth are encouraged to come to the front to greet those worshipping with us online.

+ MEAL +

SETTING THE TABLE

We Place Upon Your Table Lord

ELW 467



1 We place up - on your ta - ble, Lord, where you by
2 With - in these sim - ple things there lie the height and
3 Ac - cept them, Lord; they come from you; we take them



grace have bid us dine, these to - kens of our dai - ly
depth of hu - man life: our pain and tears, our thoughts and
hum - bly from your hand; put these your gifts to high - er

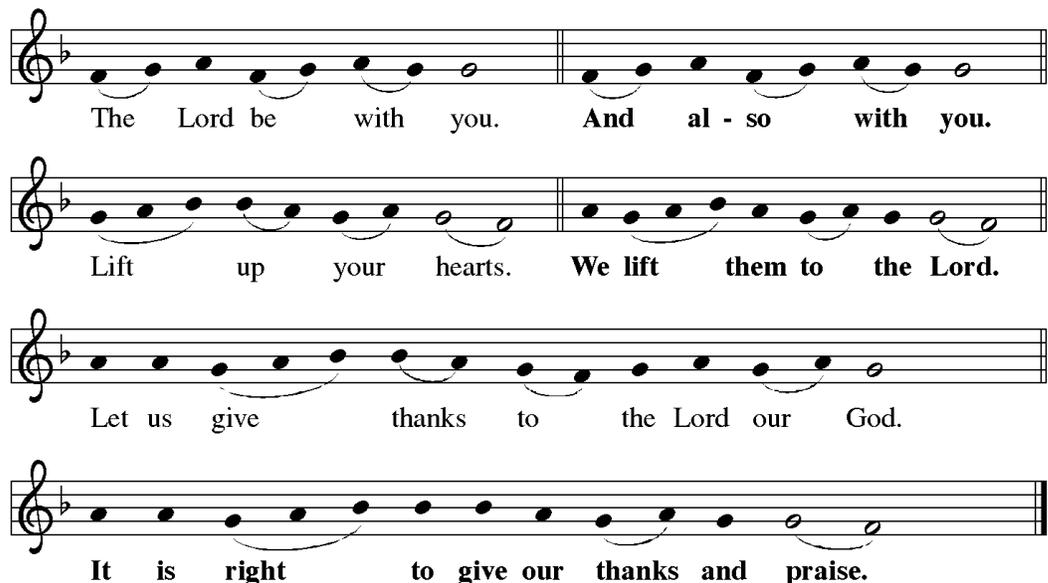


work, the food of life, the bread and wine.
toils, our hopes and fears, our joy and strife.
use: the ho - ly meal that you com - mand.

OFFERTORY PRAYER

God of good gifts, receive these and all our offerings as we present them in faithful service for the sake of your gospel. Prepare our hearts to receive you in this meal as you pour out your very presence through Christ Jesus, the wellspring of eternal life. **Amen.**

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.

PROPER PREFACE AND SANCTUS

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, God of pow'r and might,
heav - en 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.

EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER

Holy, mighty, and merciful Lord, heaven and earth are full of your glory. In great love you sent to us Jesus, your Son, who reached out to heal the sick and suffering, who preached good news to the poor, and who, on the cross, opened his arms to all.

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.

Remembering, therefore, his death, resurrection, and ascension, we await his coming in glory.

Pour out upon us the Spirit of your love, O Lord, and unite the wills of all who share this heavenly food, the body and blood of Jesus Christ, our Lord; to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, be all honor and glory, now and forever.

Amen.

LORD'S PRAYER

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

Our Fa - ther in heav - en, hal - lowed be your name,
your king - dom come, your will be done, on earth as in heav - en.
Give us to - day our dai - ly bread. For - give us our sins as we
for-give those who sin a - gainst us. Save us from the time of tri - al
and de - liv - er us from e - vil. For the king - dom, the pow'r,
and the glo - ry are yours, now and for - ev - er. A - men.

INVITATION

Come to the banquet,
for all is now ready.

All are welcome at Jesus' table of grace for communion. Wine (red) and juice (white) are offered in individual communion cups; bread will be distributed by the pastor. Gluten free bread options are also available. Individually packaged communion elements are available just outside the sanctuary doors. You are also invited to come forward and cross your arms for a blessing or remain in your seats for meditation time.

LAMB OF GOD

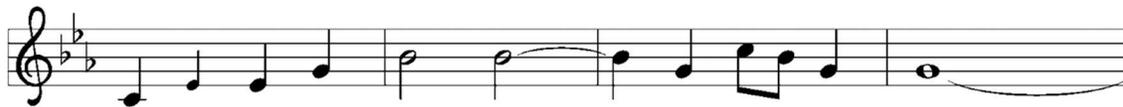
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Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the
world; have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you
take a - way the sin of the world; have mer - cy
on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the
sin of the world; grant us peace. A - men.

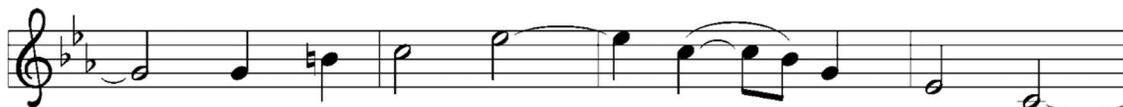
Sit



1 I want Je - sus to walk with me;
2 In my tri - als, Lord, walk with me;
3 When I'm in trou - ble, Lord, walk with me;



I want Je - sus to walk with me;
in my tri - als, Lord, walk with me;
when I'm in trou - ble, Lord, walk with me;



all a - long my pil - grim jour - ney,
when my heart is al - most break - ing,
when my head is bowed in sor - row,



Lord, I want Je - sus to walk with me.
Lord, I want Je - sus to walk with me.
Lord, I want Je - sus to walk with me.



1 When we are test - ed and wres - tle a - lone,
 2 When in the des - ert we cry for re - lief,
 3 When we are tempt - ed to bar - ter our souls,
 4 When we have strug - gled and searched through the night,



fam - ished for bread when the world of - fers stone,
 plead - ing for paths marked by cer - tain be - lief,
 trad - ing the truth for the pow'r to con - trol,
 sort - ing and sift - ing the wrong from the right,



nour - ish us, God, by your word and your way,
 lift us to love you be - yond sign and test,
 teach us to wor - ship and praise on - ly you,
 Sav - ior, sur - round us with cir - cles of care,



food that sus - tains us by night and by day.
 trust - ing your pres - ence, our on - ly true rest.
 seek - ing your will in the work that we do.
 an - gels of heal - ing, of hope, and of prayer.

stand

TABLE BLESSING

The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in God's grace. **Amen.**

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Embodied God,

at your table, we have tasted the goodness of Jesus. With the eyes of our hearts open to your promise, empower us to hear the needs of our neighbors and touch the world with your love. **Amen.**

+ SENDING +

BENEDICTION

God, the giver of love, ✝ Christ, the resurrection and the life, and the Holy Spirit of rebirth bless you in this Lenten journey.

Amen.



1 Bless now, O God, the jour - ney that all your peo - ple make,
2 Bless so - journ-ers and pil - grims who share this wind-ing way;
3 Di - vine e - ter - nal lov - er, you meet us on the road.



the path through noise and si - lence, the way of give and take.
your hope burns through the ter - rors, your love sus-tains the day.
We wait for lands of prom - ise where milk and hon - ey flow,



The trail is found in des - ert and wīnds the moun-tain round,
We yearn for ho - ly free - dom while of - ten we are bound;
but wait-ing not for plac - es, you meet us all a - round.



then leads be - side still wa - ters, the road where faith is found.
to - geth - er we are seek - ing the road where faith is found.
Our cov - e - nant is writ - ten on roads, as faith is found.

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Remember the poor. **Thanks be to God.**

There will be no postludes during Lent. They will return at Easter.

TWO MINUTE CONNECTION: *Please take 2 minutes at the end of worship to speak with someone you don't know or don't know well. This will help everybody to get to know one another better and strengthen our community here at Trinity!*

Remember in Your Prayers

THE CHURCH

our synod & bishops: Bishops Elizabeth E & Leila O

our missionaries: Stephen D & Marta G, Cent. America

our congregation: Trinity Church

THE NATIONS: Afghanistan, El Salvador, Guatemala, Haiti, Honduras, India, Indonesia, Iraq, Israel, Korea, Mexico, Myanmar, Namibia, Palestine, Somalia, Spain/Cataluña, Sudan, Syria, Ukraine, United States, Venezuela

THE SICK AND SUFFERING

nursing/rehabilitation center/hospital

Martha R (Bethesda H&R)

Philip T (Manor Care Potomac)

Yulie N (Village at Rockville)

home

Tigist G, Margo W, Lineth M, Isabel F, Gio S, Vimala P, Anya N

family and friends*

Lonnie B, *friend of Carol B*

Donald B, *brother of Marilyn C*

Pastor Sarah F-M, *friend of Anita S*

David G, *friend of Tad and Vi D*

Karen and Harold S, *friends of Pamela B*

first responders

Lisbeth N-D

Greta S & Linda A, *sister & sister-in-law of Anita S*

Vanessa B, *friend of Elizabeth & Ben R*

**For family and friends, prayer requests will be kept on the list for four weeks. After four weeks, please complete another card/call the office.*

Worship Announcement: Masks in the building are now optional

Office Hours: Carol B will be our interim admin 9-3 Mon-Thurs, and interim Pr Paul Collinson-Streng will be in the office on Tuesdays but also can be reached by phone or text at 410-258-7603, or email@pastor@trinityelca.org.

This Week at Trinity

Livestreamed services on Trinity YouTube channel <https://www.youtube.com/@TrinityELCA/streams>

Sun, Feb 26, First Sunday in Lent

Food Collection

9:30 am **Holy Communion** Worship Service

(Coffee Hour to Follow)

10:45 am Intergenerational Prayer Event

11:15 am Mission Endowment Committee

Mon, Feb 27

7:30 pm Heavenly Handbells

Thurs, Mar 2

6:00 pm Soup Supper

7:00 pm Holden Evening Prayer

7:30 pm Trinity Singers- Choir Room

Sun, Mar 5, Second Sunday in Lent

Food Collection

9:30 am **Holy Communion** Worship Service
(Coffee Hour to Follow)

10:45 am Adult Forum-Room 10

10:45 am Children’s Sunday School- Room 8

Birthdays

26.	Joan E	28.	Georgine R
27.	Turquoise W	1	Lineth M

Online offering is available via Paypal!

See details on the Trinity website <http://www.trinityelca.org/give>

Lenten Soup Suppers and Holden Evening Prayer | Thursdays in March | 6:00 pm and 7:00 pm

Join us in the social hall for a simple supper of soup and bread starting at 6:00 pm, prior to Lenten vespers at 7:00 pm. There is an optional sign-up link below to RSVP (to estimate how many to set up for) and provide a soup or bread. If you forget, please come anyway!

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/8050e4caba82f4-lenten#/>

Note: Midweek Lenten services will be in-person only.



Prayer Event | Feb 26

MEF Committee Meeting | Feb 26 | 11 :45am

Soup Supper and Lenten Worship | March 2

Food Drive | March 18



Trinity Prayer Event for the Call Process: Intergenerational Sunday School | Today

Trinity’s Stephen Ministry program is sponsoring an Intergenerational Congregational Prayer Event, to be held after the church service TODAY at 10:45am. We will learn new ways of opening our hearts in prayer to specifically listen and be guided by the Holy Spirit, with opportunities to pray

together and pray individually, try a variety of prayer practices, including some art work and breath prayers, and to pray for our congregation in the days, weeks, and months ahead. We welcome Trinity's children who will take part in Trinity's annual pretzel-making experience as well as other children's prayer opportunities. Join us for this time of prayer and be a part of a beautiful way of coming together as a spiritual community to prayerfully support our call process for a new pastor as it continues.

Join @ELCAYoungAdults for #NoPlasticsForLent!

While we often think of giving something up for Lent as depriving ourselves of something, this Lenten practice has a more positive spin. While giving up single-use plastic, or committing to eco-friendly practices, or just reducing plastic waste for 40 days may be a challenge, it's a step towards better caring for creation. Maybe at the end of Lent, you will have found practices that you can sustain on an everyday basis! Take the pledge today to help take care of God's creation:

<https://sites.google.com/view/noplasticsforlent/forms/2023-pledge-form>

Food Drive | March 18, 2023 | 9-noon

Our monthly food drive collection will be given to Bethesda Help (bethesdahelp.org).

Thanks to all for their ongoing support of the food drives – the need in the community continues to grow. Trinity's food drives will continue the third Saturday of the month from 9-12. The list of food donation requests can be found here: <https://bit.ly/3rJQCU5>

If you have any questions please contact Margaret F at gmfitzwm85@gmail.com



As a reminder, a Sign Up Genius is set up for sign up through May. If you have questions or need help signing up, please reach out to Margaret F at gmfitzwm85@gmail.com or Chelsea Y at Chelsea.kiehl@valpo.org.

See you at coffee hour!

Sign up here: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/8050e4caba82f4-coffee>

BENEVOLENCES 2023

Trinity's Lenten Benevolence Offerings will go to Lutheran Disaster Response (Domestic) this year. LDR brings God's hope, healing, and renewal to people whose lives have been disrupted by disasters in the USA and around the world. Visit the ELCA Disaster Response webpage (<https://elca.org/disaster>) to learn more about how you can help.



Serving in Worship Today

Assisting Minister: Nancy N

Cantor: Jon S

Lector: Fred S

Altar Guild: Margaret F

Usher: Greg F

Welcome Team: Jerry B and Stella B-A

Livestream Operator(s): Rob and Dan S, Mike M

Coffee Hour: Sabrina R and Nancy N

Tellers: Petra T and Jon S

Staff

Interim Pastor: Rev. Paul Collinson-Streng

Interim Musician: Marcello Silva

Office: Carol Bruno

Handbell Choir: Marilyn Converse

Custodian: Kathy Boone