

Welcome to Trinity!

We are glad you are here!



Second Sunday in Lent Holy Communion

March 5, 2023
9:30 am

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.

A warm welcome to all who are visiting with us online today.

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."

+ GATHERING +

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. Amen.

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 All who be - lieve and are bap - tized shall see the Lord's sal -
2 With one ac - cord, O God, we pray, grant us your Ho - ly



va - tion; bap-tized in - to the death of Christ, they are a
Spir - it; help us in our in - fir - mi - ty through Je - sus'



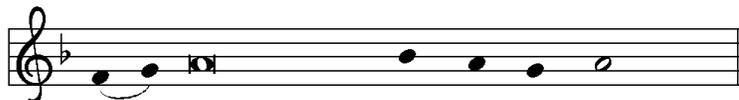
new cre - a - tion; through Christ's re-demp-tion they will stand a -
blood and mer - it; grant us to grow in grace each day by



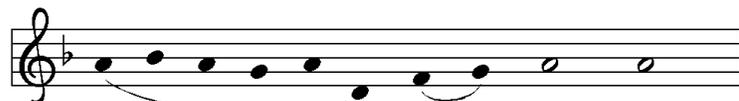
mong the glo - rious heav'n-ly band of ev-'ry tribe and na - tion.
ho - ly bap - tism, that we may e - ter - nal life in - her - it.

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.



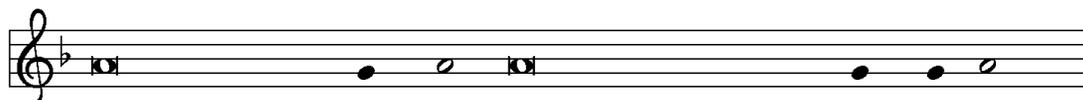
Lord, have mer - cy.



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.

⁵the LORD watches ^l over you;
the LORD is your shade at ^l your right hand;
⁶**the sun will not strike ^l you by day,
nor the ^l moon by night.**
⁷The LORD will preserve you ^l from all evil
and will ^l keep your life.
⁸**The LORD will watch over your going out and your ^l coming in,
from this time forth for- ^l evermore.**

SECOND READING: Romans 4:1-5, 13-17

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.

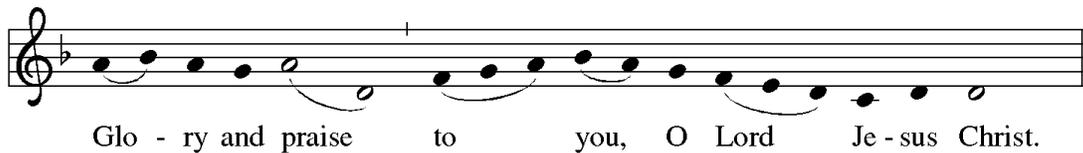
¹⁵For the law brings wrath; but where there is no law, neither is there violation.

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.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

stand



GOSPEL: John 3:1-17

The Holy Gospel according to John.

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.

Sit

SERMON

Pr. Paul Collinson-Streng

Silence for reflection

Stand

HYMN OF THE DAY God Loved the World

ELW 323



1 God loved the world so that he gave his on - ly
2 Christ Je - sus is the ground of faith, who was made
3 If you are ill, if death draws near, this truth your
4 Be of good cheer, for God's own Son for - gives all
5 All glo - ry to the Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly



Son the lost to save, that all who would in
flesh and suf - fered death; all who con - fide in
trou - bled heart can cheer: Christ Je - sus res - cues
sins that you have done, and jus - ti - fied by
Spir - it, Three in One! To you, O bless - ed



him be - lieve should ev - er - last - ing life re - ceive.
Christ a - lone are built on this chief cor - ner - stone.
us from death; that is the firm - est ground of faith.
Je - sus' blood, your bap - tism grants the high - est good.
Trin - i - ty, be praise now and e - ter - nal - ly!

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

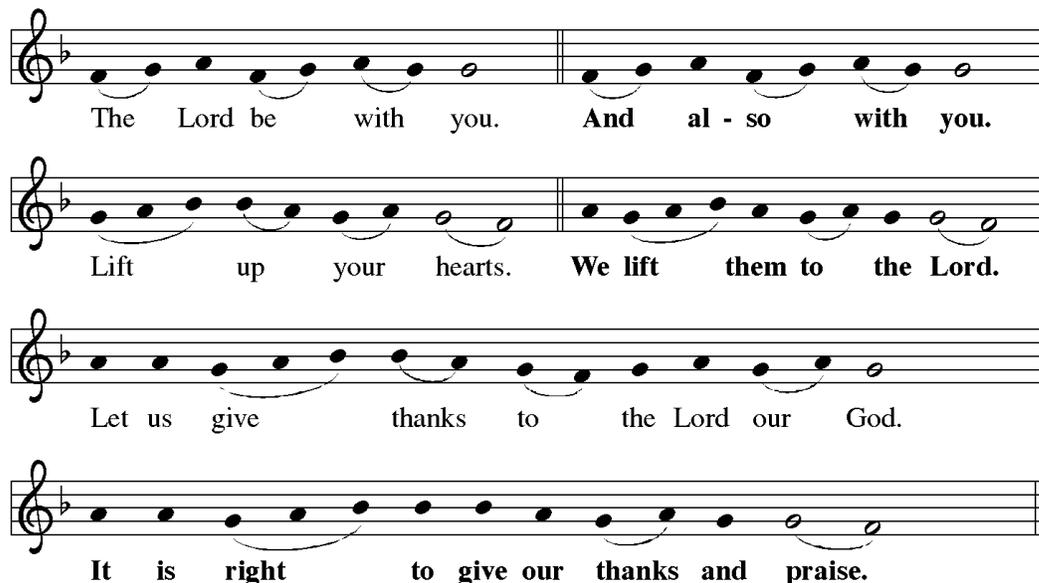


work, the food of life, the bread and wine.
 toils, our hopes and fears, our joy and strife.
 use: the ho - ly meal that you com - mand.

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

ELW Setting 5

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.

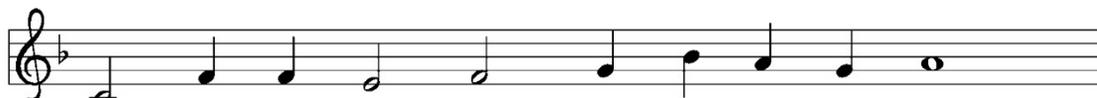
Sit



1 E - ter - nal Lord of love, be - hold your church
2 So dai - ly dy - ing to the way of self,
3 If dead in you, so in you we a - rise,



walk - ing once more the pil - grim way of Lent,
so dai - ly liv - ing in your way of love,
you the first - born of all the faith - ful dead;



led by your cloud by day, by night your fire,
we walk the road, Lord Je - sus, that you trod,
and as through ston - y ground the green shoots break,



moved by your love and toward your pres - ence bent:
know - ing our - selves bap - tized in - to your death:
glo - rious in spring - time dress of leaf and flow'r,



far off yet here— the goal of all de - sire.
so we are dead and live with you in God.
so in - to life and glo - ry shall we wake.



1 Your on - ly Son, no sin to hide, but you have
 2 Your gift of love we cru - ci - fied. We laughed and
 3 I was so lost, I should have died, but you have



sent him from your side to walk up - on this guilt - y
 scorned him as he died. The hum - ble king we named a
 brought me to your side to be led by your staff and



sod and to be - come the Lamb of God.
 fraud and sac - ri - ficed the Lamb of God. O Lamb of
 rod and to be called a lamb of God.



God, sweet Lamb of God, I love the ho - ly Lamb of God. Oh, wash me



in your pre - cious blood, my Je - sus Christ, the Lamb of God.

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.

SENDING HYMN

How Firm a Foundation

ELW 796



1 How firm a foun - da - tion, O saints of the Lord,
2 "Fear not, I am with you, oh, be not dis - mayed,
3 "When through fi - 'ry tri - als your path - way shall lie,
4 "Through - out all their life - time my peo - ple shall prove



is laid for your faith in Christ Je - sus, the Word!
for I am your God and will still give you aid;
my grace, all - suf - fi - cient, shall be your sup - ply.
my sov - 'reign, e - ter - nal, un - change - a - ble love;



What more can he say than to you he has said
I'll strength - en you, help you, and cause you to stand,
The flames shall not hurt you; I on - ly de - sign
and then, when gray hairs shall their tem - ples a - dorn,



who un - to the Sav - ior for ref - uge have fled?
up - held by my righ - teous, om - nip - o - tent hand."
your dross to con - sume and your gold to re - fine."
like lambs they shall still in my bo - som be borne."

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, Pam B

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, 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)

Mon, Mar 6

7:30 pm Heavenly Handbells (Sanc)

Tues, Mar 7

7:00 pm Stephen Ministry Supervision (10)

Wed, Mar 8

1:00 pm Men's Group (Zoom)

Thurs, Mar 9

6:00 pm Soup Supper (SH)

7:00 pm Holden Evening Prayer

7:30 pm Trinity Singers (Choir Room)

Sat, Mar 11

Before bed Change to Daylight Saving Time

Sun, Mar 12, Third 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

9. Karen W

Baptism Anniversaries

5. Marjorie W 6. Nancy N

6. David C 9. Nancy J

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/8050e4cab a82f4-lenten#/>



**Trinity Men's Group (Zoom) | March 8
Soup Supper and Lenten Worship | March 9
Change to Daylight Saving Time | March 11
Reverse Yard Sale & Food Drive | March 18
Red Cross Blood Drive | April 18**

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>

Reverse Yard Sale to Benefit A Wider Circle and Bethesda Help Food Drive | March 18, 2023 | 9-noon

We will be collecting smaller, gently used household items, clothes, and toys in the Trinity parking lot on March 18th from 9am - 12pm. We will sort and transport your donated items to A Wider Circle where the items will be given to help people in need. Please contact Henry C with questions.

Thanks to the many congregation members who continue to support our monthly food drives to support Bethesda Help. We are also pleased that each month we welcome donations from members of the neighborhood. Each month we drop off between 300-500 pounds of food and 10-20 gift cards. Bethesda Help is very appreciative and recognizes Trinity each month in the BH newsletter.. 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/3rJQCUs>

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/8050e4cab a82f4-coffee>

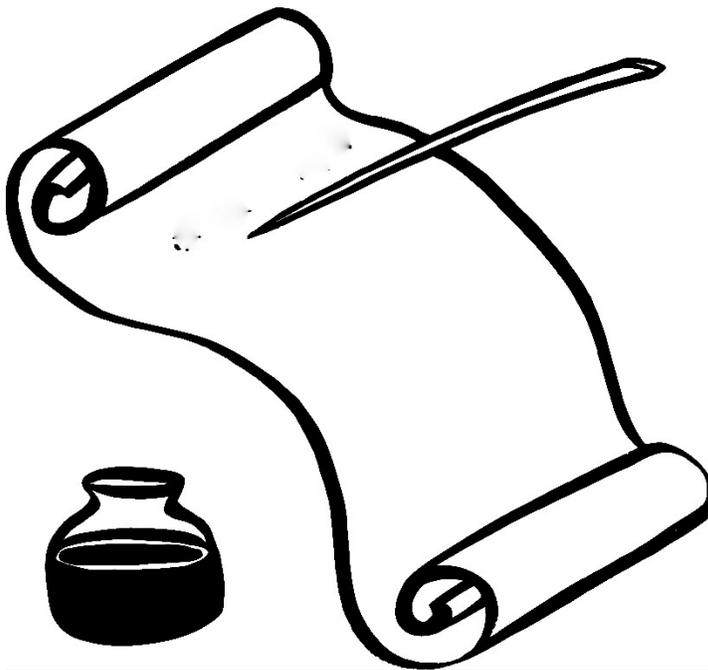
Prayer Strip Lenten Prayer Station

This prayer station will be next to the baptismal font throughout Lent. Everyone, children and youth included, is invited to take a strip of fabric and use the provided markers to write one prayer concern on the fabric. It can be a prayer for yourself, someone you love, a situation in our community or world. You can simply write a name or word, or you can be more specific, naming an illness or need.

Hang the strip of fabric evenly but loosely on the cross. Fill out another strip for each additional prayer.

You are encouraged to take another's prayer strip with you, focusing on the one concern throughout Lent, or you may switch it with another prayer strip next time you come to worship.

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: Carol B

Cantor: Kim B

Lector: Sabrina R

Altar Guild: Miriam M

Usher: Fred S

Welcome Team: Leslie S and Charlie M

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

Tellers: Dick and Peggy J

Coffee Hour: Ana N

Staff

Interim Pastor: Rev. Paul Collinson-Streng

Interim Musician: Marcello Silva

Office: Carol Bruno

Handbell Choir: Marilyn Converse

Custodian: Kathy Boone