

Welcome to Trinity!

We are glad you are here!

	<p>Fourth Sunday in Lent Holy Communion</p>	<p>March 19, 2023 9:30 am</p>
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Baptism is sometimes called enlightenment. The gospel for this Sunday is the story of the man born blind healed by Christ. "I was blind, now I see," declares the man. In baptism God opens our eyes to see the truth of who we are: God's beloved children. As David was anointed king of Israel, in baptism God anoints our head with oil, and calls us to bear witness to the light of Christ in our daily lives.

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

stand

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 Praise the One who breaks the dark-ness with a lib - er - at - ing light;
- 2 Praise the One who blessed the chil - dren with a strong yet gen - tle word;
- 3 Praise the one true love in - car - nate: Christ, who suf - fered in our place;



praise the One who frees the pris - 'ners, turn - ing blind - ness in - to sight.
praise the One who drove out de - mons with a pierc - ing, two - edged sword.
Je - sus died and rose for man - y that we may know God by grace.



Praise the One who preached the gos - pel, heal - ing ev - 'ry dread dis - ease,
Praise the One who brings cool wa - ter to the des - ert's burn - ing sand;
Let us sing for joy and glad - ness, see - ing what our God has done.

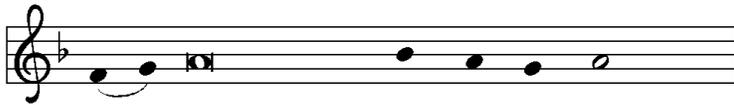


calm - ing storms and feed - ing thou - sands with the ver - y bread of peace.
from this well comes liv - ing wa - ter quench - ing thirst in ev - 'ry land.
Praise the one re - deem - ing glo - ry; praise the One who makes us one.

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.

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: 1 Samuel 16:1-13

Whirl Story Bible p. 98

¹The LORD said to Samuel, "How long will you grieve over Saul? I have rejected him from being king over Israel. Fill your horn with oil and set out; I will send you to Jesse the Bethlehemite, for I have provided for myself a king among his sons."

²Samuel said, "How can I go? If Saul hears of it, he will kill me." And the LORD said, "Take a heifer with you, and say, 'I have come to sacrifice to the LORD.'" ³Invite Jesse to the sacrifice, and I will show you what you shall do; and you shall anoint for me the one whom I name to you." ⁴Samuel did what the LORD commanded, and came to Bethlehem. The elders of the city came to meet him trembling, and said, "Do you come peaceably?" ⁵He said, "Peaceably; I have come to sacrifice to the LORD; sanctify yourselves and come with me to the sacrifice." And he sanctified Jesse and his sons and invited them to the sacrifice.

⁶When they came, he looked on Eliab and thought, "Surely the LORD's anointed is now before the LORD." ⁷But the LORD said to Samuel, "Do not look on his appearance or on the height of his stature, because I have rejected him; for the LORD does not see as mortals see; they look on the outward appearance, but the LORD looks on the heart." ⁸Then Jesse called Abinadab, and made him pass before Samuel. He said, "Neither has the LORD chosen this one." ⁹Then Jesse made Shammah pass by. And he said, "Neither has the LORD chosen this one." ¹⁰Jesse made seven of his sons pass before Samuel, and Samuel said to Jesse, "The LORD has not chosen any of these." ¹¹Samuel said to Jesse, "Are all your sons here?" And he said, "There remains yet the youngest, but he is keeping the sheep." And Samuel said to Jesse, "Send and bring him; for we will not sit down until he comes here." ¹²He sent and brought him in. Now he was ruddy, and had beautiful eyes, and was handsome. The LORD said, "Rise and anoint him; for this is the one." ¹³Then Samuel took the horn of oil, and anointed him in the presence of his

brothers; and the spirit of the LORD came mightily upon David from that day forward. Samuel then set out and went to Ramah.

The word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

PSALM PARAPHRASE

The Lord's My Shepherd

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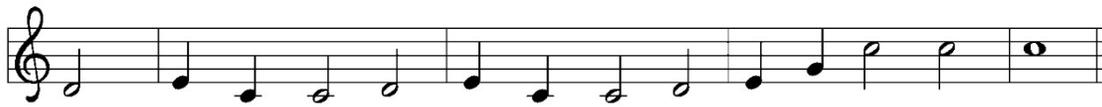
Whirl Story Bible p. 118



1 The Lord's my shep-herd; I'll not want. He makes me down to lie
2 My soul he doth re - store a - gain, and me to walk doth make
3 Yea, though I walk in death's dark vale, yet will I fear no ill;
4 My ta - ble thou hast rich - ly spread in pres-ence of my foes;
5 Good-ness and mer - cy all my life shall sure - ly fol - low me,



in pas - tures green; he lead - eth me the qui - et wa - ters by.
with - in the paths of righ-teous-ness, e'en for his own name's sake;
for thou art with me, and thy rod and staff me com - fort still;
my head thou dost with oil a - noint, and my cup o - ver - flows.
and in God's house for - ev - er - more my dwell-ing-place shall be;



He lead - eth me, he lead - eth me the qui - et wa - ters by.
with - in the paths of righ-teous-ness, e'en for his own name's sake.
for thou art with me, and thy rod and staff me com - fort still.
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SECOND READING: Ephesians 5:8-14

⁸Once you were darkness, but now in the Lord you are light. Live as children of light—⁹for the fruit of the light is found in all that is good and right and true. ¹⁰Try to find out what is pleasing to the Lord. ¹¹Take no part in the unfruitful works of darkness, but instead expose them. ¹²For it is shameful even to mention what such people do secretly; ¹³but everything exposed by the light becomes visible, ¹⁴for everything that becomes visible is light. Therefore it says,

“Sleeper, awake!
Rise from the dead,
and Christ will shine on you.”

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Stand

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

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Glo - ry and praise to you, O Lord Je - sus Christ.

GOSPEL: John 9:1-41

The Holy Gospel according to John.

Glory to you, O Lord.

¹As [Jesus] walked along, he saw a man blind from birth. ²His disciples asked him, “Rabbi, who sinned, this man or his parents, that he was born blind?” ³Jesus answered, “Neither this man nor his parents sinned; he was born blind so that God’s works might be revealed in him. ⁴We must work the works of him who sent me while it is day; night is coming when no one can work. ⁵As long as I am in the world, I am the light of the world.” ⁶When he had said this, he spat on the ground and made mud with the saliva and spread the mud on the man’s eyes, ⁷saying to him, “Go, wash in the pool of Siloam” (which means Sent). Then he went and

washed and came back able to see. ⁸The neighbors and those who had seen him before as a beggar began to ask, "Is this not the man who used to sit and beg?" ⁹Some were saying, "It is he." Others were saying, "No, but it is someone like him." He kept saying, "I am the man." ¹⁰But they kept asking him, "Then how were your eyes opened?" ¹¹He answered, "The man called Jesus made mud, spread it on my eyes, and said to me, 'Go to Siloam and wash.' Then I went and washed and received my sight." ¹²They said to him, "Where is he?" He said, "I do not know."

¹³They brought to the Pharisees the man who had formerly been blind. ¹⁴Now it was a sabbath day when Jesus made the mud and opened his eyes. ¹⁵Then the Pharisees also began to ask him how he had received his sight. He said to them, "He put mud on my eyes. Then I washed, and now I see." ¹⁶Some of the Pharisees said, "This man is not from God, for he does not observe the sabbath." But others said, "How can a man who is a sinner perform such signs?" And they were divided. ¹⁷So they said again to the blind man, "What do you say about him? It was your eyes he opened." He said, "He is a prophet."

¹⁸The Jews did not believe that he had been blind and had received his sight until they called the parents of the man who had received his sight ¹⁹and asked them, "Is this your son, who you say was born blind? How then does he now see?" ²⁰His parents answered, "We know that this is our son, and that he was born blind; ²¹but we do not know how it is that now he sees, nor do we know who opened his eyes. Ask him; he is of age. He will speak for himself." ²²His parents said this because they were afraid of the Jews; for the Jews had already agreed that anyone who confessed Jesus to be the Messiah would be put out of the synagogue. ²³Therefore his parents said, "He is of age; ask him."

²⁴So for the second time they called the man who had been blind, and they said to him, "Give glory to God! We know that this man is a sinner." ²⁵He answered, "I do not know whether he is a sinner. One thing I do know, that though I was blind, now I see." ²⁶They said to him, "What did he do to you? How did he open your eyes?" ²⁷He answered them, "I have told you already, and you would not listen. Why do you want to hear it again? Do you also want to become his disciples?" ²⁸Then they reviled him, saying, "You are his disciple, but we are disciples of Moses. ²⁹We know that God has spoken to Moses, but as for this man, we do not know where he comes from." ³⁰The man answered, "Here is an astonishing thing! You do not know where he comes from, and yet he opened my eyes. ³¹We know

that God does not listen to sinners, but he does listen to one who worships him and obeys his will. ³²Never since the world began has it been heard that anyone opened the eyes of a person born blind. ³³If this man were not from God, he could do nothing.” ³⁴They answered him, “You were born entirely in sins, and are you trying to teach us?” And they drove him out.

³⁵Jesus heard that they had driven him out, and when he found him, he said, “Do you believe in the Son of Man?” ³⁶He answered, “And who is he, sir? Tell me, so that I may believe in him.” ³⁷Jesus said to him, “You have seen him, and the one speaking with you is he.” ³⁸He said, “Lord, I believe.” And he worshiped him. ³⁹Jesus said, “I came into this world for judgment so that those who do not see may see, and those who do see may become blind.” ⁴⁰Some of the Pharisees near him heard this and said to him, “Surely we are not blind, are we?” ⁴¹Jesus said to them, “If you were blind, you would not have sin. But now that you say, ‘We see,’ your sin remains.”

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

Sit

SERMON

Pr. Paul Collinson-Streng

Silence for reflection

Stand



1 A - maz - ing grace!— how sweet the sound— that
 2 'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear, and
 3 Through man - y dan - gers, toils, and snares I
 4 The Lord has prom - ised good to me; his
 5 When we've been there ten thou - sand years, bright



saved a wretch like me! I once was lost, but
 grace my fears re - lieved; how pre - cious did that
 have al - read - y come; 'tis grace has brought me
 word my hope se - cures; he will my shield and
 shin - ing as the sun, we've no less days to



now am found; was blind, but now I see.
 grace ap - pear the hour I first be - lieved!
 safe thus far, and grace will lead me home.
 por - tion be as long as life en - dures.
 sing God's praise than when we'd first be - gun.

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

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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.

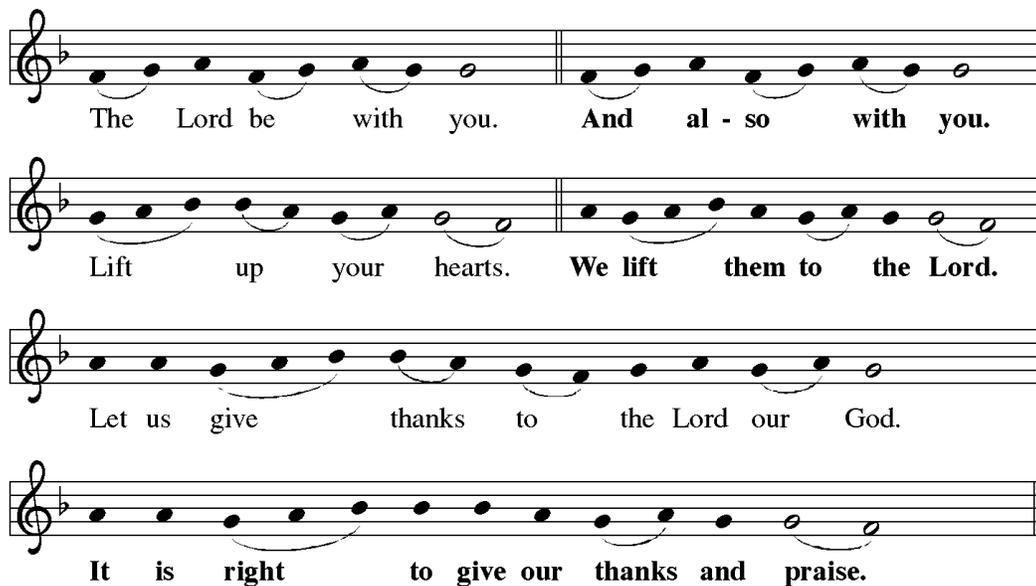
You may leave your offering in the plate at the entrance to the church after the service.

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:

HOLY, HOLY, HOLY

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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.

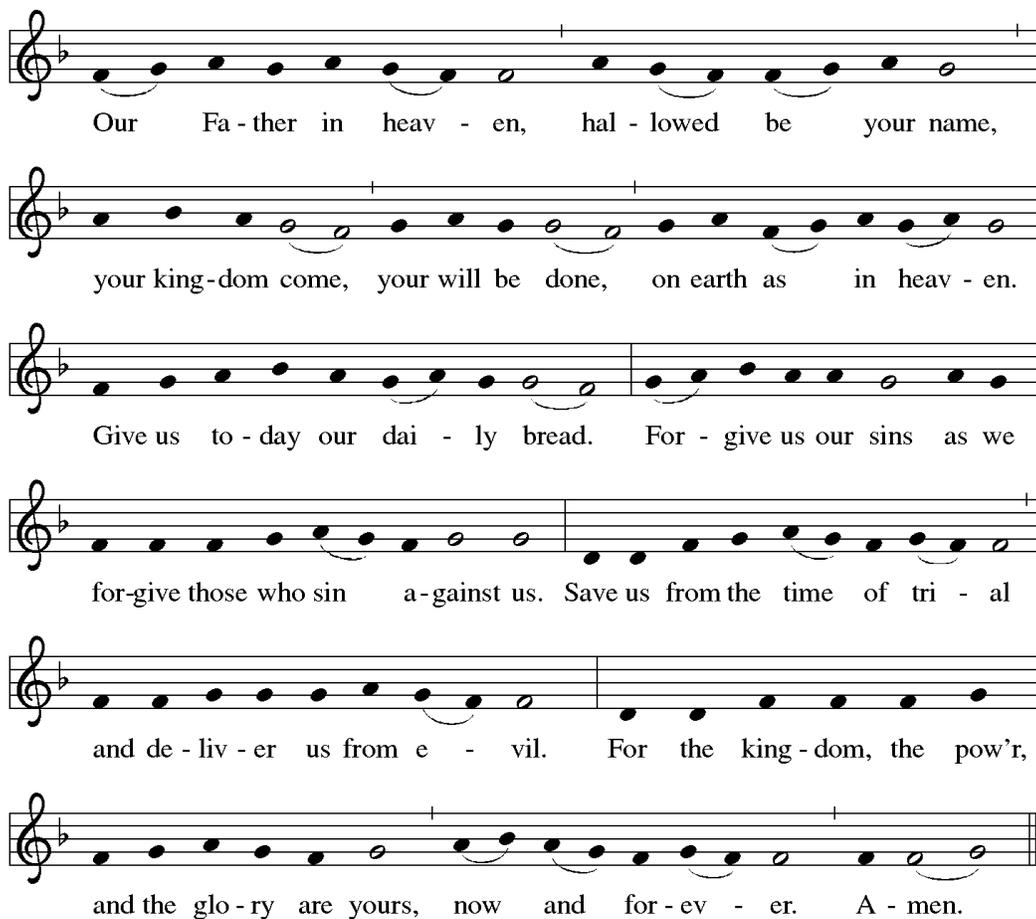
Remembering, therefore, his death, resurrection, and ascension, we await his coming in glory.

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-owed 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. We will be serving this meal continuously, all around the altar. When the usher indicates that there is space for you, please come up to the front and stand or kneel, as you are able, at the first available space. After you have received communion, please return to your seat for prayer and meditation. We invite you to join in singing the communion hymns.

Bread will be placed in your hand by the pastor. Please indicate if you need a gluten-free option. Wine (red) and juice (white) is offered by the assisting minister in individual communion cups. Please place your empty cup in the basket carried by the communion assistant. If you prefer, individually packaged communion elements are available just outside the sanctuary doors.

If you do not wish to commune, you are invited to come forward and cross your arms for a blessing from the Pastor, or remain in your seats for meditation time. Children too young to receive communion are also invited to come forward for a blessing.

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 O God, you search me and you know me.
 2 You know my rest - ing and my ris - ing.
 3 Be - fore a word is on my tongue, Lord,
 4 Al - though your Spir - it is up - on me,
 5 For you cre - at - ed me and shaped me,



All my thoughts lie o - pen to your gaze.
 You dis - cern my pur - pose from a - far,
 you have known its mean - ing through and through.
 still I search for shel - ter from your light.
 gave me life with - in my moth - er's womb.



When I walk or lie down you are be - fore me:
 and with love ev - er - last - ing you be - siege me:
 You are with me be - yond my un - der - stand - ing:
 There is no - where on earth I can es - cape you:
 For the won - der of who I am, I praise you:



ev - er the mak - er and keep - er of my days.
 in ev - 'ry mo - ment of life or death, you are.
 God of my pres - ent, my past, and fu - ture, too.
 e - ven the dark - ness is ra - dian in your sight.
 safe in your hands, all cre - a - tion is made new.



1 God, whose al - might - y word cha - os and dark - ness heard
 2 Christ, who once came to bring, on your re - deem - ing wing,
 3 Spir - it of truth and love, life - giv - ing, ho - ly dove,
 4 Ho - ly and bless - ed three, glo - ri - ous Trin - i - ty,



and took their flight: hear us, we hum - bly pray, and where the
 heal - ing and sight; health to the trou - bled mind, sight where il -
 speed forth your flight; move on the wa - ter's face bear - ing the
 Wis - dom, Love, Might: bound - less as o - cean's tide, roll - ing in



gos - pel day sheds not its glo - rious ray, let there be light.
 lu - sions blind; oh, now to hu - man-kind let there be light.
 lamp of grace, and in earth's dark - est place let there be light.
 full - est pride, through the earth, far and wide, let there be light.

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.**

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

Be Thou My Vision

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1 Be thou my vi - sion, O Lord of my heart;
2 Be thou my wis - dom, and thou my true word;
3 Rich - es I heed not, nor vain, emp - ty praise,
4 Light of my soul, af - ter vic - to - ry won,



naught be all else to me, save that thou art:
I ev - er with thee and thou with me, Lord.
thou mine in - her - i - tance, now and al - ways:
may I reach heav - en's joys, O heav - en's Sun!



thou my best thought both by day and by night,
Thou my soul's shel - ter, and thou my high tow'r,
thou and thou on - ly, the first in my heart,
Heart of my own heart, what - ev - er be - fall,



wak - ing or sleep - ing, thy pres - ence my light.
raise thou me heav'n - ward, O Pow'r of my pow'r.
great God of heav - en, my trea - sure thou art.
still be my vi - sion, O Rul - er of all.

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

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*

Bud B, *friend of Trinity*

Donald B, *brother of Marilyn C*

Karen B, *cousin of Julie N*

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

David G, *friend of Tad and Vi D*

Family & friends of Rev. Lamar K, *friends of Tom K*

Martha R (Sterling Care), *friend of Trinity*

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.*

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. He will be away Thurs and Fri this week, Mar 23 & 24.

This Week at Trinity

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

Sun, Mar 19, Fourth Sunday in Lent

Food Collection

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

(Coffee Hour to Follow)

10:45 am Adult Forum (Rm 10)

10:45 am Children's Sunday School (Rm 11)

Tues, Mar 21

7:30 pm Congregation Council (Rm 10)

Thurs, Mar 23

6:00 pm Soup Supper (SH)

7:00 pm Holden Evening Prayer

7:30 pm Trinity Singers (Choir Room)

Sun, Mar 26, Fifth Sunday in Lent

Food Collection

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

(Coffee Hour to Follow)

10:45 am Adult Forum (Rm 10)

10:45 am Children's Sunday School (Rm 11)

Birthdays

20. Ann K

25. Connor D

Baptism Anniversaries

23. Timothy F

Online offering is available via Paypal!

See details on the Trinity website

<http://www.trinityelca.org/give>

Worship Announcement: Masks in the building are now optional

Thanks to all who participated in Saturday's Reverse Yard Sale to benefit A Wider Circle

A Wider Circle's mission is to end poverty using a holistic approach to integrate on-the-ground service for the creation of stable homes,

workforce development, and neighborhood revitalization. Your donated items will be given to help people in need.

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#/>



Soup Supper and Lenten Worship | March 23
Kathleen Blaner Memorial Service | April 1
Bethesda Help Food Drive | April 15
Red Cross Blood Drive | April 18
Women's Center Dinner | April 30
Graduate Recognition | May 14



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.edu. See you at coffee hour!
Sign up here:
<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/8050e4cab a82f4-coffee>

Trinity's Lenten Benevolence Offerings will go to Lutheran Disaster Response (Domestic) this

year. Visit the ELCA Disaster Response webpage (<https://elca.org/disaster>) to learn more about how you can help.

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.

Where are all the handbell ringers? They've traveled to Ocean City, MD, to participate in the annual 5-state handbell festival this weekend. They will be presenting one of the pieces from the festival during Trinity's worship service on March 26 and another one of the pieces on Easter Sunday. Ask the ringers about their experiences at the festival when you see them!



Calling all children!! The handbell choir needs your help to ring some bells on Palm Sunday April 2. **Next Sunday, March 26**, please meet Mrs. Converse by the baptismal font after the service for a quick preview of what we'd like you to do. It will be easy and fun.



Memorial Service

Dear members and friends of Trinity,

The Rev. Kathleen Louise Blaner, former member of Trinity, died in Florida on August 20, 2020.

Trinity will hold a memorial service of resurrection for Kathy on April 1, 2023 at 11:00 am, followed by a light luncheon.

The reception committee is looking for a few more food donations. We need a salad or veggie tray, a batch of cookies or brownies, rolls, and juice. Please contact Leslie S at lcsjwm@verizon.net . Thank you.

It's spring at Mar-Lu-Ridge. Upcoming events include the annual Spring Work Day on April 1 and Camp Day on April 16. The Work Day helps prepare the camp for the busy spring and summer season. On Camp Day visit Mar-Lu-Ridge to see what camp is all about: arts and crafts, camp/cabin tours, archery, and more. Through Trinity's benevolence fund we help support camperships for children who cannot afford to go. The camp experience can make a difference for a lifetime. To learn more about them and about all their events check out their website at <https://www.mar-lu-ridge.org> .

Join @ELCAYoungAdults for #NoPlasticsForLent!

This Lenten practice has a more positive spin. While committing to eco-friendly practices, giving up single-use plastic, 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>



Easter Flowers | Please order by Sun April 2

It is time to order flowers to decorate the sanctuary for Easter services! If you wish to order, please fill out the following form and include it with your payment.

- ____ Easter Lilies @ \$17.50 each (double stem)
- ____ Blue Hydrangeas @ \$32 each
- (Pink Hydrangeas are not available this year)

Please check if you would like to:

____ donate ____ pick-up

Easter flowers are given to the glory of God

By _____

In memory of _____

In honor of _____

Please make your check payable to Trinity Lutheran Church and indicate "Easter Flowers" in the memo line. You may put your check and order form together in the Sunday offering plate or mail them to Trinity.

Serving in Worship Today

Assisting Minister: Len S

Cantor: Jon S

Lector: Sarah M

Altar Guild: Miriam M

Usher: Ross A

Welcome Team: Susan S and Fred S

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

Tellers: Elizabeth and Ben R

Coffee Hour: Chelsea Y

Staff

Interim Pastor: Rev. Paul Collinson-Streng

Interim Musician: Marcello Silva

Office: Carol Bruno

Handbell Choir: Marilyn Converse

Custodian: Kathy Boone