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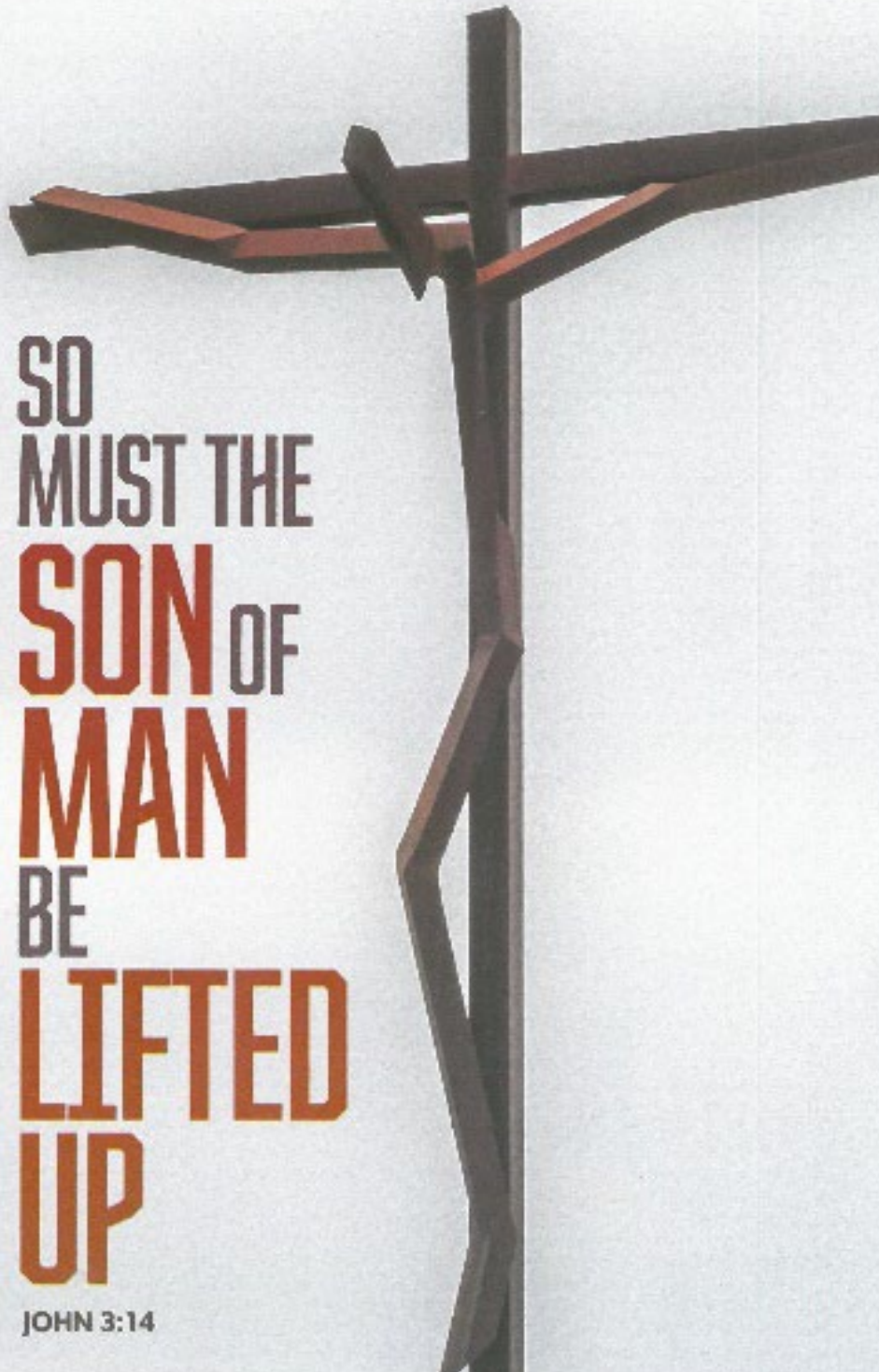
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**WELCOME**

A Reconciling  
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Evangelical Lutheran  
Church in America



SO  
MUST THE  
**SON** OF  
**MAN**  
BE  
**LIFTED**  
**UP**

JOHN 3:14

# Welcome to Trinity!

We are glad you are here!



## Holy Communion

**The Fourth Sunday in Lent**

**March 10, 2024**

*The fourth of the Old Testament promises providing a baptismal lens this Lent is the promise God makes to Moses: those who look on the bronze serpent will live. In today's gospel Jesus says he will be lifted up on the cross like the serpent, so that those who look to him in faith will live. When we receive the sign of the cross in baptism, that cross becomes the sign we can look to in faith for healing, for restored relationship to God, for hope when we are dying.*

*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

### CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

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

**Amen.**

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

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

Holy God,

**we confess that we are caught in snares of sin  
and cannot break free.**

**We hoard resources while our neighbors  
are hungry and cold.**

**We speak in ways that silence others.**

**We are silent when we should speak up.**

**We keep score in our hearts.**

**We let hurts grow into hatred.**

**For all these things and for sins only you know,  
forgive us, Lord.**

**Amen.**

Here is a flood of grace:

Out of love for the whole world,

God draws near to us,

breaks every snare of sin,

washes away our wrongs,

and restores the promise of life through † Jesus Christ.

**Amen.**

1 Give to our God im - mor - tal praise! Mer - cy and  
 2 He sent his Son with pow'r to save from guilt and  
 3 Give to the Lord of lords re - nown; the King of

truth are all his ways. Won - ders of grace to  
 dark - ness and the grave. Won - ders of grace to  
 kings with glo - ry crown. His mer - cies ev - er

God be - long; re - peat his mer - cies in your song.  
 God be - long; re - peat his mer - cies in your song.  
 shall en - dure when lords and kings are known no more!

**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.**

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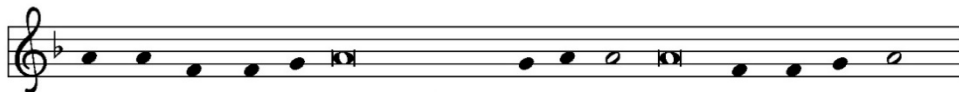
# ELW Setting Five



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,



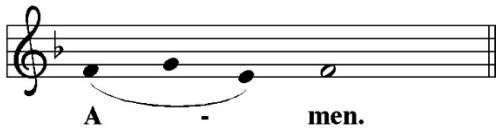
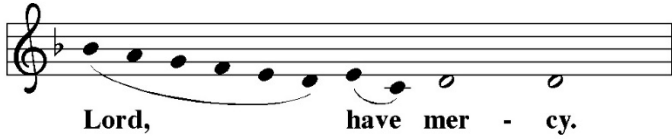
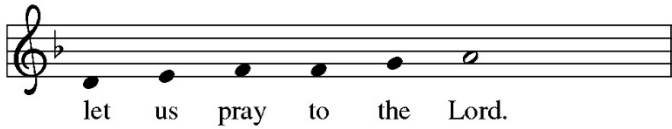
and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



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



## PRAYER OF THE DAY

O God, rich in mercy, by the humiliation of your Son you lifted up this fallen world and rescued us from the hopelessness of death. Lead us into your light that all our deeds may reflect your love, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

## + WORD +

### 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: Numbers 21:4-9**

Whirl Story Bible p. 74

A reading from Numbers.

<sup>4</sup>From Mount Hor [the Israelites] set out by the way to the Red Sea, to go around the land of Edom; but the people became impatient on the way. <sup>5</sup>The people spoke against God and against Moses, "Why have you brought us up out of Egypt to die in the wilderness? For there is no food and no water, and we detest this miserable food." <sup>6</sup>Then the Lord sent poisonous serpents among the people, and they bit the people, so that many Israelites died. <sup>7</sup>The people came to Moses and said, "We have sinned by speaking against the Lord and against you; pray to the Lord to take away the serpents from us." So Moses prayed for the people. <sup>8</sup>And the Lord said to Moses, "Make a poisonous serpent, and set it on a pole; and everyone who is bitten shall look at it and live." <sup>9</sup>So Moses made a serpent of bronze, and put it upon a pole; and whenever a serpent bit someone, that person would look at the serpent of bronze and live.

Word of God, Word of Life.

**Thanks be to God.**





## SECOND READING: Ephesians 2:1-10

A reading from Ephesians.

<sup>1</sup>You were dead through the trespasses and sins <sup>2</sup>in which you once lived, following the course of this world, following the ruler of the power of the air, the spirit that is now at work among those who are disobedient. <sup>3</sup>All of us once lived among them in the passions of our flesh, following the desires of flesh and senses, and we were by nature children of wrath, like everyone else. <sup>4</sup>But God, who is rich in mercy, out of the great love with which he loved us <sup>5</sup>even when we were dead through our trespasses, made us alive together with Christ—by grace you have been saved—<sup>6</sup>and raised us up with him and seated us with him in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus, <sup>7</sup>so that in the ages to come he might show the immeasurable riches of his grace in kindness toward us in Christ Jesus. <sup>8</sup>For by grace you have been saved through faith, and this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God—<sup>9</sup>not the result of works, so that no one may boast. <sup>10</sup>For we are what he has made us, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand to be our way of life.

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## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

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

## **GOSPEL: John 3:14-21**

The holy gospel according to John.

### **Glory to you, O Lord.**

[Jesus said:] <sup>14</sup>“Just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, <sup>15</sup>that whoever believes in him may have eternal life.

<sup>16</sup>“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.

<sup>17</sup>“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. <sup>18</sup>Those who believe in him are not condemned; but those who do not believe are condemned already, because they have not believed in the name of the only Son of God. <sup>19</sup>And this is the judgment, that the light has come into the world, and people loved darkness rather than light because their deeds were evil. <sup>20</sup>For all who do evil hate the light and do not come to the light, so that their deeds may not be exposed. <sup>21</sup>But those who do what is true come to the light, so that it may be clearly seen that their deeds have been done in God.”

The gospel of the Lord.

### **Praise to you, O Christ.**

## **SERMON**

Pastor Pauline Farrington

*Silence for reflection*

*Stand*

*Refrain*

Lift high the cross, the love of Christ pro - claim till

all the world a - dore his sa - cred name.

1 Come, Chris - tians, fol - low where our cap - tain trod,  
 2 All new - born ser - vants of the Cru - ci - fied  
 3 O Lord, once lift - ed on the glo - rious tree,  
 4 So shall our song of tri - umph ev - er be:

*Refrain*

our king vic - to - rious, Christ, the Son of God.  
 bear on their brows the seal of him who died.  
 as praise thou hast prom - ised, draw us all to thee.  
 praise to the Cru - ci - fied for vic - to - ry!

## **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**

Trusting in God's promise to reconcile all things, let us pray for the church, the well-being of creation, and a world in need.

... Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

Accompany us on our journey, God of grace, and receive the prayers of our hearts, 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 +**

**OFFERTORY ANTHEM**

God So Loved the World

J. Stainer

*Trinity Singers*

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

**OFFERTORY PRAYER**

Let us pray.

Jesus, you are the bread of life  
and the host of this meal.  
Bless these gifts that we have gathered  
that all people may know your goodness.  
Feed us not only with this holy food  
but with hunger for justice and peace.  
We pray this in your name.

**Amen.**

**GREAT THANKSGIVING**

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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.

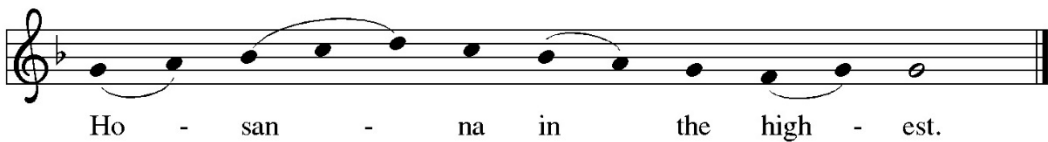
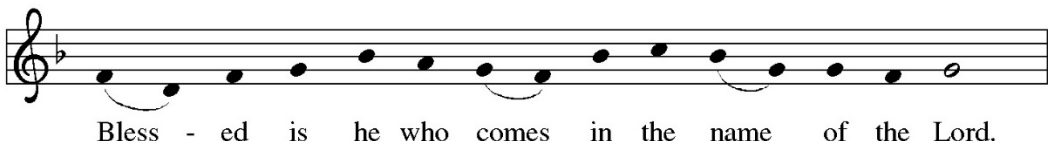
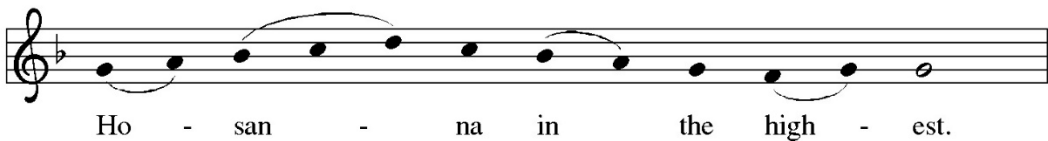
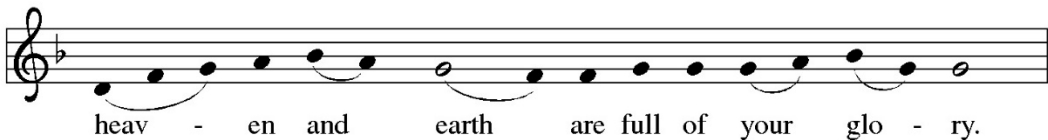
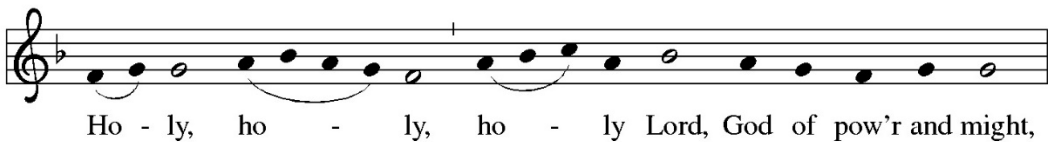
**It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

## 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 our hearts and prepare with joy for the  
Pascal 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

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## **EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER**

Blessed are you, O God of the universe.  
Your mercy is everlasting  
and your faithfulness endures from age to age.

Praise to you for creating the heavens and the earth.  
Praise to you for saving the earth from the waters of the flood.  
Praise to you for bringing the Israelites safely through the sea.  
Praise to you for leading your people through the wilderness  
to the land of milk and honey.  
Praise to you for the words and deeds of Jesus, your anointed  
one.  
Praise to you for the death and resurrection of Christ.  
Praise to you for your Spirit poured out on all nations.

*...words of blessing and promise...*

With this bread and cup  
we remember our Lord's passover from death to life  
as we proclaim the mystery of faith:

**Christ has died.**

**Christ is risen.**

**Christ will come again.**

O God of resurrection and new life:  
Pour out your Holy Spirit on us  
and on these gifts of bread and wine.  
Bless this feast.  
Grace our table with your presence.  
**Come, Holy Spirit.**



Reveal yourself to us in the breaking of the bread.  
Raise us up as the body of Christ for the world.  
Breathe new life into us.  
Send us forth,  
burning with justice, peace, and love.  
**Come, Holy Spirit.**

With your holy ones of all times and places,  
with the earth and all its creatures,  
with sun and moon and stars,  
we praise you, O God,  
blessed and holy Trinity,  
now and forever.  
**Amen.**

# LORD'S PRAYER

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Lord, remember us in your love and teach us to pray



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**

At Jesus' table, heaven and earth are joined as one.

**Come and see.**

*All are welcome, without exception, 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 to kneel or stand 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. Our bread is gluten-free, allergen-free, and vegan. 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.*

# LAMB OF GOD

# ELW Setting Five

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.

*Refrain*

By grace we have been saved— saved by grace through faith,



not be-cause of what we do; it is the gift of God.



1 On the days when you are weak, on the  
 2 Rest your bod - y, rest your mind, in the  
 3 You don't need to be a - fraid. You will



days when you are strong, rich or poor,  
 still - ness you will find you're a love - ly,  
 nev - er be a - lone. There is mer - cy,



young or old, just lis - ten to the song.  
 pre - cious child, part of the great de - sign.  
 there is hope, and love will take you home.

*Refrain*

## **TABLE BLESSING**

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

## **PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

Let us pray.

Giver of every gift,  
Christ's body is our food, and we are Christ's body.  
Raise us to life by your power  
for the benefit of all and to your glory,  
now and forever.

**Amen.**

**+ SENDING +**

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

*Stand*

## **BENEDICTION**

Beloved,  
we are God's own people,  
holy, washed, renewed.  
God bless you and keep you,  
shower you with mercy,  
fill you with courage,  
and ✠ give you peace.

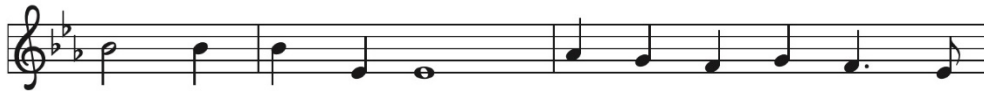
**Amen.**



1 Lift up your heads, all you bowed low,  
 2 Lift up your hands, your voices raise,  
 3 Lift up your hearts, your great A - men;  
 4 Be - hold, the Spir - it here a - bides,



hear the liv - ing wa - ter flow: quench - ing  
 bold in plead - ing, bright with praise. Weep no  
 Mer - cy feeds her guests a - gain: bread e -  
 bear - ing God's a - bun - dant life: peace be -



spring and cleans - ing pool, heal - ing riv - er, clear and  
 more, your God has come; greet the wound - ed, ris - en  
 nough to break and share, fes - tive wine that scents the  
 tween you, love with - in, grace be - side you loos - 'ning



cool. How fresh it falls up -  
 One, who bless - es you with  
 air. Oh, taste and see what  
 sin. Be - lov - ed, Christ a -



on your face, stream - ing from the font of grace.  
 joy com - plete, dwell - ing in the Word of peace.  
 once was lost, ris - ing in this feast of love.  
 mong you stands, mov - ing through your hearts and hands.

**DISMISSAL**

Go in peace. Share your bread.

**Thanks be to God.**

# Remember in Your Prayers

## THE CHURCH

**our synod & bishops:** Bishops Elizabeth E, Michael B and Leila O

**our missionaries:** Stephen D/Marta G, Cent. Amer

**our congregation:** Trinity Church

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

## THE SICK AND SUFFERING

**nursing/rehabilitation center/hospital**

Yulie N (Village at Rockville)

## home

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

## family and friends\*

Donald B, *brother of Marilyn C*

Gene B, *friend of Kim and Pam B*

James and Carlene B, *uncle and aunt of Carmen D*

Pam C, *sister of Mike M*

Sylvia DeV, *sister-in-law of Tad and Vi DeV*

Torsten D, *grandson of Thor and Nancy N*

Ellie F, *great niece of Pr. Pauline*

Josefa F-V, *friend of Len S*

Betsy G, *friend of Margaret F*

David G, *friend of Tad and Vi DeV*

Debbie G, *friend of Valerie M*

Julio Arias G, *friend of Ani and Len S*

Lyla G, *friend of Carmen D*

Terry K, *brother-in-law of David and Leslie C*

Carol K, *mother of Jim K*

Mike K, *friend of David and Leslie Cradlin*

Susan K, *niece of Nancy and Thor N*

Anne L, *friend of Len S*

Randi L, *friend of Mike and Valerie M*

Juan-Maria M-M, *friend of Len S*

Kathy M, *niece of Margaret and Greg F*

Tom N, *friend of Carol B*

Ditte R, *sister of Thor N*

Ursula R, *friend of Trinity*

Karen and Harold S, *friends of Pamela B*

Victor V and family, *friends of Kim and Pam*

Cheryl Van A, *friend of Cathy C*

Andrew Z, *friend of Carol B*

Family of Commander Joseph D, *friends of Len S*

## first responders

Lisbeth N-D

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

*\*For family and friends, prayer requests will be kept on the list for 4 weeks. To renew, please complete another card/call the office.*

# This Week at Trinity

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

## Sun, Mar 10 Fourth Sunday in Lent

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

**10:45 am** Sunday School Classes and Adult Forum

## Tues, Mar 12

**10:00 am** Stephen Ministry Training

## Thurs, Mar 14

**6:00 pm** Lenten Soup Supper

**6:45 pm** Vespers

**7:30 pm** Trinity Singers

## Saturday, Mar 16

**9:00 am** Food Drive

## Sun, Mar 17 Fifth Sunday in Lent

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

**10:45 am** Sunday School Classes and Adult Forum

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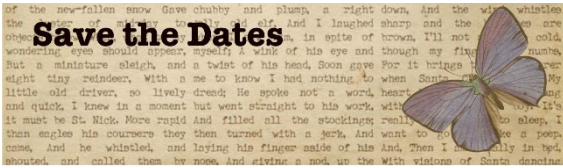
## New Email Addresses

Trinity has two new email addresses for our new pastor, Pr. Pauline, and new minister of music, Marcello S:

Pr. Pauline: [pastorpauline@trinityelca.org](mailto:pastorpauline@trinityelca.org)

Marcello S: [music@trinityelca.org](mailto:music@trinityelca.org)





## Save the Dates

**Next Food Drive | March 16**  
**Pr. Pauline's Installation | April 27**



### Birthdays

12	Brian A	12	Vera N
12	Colin G		

### Baptismal Anniversaries

12	Benjamin N	14	Torsten D
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### Lenten Benevolence

This year's Lenten Benevolence will be given to the Lutheran Disaster Response, International. Please give generously. The need is great.



### Quarterly Dinners at Interfaith Works Women's Center

Trinity's Social Ministry Team will again be providing dinners for 35 women at the Interfaith Works Women's Center on Crabbs Branch Way in Derwood. As in the past, there are opportunities for the congregation to provide food, coordinate the meal and/or serve at the shelter. Since all the dinners are on Mondays, items can be dropped off on Sunday. Please watch the Social Ministry Bulletin Board, the Sunday Bulletin, the weekly Tidings and the monthly Trinitarian for sign up information.

The remaining dates of dinners are:

Monday, May 6

Monday, August 19

Monday, November 18

Contact Margaret F for more information.

## Adult Forum Today

Today we continue a four-week study of the women specifically noted in Matthew's genealogy of Jesus: Tamar, Rahab, Ruth and Bathsheba. Today we focus on Rahab. Each session is associated with a podcast that will form the centerpiece of our discussion. Each podcast is about an hour long, so we won't have time to listen to them during the Adult Forum session. (Hint: this is homework). The podcasts can be found at this website: <https://www.tenfootpolepodcast.com/unladylike>

The podcasts are also available on Spotify (and probably other streaming services) under the Ten Foot Pole Podcast. Our Manna and Mercy series will start again after Easter.

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## Stations of the Cross

The Stations of the Cross are back up around the Social Hall. You are invited to take some time to walk the way of the cross this Lenten season. At each station you will find a scripture passage and a short prayer.

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## Connect to Trinity's Hearing Assistance System

1. Download the AudioFetch app to your smartphone or tablet.
2. Connect your phone/tablet to the AudioFetch WiFi network.  
(Currently, password should **NOT** be required).
3. Connect your phone/tablet to your listening device.

Please come to the A/V table if you need assistance.



## Little Free Library and Pantry

Our Little Free Library is accepting new or gently used children's, young adult, and adult books.

Our Little Free Pantry is accepting food items (no produce or perishables), as well as small seasonal non-food items. A detailed list of what is needed can be found here: <https://trinityelca.org/little-free-library-lfl-and-little-free-pantry/>.

Questions can be directed to Stella, Jerry, and Social Ministry members.

# **Lenten Services**

**Fourth Sunday in Lent**

**March 10, 9:30 AM**

**Lenten Soup Supper and Vespers**

**March 14, 6:00 PM (Thursday)**

**Fifth Sunday in Lent**

**March 17, 9:30 AM**

**Lenten Soup Supper and Vespers**

**March 21, 6:00 PM (Thursday)**

**Passion/Palm Sunday**

**March 24, 9:30 AM**

**Maundy Thursday**

**March 28, 7:30 PM**

**Good Friday**

**March 29, noon and 7:30 PM**

**Easter Vigil**

**March 30, 7:00 PM (Saturday)**



## **Serving in Worship Today**

**Assisting Minister:** Sarah M

**Cantor:** Maggie F-L

**Lector:** Carol B

**Altar Guild:** Margaret F

**Communion Assistant:** Soren S

**Usher:** Fred S

**Livestream Operators:** Jeanine and John B

**Welcome Team:** Leslie S

**Coffee Hour:** Miriam M

**Tellers:** Petra T and Jon S

## **Staff**

**Pastor:** Pr. Pauline Farrington

**Minister of Music:** Marcello Silva

**Office Administrator:** Carmen Davis

**Handbell Choir:** Marilyn Converse

**Custodian:** Kathy Boone