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1st Sunday of Lent
February 17-18, 2024
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Confession and Forgiveness

Pastor: Blessed be the holy Trinity, one God, who brings us out of captivity into freedom, out of the wilderness into the promised land, out of death into life.

Congregation **Amen.**

Pastor: Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another. *(Kneel)*

Pastor Gracious God,

Congregation: **we confess that we have sinned in thought, word and deed, by what we have done and what we have left undone. Forgive us and give us strength to turn from sin and to serve you in newness of life. Amen.**

Pastor: By water and the Holy Spirit, God gives us a new birth, and through the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ, God forgives us all our sins. Almighty God, strengthen us in all goodness and keep us in eternal life.

Congregation: **Amen.**

Prelude: Deep River

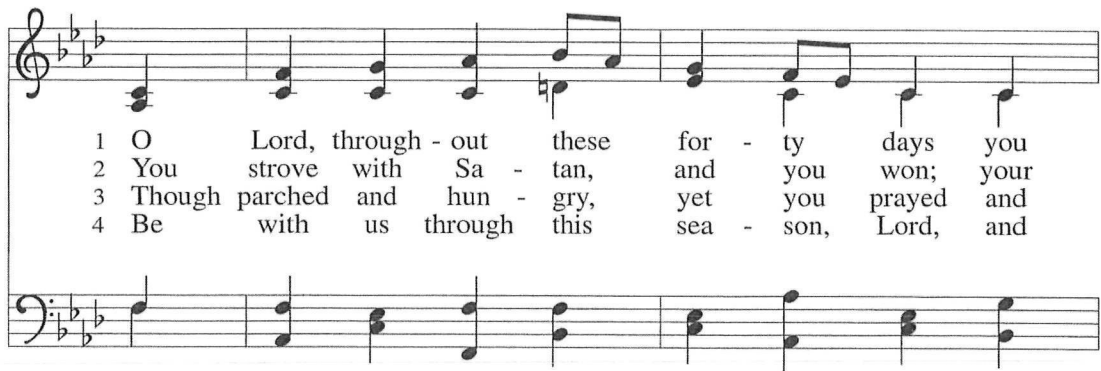
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Entrance hymn: #319 O Lord, throughout These Forty Days

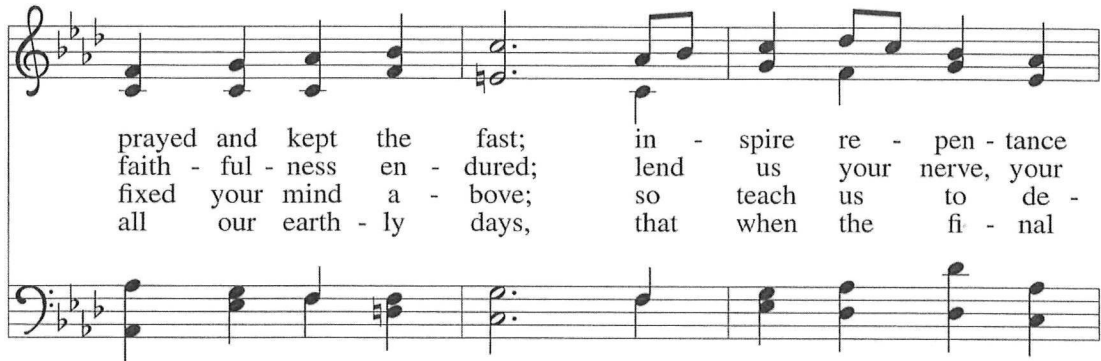
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LENT

319 O Lord, throughout These Forty Days



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.

Text: based on Claudia F. Hernaman, 1838-1898; para. Gilbert E. Doan Jr., b. 1930
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Greeting

Pastor The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God,
and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.
Congregation: And also with you.

Kyrie

Pastor In peace, let us pray to the Lord.

Congregation: Lord, have mercy.

Pastor For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.

Congregation: Lord, have mercy.

Pastor 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.

Congregation: Lord, have mercy.

Pastor For this holy house, and for all who offer here their worship and praise,
let us pray to the Lord.

Congregation: Lord, have mercy.

Pastor Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.

Congregation: Amen.

Canticle #14 Listen! You Nations

Refrain

Listen! You nations of the world: listen to the Word of the Lord. Announce it from coast to coast: declare it to distant islands.

The Lord who scattered Israel will gather his people again; and he will keep watch
over them as a shepherd watches his flock.

Refrain

With shouts of joy they will come, their faces radiantly happy, for the Lord is so gen'rous to
them; he showers his people with gifts.

Refrain

Young women will dance for joy, and men young and old will make merry. Like a garden re-
freshed by the rain, they will never be in want again. Break into shouts of great joy: Jacob is
free again! Teach nations to sing the song: "The Lord have saved his people!"

Prayer of the Day: Holy God, heavenly Father, in the waters of the flood you saved the chosen, and in the wilderness of temptation you protected your Son from sin. Renew us in the gift of baptism. May your holy angels be with us. That the wicked foe may have no power over us, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one god, now and forever. AMEN

First Lesson: Genesis 9:8-17 Today's Readings Insert
Psalm: Psalm 25:1-10 Today's Readings Insert
Second Lesson: 1 Peter 3:18-22 Today's Readings Insert

Congregation: **Return to the Lord, your God, for he is gracious and merciful, slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love, and abounding in steadfast love.**

Pastor: The holy gospel according to St. Mark the 1st Chapter
Congregation: **Glory to you, O Lord.**

Gospel: Mark 1:9-15

Pastor: The gospel of our Lord.
Congregation: **Praise to you, O Christ.**

Sermon Pastor Chris

Hymn of the Day: #331 As the Deer Runs to the River (next page)



Today's Readings

First Sunday in Lent
February 18, 2024

Prayer of the Day

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First Reading

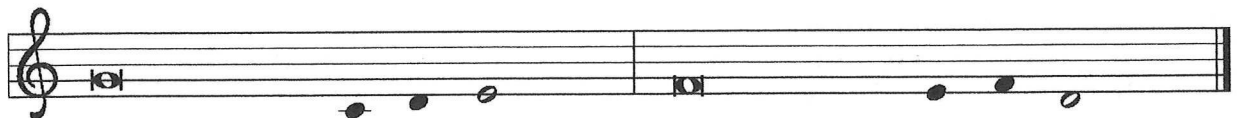
Genesis 9:8-17

God said to Noah and to his sons with him, ⁹“As for me, I am establishing my covenant with you and your descendants after you, ¹⁰and with every living creature that is with you, the birds, the domestic animals, and every animal of the earth with you, as many as came out of the ark. ¹¹I establish my covenant with you, that never again shall all flesh be cut off by the waters of a flood, and never again shall there be a flood to destroy the earth.” ¹²God said, “This is the sign of the covenant that I make between me and you and every living creature that is with you, for all future generations: ¹³I have set my bow

in the clouds, and it shall be a sign of the covenant between me and the earth. ¹⁴When I bring clouds over the earth and the bow is seen in the clouds, ¹⁵I will remember my covenant that is between me and you and every living creature of all flesh; and the waters shall never again become a flood to destroy all flesh. ¹⁶When the bow is in the clouds, I will see it and remember the everlasting covenant between God and every living creature of all flesh that is on the earth.” ¹⁷God said to Noah, “This is the sign of the covenant that I have established between me and all flesh that is on the earth.”

Psalm

Psalm 25:1-10; tone 10



To ¹ you, O LORD,
I lift ¹ up my soul.
²My God, I put my trust in you;
let me not be ¹ put to shame,
nor let my enemies
triumph ¹ over me.
³Let none who look to you
be ¹ put to shame;

rather let those be put to shame
¹ who are treacherous.
⁴Show me your ¹ ways, O LORD,
and teach ¹ me your paths.
⁵Lead me in your ¹ truth and teach me,
for you are the God of my salvation;
in you have I trusted
all ¹ the day long.

continued

Psalm, continued

**⁶Remember, O LORD,
your compas-¹ sion and love,
for they are from¹ everlasting.
⁷Remember not the sins of my youth
and¹ my transgressions;
remember me
according to your steadfast love
and for the sake
of your good-¹ ness, O LORD.**

**⁸You are gracious and up-¹ right,
O LORD;
therefore you teach sinners
¹ in your way.
⁹You lead the low-¹ ly in justice
and teach the low-¹ ly your way.
¹⁰All your paths, O LORD,
are steadfast¹ love and faithfulness
to those who keep your covenant
and your¹ testimonies.**

Second Reading

1 Peter 3:18-22

Christ also suffered for sins once for all, the righteous for the unrighteous, in order to bring you to God. He was put to death in the flesh, but made alive in the spirit, ¹⁹in which also he went and made a proclamation to the spirits in prison, ²⁰who in former times did not obey, when God waited patiently in the days of Noah, during the building of the ark, in which a

few, that is, eight persons, were saved through water. ²¹And baptism, which this prefigured, now saves you—not as a removal of dirt from the body, but as an appeal to God for a good conscience, through the resurrection of Jesus Christ, ²²who has gone into heaven and is at the right hand of God, with angels, authorities, and powers made subject to him.

Gospel

Mark 1:9-15

In those days Jesus came from Nazareth of Galilee and was baptized by John in the Jordan. ¹⁰And just as he was coming up out of the water, he saw the heavens torn apart and the Spirit descending like a dove on him. ¹¹And a voice came from heaven, “You are my Son, the Beloved; with you I am well pleased.”

¹²And the Spirit immediately drove him out into the wilderness.

¹³He was in the wilderness forty days, tempted by Satan; and he was with the wild beasts; and the angels waited on him.

¹⁴Now after John was arrested, Jesus came to Galilee, proclaiming the good news of God, ¹⁵and saying, “The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God has come near; repent, and believe in the good news.”

TODAY'S READINGS February 18, 2024

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Next Sunday's Readings: Genesis 17:1-7, 15-16; Psalm 22:23-31; Romans 4:13-25; Mark 8:31-38.

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Lectionary year B. Tracks 1 and 2

As the Deer Runs to the River

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- 1 As the deer runs to the riv - er, parched and wea - ry from the chase,
- 2 When your Is - rael crossed the des - ert where no stream or spring was seen,
- 3 "Come and drink," I - sa - iah sum-moned, "all who for God's mer - cy plead!"
- 4 Christ, we come from des - ert plac - es, deep - est thirst un - sat - is - fied.



we have come from hurt and hur - ry, thirst - ing for your heal - ing grace.
Mo - ses struck the rock, and wa - ter flowed for them, re - fresh - ing, clean.
God's for - give - ness, like a foun-tain, flows to sat - is - fy your need."
Lead us to the wa - ters flow - ing from the cross on which you died.



Je - sus, source of liv - ing wa - ter, may we drink of you and live!

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Apostles' Creed

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.

Offering

Anthem: The Music of Grace
 (9:30) Senior Choir

Joseph M. Martin

Offertory Response: #185 Create in Me

Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me. Cast me not away
from your presence, and take not your Holy Spirit from me. Restore to me the joy of your
salvation, and uphold me with your free Spirit. Create in me a clean heart, O God, and
renew a right spirit within me.

Prayer Hymn-#751 O'Lord, Hear My Prayer

O Lord, hear my prayer, O Lord, hear my prayer: when I call, answer me.
O Lord, hear my prayer, O Lord, hear my prayer: come and listen to me.

Prayers

Lord, in your mercy,
Hear our prayer.

Great Thanksgiving

Pastor The Lord be with you.

Congregation:(sung) And also with you.

Pastor Lift up your hearts.

Congregation:(sung) We lift them to the Lord.

Pastor Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

Congregation:(sung) It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Pastor 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; who on this day overcame death and the grave, and by his glorious resurrection open to us the way of everlasting life. 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:

**Congregation:(sung) Holy, holy, holy Lord, Lord God of pow'r and might,
heav'n and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna, Hosanna, Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.**

Pastor 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.

Pastor The Peace of the Lord be with you all.

Congregation: And also with you.

Pastor Greet one another with the peace of the Lord.

Hymns during communion:

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world;
Have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world;
Have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world;
Grant us peace, grant us peace.

Communion Hymn: #464 Bread of Life, Our Host and Meal

Bread of Life, Our Host and Meal

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1 Bread of life, our host and meal, Je - sus, feed us.
2 Bread now break and wine now pour, Je - sus, feed us.
3 Grant for - give - ness in the feast— Je - sus, feed us—
4 Thank you for this gift we share. Je - sus, feed us.

Christ, by faith, to see and feel, feed us with your love.
Make us one, our hope re - store; feed us with your love.
for the great - est and the least; feed us with your love.
Save God's chil - dren ev - 'ry - where; feed us with your love.

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JESUS, FEED US
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Pastor

May the Body and Blood of Our Lord Jesus Christ
Strengthen You and Keep You in His Grace. **Amen.**

Post Communion Canticle #200

**Now, Lord, you let your servant go--in—peace: your word has been fulfilled.
My own eyes have seen the salvation which you have prepared in the sight of all people:
a light—to reveal you to the nations and the glory of your people Israel.
Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit,
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. A—men.**

Lord's Prayer

**Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy name,
thy kingdom come,
thy will be done,
on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread;
and forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those
who trespass against us;
and lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom,
and the power, and the glory,
forever and ever. Amen.**

Blessing

Pastor: The Lord bless you and keep you.
The Lord's face shine on you with grace and mercy.
The Lord look upon you with favor and give you peace
In the name of the Father and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Congregation: Amen.

Dismissal

Pastor: Go in peace to Love and Serve the Lord.

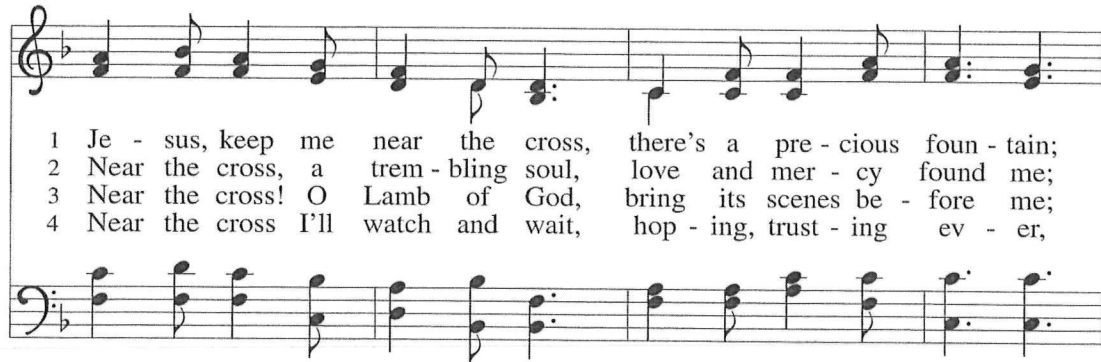
Congregation: Thanks be to God.

Recessional Hymn: #335 Jesus, Keep Me Near the Cross

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Jesus, Keep Me Near the Cross

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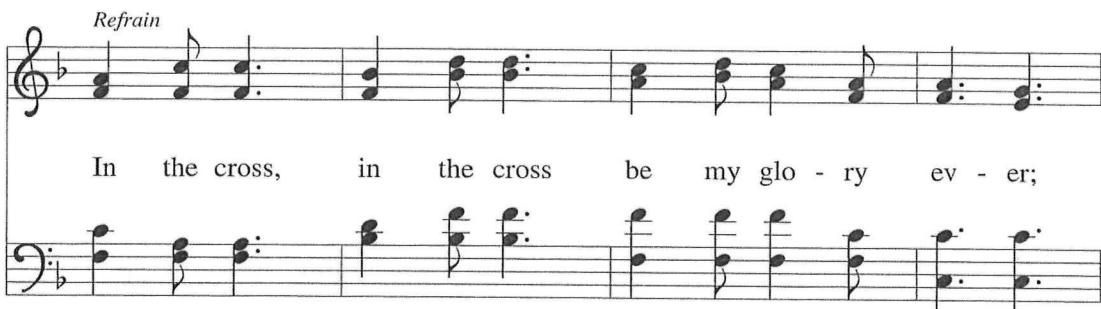


1 Je - sus, keep me near the cross, there's a pre - cious foun - tain;
 2 Near the cross, a trem - bling soul, love and mer - cy found me;
 3 Near the cross! O Lamb of God, bring its scenes be - fore me;
 4 Near the cross I'll watch and wait, hop - ing, trust - ing ev - er,



free to all, a heal - ing stream flows from Cal - v'ry's moun - tain.
 there the bright and morn - ing star sheds its beams a - round me.
 help me walk from day to day with its shad - ow o'er me.
 till I reach the gold - en strand just be - yond the riv - er.

Refrain



In the cross, in the cross be my glo - ry ev - er;



till my ran - somed soul shall find rest be - yond the riv - er.

*God be with you till we meet again, By His counsels guide uphold you,
With His sheep securely fold you, God be with you till we meet again.*

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<u>DATE & Time</u>		<u>WORSHIP ASSISTANT</u>	<u>LECTORS</u>
Thursday February 22	Noon Day Service		
Saturday, February 24 6:00 pm	2nd Saturday Lent	Zach Jefferson	
Sunday, February 25 9:30 am	2nd Sunday Lent	Mike Ward	Mike Ward
Thursday Febraury 29	Noon Day Service		
Saturday, March 2 6:00 pm	3rd Saturday Lent	Michael Clancey	
Sunday, March 3 9:30 am	3rd Sunday Lent	Matthew Angelo	Christine Linder
Thursday, March 7	Noon Day Service		
Saturday, March 9 6:00 pm	4th Saturday Lent	Debbie Sheehan	
Sunday, March 10 9:30 am	4th Sunday Lent	Debbie Sheehan	Michaela Tobash
Thursday, March 14	Noon Day Service		
Saturday, March 16 6:00 pm	5th Saturday Lent	Christine Linder	
Sunday, March 17 9:30 am	5th Sunday Lent	Bob Thomas	Joe Denning
Thursday, March 21	Noon Day Service		

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**Members are encouraged to call the church office to place individuals on our prayer list. If an individual is not a member of Trinity, we will place them on the Family Members/Friends list for a period of two weeks. If an individual needs to remain on longer, please call the church office. Thank you!*

STATEMENT OF CONGREGATIONAL MISSION TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH

Trinity Lutheran Church is a worshipping, learning, witnessing, and serving community of baptized Christians. It is a welcoming place where the Word is proclaimed and the Sacraments are celebrated according to the Gospel. As a community of believers, we challenge each other to respond to the call of our Lord to love and minister to persons at home and throughout the world.

We encourage each other to share our time, our talents, and gifts to further the mission of our Lord Jesus Christ. In these ways, we bear witness to the love we have first received from God through Jesus Christ.

***Adopted by the Congregation
January 25, 1998***

TRINITY CALENDAR OF EVENTS:

Saturday, February 17	6:00 pm	Worship
Sunday, February 18	9:30 am	Worship
	10:30am	First Communion Class
	2:00pm-4:00pm	3rd&4th Grade Basketball
Monday, February 19	6:30pm	Adult Volleyball
Tuesday, February 20	10:00am	Seniors Exercise
	5:30pm	Special Olympics Floor Hockey
	6:00pm	Evangelism Committee Meeting
	6:30pm	Frieda Hoh
	6:30pm	Executive Committee Meeting
	7:00pm	Anthracite Attack Youth Volleyball
	7:00pm	Church Council Meeting
Wednesday, February 21	7:00pm	Black Rock Roundtable Meeting
	7.00 pm	Worship and Music Meeting
Thursday, February 22	12:00pm	Lenten Luncheon
	5:00pm	Anthracite Attack Youth Volleyball
	7:00pm	Eclipse Youth Volleyball
Friday, February 23	10:00am	Senior Exercise

<u>Date</u>	<u>Pastor/Vicar</u>	<u>Worship Assistant</u>	<u>Lector</u>
Saturday, February 17	Pastor Chris	Christine Linder	
Sunday, February 18	Pastor Chris	Bob Thomas	Desiree Weikel

“THE CONNECTING LINK”

Sunday mornings, WPPA, 1360 AM at 11:00 a.m.

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YOUTH / CHRISTIAN EDUCATION NEWS

You're invited to the Table...

Trinity is once again offering our First Communion Instruction. Classes will take place in the sanctuary following worship Sunday Feb 18, 25 and March 3, 10, 17th.

First Communion students will receive their First Holy Communion on Maundy Thursday, March 28th at the 7:30PM service.

*Classes are open to anyone **Fifth grade** and above who have not received instruction leading to their first communion.*

If someone you know is interested in participating in these classes, please call the church office @ 570-622-9910.

ELCA National Youth Gathering
in New Orleans, LA from July 16-20, 2024

Our Youth Gathering Committee has begun meeting again and we are planning more events for congregational support including a spaghetti dinner, a car wash, and other fun surprise activities that will include the whole church!

*Spaghetti Dinner Sunday March 10th from 11am-1pm!
and thank you for supporting our youth!*

Sunday School and Confirmation

Our Sunday-Funday fun has already begun, but we've got room for you!

If you are a youth in Pre-K through Grade 5, you are welcome to join us Sunday's following worship. We have lessons, crafts, silly songs, and more Sunday School registration forms are available at the Usher's Station, card table in the lounge, and in the Sunday School room. If you have filled out a form please be sure to bring with it you. We encourage all kids and parents/grandparents to join us for a fun-filled time!

Next Confirmation class is Sunday March 3rd following worship.

Our lesson will be Jesus Lineage: Ruth-Solomon

If you are new to Trinity, or would like to enroll your child/children in our confirmation or Sunday school programs please reach out to Pastor Chris via phone (570-622-9910) or email at crothharpt@tlcpottsville.onmicrosoft.com.

*Looking forward to seeing everyone!!
Teachers and parents are urgently needed!*

SOCIAL MINISTRY NEWS

In Ian's Boots

The shoe collection box will remain available for your donations of gently used boots or shoes for adults and children.

Let's continue to be good stewards of the abundance that God has provided us. Remember that through our donations to In Ian's Boots, we help to ensure that our most vulnerable neighbors have boots and shoes to wear!

Prayer Group

A monthly prayer group is meeting the fourth Thursday at 1 pm and the second Tuesday at 11 am (after exercise group) in the large Sunday school room. Everyone is welcome to join us!

Prayer Shawl Ministry

A Prayer Shawl Ministry has been started to provide a gift of love and comfort to people in life transitions. Supplies for creating shawls including yarn, knitting needles and crochet hooks are available. We already have over 30 prayer shawls ready to be handed out.

If you know someone who could use prayers and the loving embrace of a shawl to help them navigate life's challenges, feel free to stop by our room off the main Sunday School room to select a shawl. Remember to sign the log so that we can pray for the shawl recipient.

Blessing Bags

Beginning in February, we will be collecting the following items to fill "Blessing Bags" for the homeless in our community:

Socks, Peanut Butter Crackers, Granola Bars, Lip Balm, Deodorant, Bottled Water, Toothpaste, Beef Sticks, Snacks Crackers, Breath Mints, Wipes and Hand Sanitizer.

Blessing bags will be delivered to Your Father's House, Servants for all on Center Street for distribution to the homeless in our community. This collection will continue throughout February and March. Your thoughtful consideration will be greatly appreciated. Thank you.

Cash or Check # _____ Amount Paid _____

2024 Easter Tributes

To Honor or Memorialize a loved one, please fill out this form and return it to the church office. For a complete listing and description of funds, see reverse.

****Additional forms are available at the usher's station or from the church office. ****

Name: _____

Phone #: _____ Deadline: Friday, March 15, 2024

_____ Number of Lilies \$12.00 Cost _____ Amount Paid
_____ Do you want your Lily to be delivered to a shut-in?
_____ Do you want to pick-up your lily after services?

- \$ _____ Adopt A Child Fund
- \$ _____ Bear Creek Camp Fund
- \$ _____ Boiler Fund
- \$ _____ Rev. Philip S. Bendle, III Scholarship Fund
- \$ _____ Elevator Fund
- \$ _____ Food Pantry Fund
- \$ _____ Charles K. & Ross C. Heffner Emergency Fund
- \$ _____ Kitchen Fund
- \$ _____ Memorial Garden/Property
- \$ _____ Music Ministry Fund
- \$ _____ Organ Fund
- \$ _____ Radio Ministry Fund
- \$ _____ Digital Ministry Fund
- \$ _____ Rismiller Memorial Carillon Fund
- \$ _____ Senior Coordinator Fund
- \$ _____ Umbenhen Fund
- \$ _____ Van Fund
- \$ _____ Welfare Fund
- \$ _____ World & Local Hunger Fund
- \$ _____ Youth Coordinator Fund
- \$ _____ Other: _____

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By:

Please include payment with your form: If check, write out to: Trinity Lutheran Church

UPCOMING GROUP MEETINGS AT TRINITY

FRIEDA HOH

Next scheduled meeting is February 20th at 6:30pm

Making sunflowers for the Mother's Day Brunch.

In case of inclement weather meeting will be canceled.

Any questions, contact Marie Weikel at (570) 449-6484

CIRCLE V

Next scheduled meeting is March 7th following Lenten Luncheon

Mr. Ron Devlin– Republican Herald “Schuykill
History Book” Columnist

Hostesses: Joyce Miller and Peggy Schappell

*For more info, details or transportation contact Teresa Stoffregen at
(570) 622-7918*

Trinity's youth would like to thank all who participated in our Souper Bowl of Caring. To date, we have collected \$380.00, which will be forwarded to the Pottsville Soup Kitchen. In addition, we are running our canned goods food drive until the end of the month. Those items will be donated to the Salvation Army's Food Pantry. If you'd like to participate, but haven't yet had an opportunity to do so, monetary donations can be mailed or dropped off at the church office. Boxes for canned goods are located outside church office, stage in Main Sunday School and outside the lounge. Once again, thank you for your generosity and helping to feed people locally!

Confirmation class will be held this weekend following Sunday's service. We'll hear all about one of our favorite Bible characters: Moses.

See you there!

Sunday Funday: Our singers will be singing their anthem of February 25th, which is outside of our normal schedule. We've been trying to stick to the 2nd Sunday of each month, however, this month we were not able to do so. Next month we'll be back on the regular schedule (March 10), which also includes a Children's Time as a part of our worship service. All Kids in pre-k-grade 4 are welcome to join our Sunday Funday group! We meet every Sunday after worship in the classroom located behind the stage. Join us-you'll have some fun learning about God and can make new friends!