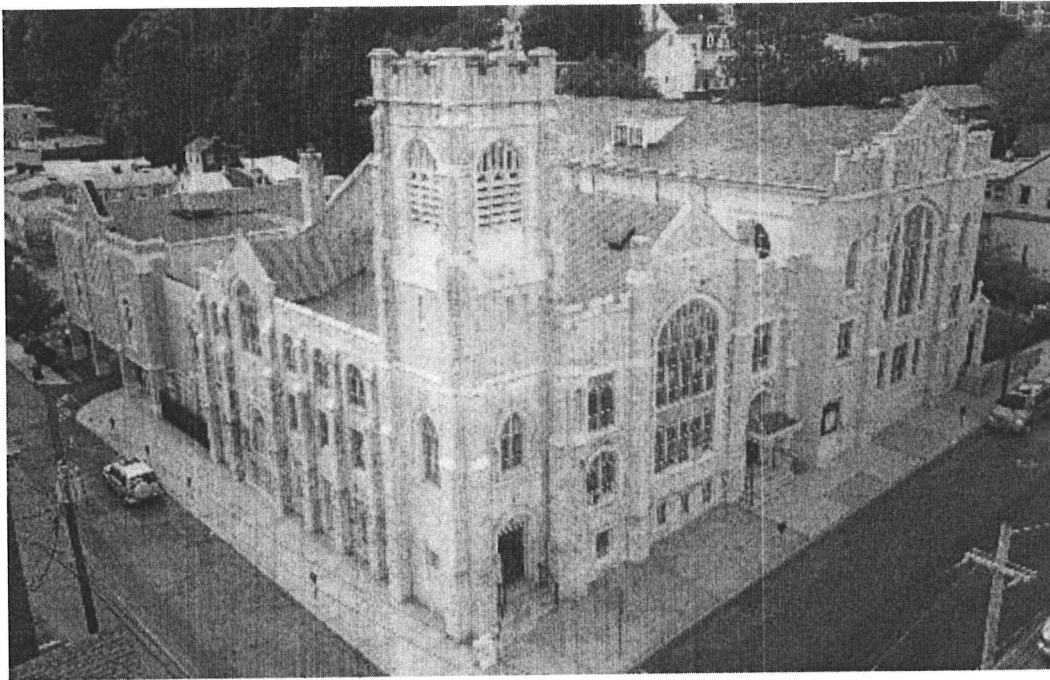


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***2nd Sunday of Lent***  
***February 24-25, 2024***  
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## Confession and Forgiveness

**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: Cleansing Fountain**

**Gilbert M. Martin**

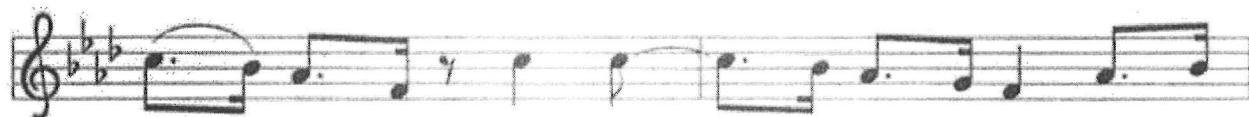
**Entrance hymn: #333 Jesus Is a Rock in a Weary Land**

# Jesus Is a Rock in a Weary Land

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*Refrain - All*

Je - sus is a rock in a wea - ry land, a wea - ry land, a



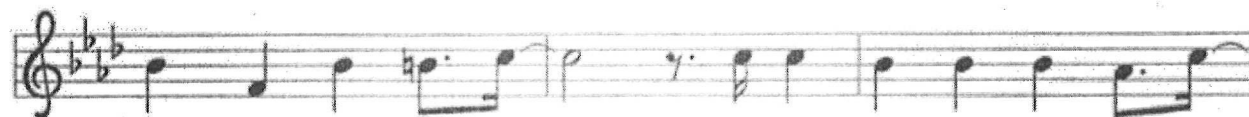
wea - ry land; my Je - sus is a rock in a



wea - ry land, a shel - ter in the time of storm.

*Leader or All*

1 No one can do like Je - sus, not a  
 2 When Je - sus was on earth, . . . . . the . .  
 3 Yon - der comes my Sav - ior, him . .



mum - bling word he said; he went walk - ing down to Laz -  
 flesh was ver - y weak; . . he took a towel and gird -  
 whom I love so well; . . he has the palm of vic -

*Refrain*

- a - rus' grave, and he raised him from the dead.  
 ed him - self and he washed his dis - ci - ples' feet.  
 to - ry and the keys of death and hell.

Text: African American spiritual  
 Music: African American spiritual

WEARY LAND  
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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**

Worship Assistant     In peace, let us pray to the Lord.

**Congregation:**       **Lord, have mercy.**

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

**Congregation:**       **Lord, have mercy.**

Worship Assistant     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.**

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

**Congregation:**       **Lord, have mercy.**

Worship Assistant     Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.

**Congregation:**       **Amen.**

## **Canticle #13 Keep in Mind that Jesus Christ Has Died for Us**

### ***Refrain***

***Keep in mind that Jesus Christ has died for us and is risen from the dead. He is our saving  
Lord; he is joy for all ages.***

**If we die with the Lord, we shall live with the Lord. If we endure with the Lord, we shall  
live with the Lord.**

### ***Refrain***

**In him all our sorrow, in him all our joy. In him hope of glory, in him all our love.**

### ***Refrain***

**In him our redemption, in him all our grace. In him our salvation, in him all our peace.**

### ***Refrain***





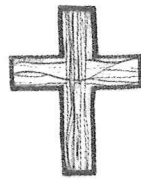
## In the Cross of Christ I Glory

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1 In the cross of Christ I glo - ry, tow'r - ing  
 2 When the woes of life o'er - take me, hopes de -  
 3 When the sun of bliss is beam - ing light and  
 4 Bane and bless - ing, pain and plea - sure, by the

o'er the wrecks of time. All the light of  
 ceive, and fears an - noy, nev - er shall the  
 love up - on my way, from the cross the  
 cross are sanc - ti - fied; peace is there that

sa - cred sto - ry gath - ers round its head sub - lime.  
 cross for - sake me; lo, it glows with peace and joy.  
 ra - diance stream - ing adds more lus - ter to the day.  
 knows no mea - sure, joys that through all time a - bide.



# Today's Readings

Second Sunday in Lent

February 25, 2024

## Prayer of the Day

O God, by the passion of your blessed Son you made an instrument of shameful death to be for us the means of life. Grant us so to glory in the cross of Christ that we may gladly suffer shame and loss for the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

## First Reading

Genesis 17:1-7, 15-16

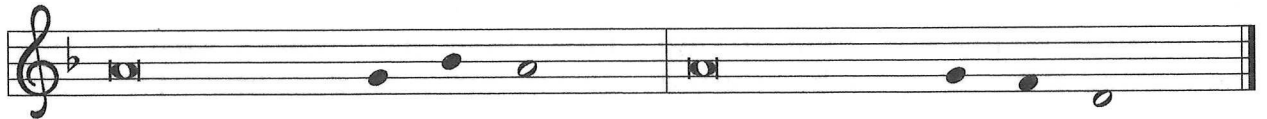
When Abram was ninety-nine years old, the LORD appeared to Abram, and said to him, "I am God Almighty; walk before me, and be blameless. <sup>2</sup>And I will make my covenant between me and you, and will make you exceedingly numerous." <sup>3</sup>Then Abram fell on his face; and God said to him, <sup>4</sup>"As for me, this is my covenant with you: You shall be the ancestor of a multitude of nations. <sup>5</sup>No longer shall your name be Abram, but your name shall be Abraham; for I have made you the ancestor of a multitude of nations. <sup>6</sup>I will make

you exceedingly fruitful; and I will make nations of you, and kings shall come from you. <sup>7</sup>I will establish my covenant between me and you, and your offspring after you throughout their generations, for an everlasting covenant, to be God to you and to your offspring after you."

<sup>15</sup>God said to Abraham, "As for Sarai your wife, you shall not call her Sarai, but Sarah shall be her name. <sup>16</sup>I will bless her, and moreover I will give you a son by her. I will bless her, and she shall give rise to nations; kings of peoples shall come from her."

## Psalm

Psalm 22:23-31; tone 9



You who fear the LORD, give praise!

All you of Jacob's <sup>1</sup> line, give glory.

Stand in awe of the LORD,  
all you off- <sup>1</sup> spring of Israel.

<sup>24</sup>**For the LORD does not despise  
nor abhor the poor in their poverty;  
neither is the LORD's face  
hid- <sup>1</sup> den from them;**

**but when they cry out,  
<sup>1</sup> the LORD hears them.**

<sup>25</sup>From you comes my praise  
in the <sup>1</sup> great assembly;

I will perform my vows  
in the sight of those  
who <sup>1</sup> fear the LORD.

<sup>26</sup>**The poor shall eat <sup>1</sup> and be satisfied,  
Let those who seek the LORD  
give praise!  
May your hearts <sup>1</sup> live forever!**

<sup>27</sup>All the ends of the earth  
shall remember and turn <sup>1</sup> to the LORD;  
all the families of nations  
shall bow <sup>1</sup> before God.

<sup>28</sup>**For dominion belongs <sup>1</sup> to the LORD,  
who rules o- <sup>1</sup> ver the nations.**

<sup>29</sup>Indeed, all who sleep in the earth  
shall bow <sup>1</sup> down in worship;  
all who go down to the dust,  
though they be dead,  
shall kneel be- <sup>1</sup> fore the LORD.

<sup>30</sup>**Their descendants  
shall <sup>1</sup> serve the LORD,  
whom they shall proclaim  
to genera- <sup>1</sup> tions to come.**

<sup>31</sup>They shall proclaim God's deliverance  
to a people <sup>1</sup> yet unborn,  
saying to them,  
"The <sup>1</sup> LORD has acted!"

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. <sup>14</sup>If it is the adherents of the law who are to be the heirs, faith is null and the promise is void. <sup>15</sup>For the law brings wrath; but where there is no law, neither is there violation.

<sup>16</sup>For 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, <sup>17</sup>as 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. <sup>18</sup>Hoping against hope, he believed that he would become “the father of many

nations,” according to what was said, “So numerous shall your descendants be.” <sup>19</sup>He did not weaken in faith when he considered his own body, which was already as good as dead (for he was about a hundred years old), or when he considered the barrenness of Sarah’s womb. <sup>20</sup>No distrust made him waver concerning the promise of God, but he grew strong in his faith as he gave glory to God, <sup>21</sup>being fully convinced that God was able to do what he had promised. <sup>22</sup>Therefore his faith “was reckoned to him as righteousness.” <sup>23</sup>Now the words, “it was reckoned to him,” were written not for his sake alone, <sup>24</sup>but for ours also. It will be reckoned to us who believe in him who raised Jesus our Lord from the dead, <sup>25</sup>who was handed over to death for our trespasses and was raised for our justification.

## Gospel

## Mark 8:31-38

[Jesus] began to teach them that the Son of Man must undergo great suffering, and be rejected by the elders, the chief priests, and the scribes, and be killed, and after three days rise again. <sup>32</sup>He said all this quite openly. And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him. <sup>33</sup>But turning and looking at his disciples, he rebuked Peter and said, “Get behind me, Satan! For you are setting your mind not on divine things but on human things.”

<sup>34</sup>He called the crowd with his disciples, and said to them, “If any want to become my followers, let them deny

themselves and take up their cross and follow me. <sup>35</sup>For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake, and for the sake of the gospel, will save it. <sup>36</sup>For what will it profit them to gain the whole world and forfeit their life? <sup>37</sup>Indeed, what can they give in return for their life? <sup>38</sup>Those who are ashamed of me and of my words in this adulterous and sinful generation, of them the Son of Man will also be ashamed when he comes in the glory of his Father with the holy angels.”





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: #465 As the Grains of Wheat**

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# As the Grains of Wheat

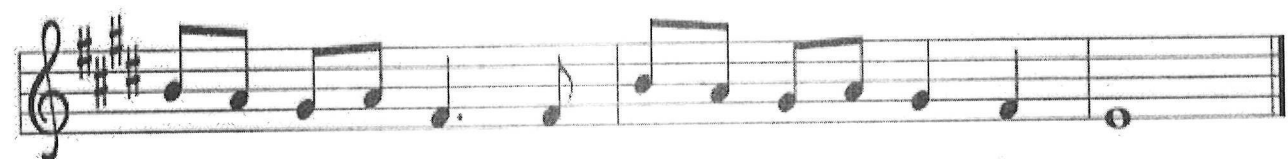
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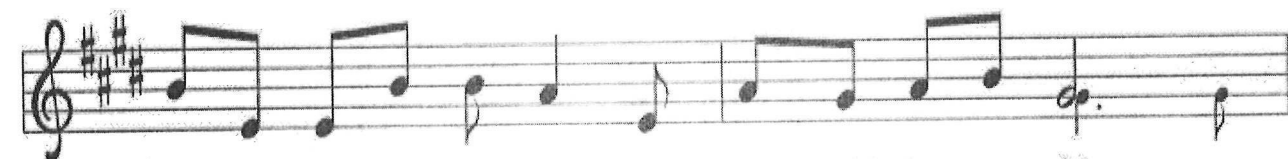
As the grains of wheat once scat-tered on the hill were



gath-ered in - to one to be - come our bread; so may all your peo-ple from



all the ends of earth be gath-ered in - to one in you.



1 As this cup of bless-ing is shared with-in our midst,  
2 Let this be a fore-taste of all that is to come when

*Refrain*



may we share the pres - ence of your love.  
all cre - a - tion shares this feast with you.

Text: Didache, 2nd cent.; Marty Haugen, b. 1950  
Music: Marty Haugen  
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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: #The Old Rugged Cross**

*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.*

**Organ Postlude:**

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*Bulletins* are presented to the Glory of God and In memory of my sister, Dolores M. Hartung on her 84th birthday, Feb. 20, of brother David Denning and our nephew Wayne Conahan who passed away on December 9th, 2023 by Brenda and Joe Denning & Family and In memory of Grandfather Elmar Hillegass & in honor of February birthday's: Granddaughter Carli's 30th, Sister Sallie & her husband Robert Barton, Great Niece Sadie Coleman & Kevin Henry.

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DATE & TIME		WORSHIP ASSISTANT	LECTORS
Thursday, February 22	Noon Day Service		
Saturday, February 24-6:00pm	2nd Saturday Lent	Zachary Jefferson	
Sunday, February 25 -9:30am	2nd Sunday Lent	Mike Ward	Mike Ward
Thursday, February 29	Noon Day Service		
Saturday, March 2 -6:00pm	3rd Saturday Lent	Michael Clancey	
Sunday, March 3– 9:30am	3rd Sunday Lent	Matthew Angelo	Christina Linder
Thursday, March 7th	Noon day Services		
Saturday, March 9– 6:00pm	4th Saturday Lent	Debbie Sheehan	
Sunday, March 10– 9:30am	4th Sunday Lent	Debbie Sheehan	Michaela Tobash
Thursday, March 14th	Noon Day Service		
Saturday, March 16– 6:00pm	5th Saturday Lent	Christine Linder	
Sunday, March 17– 9:30am	5th Sunday Lent	Bob Thomas	Joe Denning
Thursday, March 21	Noon Day Service		
Saturday, March 23–6:00pm	Palm Sunday	Zachary Jefferson	
Sunday, March 24– 9:30	Palm Sunday	Mike Ward	Zachary Jefferson
Thursday, March 28th	Maundy Thursday		
2:30pm & 7:30pm			
Friday, March 29th	Good Friday		
2:30pm& 7:30pm			
Saturday, March 30 6:00pm	Easter	Christine Linder	
Sunday, March 31	Easter	Bob Thomas	Bob Wood
8:30am & 11:00am		Karen Wood	

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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:**

<b>Saturday, February 24th</b>	<b>6:00</b>	<b>Worship-2nd Lent</b>
<b>Sunday, February 25th</b>	<b>9:30</b>	<b>Worship-2nd Lent</b>
	<b>10:30</b>	<b>First Communion Class</b>
	<b>6:00pm-8:00pm</b>	<b>Softball Registration</b>
<b>Monday, February 26th</b>	<b>4:00pm-6pm</b>	<b>Pottsville Soup Kitchen</b>
	<b>6:30-8:30</b>	<b>Adult Volleyball</b>
<b>Tuesday, February 27th</b>	<b>10-11:00</b>	<b>Adult Exercise</b>
	<b>5:30-7pm</b>	<b>Special Olympics Floor Hockey</b>
	<b>7:00pm</b>	<b>Finance Committee Meeting</b>
	<b>7:00pm-9:00pm</b>	<b>Anthracite Youth Volleyball</b>
<b>Thursday, February 29th</b>	<b>12:00 Noon</b>	<b>Noon Day Lenten Service</b>
	<b>5:00pm-7:00pm</b>	<b>Anthracite Youth Volleyball</b>
	<b>7:00pm-9:00pm</b>	<b>Eclipse Youth Volleyball</b>
<b>Friday, March 1st</b>	<b>10-11:00</b>	<b>Adult Exercise</b>
	<b>5:00pm-6:00pm</b>	<b>Pottsville 3&amp;4 grade basketball</b>

<b><u>Date</u></b>	<b><u>Pastor/Vicar</u></b>	<b><u>Worship Assistant</u></b>	<b><u>Lector</u></b>
<b>Saturday, February 24th</b>	<b>Pastor Chris</b>	<b>Zachary Jefferson</b>	
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**TLC February 24 - February 25, 2024**  
**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. 25 and March 3, 10, 17<sup>th</sup>.*

*First Communion students will receive their First Holy Communion on Maundy Thursday, March 28<sup>th</sup> 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**

**Confirmation class will be held March 3rd following Sunday's service. We'll hear all about one of our favorite Bible characters: Jesus: Ruth-Solomon**

**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!**

## 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.

### Newspapers for Hillside SPCA

A box has been added to our table in the Main Sunday School room for newspaper collection. If you receive the newspaper we'd be glad to take them! Thank you for your recyclables!!



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: \_\_\_\_\_

PLEASE PRINT LEGIBLY

In Honor of: \_\_\_\_\_

In Memory Of: \_\_\_\_\_

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 "Schuylkill  
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 \$390.00, 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!

### Trinity Lutheran Day at the Reading Phillies

Please join us on Sunday April 28th for our third annual Trinity Lutheran Day at the Reading Phillies. This event is open to all members, families and friends of Trinity. Tickets are \$25. (children 4 and under are free) and include a buffet lunch and seats in the Club 67 picnic area along third base. First pitch is scheduled for 3:15pm. The picnic area will open at 2:15pm. Please contact Mike Vigoda at 570-527-4258 or mpvigoda@gmail.com or the church office if you are interested. I hope to see you at the ballpark.

