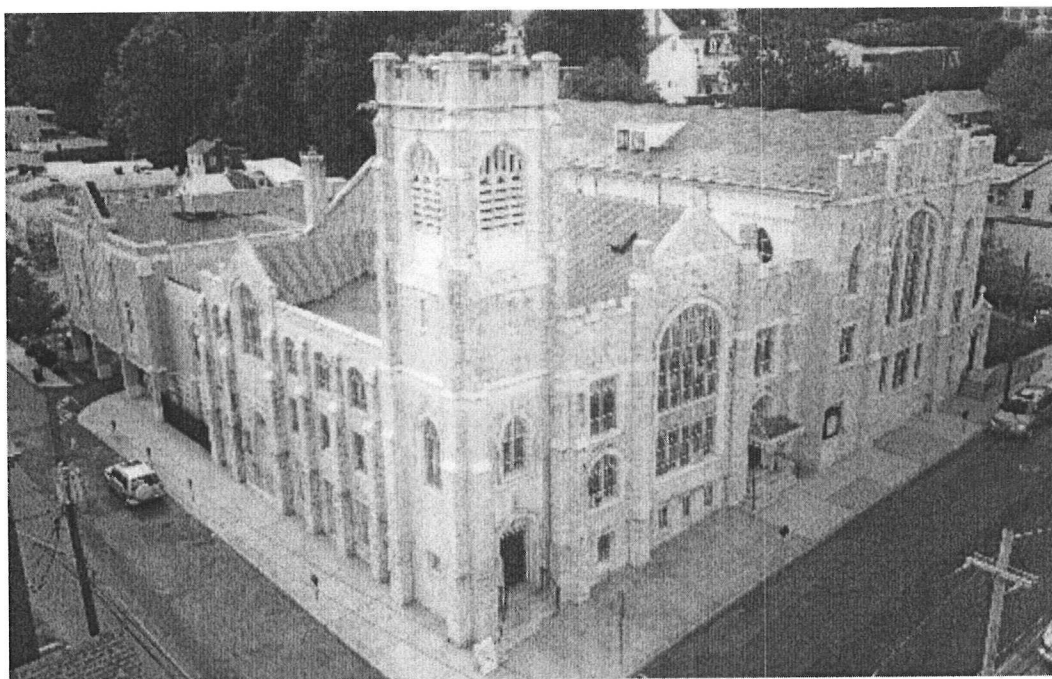


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4th Sunday of Lent
March 09-10, 2024

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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: **The Ash Grove** **Franklin Ritter**

Entrance hymn: **#834 Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise (St. Denio)**

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Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise

834

1 Im - mor - tal, in - vis - i - ble, God on - ly wise,
 2 Un - rest - ing, un - hast - ing, and si - lent as light,
 3 To all, life thou giv - est, to both great and small;
 4 Thou reign - est in glo - ry; thou dwell - est in light;

in light in - ac - ces - si - ble hid from our eyes,
 nor want - ing, nor wast - ing, thou rul - est in might;
 in all life thou liv - est, the true life of all;
 thine an - gels a - dore thee, all veil - ing their sight;

most bless - ed, most glo - rious, the An - cient of Days,
 thy jus - tice like moun - tains high soar - ing a - bove
 we blos - som and flour - ish like leaves on the tree,
 all laud we would ren - der; oh, help us to see

al - might - y, vic - to - rious, thy great name we praise!
 thy clouds which are foun - tains of good - ness and love.
 and with - er and per - ish, but naught chang - eth thee.
 'tis on - ly the splen - dor of light hid - eth thee!

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 #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.

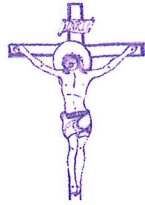
Refrain

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



Today's Readings

Fourth Sunday in Lent
March 10, 2024

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.**

First Reading

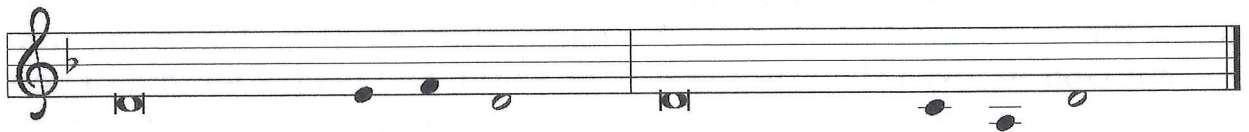
Numbers 21:4-9

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. ⁵The 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." ⁶Then the LORD sent poisonous serpents among the people, and they bit the people, so that many Israelites died.

⁷The 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. ⁸And 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." ⁹So 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.

Psalm

Psalm 107:1-3, 17-22; tone 8



Give thanks to the LORD,
for the ¹LORD is good,
for God's mercy en-¹dures
forever.

²Let the redeemed of the
¹LORD proclaim
that God redeemed them
from the hand ¹of the foe,

³gathering them in ¹from the lands;
from the east and from the west,
from the north
and ¹from the south.

¹⁷Some were fools
and took re-¹bellious paths;
through their sins
they ¹were afflicted.

¹⁸They loathed all man-¹ner of food
and drew near ¹to death's door.

¹⁹Then in their trouble
they cried ¹to the LORD
and you delivered them
from ¹their distress.

²⁰You sent forth your ¹word
and healed them
and rescued them
¹from the grave.

continued

Psalm, continued

**²¹Let them give thanks to you, LORD,
for your ¹ steadfast love
and your wonderful works
¹ for all people.**

**²²Let them offer sacrifices
¹ of thanksgiving
and tell of your deeds
with ¹ shouts of joy.**

Second Reading

Ephesians 2:1-10

You were dead through the trespasses and sins ²in 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. ³All 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. ⁴But God, who is rich in mercy, out of the great love with which he loved us ⁵even when we were dead through our trespasses, made us alive together with Christ—by grace

you have been saved—⁶and raised us up with him and seated us with him in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus, ⁷so that in the ages to come he might show the immeasurable riches of his grace in kindness toward us in Christ Jesus. ⁸For by grace you have been saved through faith, and this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God—⁹not the result of works, so that no one may boast. ¹⁰For we are what he has made us, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand to be our way of life.

Gospel

John 3:14-21

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

¹⁶“For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life.

¹⁷“Indeed, God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him. ¹⁸Those 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. ¹⁹And this is the judgment, that the light has come into the world, and people loved darkness rather than light because their deeds were evil. ²⁰For all who do evil hate the light and do not come to the light, so that their deeds may not be exposed. ²¹But 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.”

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Next Sunday's Readings: Jeremiah 31:31-34; Psalm 51:1-12 or Psalm 119:9-16; Hebrews 5:5-10; John 12:20-33.

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First Lesson:	Numbers 21:4-9	Today's Readings Insert
Psalm:	Psalm 107:1-3,17-22	Today's Readings Insert
Second Lesson:	Ephesians 2:1-10	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.**

Pastor: The holy gospel according to St. John the 3rd Chapter

Congregation: **Glory to you, O Lord.**
Gospel: John 3:14-21
Pastor: The gospel of our Lord.
Congregation: **Praise to you, O Christ.**

Sermon Pastor Chris

Hymn of the Day: #327 Through the Night of Doubt and Sorrow (Ebenezer)
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LENT

327 Through the Night of Doubt and Sorrow

1 Through the night of doubt and sor - row, on - ward
 2 One the light of God's own pres - ence on the
 3 One the strain that lips of thou - sands lift as
 4 On - ward, there - fore, sis - ters, broth - ers; on - ward,

goes the pil - grim band, sing - ing songs of ex - pec -
 ran - sored peo - ple shed, chas - ing far the gloom and
 from the heart of one; one the con - flict, one the
 with the cross our aid. Bear its shame, and fight its

ta - tion, march - ing to the prom - ised land. Clear be -
 ter - ror, bright - ning all the path we tread. One the
 per - il, one the march in God be - gun. One the
 bat - tle till we rest be - neath its shade. Soon shall

fore us through the dark - ness gleams and burns the
 ob - ject of our jour - ney, one the faith which
 glad - ness of re - joic - ing on the far e -
 come the great a - wak - ening; soon the rend - ing

guid - ing light; pil - grim clasps the hand of
 nev - er tires, one the ear - nest look - ing
 ter - nal shore, where the one al - might - y
 of the tomb! Then the scat - t'ring of all

pil - grim step - ping fear - less through the night.
 for - ward, one the hope our God in - spires.
 Fa - ther reigns in love for - ev - er - more.
 shad - ows, and the end of toil and gloom.

Text: Bernhardt S. Ingemann, 1789-1862; (tr. Sabine Baring-Gould, 1834-1924, alt.)
 Music: Thomas J. Williams, 1869-1944; arr. Richard W. Hillier, b. 1923
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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.

Order of Holy Baptism

(Saturday)

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We Welcome through Holy Baptism, *Maeve Lesle O'Reilly*, daughter of *Christopher and Shannon O'Reilly*. May God bless this child, her parents and all who are baptized in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, *Maeve's sponsors are Michael and Rachael O'Reilly*. The Baptismal Napkin given to *Maeve* is presented to the Glory of God and in memory of *Jean Schraedley*.

Offering

Diadem (6:00pm)

Anthem: Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah (Cwmrhondda)

Karen Buckhalter

Christian Honicker and Maya Johnson, Trumpets

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 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: #564 God, Who Made the Earth and Heaven

EVENING

God, Who Made the Earth and Heaven 564

1 God, who made the earth and heav-en, dark - ness and light:
2 And when morn a - gain shall call us to run life's way,
3 Guard us wak - ing, guard us sleep - ing, and, when we die,
4 Ho - ly Fa - ther, throned in heav - en, all - ho - ly Son,

you the day for work have giv - en, for rest the night.
may we still, what - e'er be - fall us, your will o - bey.
may we in your might - y keep - ing all peace - ful lie.
Ho - ly Spir - it, free - ly giv - en, blest Three in One:

May your an - gel guards de - fend us, slum - ber sweet your mer - cy send us,
From the pow'r of e - vil hide us, in the nar - row path - way guide us,
When the last dread call shall wake us, then, O Lord, do not for - sake us,
grant us grace, we now im - plo - re you, till we lay our crowns be - fore you

ho - ly dreams and hopes at - tend us all through the night.
nev - er be your smile de - nied us all through the day.
but to reign in glo - ry take us with you on high.
and in wor - thier strains a - dore you while a - ges run.

Text: Reginald Heber, 1783-1826, st. 1, alt.; William Mercer, 1811-1873, sts. 2, 4, alt.;
Richard Whately, 1787-1863, st. 3, alt.
Music: Welsh traditional; arr. Ralph Vaughan Williams, 1872-1958
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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.**

Luke 11:2b-4 (NRSV)

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: # 631 Love Divine, All Loves Excelling (Hyfrydol)


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631

Love Divine, All Loves Excelling



1 Love di - vine, all loves ex - cel - ling, Joy of heav'n, to
 2 Breathe, oh, breathe thy lov - ing Spir - it in - to ev - 'ry
 3 Come, Al - might - y, to de - liv - er; let us all thy
 4 Fin - ish then thy new cre - a - tion, pure and spot - less



earth come down! Fix in us thy hum - ble dwell - ing, all thy
 trou - bled breast; let us all in thee in - her - it; let us
 life re - ceive; sud - den - ly re - turn, and nev - er, nev - er -
 let us be; let us see thy great sal - va - tion per - fect -



faith - ful mer - cies crown. Je - sus, thou art all com - pas - sion,
 find thy prom - ised rest. Take a - way the love of sin - ning;
 more thy tem - ples leave. Thee we would be al - ways bless - ing,
 ly re - stored in thee! Changed from glo - ry in - to glo - ry,



pure, un - bound - ed love thou art; vis - it us with
 Al - pha and O - me - ga be; end of faith, as
 serve thee as thy hosts a - bove, pray, and praise thee
 till in heav'n we take our place, till we cast our



thy sal - va - tion, en - ter ev - 'ry trem - bling heart.
 its be - gin - ning, set our hearts at lib - er - ty.
 with - out ceas - ing, glo - ry in thy per - fect love.
 crowns be - fore thee, lost in won - der, love, and praise!

*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 (Harlech)

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DATE & TIME		WORSHIP ASSISTANT	LECTORS
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 2:30pm & 7:30pm	Maundy Thursday		
Friday, March 29th 2:30pm& 7:30pm	Good Friday		
Saturday, March 30 7:30pm	Easter Vigil	Christine Linder	
Sunday, March 31 8:30am & 11:00am	Easter	Bob Thomas (8:30am) Karen Wood (11:00am)	Bob Wood

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Spaghetti Dinner Sunday March 10th 11am-1pm Tickets are on sale after service and in the church office.

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

TRINITY CALENDAR OF EVENT

Saturday, March 9th	6:00 pm	Worship
Sunday, March 10th	9:30 am	Worship
	10:30am	Frist Communion Instruction
	11am-1pm	Spaghetti Dinner
	6:00pm	Softball Registration
Monday, March 11th	6:30-8:30	Adult Volleyball
Tuesday, March 12th	10-11:00	Adult Exercise
	6:30pm	Executive Meeting
	7:00pm	Church Council Meeting
Wednesday, March 13th	12:00 (noon)	Costa Candies pick up
Thursday, March 14th	12:00	Noon Day Lenten Service
	6:30pm	Black Rock District Scout mtg.
Friday, March 15th	10-11:00	Adult Exercise
	5:00pm-6:00pm	3rd & 4th Grade Basketball

<u>Date</u>	<u>Pastor/Vicar</u>	<u>Worship Assistant</u>	<u>Lector</u>
Saturday, March 9	Pastor Chris	Debbie Sheehan	
Sunday, March 10th	Pastor Chris	Debbie Sheehan	Michaela Tobash

"THE CONNECTING LINK"
Sunday mornings, WPPA, 1360 AM at 11:00 a.m.

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 (password is *case sensitive*)

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TLC March 9 - March 10, 2024

YOUTH / CHRISTIAN EDUCATION NEWS

You're invited to the Table...

First Communion classes will take place in the sanctuary following worship Sunday March 3rd, 10th and 17th. Students will receive their First Holy Communion on Maundy Thursday, March 28th at the 7:30PM service.

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

Youth and adults attending the National Youth Gathering are hosting a Spaghetti Dinner in conjunction with Men of Trinity this Sunday from 11 am – 1 pm. Tickets are \$12.00 for adults, \$6.00 for kids ages 5 - 12 and kids under age 5 eat for free! Menu consists of Spaghetti and Meatballs or Chicken Parmesan, salad, bread, dessert and drink.

A limited number will be available at the door.

Thank you for supporting our youth in this faith journey!

Trinity's Annual Rock-A-Thon will be held April 13-14. Youth in grades 1 – 12 (and their friends) are welcome and encouraged to participate. The kids will be rocking for Camp Dragonfly, a weekend bereavement camp for children who have lost a loved one. We'll hold an informational meeting for youth and parents/grandparents on Sunday, March 23, following worship.

We realize all kids will not be "rocking the night away", so we've established time frames for all ages:

Kids in grades 1 – 3 are welcome to rock for up to four hours. They can choose to rock from either 9 am – 1 pm or 1 pm – 5 pm. Kids rocking from 1 – 5 are welcome to join us for dinner and worship.

Kids in grades 4 – 5 are welcome to rock for up to 6 hours. They can choose to rock from either 9 am – 3 pm or 3 pm – 10 pm. Kids rocking from 3 – 10 will have dinner provided and attend worship.

Kids in grades 6 – 12 are welcome to rock for either 12 or 24 hours. They can choose to rock from 9 am – 9 pm; or the full 24 hours 9 am – 9 am.

We'll distribute registration forms and sponsor sheets at our meeting on the 17th.

See you there!

Youth-Led Worship will be held the weekend of April 6 – 7. All youth are invited to join us in leading worship for this weekend. Our Confirmation students are in the process of planning for it during classes. We will have two practices: our first on Sunday, March 24 (following worship) and our second on Saturday, April 6, time to be determined. Our Sunday Funday Singers will provide the anthem on Sunday, April 7. If your child is interested in participating, please email tlcpottsvilleconfirmation@gmail.com or leave us a message on Facebook.

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 Our 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: _____

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In Honor of:

In Memory Of:

By: _____

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

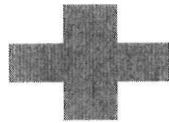
UPCOMING GROUP MEETINGS AT TRINITY

FRIEDA HOH

Next scheduled meeting is March 19th at 6:30pm
Continue 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 April 4th at 12noon
Bob Wood, Master Gardener, will be our program guest with seasonal
planting tips.
Hostesses: Besty Lord and Carolyn Gauntlett
For more info, details or transportation contact Teresa Stoffregen at
(570) 622-7918



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Wednesday, April 3rd, 1-6:00 pm

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.

