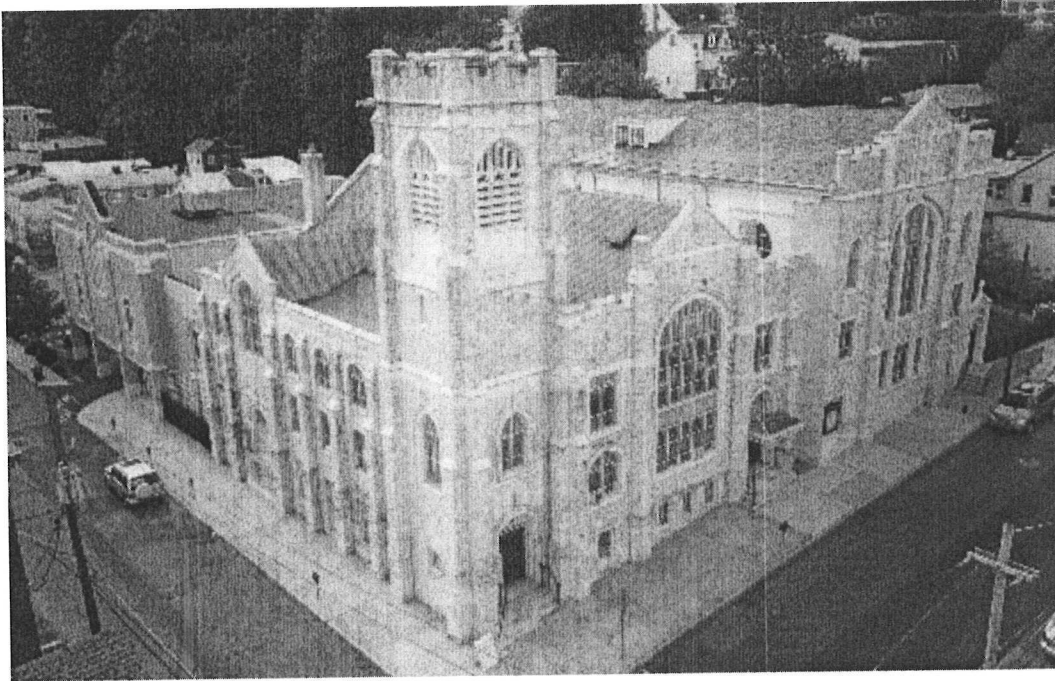


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5th Sunday of Lent
March 16-17, 2024

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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: Fantasia in G minor

J.S. Bach

Entrance hymn: #803 When I Survey the Wondrous Cross (next page)

When I Survey the Wondrous Cross

803

1 When I sur - vey the won - drous cross on which the
2 For - bid it, Lord, that I should boast save in the
3 See, from his head, his hands, his feet, sor - row and
4 Were the whole realm of na - ture mine, that were a

prince of glo - ry died, my rich - est gain I
death of Christ, my God; all the vain things that
love flow min - gled down. Did e'er such love and
pres - ent far too small; love so a - maz - ing,

count but loss and pour con - tempt on all my pride.
charm me most, I sac - ri - fice them to his blood.
sor - row meet, or thorns com - pose so rich a crown?
so di - vine, de - mands my soul, my life, my all.

Text: Isaac Watts, 1674-1748
Music: Lowell Mason, 1792-1872

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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 #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 refreshed 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!"



Today's Readings

Fifth Sunday in Lent

March 17, 2024

Prayer of the Day

O God, with steadfast love you draw us to yourself, and in mercy you receive our prayers. Strengthen us to bring forth the fruits of the Spirit, that through life and death we may live in 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

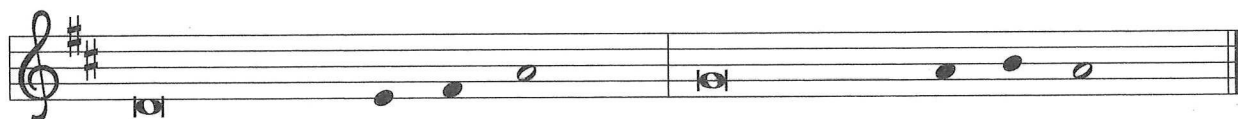
Jeremiah 31:31-34

The days are surely coming, says the LORD, when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and the house of Judah. ³²It will not be like the covenant that I made with their ancestors when I took them by the hand to bring them out of the land of Egypt—a covenant that they broke, though I was their husband, says the LORD. ³³But this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days,

says the LORD: I will put my law within them, and I will write it on their hearts; and I will be their God, and they shall be my people. ³⁴No longer shall they teach one another, or say to each other, "Know the LORD," for they shall all know me, from the least of them to the greatest, says the LORD; for I will forgive their iniquity, and remember their sin no more.

Psalm

Psalm 51:1-12; tone 4



Have mercy on me, O God,
according to your ¹steadfast love;
in your great compassion
blot out ¹my offenses.
²Wash me through and through
¹from my wickedness,
and cleanse me ¹from my sin.
³For I know ¹my offenses,
and my sin is ev- ¹er before me.
⁴Against you only have I sinned
and done what is evil ¹in your sight;
so you are justified
when you speak
and right ¹in your judgment.
⁵Indeed, I was born
¹steeped in wickedness,
a sinner from my ¹mother's womb.

⁶Indeed, you delight in truth
¹deep within me,
and would have me know wisdom
¹deep within.
⁷Remove my sins with hyssop,
and I ¹shall be clean;
wash me,
and I shall be pur- ¹er than snow.
⁸Let me hear ¹joy and gladness;
that the body you have broken
¹may rejoice.
⁹Hide your face ¹from my sins,
and blot out ¹all my wickedness.
¹⁰Create in me a clean ¹heart, O God,
and renew a right spir- ¹it
within me.

continued

Psalm, continued

¹¹Cast me not away
from your presence,
and take not your Holy Spirit from me.

¹²Restore to me the joy of
your salvation
and sustain me
with your bountiful Spirit.

or Psalm 119:9-16 [not printed]

Second Reading

Hebrews 5:5-10

Christ did not glorify himself in becoming a high priest, but was appointed by the one who said to him,

“You are my Son,
today I have begotten you”;
⁶as he says also in another place,
“You are a priest forever,
according to the order of
Melchizedek.”

⁷In the days of his flesh, Jesus offered up prayers and supplications, with

loud cries and tears, to the one who was able to save him from death, and he was heard because of his reverent submission. ⁸Although he was a Son, he learned obedience through what he suffered; ⁹and having been made perfect, he became the source of eternal salvation for all who obey him, ¹⁰having been designated by God a high priest according to the order of Melchizedek.

Gospel

John 12:20-33

Now among those who went up to worship at the festival were some Greeks. ²¹They came to Philip, who was from Bethsaida in Galilee, and said to him, “Sir, we wish to see Jesus.” ²²Philip went and told Andrew; then Andrew and Philip went and told Jesus. ²³Jesus answered them, “The hour has come for the Son of Man to be glorified. ²⁴Very truly, I tell you, unless a grain of wheat falls into the earth and dies, it remains just a single grain; but if it dies, it bears much fruit. ²⁵Those who love their life lose it, and those who hate their life in this world will keep it for eternal life. ²⁶Whoever serves me must follow me, and where I am, there will my servant be also. Whoever serves me, the Father will honor.

²⁷“Now my soul is troubled. And what should I say—‘Father, save me from this hour’? No, it is for this reason that I have come to this hour. ²⁸Father, glorify your name.” Then a voice came from heaven, “I have glorified it, and I will glorify it again.” ²⁹The crowd standing there heard it and said that it was thunder. Others said, “An angel has spoken to him.” ³⁰Jesus answered, “This voice has come for your sake, not for mine. ³¹Now is the judgment of this world; now the ruler of this world will be driven out. ³²And I, when I am lifted up from the earth, will draw all people to myself.” ³³He said this to indicate the kind of death he was to die.

TODAY'S READINGS March 17, 2024

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Next Sunday's Readings: Isaiah 50:4-9a; Psalm 31:9-16; Philippians 2:5-11; Mark 14:1—15:47 or Mark 15:1-39 [40-47].

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| First Lesson: | Jeremiah 31:31-34 | Today's Readings Insert |
| Psalm: | Psalm 51:1-12 | Today's Readings Insert |
| Second Lesson: | Hebrews 5:5-10 | 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 12th Chapter

Congregation: **Glory to you, O Lord.**

Gospel: John 12:20-33

Pastor: The gospel of our Lord.

Congregation: **Praise to you, O Christ.**

Sermon

Hymn of the Day: #329 As the Sun with Longer Journey

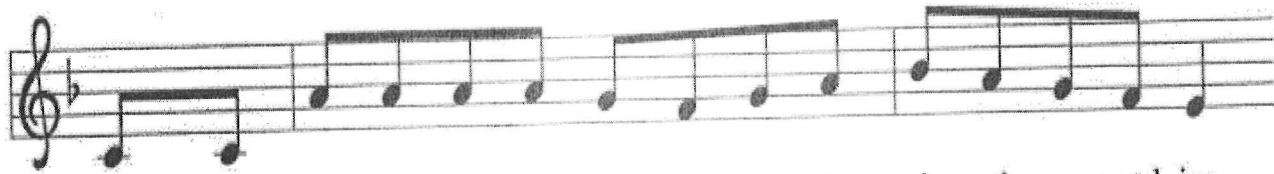
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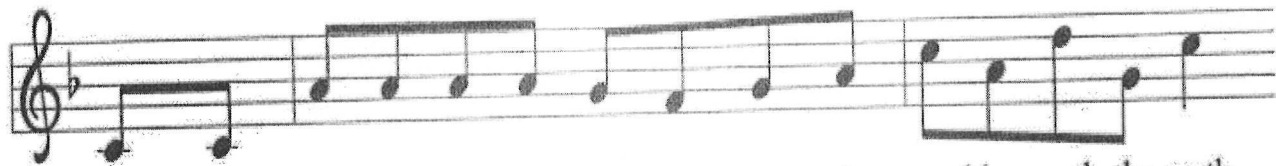
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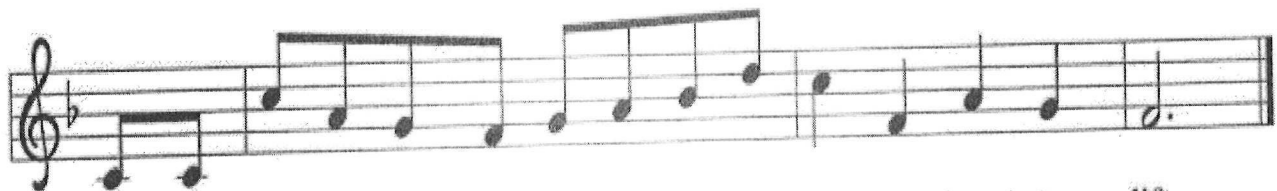
As the Sun with Longer Journey



1 As the sun with long-er jour-ney melts the win-ter's snow and ice,
2 Through the days of wait-ing, watch-ing, in the des-ert of our sin,
3 Praise be giv-en to the mak-er of the sea-sons' year-ly round:



with its slow-ly grow-ing ra-diance warms the seed be-neath the earth,
search-ing on the far ho-ri-zon for a sign of cloud or wind,
Fa-ther, Son, and Ho-ly Spir-it—Source, Sus-tain-er, Lord of life,



may the sun of Christ's up-ris-ing gent-ly bring our hearts to life.
we a-wait the heal-ing wa-ters of our Sav-ior's vic-to-ry.
as the ev-er turn-ing a-ges roll to their e-ter-nal rest.

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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: In the Cross of Christ I Glory
Senior Choir

Eldon Burkwall

Offertory Response: #182 Let the Vineyards Be Fruitful

Let the vineyards be fruitful, Lord, and fill to the brim our cup of blessing. Gather a harvest from the seeds that were sown, that we may be fed with the bread of life. Gather the hopes and the dreams of all; unite them with the prayers we offer now. Grace our table with your presence, and give us a foretaste of the feast to come.
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.

⁶ 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.

⁶ 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.

⁶ 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: # 471 Let us Break Bread Together

HOLY COMMUNION

Let Us Break Bread Together

471

1 Let us break bread to - geth - er on our knees;
2 Let us drink wine to - geth - er on our knees;
3 Let us praise God to - geth - er on our knees;

let us break bread to - geth - er on our knees.
let us drink wine to - geth - er on our knees.
let us praise God to - geth - er on our knees.

Refrain

When I fall on my knees, with my face to the ris - ing

sun, O Lord, have mer - cy on me.

Text: African American spiritual
Music: African American spiritual

BREAK BREAD TOGETHER
10 10 and refrain

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

Worship Assistant: Go in peace to Love and Serve the Lord.

Congregation: Thanks be to God.

Recessional Hymn: #325 I Want Jesus to Walk with Me

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LENT

325

I Want Jesus to Walk with Me

1 I want Je - sus to walk with me; walk with
2 In my tri - als, Lord, walk with me; walk with
3 When I'm in trou - ble, Lord, walk with me;

me; I want Je - sus to walk with me; walk with
me; in my tri - als, Lord, walk with me; walk with
when I'm in trou - ble, Lord, walk with me;

me; all a - long my pil - grim jour - ney,
when my heart is al - most break - ing,
when my head is bowed in sor - row,

Lord, I want Je - sus to walk with me.
Lord, I want Je - sus to walk with me. walk with me.
Lord, I want Je - sus to walk with me.

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Music: African American spiritual; arr. hymnal version
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*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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| DATE & TIME | | WORSHIP ASSISTANT | LECTORS |
|----------------------------|-------------------|----------------------|-------------------|
| 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 | | |
| Friday, March 29th | Good Friday | | |
| Saturday, March 30 7:30pm | Easter Vigil | Christine Linder | |
| Sunday, March 31 | Easter | Bob Thomas | Bob Wood |

Prayer List: March 16-17, 2024

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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:

| | | |
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| Saturday, March 16th | 6:00pm | Worship |
| Sunday, March 17th | 9:30am | Worship (Interpreted Service) |
| | 10:30am | Congregational Meeting |
| | 10:30am | First Communion Instruction |
| Monday, March 18th | 6:30pm-8:30pm | Adult Volleyball |
| Tuesday, March 19th | 10am-11am | Seniors Exercise |
| | 6:00pm | Evangelism Committee Meeting |
| | 6:30pm | Frieda Hoh Meeting |
| | 7:00pm | Worship and Music Meeting |
| Wednesday, March 20th | 7:00pm | Black Rock Roundtable Scout Mtg. |
| Thursday, March 21st | 12:00pm (noon) | Lenten Lunch and Service |
| Friday, March 22nd | 10am-11am | Seniors Exercise |
| | 5pm-6pm | Pottsville 3rd &4th Grade Basketball |

| <u>Date</u> | <u>Pastor/Vicar</u> | <u>Worship Assistant</u> | <u>Lector</u> |
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| Sunday, March 17th | Pastor Chris | Bob Thomas | Joe Denning |

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YOUTH / CHRISTIAN EDUCATION NEWS

You're invited to the Table...

Join us as we celebrate with 3 young men, and their families, as they will be joining us at the altar; receiving their first Holy Communion during the 7:30pm Maundy Thursday service March 28th.

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

Our Youth Gathering Committee continues to meet and plan for our trip, as well as more events for congregational support.

We are currently planning a bingo event for Sunday May 5th in Trinity Hall following worship; and a car wash at Trinity for Sunday June 2nd following worship.

We also extend our gracious thanks to everyone who supported our Spaghetti fund raiser last weekend; especially the Men of Trinity group who prepared the meal (which was delicious as always!), and everyone who provided baked goods and goodies for purchase as well! We were able to raise almost \$1,300 toward our event expenses. **Thank You Everyone!** Please stay tuned for upcoming details, **and thank you for supporting our youth!**

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. Our informational meeting is **THIS SUNDAY** (March 17) following worship. We hope to 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, along with kids who are participating this weekend 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.

Many thanks to our Sunday Funday singers who presented an anthem last week, Y'all did a GREAT job!!!

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!!



Community Blood Drive Trinity Lutheran Church

**Gym
300 West Arch Street
Pottsville, PA 17901**

**Wednesday, April 3, 2024
1:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.**

Blood Drive Is Open to the Public.

Please call 1-800-RED CROSS (1-800-733-2767) or visit RedCrossBlood.org and enter: Pottsville to schedule an appointment.

Streamline your donation experience and save up to 15 minutes by visiting RedCrossBlood.org/RapidPass to complete your pre-donation reading and health history questions on the day of your appointment.



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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.



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

Thank you!!

Thank you to all who purchased from our Costas Candies Fundraiser! We were able to raise \$560.00 to put towards the Adopt-A-Child Fund which provides Christmas gifts to local children in need. Without your support we wouldn't be able to give back to those most deserving.

