



Fifth Sunday in Lent March 13, 2016

Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church
Pam Illick, Vicar



Welcome to Trinity Church, where our purpose is to share the good news of God's love made known in Jesus Christ. If you are a visitor, please sign the guest register at the rear of the sanctuary and please join us for worship again. We have a transport chair available to members and guests when needed. Please ask an usher for assistance.

The Lord our God makes all things new. In the first reading God promises it. In the gospel Mary anticipates it, anointing Jesus' feet with costly perfume in preparation for the day of his burial. In the second reading we recall the transformation of Saul, the persecutor, into Paul, the apostle. In baptism, God's new person (you!) rises daily from the deadly mire of trespasses and sins.

As Lutherans, we believe that the bread and wine of Holy Communion are signs given by God that Christ is fully present among us. We invite you to participate in receiving this miraculous presence. If you are unable to receive either the bread or the wine, be assured that even in the words, Christ is present to you. You are welcome to come to the Table to be fed and nurtured with us.

GREETINGS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE & QUIET MEDITATION

GATHERING

The assembly stands and faces the font (if you are able).

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

☩ Blessed be the holy Trinity, ☩ one God, who brings us safely through the sea, who gives us water from the rock, who leads us into the land of milk and honey.

☩ Amen.

P Let us come home to God, confessing our sin.
(Time for personal reflection and confession.)

P Merciful Father,

C we have sinned against heaven and before you. We do not fully live as your sons and daughters. We use your gifts to our own ends. Forgive us and restore us, that we may resist all that draws us away from you, and be at peace with one another. Amen.

P We are reconciled to God through Christ; for his sake, God does not count our trespasses against us. Once dead in sin, we are now alive to God. Once lost, we now are found. God clothes you in the finest robe of all, the righteousness of † Jesus Christ, forgiving you all your sins and making of you a new creation.

C Amen.

GATHERING SONG *When I Survey the Wondrous Cross* *(HAMBURG)* (ELW 803)

GREETING

P The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

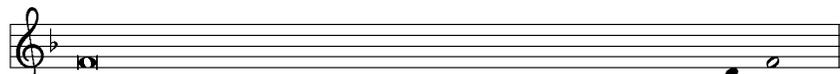
C And also with you.

KYRIE

The assisting minister leads the Kyrie.



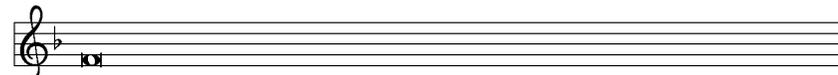
In peace, let us pray to the Lord. Lord, have mer - cy.



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



Lord, have mer - cy.



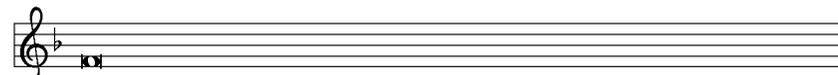
For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God,



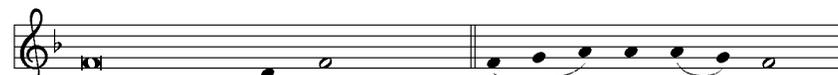
and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.



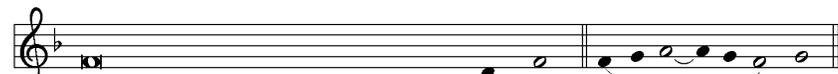
Lord, have mer - cy.



For this holy house, and for all who offer here their worship and praise,



let us pray to the Lord. Lord, have mer - cy.



Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gra - cious Lord. A - men.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P Let us pray.

Creator God, you prepare a new way in the wilderness, and your grace waters our desert. Open our hearts to be transformed by the new thing you are doing, that our lives may proclaim the extravagance of your love given to all through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

The assembly is seated.

WORD

FIRST READING: Isaiah 43:16-21

The prophet declares that long ago the Lord performed mighty deeds and delivered Israel from Egyptian bondage through the waters of the sea. Now, the Lord is about to do a new thing, bringing the exiles out of Babylon and through the wilderness in a new exodus.

📖 A reading from Isaiah.

¹⁶Thus says the LORD,
who makes a way in the sea,
a path in the mighty waters,
¹⁷who brings out chariot and horse,
army and warrior;
they lie down, they cannot rise,
they are extinguished, quenched like a wick:
¹⁸Do not remember the former things,
or consider the things of old.
¹⁹I am about to do a new thing;
now it springs forth, do you not perceive it?
I will make a way in the wilderness
and rivers in the desert.
²⁰The wild animals will honor me,
the jackals and the ostriches;
for I give water in the wilderness,
rivers in the desert,
to give drink to my chosen people,
²¹the people whom I formed for myself
so that they might declare my praise.

📖 Word of God, word of life.

🙏 **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM: Psalm 126

¹When the LORD restored the fortunes of Zion,
then were we like those who dream.
²**Then was our mouth filled with laughter, and our tongue
with shouts of joy.**
**Then they said among the nations, “The LORD has done
great things for them.”**

³The LORD has done great things for us,
and we are glad indeed.

⁴**Restore our fortunes, O LORD,
like the watercourses of the Negeb.**

⁵Those who sowed with tears
will reap with songs of joy.

⁶**Those who go out weeping, carrying the seed,
will come again with joy, shouldering their sheaves.**

SECOND READING: Philippians 3:4b-14

Writing to Christians in Philippi, Paul admits that his heritage and reputation could give him more reason than most people to place confidence in his spiritual pedigree. But the overwhelming grace of God in Jesus calls Paul to a new set of values.

📖 A reading from Philippians.

[Paul writes:] ^{4b}If anyone else has reason to be confident in the flesh, I have more: ⁵circumcised on the eighth day, a member of the people of Israel, of the tribe of Benjamin, a Hebrew born of Hebrews; as to the law, a Pharisee; ⁶as to zeal, a persecutor of the church; as to righteousness under the law, blameless.

⁷Yet whatever gains I had, these I have come to regard as loss because of Christ. ⁸More than that, I regard everything as loss because of the surpassing value of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord. For his sake I have suffered the loss of all things, and I regard them as rubbish, in order that I may gain Christ ⁹and be found in him, not having a righteousness of my own that comes from the law, but one that comes through faith in Christ, the righteousness from God based on faith. ¹⁰I want to know Christ and the power of his resurrection and the sharing of his sufferings by becoming like him in his death, ¹¹if somehow I may attain the resurrection from the dead.

¹²Not that I have already obtained this or have already reached the goal; but I press on to make it my own, because Christ Jesus has made me his own. ¹³Beloved, I do not consider that I have made it my own; but this one thing I do: forgetting what lies behind and straining forward to what lies ahead, ¹⁴I press on toward the goal for the prize of the heavenly call of God in Christ Jesus.

📖 Word of God, word of life.

🙏 **Thanks be to God.**

The assembly stands to welcome the Gospel.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



Re - turn to the Lord, your God, for he is gra - cious and



mer - ci - ful, slow to an - ger, and a - bound - ing in



stead - fast love, and a - bound - ing in stead - fast love.

GOSPEL: John 12:1-8

Judas willfully misinterprets as waste Mary's extravagant act of anointing Jesus' feet with costly perfume. Jesus recognizes that her lavish gift is both an expression of love and an anticipation of his burial.

☐ The holy gospel according to St. John.

☑ **Glory to you, O Lord.**

¹Six days before the Passover Jesus came to Bethany, the home of Lazarus, whom he had raised from the dead. ²There they gave a dinner for him. Martha served, and Lazarus was one of those at the table with him. Martha served, and Lazarus was one of those at the table with him. ³Mary took a pound of costly perfume made of pure nard, anointed Jesus' feet, and wiped them with her hair. The house was filled with the fragrance of the perfume. ⁴But Judas Iscariot, one of his disciples (the one who was about to betray him), said, ⁵"Why was this perfume not sold for three hundred denarii and the money given to the poor?" ⁶(He said this not because he cared about the poor, but because he was a thief; he kept the common purse and used to steal what was put into it.) ⁷Jesus said, "Leave her alone. She bought it so that she might keep it for the day of my burial. ⁸You always have the poor with you, but you do not always have me."

☐ The gospel of the Lord.

☑ **Praise to you, O Christ.**

The assembly is seated.

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

SERMON

The assembly remains seated for the Hymn of the Day.

HYMN OF THE DAY *Beneath the Cross of Jesus* (ELW 338)

The assembly stands.

CREED

☐ With the whole church, let us confess our faith.

☑ **I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried;
he descended to the dead.
On the third day he rose again;
he ascended into heaven,
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

☐ Hearing the call to return to the Lord, let us join the whole people of God in prayer for all who cry out in pain and in hope.

A Holy God, in times of both joy and sorrow you call us to worship you. Bless the work of musicians, altar guilds, readers, presiding and assisting ministers, and all who serve in worship. Sustain them with your Spirit as we journey toward Holy Week. Lord, in your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

A Creative God, you made every living creature and saw that it was good. Teach us to care for the homelands of animals in the wild. Lord, in your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

A Living God, you require mercy and justice. Bless the work of all organizations that work to restore cities and countries, especially Lutheran Volunteer Corps and Lutheran Disaster Response. Lord, in your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

A Compassionate God, you make a way out of no way. Give your peace and vision to all who struggle with addiction, depression, grief, or illness (especially). Make plain that in the midst of suffering, you are suffering, and that your desire is wholeness and life. Lord, in your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

A Shepherding God, you tend your flock with mercy and love. Guide the outreach ministries of this congregation, especially Bountiful Blessings and Lutheran World Relief.. Strengthen our relationships in this community as we serve our neighbors in love. Lord, in your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

A Triune God, in you there is abundant life. Deepen our union with you, that in living we may die and in dying we may live with all your saints. Lord, in your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

P To you, gracious God, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your boundless mercy; through Jesus Christ, our Savior.

C Amen.

PEACE

The presiding minister and the assembly greet each other in the peace of the risen Christ.

P The peace of Christ be with you always.

C And also with you.

The people may greet one another with a sign of Christ's peace, and may say, "Peace be with you," or similar words.

The assembly is seated.

MEAL

OFFERING

An offering is gathered for the mission of the church, including the care of those in need.

SPECIAL MUSIC

OFFERTORY *(The assembly stands.)*



Let the vine - yards be fruit - ful, Lord, and fill to the brim our cup of



bless - ing. Gath - er a har - vest from the seeds that were sown, that we may be



fed with the bread of life. Gath - er the hopes and the dreams of all; u -



nite them with the prayers we of - fer now. Grace our ta - ble with your



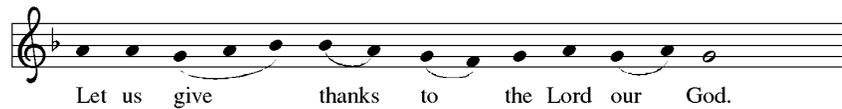
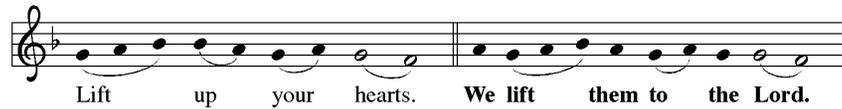
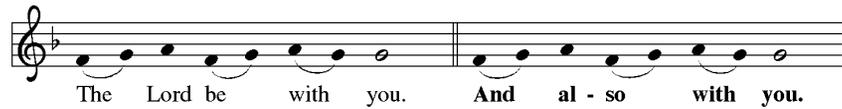
pres - ence, and give us a fore - taste of the feast to come.

OFFERING PRAYER

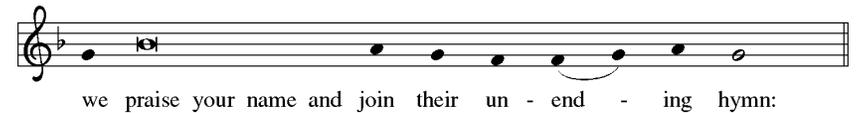
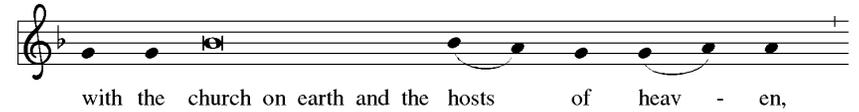
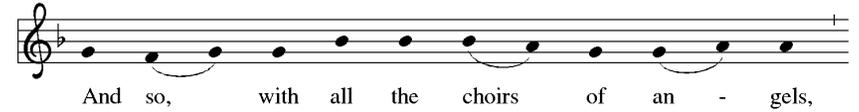
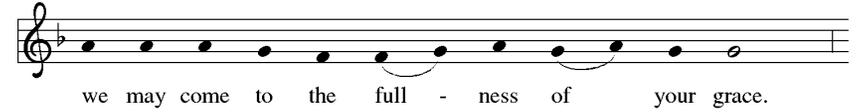
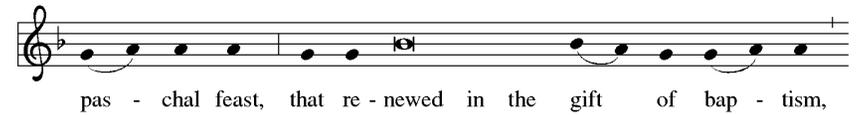
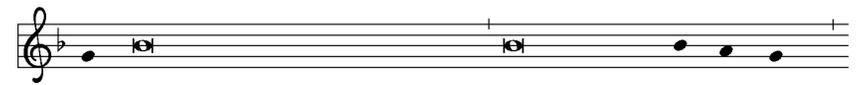
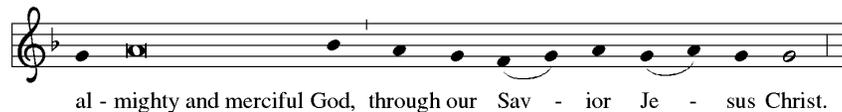
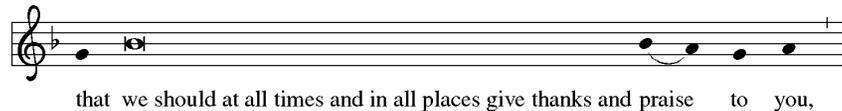
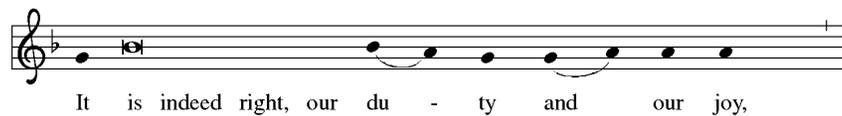
A God our provider, you have not fed us with bread alone, but with words of grace and life. Bless us and these your gifts, which we receive from your bounty, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

C Amen.

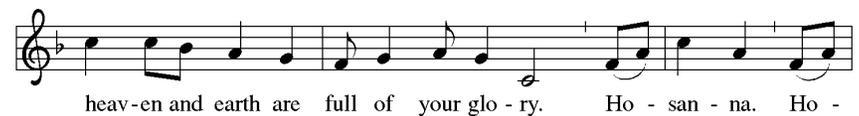
DIALOGUE



PREFACE



HOLY, HOLY, HOLY



THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

P Holy God,
our living Water and our merciful Guide,
together with rivers and seas, wells and springs
we bless and magnify you.

You led your people Israel through the desert,
and provided them water from the rock.

We praise you for Christ, our Rock and our Water,
who joined us in our desert,
pouring out his life for the world.

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.

Remembering, therefore,
his life, death, and resurrection,
we await your salvation for all this thirsty world.

Pour out your Spirit on this holy food
and on all the baptized gathered for this feast:
wash away our sin,
that we may be revived for our journey by the love of Christ.

Through him all glory and honor is yours,
Almighty Father, with the Holy Spirit,
in your holy Church,
both now and forever.

C Amen

LORD'S PRAYER

P Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us.

C 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.

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

P All who thirst, all who hunger,
come and be filled with the goodness of God.

The assembly is seated.

COMMUNION

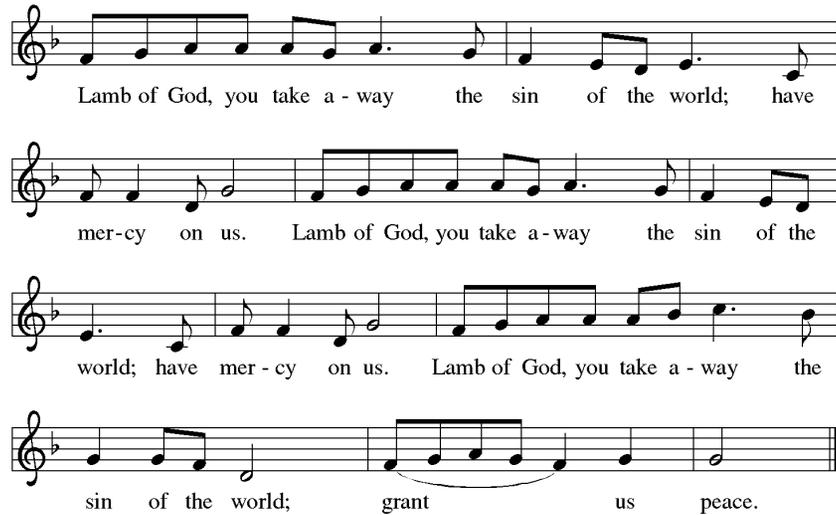
Communicants will proceed up the center aisle at the direction of the ushers. If you wish to receive the wine from the pouring chalice, please pick up an individual cup from the table at the head of the aisle. After receiving the bread from the pastor, proceed to the pouring chalice or the common cup to receive the wine.

Return to your seat by the side aisle.

If you prefer to receive a blessing, come forward with your arms crossed over your chest. If you would like to have communion brought to your seat, please indicate your wish to one of the ushers, and the pastor come to you.

When giving the bread and cup, the communion ministers say
The body of Christ, given for you.
The blood of Christ, shed for you.
and each person may respond
Amen.

COMMUNION SONG



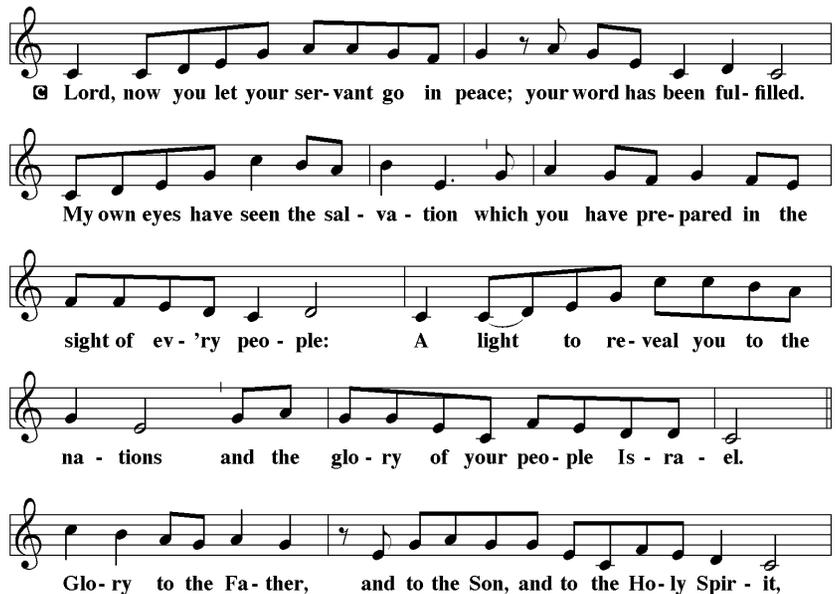
Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world; have
mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the
world; have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the
sin of the world; grant us peace.

TABLE BLESSING *(The assembly stands.)*

P The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen and preserve us in eternal life.

C Amen.

SONG AFTER COMMUNION



C Lord, now you let your ser-vant go in peace; your word has been ful-filled.
My own eyes have seen the sal - va - tion which you have pre-pared in the
sight of ev - 'ry peo - ple: A light to re-veal you to the
na - tions and the glo - ry of your peo- ple Is - ra - el.
Glo - ry to the Fa - ther, and to the Son, and to the Ho - ly Spir - it,



as it was in the-be-gin - ning, is now, and will be for-ev-er. A - men

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

A O God, we thank you for gathering and feeding us as a mother hen embraces her young. Release us now to go on our way in these forty days, ready to see our work as prayer, ready to fast from complacency, and ready to share with those in need; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C Amen.

SENDING

BLESSING

P The blessing of God Almighty, the wisdom and power of ✝ Christ Jesus, and the light of the Holy Spirit be among you and remain with you always.

C Amen.

SENDING SONG *In the Cross of Christ I Glory* (ELW 324)

DISMISSAL

A Go in peace. Share God's message of love through your words and actions with others

C We will. Thanks be to God!

POSTLUDE

Worship is ended: our service begins.

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FOR YOUR INFORMATION

- PRAYER AND SUPPORT -



Please keep these people in your prayers: Phyllis Baker, Cookie Beck, Jean Benedict, Katie Bondroff, Katie and Brian Cook, Sarah Foose, Timmy Gaines, Jarrett Hall, Ulysses Jones, Laura Lentz, Jim Miller, Pearl Minnich, Adeline Plaine, LaVon and Marvin Rose, Brian Sease, Marie Seidel, Pastor Ray Shriver, Barbara Stoops, Raleigh Sunday.

Special prayers for: For farmers and orchard growers as the planting and growing season begins. For our brothers and sisters in congregations who are going through redevelopment.

Please let the church office know when the special needs for those on the prayer list are resolved so that we can keep our list updated.

Anyone needing **pastoral care** may contact Vicar Pam at (443) 876-4736 or at pam.illick@gmail.com

- UPCOMING EVENTS -

Join the **Lunch Bunch** Sundays after worship for lunch out (except on Sundays when we have Coffee & Conversation). **Next Sunday we will meet at Café del Sol.** We invite all to be with us for this time of fellowship as we enjoy a meal together.



We invite everyone to remain after worship today for **Coffee & Conversation.** Join us in the social room for this time of fellowship with light refreshments. Hostesses for the day are Anita Bingman, Joanne Crider and Carolyn Duffey.

Our next **Church Breakfast** will be on Tuesday, March 15, 9 a.m. at Parlor House Restaurant. We invite all to join us for the fellowship as we enjoy breakfast together. If you plan to attend, please sign the reservation sheet posted in the entrance way today..

Because of the Holy Week activities, the April **Trinity Tidings** will completed the week of March 27. All items are due Monday, March 28 by 4 p.m. Distribution will be on Sunday, April 3.

- STEWARDSHIP -

Sharing the abundance of God's gifts to us of time, talents and wealth with others

Flower, Bulletin and Candle Sponsor Charts: Are you thinking of a way to honor a loved one's birthday, anniversary, accomplishment, baptismal anniversary, or to just say, "I love you?" Is there a special person whose life you would like to memorialize? Sponsoring flowers, bulletins and/or candles is a great way to do that! Check out the bulletin board in the hallway off the narthex for more information.

Trinity needs two representatives to **Lower Susquehanna Synod Assembly** on June 3-5 at Messiah College. Won't you please consider serving your congregation at this event? For more details or to volunteer, contact Vicar Pam.



This joint ministry with the Rouzerville Church of the Brethren, continues throughout the year on the first and third Saturdays of each month starting at 9 a.m. See the back of the sanctuary for a list of needed products for its clients. Please note that the program does not collect food items or previously used personal care items.

- FAITH FORMATION: -

During Lent, the **Adult Forum** that meets at 9:30 a.m. each Sunday in the Social Room is using the ELCA Educational Series on world hunger. This is a chance to reflect on hunger, hope, and God's love in a world of both abundance and need and is an excellent time to help your own spiritual growth. Won't you join us for the six special sessions? All are welcome.

Youth Sunday School: Available on Sunday morning at 9:30 for children of all ages. Everyone invite a child to come to Sunday School!!

Please join us on Wednesday evenings for our **Mid-Week Lenten Taizé Service.** The characteristics of Taizé are repetitive, simple songs that are intended to create a prayerful meditative experience, silence, and sung prayer. Our time of Taizé will begin at 6:30 p.m. and conclude at 7 p.m. Please enter into the worship space in silence.

“The Women of the ELCA, Lower Susquehanna Synodical Women’s Organization will host the 2016 **Day of Renewal** at Evangelical Lutheran Church, Greencastle, on Saturday, April 23. The day will begin with registration from 9:00-9:30 a.m. (refreshments upon arrival). The speaker for the morning is Rose Helen Merrell-James, Assistant Professor at Shippensburg University. The theme is “The Ultimate Kindness, The Good Samaritan Today”, and is based on Luke 10:29-37. Following lunch, there will be a service of Holy Communion with Reverend Jane Nicholson, Pastor at First Evangelical Lutheran Church, Chambersburg. The cost for the day, including the meal is \$16.00. Make your check payable to the “LSSWO WOMEN OF THE ELCA” and mail to the Synodical treasurer, Peg Norman, 328 Carolle St., Greencastle, PA 17225. Registration deadline is Monday, April 4. Registration forms are available on the bulletin board in the hallway off the narthex.

- COMMUNITY MINISTRY NEAR AND FAR -

We continue to collect greeting cards for the **St. Jude’s Ranch for Children Recycled Card Program**. Only the front of the card is used and must not contain writing. We cannot accept cards from Hallmark, Disney, and American Greetings. There is a collection box at the back of the sanctuary. We collect all year long. Save your cards.

Trinity’s Encourager Ministry provides encouragement and outreach to our faith community. If you know of someone who could use a card, phone call, etc., let one of the members of the Evangelism Committee know. Contacts are made for special occasions/accomplishments in our lives such as an anniversary, new baby, baptism, first communion, confirmation, get well, graduation, retirement, sympathy, thinking of you, volunteer, wedding, etc. Members are Earl Duffey, Charlotte Kuhs, Sondra Musser, Judi Rice, and Donna Swauger.

Respite Stays are available at Luther Ridge. A respite stay is a convenient option when planned or unforeseen circumstances require you to seek temporary senior housing for your loved one. Knowing they can move seamlessly into a care environment that supports their wellness needs provides peace of mind when you are called away for business or vacation, or if you just need a short break from care giving. A respite care stay also offers guests and family members the extra security of personal assistance during an illness or after a hospitalization. Call (717) 264-5700 for more information.



**March 20, 10:45 AM
Holy Communion &
Blessing the Palms**



**MAUNDY THURSDAY
March 24, 7 PM
Holy Communion &
Stripping the Altar**



**GOOD FRIDAY
March 25, 7 PM
Community Service at Trinity**



**Mark
Your Calendar!**

- March 13-19 -

- Sunday..... 11:45 a.m. - Coffee & Conversation
- Tuesday..... 9:00 a.m. - Breakfast at Parlor House
- Wednesday..... 6:30 p.m. - Taizé Lenten Service
- Wednesday..... 7:00 p.m. - Creative Christian Ladies
- Thursday..... 7:00 p.m. - Faith Study

- March 20-26 -

- Sunday..... 9:30 a.m. - Youth Sunday School & Adult Forum
- Sunday..... 10:45 a.m. - Holy Communion
- Sunday..... 11:45 a.m. - Lunch Bunch at Café del Sol
- Thursday..... 7:00 p.m. - Maundy Thursday Service
- Friday 10:00 a.m. - Coffee, Tea & Theology at Christine's Café
- Friday 7:00 p.m. - Community Good Friday Service



- Our Stewardship -

	Current Fund
Last Week	\$1,115
Year to Date	\$9,845
Attendance Last Sunday -29	

**- Current Income/Expenses -
To February 29**

Income	\$8,762
Expenses	\$12,754
Deficit	\$3,992

**- Air Conditioning Fund -
To February 29**

Estimated Cost	\$10,000
Received to Date	\$0
Balance Needed	\$10,000

The altar flowers are dedicated to the glory of God and are placed in honor of Kevin Sherman on his birthday by his wife, Cindy, and his daughters, Hailey and Taylor.

- SERVING THIS MORNING -

Ministers The Disciples of Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church
(1 Peter 2:4-10)

Vicar Pam Illick Presiding Minister
Linda Bennett Assisting Minister/Lector
Gladys Clapsaddle..... Communion Assistant
Katherine Dennis..... Crucifer
Judi Rice..... Nursery
Carolyn and Earl Duffey..... Altar Care
Brenda Rice, Jenny Rice, Rhonda Rice Pianists/Organists
Richard Berklite..... Usher
Al Bingman Usher
Adrian Kuhs..... Usher
Melissa Leaper..... Usher
Judi Rice..... Youth Sunday School
Sherri Kayhoe & Carol Snyder Offering Tellers

- SERVING MARCH 20 -

Vicar Pam Illick Presiding Minister
Terry Eberly..... Assisting Minister
Teresa Papoutsis Lector/Communion Assistant
Katherine Dennis..... Crucifer
Judi Rice..... Nursery
Carolyn and Earl Duffey..... Altar Care
Brenda Rice, Jenny Rice, Rhonda Rice Pianists/Organists
Richard Berklite..... Usher
Al Bingman Usher
Adrian Kuhs..... Usher
Melissa Leaper..... Usher
Judi Rice..... Youth Sunday School
Teresa Papoutsis & Ruth Strausbaugh..... Offering Tellers

Six Marks of Discipleship

Daily Prayer
Weekly Worship
Bible Reading
Service
Spiritual Friendships
Giving

Costly Devotion

In John 11 we heard about Mary and her sister Martha, who are grieving their brother Lazarus's death. The sisters are friends of Jesus and don't understand why Jesus waited four long days after Lazarus' death to come to see them. Mary even says at one point, "Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died" (John 11:32).

Mary has utter confidence that her Lord can do anything—including keeping her brother from dying. Her confidence could only have been bolstered when Jesus, upon seeing her grief and feeling the intensity of his own, stands before Lazarus's tomb and cries, "Lazarus, come out!" (John 11:43).

Mary and Martha were likely happy with Jesus' ability to raise their brother from the dead, but the religious people of the day were not. John 11 is a pivotal point in John's gospel. After Jesus raised Lazarus from the dead, the chief priests and the Pharisees plotted to put Jesus to death.

John's gospel does not say how Mary knew that Lazarus's rising and her Lord's death would be linked. But she knew. In John 12 she comes to anoint her Lord's feet, as for burial, with expensive perfume worth 300 small silver coins in the local market. Using the perfume as water and her hair as cloth, Mary washes the feet that must have been hot and dusty from many miles of walking. It is an act of devotion and love.

But one disciple objects to this display of love, stating that the perfume could have been sold and the money given to the poor. Jesus' response indicates he knows too that his death is coming. The poor will always be there, he says, confirming what Mary already knows in her heart: he will not.

And yet he is. Our crucified Lord is risen from the dead, ready to receive our own acts of devotion.



The floral arrangement is placed to the glory of God and in honor of Tim Duffey on his birthday by his parents, Earl and Carolyn Duffey.

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- Our Mission -

The mission of Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church of Rouzerville, Pennsylvania is to build, strengthen, and increase our faith community to better love and serve God – and the world community – with the guidance of the Holy Spirit.



- Our Vision -

Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church is a flourishing, Spirit-filled, Christ-centered home for all.



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God's work. Our hands.