

Second Sunday in Lent
March 12, 2017
Holy Communion

Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church
Pam Illick, Pastor



Welcome to all – especially visitors!!! **It is no accident that you are here today!** You are an answer to our prayer. We have been praying for you, and believe that God has brought you here because God wants to touch your life.

If you need some help to make your worship with us more accessible, please see an usher for assistance. A transport chair and large print bulletins are available if you have need for them.

Today's gospel tells of Jesus' temptation in the desert. His forty-day fast becomes the basis of our Lenten pilgrimage. In the early church Lent was a time of intense preparation for those to be baptized at the Easter Vigil. This catechetical focus on the meaning of faith is at the heart of our Lenten journey to the baptismal waters of Easter. Hungry for God's mercy, we receive the bread of life to nourish us for the days ahead.

Lutherans 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.

(Communion record cards are available in the pew racks.)

GREETINGS - Take a moment to check in on Facebook!
Feel free to share your worship experience via social media, too.

PRELUDE & QUIET MEDITATION

GATHERING

**Please stand as you are able.*

***CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**

☑ During the season of Lent we are called to return to the Lord with all our heart. Let us confess our sin and seek reconciliation with God and neighbor.

Turn toward the aisle to face one another.

Organ Side of the Church:

I confess to God Almighty,
before the whole company of heaven,
and to you, my brothers and sisters,
that I have sinned by my own fault
in thought, word, and deed.
I pray God Almighty to have mercy on me,
forgive me all my sins,
and bring me to everlasting life.

Pulpit Side of the Church:

Almighty and merciful
God grant you healing, pardon,
and forgiveness of all your sins. Amen.

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before the whole company of heaven,
and to you, my brothers and sisters,
that I have sinned by my own fault
in thought, word, and deed.
I pray God Almighty to have mercy on me,
forgive me all my sins,
and bring me to everlasting life.

Organ Side of the Church:

Almighty and merciful God
grant you healing, pardon, and
forgiveness of all your sins. Amen.

***PEACE**

We greet one other with the peace of the risen Christ.

P The peace of Christ be with you always.

C And also with you.

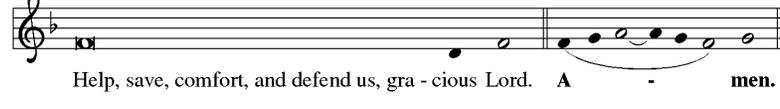
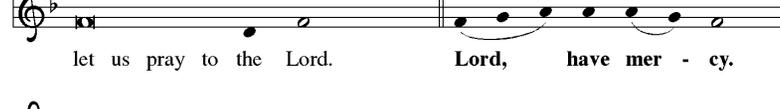
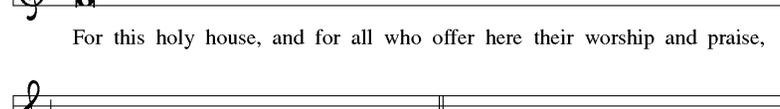
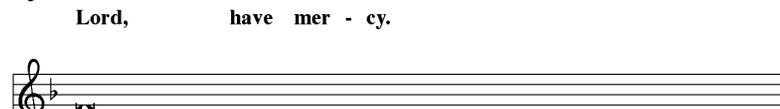
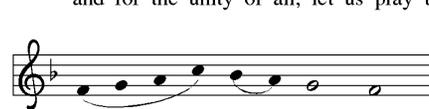
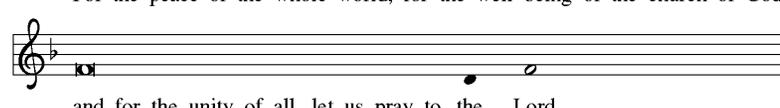
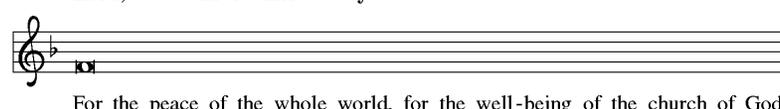
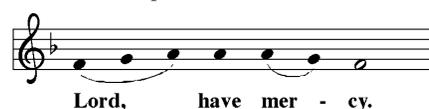
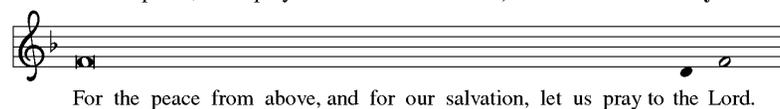
***GATHERING SONG *Baptized and Set Free* (ELW 453)**

***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**



***PRAYER OF THE DAY**

P Let us pray. O God, our leader and guide, in the waters of baptism you bring us to new birth to live as your children. Strengthen our faith in your promises, that by your Spirit we may lift up your life to all the world 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.

Please be seated.

WORD

FIRST READING: Genesis 12:1-4a

God's call of Abram and Sarai has a clear purpose—that through them all the families of the earth would gain a blessing. As they set out on their journey they are accompanied by promises of land, nation, and a great reputation.

L A reading from Genesis.

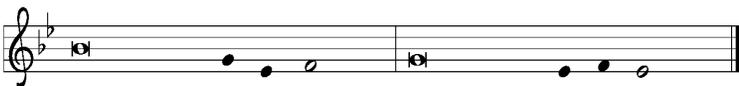
¹The LORD said to Abram, “Go from your country and your kindred and your father’s house to the land that I will show you. ²I will make of you a great nation, and I will bless you, and make your name great, so that you will be a blessing. ³I will bless those who bless you, and the one who curses you I will curse; and in you all the families of the earth shall be blessed.”

^{4a}So Abram went, as the LORD had told him; and Lot went with him.

L The word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

PSALM: Psalm 121 (*Sing in unison*)



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PSALM: Psalm 121

¹I lift up my eyes | to the hills;
from where is my | help to come?

²**My help comes | from the LORD,**
the maker of heav- | en and earth.

³The LORD will not let your | foot be moved
nor will the one who watches over you | fall asleep.

⁴**Behold, the keep- | er of Israel**
will neither slum- | ber nor sleep;

⁵the LORD watches | over you;
the LORD is your shade at | your right hand;

⁶**the sun will not strike | you by day,**
nor the | moon by night.

⁷The LORD will preserve you | from all evil
and will | keep your life.

⁸**The LORD will watch over your going out and your | coming**
in,
from this time forth for- | evermore.

SECOND READING: Romans 4:1-5, 13-17

Through Adam's disobedience, humanity came under bondage to sin and death, from which we cannot free ourselves. In Christ's obedient death, God graciously showers on us the free gift of liberation and life.

L A reading from Romans.

¹What then are we to say was gained by Abraham, our ancestor according to the flesh? ²For if Abraham was justified by works, he has something to boast about, but not before God. ³For what does the scripture say? “Abraham believed God, and it was reckoned to him as righteousness.” ⁴Now to one who works, wages are not reckoned as a gift but as something due. ⁵But to one who without works trusts him who justifies the ungodly, such faith is reckoned as righteousness.

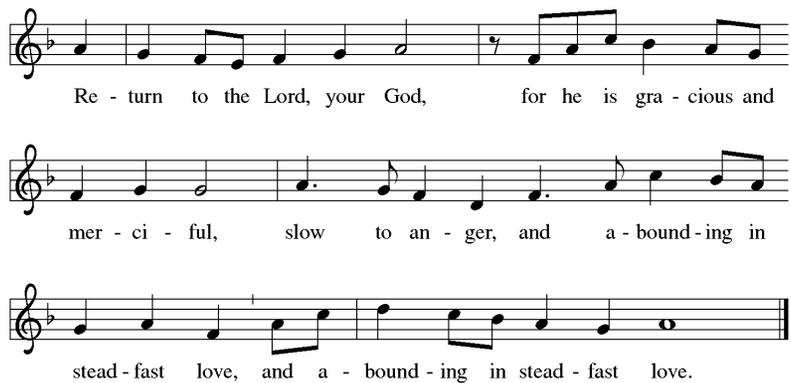
¹³For the promise that he would inherit the world did not come to Abraham or to his descendants through the law but through the righteousness of faith. ¹⁴If it is the adherents of the law who are to be the heirs, faith is null and the promise is void. ¹⁵For the law brings wrath; but where there is no law, neither is there violation.

¹⁶For 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, ¹⁷as 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.

L The word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

*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 3:1-17

A curious Pharisee visits Jesus by night to learn from the teacher his friends reject. Jesus speaks to him about life in the Spirit and the kingdom of God.

P The holy gospel according to St. John.

G Glory to you, O Lord.

¹Now there was a Pharisee named Nicodemus, a leader of the Jews.

²He came to Jesus by night and said to him, “Rabbi, we know that you are a teacher who has come from God; for no one can do these signs that you do apart from the presence of God.” ³Jesus answered him, “Very truly, I tell you, no one can see the kingdom of God without being born from above.” ⁴Nicodemus said to him, “How can anyone be born after having grown old? Can one enter a second time into the mother’s womb and be born?” ⁵Jesus answered, “Very truly, I tell you, no one can enter the kingdom of God without being born of water and Spirit. ⁶What is born of the flesh is flesh, and what is born of the Spirit is spirit. ⁷Do not be astonished that I said to you, ‘You must be born from above.’ ⁸The wind blows where it chooses, and you hear the sound of it, but you do not know where it comes from or where it goes. So it is with everyone who is born of the Spirit.” ⁹Nicodemus said to him, “How can these things be?” ¹⁰Jesus answered him, “Are you a teacher of Israel, and yet you do not understand these things?

¹¹“Very truly, I tell you, we speak of what we know and testify to what we have seen; yet you do not receive our testimony. ¹²If I have told you about earthly things and you do not believe, how can you

believe if I tell you about heavenly things? ¹³No one has ascended into heaven except the one who descended from heaven, the Son of Man. ¹⁴And 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.”

P The gospel of the Lord.

G Praise to you, O Christ.

Please be seated.

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

SERMON

HYMN OF THE DAY *God Loved the World* (ELW 323)

*CREED

P With the whole church, let us confess our faith with the words of the Apostles’ Creed.

G 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.

Please be seated.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

After each petition the congregation will respond:

C hear our prayer.

MEAL

OFFERING

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

THANK AND TELL

*OFFERTORY



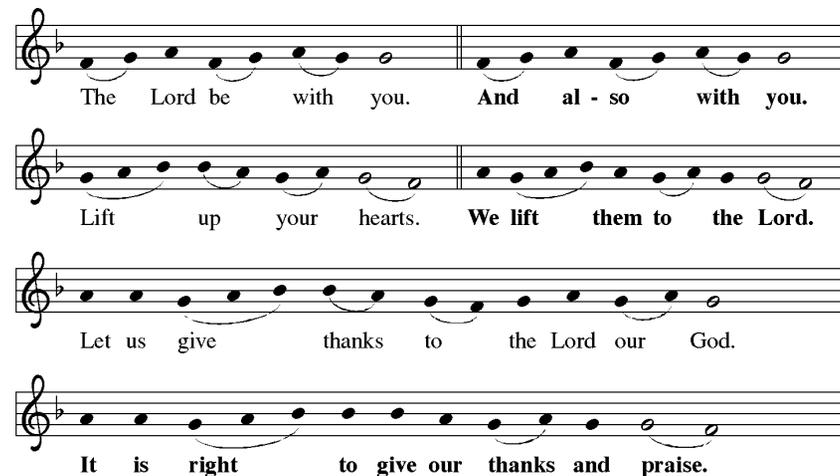
Let the vine - yards be fruit - ful, Lord, and fill to the brim our cup of
bless - ing. Gath - er a har - vest from the seeds that were sown, that we may be
fed with the bread of life. Gath - er the hopes and the dreams of all; u -
nite them with the prayers we of - fer now. Grace our ta - ble with your
pres - ence, and give us a fore - taste of the feast to come.

*OFFERING PRAYER

A Merciful God,

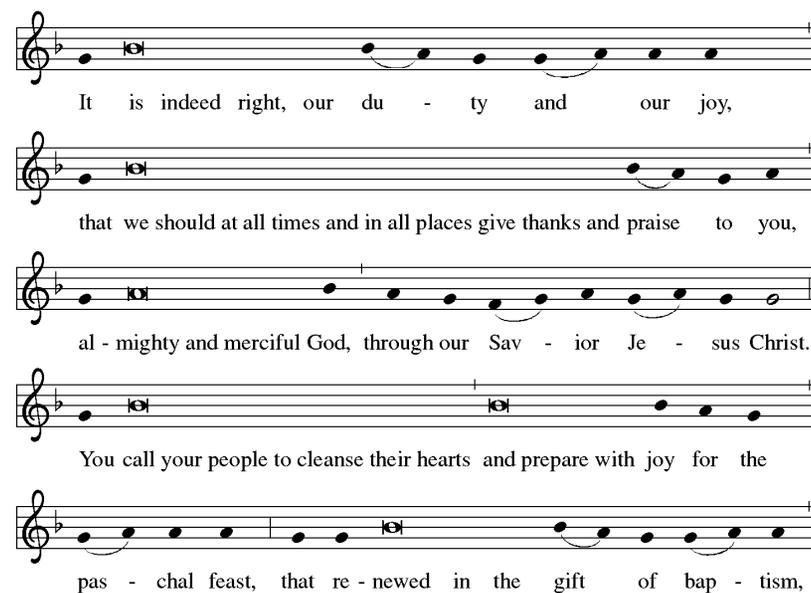
C receive the sacrifice of our praise and thanksgiving and the offering of our lives, that following in the way of the cross, we may know the joy of the resurrection; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

*DIALOGUE



The Lord be with you. And al - so with you.
Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
It is right to give our thanks and praise.

*PREFACE



It is indeed right, our du - ty and our joy,
that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you,
al - mighty and merciful God, through our Sav - ior Je - sus Christ.
You call your people to cleanse their hearts and prepare with joy for the
pas - chal feast, that re - newed in the gift of bap - tism,

we may come to the full - ness of your grace.

And so, with all the choirs of an - gels,

with the church on earth and the hosts of heav - en,

we praise your name and join their un - end - ing hymn:

*HOLY, HOLY, HOLY

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might,

heav-en and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na. Ho -

san-na. Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless-ed is he who

comes in the name of the Lord. Ho-san - na in the high - est.

*THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

- P** In the night in which he was handed over,
 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

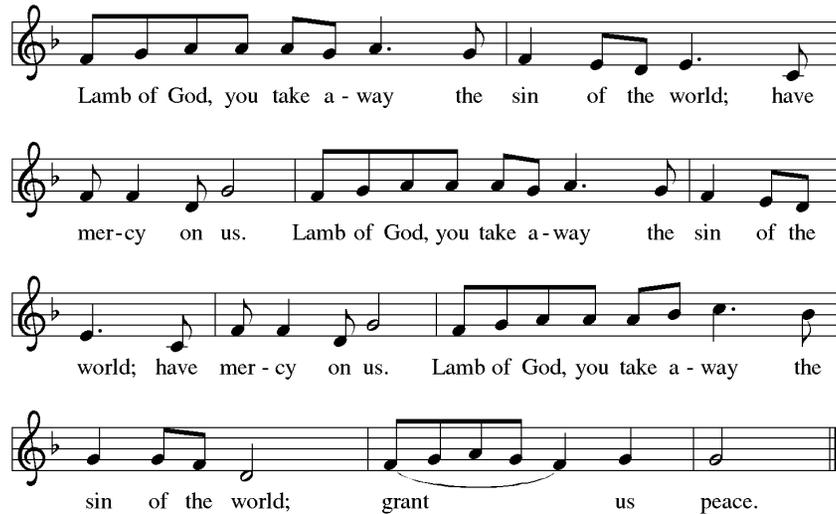
- ☞ Return to God with all your heart.
Receive bread for the journey, drink for the desert.

Please be seated.

COMMUNION

- **To receive communion**, come up the center aisle at the direction of the ushers. We offer both common cup and individual cups which are filled from the pouring chalice. Cups are available on the table at the head of the aisle. After receiving the bread, 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 bulletin.
- **If you would like to have communion brought to your seat**, please indicate your wish to one of the ushers, and the pastor will come to you.

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 body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen and preserve us in eternal life.
- ☞ Amen.

*PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

- ☞ Compassionate God,
you have fed us with the bread of heaven. Sustain us in our Lenten pilgrimage: may our fasting be hunger for justice, our alms, a making of peace, and our prayer, the song of grateful hearts; through Christ our Lord.
- ☞ Amen.

SENDING

ANNOUNCEMENTS *(Please be seated.)*

*BLESSING

- ☞ May God who has called us forth from the dust of the earth, and claimed us as children of the light, strengthen you on your journey into life renewed. The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord's face shine upon you with grace and mercy. The Lord look upon you with favor and give you ☩ peace..
- ☞ Amen.

*SENDING SONG *My Faith Looks Up to Thee* (ELW 759)

*DISMISSAL

- ☞ Go in peace. Share God's message of love through your words and actions with others
- ☞ We will. Thanks be to God!

POSTLUDE

Worship is ended: our service begins.

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



FOR YOUR INFORMATION

– PRAYER AND SUPPORT –

Remember to write the name(s) of persons for whom prayer is needed on the pad in the rear of the church! The names will be included in the Intercessory Prayers this morning. If you forget to put someone's name on the list, there is an opportunity to say the name during the prayers.

Special prayers for: Today we remember all babies born sleeping, the ones we've carried but never met, those we've held but couldn't take home, the ones that came home but didn't stay. We pray for all parents and families who have suffered the loss of a baby because miscarriage, still birth and SIDs.

College Students: Remember Madi Kreitz in your prayers!

– UPCOMING EVENTS –

Evangelism Committee will meet on March 13 at 6:30 p.m. in the small meeting room. New members are always welcome.

Lunch Bunch goes out on Sundays after worship for lunch (except on Sundays when we have Coffee & Conversation). Join us next Sunday at Waynesboro Diner. We invite all to be with us for this time of fellowship as we enjoy a meal together.



We invite all to join us at 6:30 each Wednesday evening in Lent for **Evening Prayer**. This service lasts approximately one half hour and provides a quiet respite in the middle of the week.

Save the Date! **The Church Picnic** will be August 6 at Pine Hill. If you would like to be on the Picnic Committee or have any ideas for a theme, please contact June Ecker (794-2013).

Our next **TED Talk** will be held in Trinity's social room on March 19 at 6 p.m. Please bring your favorite wine to share or another beverage if you prefer. Cheese, bologna, crackers and other snacks will be provided to enjoy during the video. If you have an idea for a topic or have a particular TED talk in mind for the evening, please contact Jon Fleagle. He will lead the discussion afterwards or you may do the presentation yourself. We anticipate a sociable evening with friends, food and films.

– FAITH FORMATION –

Children's Sunday School - every Sunday at 9:30 a.m. in the Social Room!! Open to all children. Join us and give it a *Whirl*.

Adult Forum meets at 9:30 a.m. each Sunday in the first floor meeting room. Our current topic of discussion is the book *Bad Girls of the Bible*. Join us and find out who they were and what they did.

Faith Study: *If You Want to Walk on Water, You've Got to Get Out of the Boat* You are invited to go for a walk. God has invited lots of people throughout time to walk: Moses leading the people out of Egypt, the disciples on the walk to Emmaus, and perhaps the most famous walk of all time: Peter's walk on the water. God continues to call us, just like Peter, to step out in faith and walk on the water. The 6 sessions of this course will help you learn the skills of water-walking: discerning God's call, transcending fear, risking faith, managing failure, and trusting God. Come on! Step out of the boat and join us!!! The **Tuesday Night Group** will continue with Session 5 on Tuesday, March 21 at 7 p.m. and the **Brown Bag Lunch Group** will continue on Wednesday, March 22 at 1 p.m.

– TELC MISSION WORK FOR NEAR AND FAR –

Thursday in the Subway at Walmart is every Thursday afternoon from 1:30 to 3:00. Pastor Pam is available to anyone who is seeking prayer or someone to talk to. The invitation extends to our people here at TELC to stop by too. Please pray that this ministry will help TELC to take Jesus into the world.

"New Neighbor Baskets" are now available for pickup at the church any Sunday morning. All you need to do is pick up the basket, deliver it, and have good conversation with your new neighbor. God is sending us out to do a new thing—help us reach out to our community!

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.

- STEWARDSHIP -

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



Piggy Banks are available for our Lenten Almsgiving Project! Fill your bank as you are able. Our goal is to reach \$600, which will be enough to purchase 20 pigs. If our goal is reached – or we exceed our goal – Pastor Pam will kiss a pig!!! Now, you just gotta see that!!!

Update on piglet sales: As of March 5, we have received enough money (\$106.55) to purchase 3 piglets for families in need through the Always Being Made New Campaign - ELCA World Hunger.

We need **plastic icing tubs** for the distribution of altar flowers after the service. Please place on the counter in the altar room.

Don't forget to drop off your **Box Tops for Education and Labels for Education**, as well as your **all-occasion cards** for St. Jude's' recycled card program, in the appropriate container at the back of our worship area. We will soon be sending another shipment of cards to St. Jude's.

New Flower, Bulletin and Candle Sponsor Charts Available: 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. There are a number of available dates on the 2017 charts.



- March 12-18 -

- Today..... 11:45 a.m. - Coffee & Conversation
- Monday..... 6:30 p.m. - Evangelism Committee
- Wednesday..... 6:30 p.m. - Evening Prayer
- Wednesday..... 7:00 p.m. - Creative Christian Ladies
- Thursday..... 1:30-3:00 p.m. - Thursday in the Subway
- Friday..... 6:30 p.m. - Brownie Scouts

- March 19-25 -

- Sunday..... 9:30 a.m. - Children's Sunday School & Adult Forum
- Sunday..... 10:45 a.m. - Holy Communion
- Sunday..... 11:45 a.m. - Lunch Bunch at Waynesboro Diner
- Sunday..... 6:00 p.m. - TED Talk
- Monday..... 9:00 p.m. - April Newsletter Items Due
- Tuesday..... 9:00 a.m. - Breakfast at Parlor House
- Tuesday..... 6:30 p.m. - Daisy Scouts
- Tuesday..... 7:00 p.m. - Faith Study
- Wednesday..... 1:00 p.m. - Brown Bag Lunch Group
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- Our Stewardship -

	Current Fund
Last Week	\$578
Year to Date	\$5,905
Attendance Last Sunday - 43	
Does Not Include E-Giving Offerings	

**- Current Income/Expenses -
To January 31**

Income	\$4,966
Expenses	\$11,427
Deficit	(\$6,461)

- SERVING THIS MORNING -

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

Pastor Pam Illick Presiding Minister
Earl Duffey Assisting Minister
June Ecker Lector
Hailey Sherman Acolyte
Taylor Sherman Crucifer
Brenda Rice, Jenny Rice, Rhonda Rice Musicians
Sherri Kayhoe Usher
Carol Snyder Usher
Donna Swauger Usher
Carolyn and Earl Duffey Altar Care
Earl Duffey & Rusty Kreitz Offering Tellers

- SERVING MARCH 19 -

Pastor Pam Illick Presiding Minister
Ruth Strausbaugh Assisting Minister
Joanne Crider Lector
Taylor Sherman Acolyte
Alexis Kramer-Foose Crucifer
Brenda Rice, Jenny Rice, Rhonda Rice Musicians
Sherri Kayhoe Usher
Carol Snyder Usher
Donna Swauger Usher
Carolyn and Earl Duffey Altar Care
Richard Berklite and Donna Swauger Offering Tellers

Seven Faith Practices
Pray
Study
Worship
Invite
Encourage
Serve
Give

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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.



Evangelical Lutheran Church in America
God's work. Our hands.