

# Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church

## *Second Sunday in Lent*

10:00 AM Worship Service • March 5, 2023

*Setting 1*



*During Lent we journey with all those around the world who will be baptized at the Easter Vigil. In today's gospel Jesus tells Nicodemus that he must be born of water and Spirit. At the font we are given a new birth as children of God. As God made a covenant with Abraham, in baptism God promises to raise us up with Christ to new life. From worship we are sent forth to proclaim God's love for all the world.*

**Welcome members and guests** to our worship service today. If you are visiting, we encourage you to sign the guest register located in the narthex. Please include your home address, email address and phone number. In each pew, there is a card that you can fill out if you wish to have a consult with the pastor and/or leave us more information.

**The nursery is available**, however since there are no attendants at this time, feel free to use it as needed.

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## TRINITY EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH

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### PASTOR MELUSKY'S OFFICE HOURS

Monday 9am-12pm; Tuesday 9-10:30am, 11:30am-12:15pm;

Wednesday 9:30am-12pm; Thursday 9am-12pm

Times are flexible with monthly meetings, but feel free to call for an appointment or drop in.

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## CARILLON CALL TO WORSHIP

### ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

Prelude on *Liebster Jesu*

Paul Manz

## GATHERING

*The assembly stands. All may make the sign of the cross,  
the sign marked at baptism, as the presiding minister begins.*

Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God,  
who journeys with us these forty days,  
and sustains us with the gift of grace.

**Amen.**

Let us acknowledge before God and one another  
our need for repentance and God's mercy.

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

Holy God,

**we confess to you our faults and failings.  
Too often we neglect and do not trust your holy word;  
we take for ourselves instead of giving to others;  
we spoil rather than steward your creation;  
we cause hurt though you call us to heal;  
we choose fear over compassion.  
Forgive us, renew us, and lead us,  
as we seek to follow in your way of life.  
Amen.**

Hear the good news:

God so loved the world that God gave the only Son,  
so that all may receive life.

This promise is for you!

God embraces you with divine mercy,

† forgives you in Christ's name,

and revives you in the Spirit's power. **Amen.**

## GREETING

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

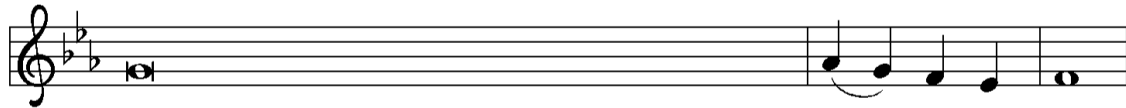
## KYRIE



In peace, let us pray to the Lord.



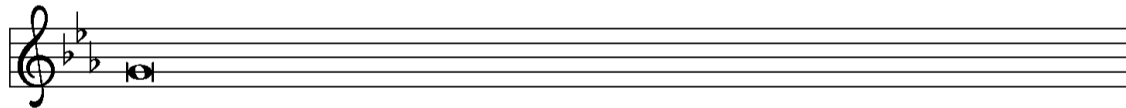
Lord, have mer - cy.



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



Lord, have mer - cy.



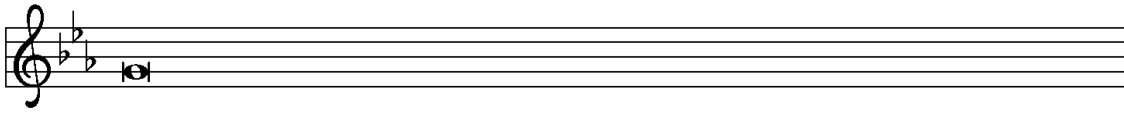
For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God,



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 de - fend us, gra - cious Lord.



A - men, a - men.

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

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. . **Amen.**

*The assembly is seated.*

## FIRST LESSON: Genesis 12:1-4a

*Human beings were formed with great care, to be in relationship with the creator, creation, and one another. The serpent's promise to the first couple that their eyes would be opened led, ironically, to the discovery only that they were naked.*

The Lord said to Abram, "Go from your country and your kindred and your father's house to the land that I will show you. I will make of you a great nation, and I will bless you, and make your name great, so that you will be a blessing. I 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.”

So Abram went, as the Lord had told him; and Lot went with him.

Word of God, word of life. **Thanks be to God.**

**PSALM 121** (*read responsively*)

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

**My help comes from the Lord,  
the maker of heaven and earth.**

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

**Behold, the keeper of Israel  
will neither slumber nor sleep;**

the Lord watches over you;  
the Lord is your shade at your right hand;

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

The Lord will preserve you from all evil  
and will keep your life.

**The Lord will watch over your going out and your coming in,  
from this time forth forevermore.**

**SECOND LESSON: Romans 4:1-5, 13-17**

*In the person and example of Abraham we discover that a right relationship with God does not involve earning a reward from God but entails trusting God's promises. Abraham is the forebear and model for both Jews and Gentiles, because we too trust that ours is a God who gives life to the dead.*

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

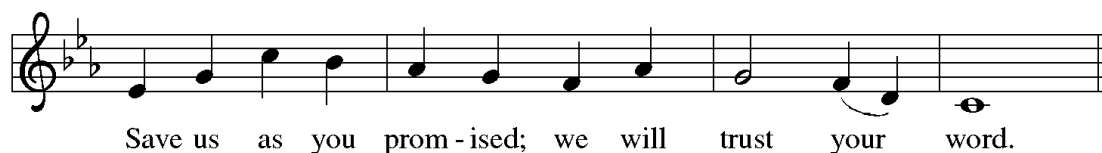
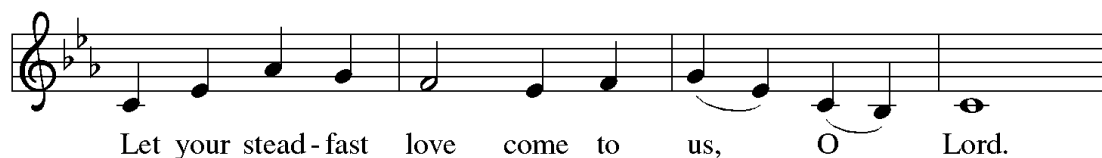
For the promise that he would inherit the world did not come to Abraham or to his descendants through the law but through the righteousness of faith. If it is the adherents of the law who are to be the heirs, faith is null and the promise is void. For the law brings wrath; but where there is no law,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

For this reason it depends on faith, in order that the promise may rest on grace and be guaranteed to all his descendants, not only to the adherents of the law but also to those who share the faith of Abraham (for he is the father of all of us, as it is written, "I have made you the father of many nations") – in the presence of the God in whom he believed, who gives life to the dead and calls into existence the things that do not exist.

Word of God, word of life. **Thanks be to God.**

*The assembly stands.*

### GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



### GOSPEL LESSON: 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.*

The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the 3rd chapter. **Glory to you, O Lord.**

Now there was a Pharisee named Nicodemus, a leader of the Jews. He 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." Jesus answered him, "Very truly, I tell you, no one can see the kingdom of God without being born from above." Nicodemus 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?" Jesus answered, "Very truly, I tell you, no one can enter the kingdom of God without being born of water and Spirit. What is born of the flesh is flesh, and what is born of the Spirit is spirit. Do not be astonished that I said to you, 'You must be born from above.' The 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.” Nicodemus said to him, “How can these things be?” Jesus answered him, “Are you a teacher of Israel, and yet you do not understand these things?

“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. If I have told you about earthly things and you do not believe, how can you believe if I tell you about heavenly things? No one has ascended into heaven except the one who descended from heaven, the Son of Man. And just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, that whoever believes in him may have eternal life.

“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.

“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.”

The Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

*The assembly is seated.*

**CHILDREN’S CHAT**

Pastor Tina Melusky

**FAITH REFLECTION**

*Finding My Faith*

Rock Moeslein

*The assembly stands.*

**HYMN OF THE DAY**

*God Loved the World*  
ROCKINGHAM OLD

ELW 323

**APOSTLE’S 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.**

#### **PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION**

Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

#### **SHARING OF THE PEACE**

The peace of the Lord be with you always. **And also with you.**

#### **RECEIVING OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS**

##### **OFFERTORY ANTHEM**

*God So Loved the World*

John Stainer

*God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son,  
that whoso believeth in Him should not perish but have everlasting life.*

*For God sent not His Son into the world to condemn the world,  
but that the world through Him might be saved.*

##### **OFFERTORY HYMN**

*Create in Me a Clean Heart*

ELW 188

##### **OFFERTORY PRAYER**

God of good gifts,

**receive these and all our offerings  
as we present them in faithful service  
for the sake of your gospel.  
Prepare our hearts to receive you in this meal  
as you pour out your very presence  
through Christ Jesus, the wellspring of eternal life.  
Amen.**

# MEAL

## THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

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.

The musical notation consists of four staves, each with a treble clef and a key signature of one sharp (F#). The notes are simple, with many slurs and ties, and are aligned with the lyrics below them.

## PROPER PREFACE

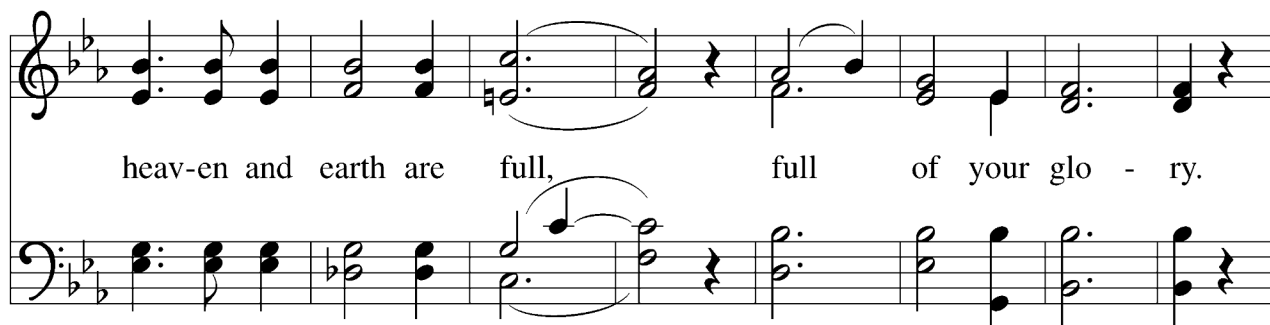
It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise...

...we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

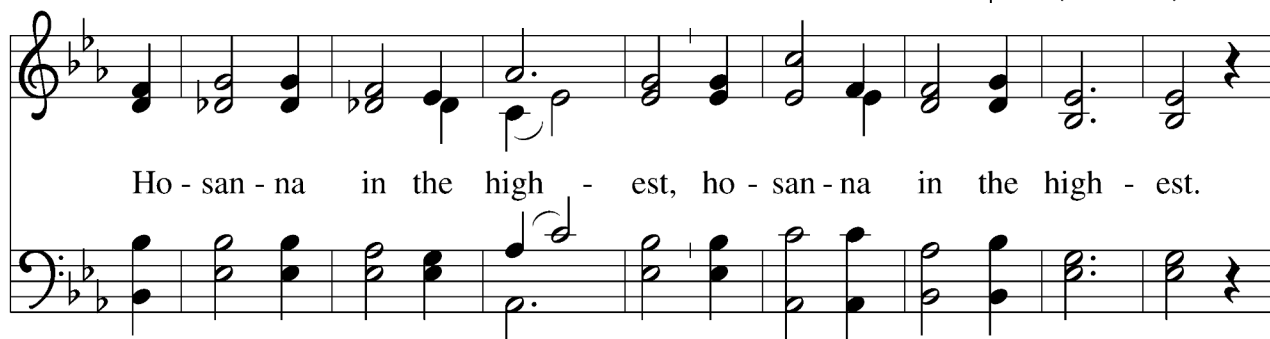
## SANCTUS

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

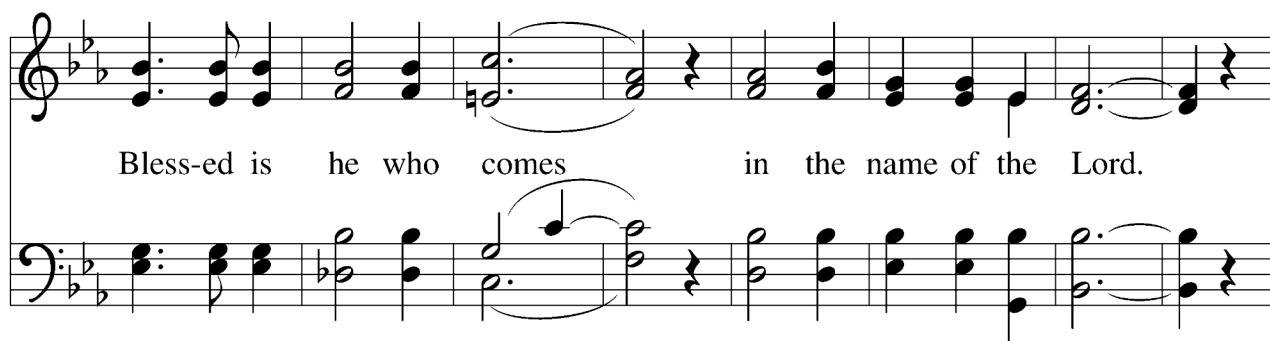
The musical notation for the Sanctus consists of two systems, each with a treble and bass clef and a key signature of two flats (Bb). The melody is in the treble clef, and the accompaniment is in the bass clef. The notes are simple, with many slurs and ties, and are aligned with the lyrics below them.



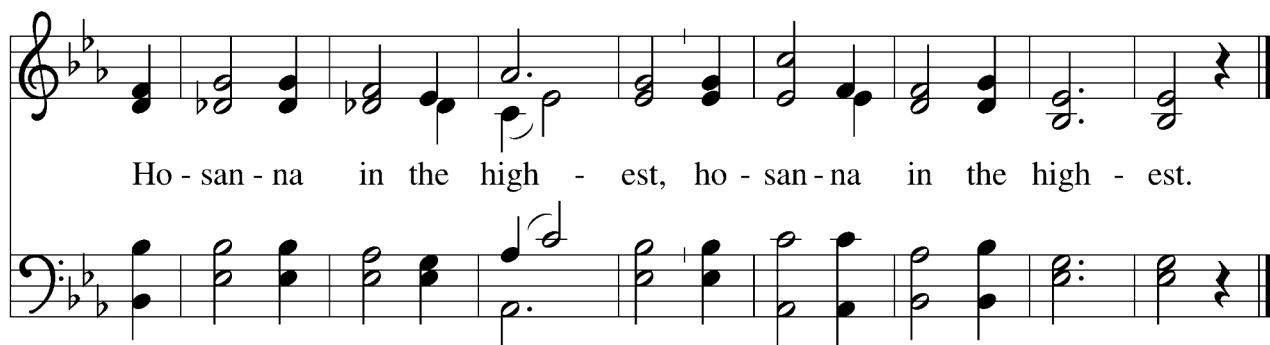
heav-en and earth are full, full of your glo - ry.



Ho - san - na in the high - est, 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, ho - san - na in the high - est.

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## THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

Blessed are you, O God of the universe.  
 Your mercy is everlasting  
 and your faithfulness endures from age to age.

Praise to you for creating the heavens and the earth.  
Praise to you for saving the earth from the waters of the flood.  
Praise to you for bringing the Israelites safely through the sea.  
Praise to you for leading your people through the wilderness  
to the land of milk and honey.  
Praise to you for the words and deeds of Jesus, your anointed one.  
Praise to you for the death and resurrection of Christ.

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.

With this bread and cup  
we remember our Lord's passover from death to life  
as we proclaim the mystery of faith:

**Christ has died.**

**Christ is risen.**

**Christ will come again.**

O God of resurrection and new life:  
Pour out your Holy Spirit on us  
and on these gifts of bread and wine.  
Bless this feast.  
Grace our table with your presence.

**Come, Holy Spirit.**

Reveal yourself to us in the breaking of the bread.  
Raise us up as the body of Christ for the world.  
Breathe new life into us.  
Send us forth,  
burning with justice, peace, and love.

**Come, Holy Spirit.**

With your holy ones of all times and places,  
with the earth and all its creatures,

with sun and moon and stars,  
we praise you, O God,  
blessed and holy Trinity,  
now and forever.

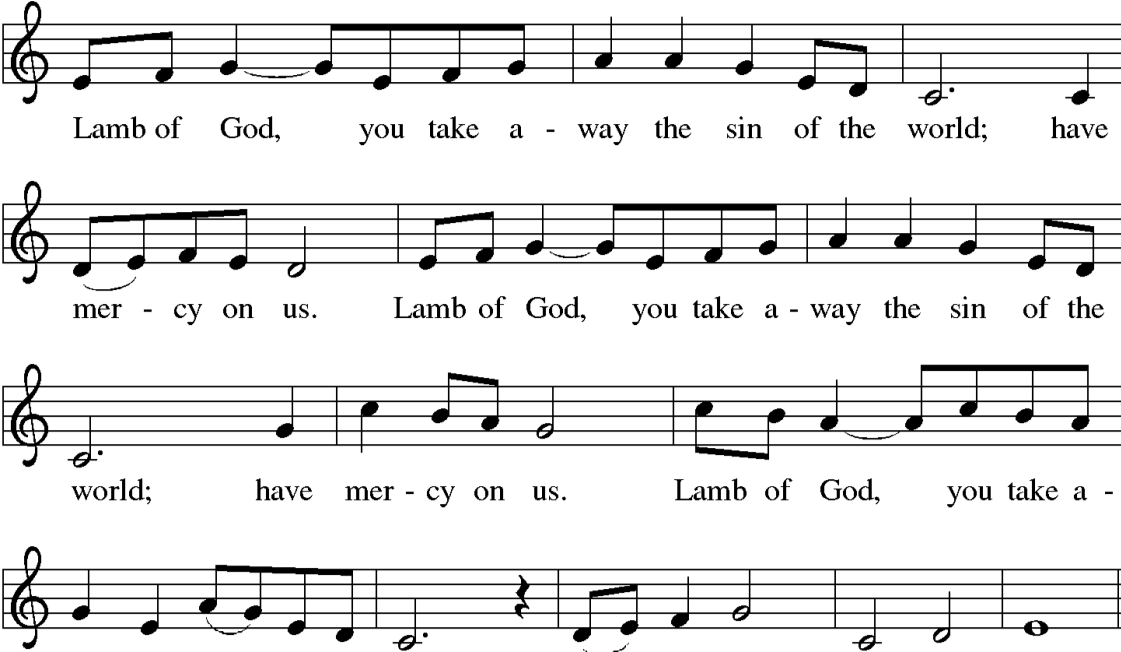
**Amen.**

## 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.**

*The assembly is seated.*

## AGNUS DEI



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, grant us peace.

## COMMUNION

*Communion will be held around the table. The bread will be handed to you by the pastor. Please take a communion cup with wine from the outside edge of the tray or a grape juice cup from the center of the tray. Recycle baskets are located outside of the sanctuary doors for your plastic cups.*

## MUSIC DURING DISTRIBUTION

*My Faith Looks Up to Thee*  
OLIVET

ELW 759

*The assembly stands.*

## SENDING

### TABLE BLESSING

Now may the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace. **Amen.**

### POST COMMUNION PRAYER

Embodied God, at your table, we have tasted the goodness of Jesus. With the eyes of our hearts open to your promise, empower us to hear the needs of our neighbors and touch the world with your love. **Amen.**

### BLESSING

God, the giver of love, + Christ, the resurrection and the life,  
and the Holy Spirit of rebirth bless you in this Lenten journey. **Amen.**

### SENDING HYMN

*Love Divine, All Loves Excelling*  
HYFRYDOL

ELW 631

### DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Serve in love.  
**Thanks be to God.**

### POSTLUDE

*Fughetta on Hyfrydol*

Jacob B. Weber

# ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Church Office Hours:** Monday through Thursday, 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

**Easter Candy:** The youth group is collecting candy for our annual Easter Egg Hunt for the youngest members of our congregation through elementary school aged youth. Please drop off all candy donations to the church library or the youth room by the Sunday School hour on March 26. Please remember that all candy must fit in a small egg and must be individually wrapped. Please avoid jaw breakers, lollipops and peanut butter candies due to allergies. Thank you in advance for your support!

**PORT Update:** Trinity served at PORT on Monday, February 20th. We served at New Beech Grove Baptist Church in Denbigh. Approximately 90 people were served on this night. This is such an important ministry to the community and as always our Trinity volunteers made a tremendous contribution. Without our volunteers and countless others like them throughout the area, this ministry would not be possible. We want to say a huge thank you to all of our volunteers who prepared or donated food for the dinner, food for the breakfast bags and to those who came out and worked PORT both Monday night and Tuesday morning. We also want to thank the Adult Sunday School Class for packing the breakfast bags and the youth group for making the brownies for dessert. In all, Trinity had about 50 individuals who participated in this important ministry in one manner or another. Our volunteers did an amazing job! Thank you all for the countless hours spent organizing, shopping, transporting supplies and serving the PORT ministry.

**BibleQuest 365:** This coming week we return to the Old Testament. We will be reading the third book of the Torah (a/ka/ "the Five Books of Moses"). In this book, we will see the focus on the establishment of the sacrificial system. This can be a particularly difficult book to digest and feel quite foreign to us since the use of animal sacrifices have not been in practice in most religions for thousands of years. The Jewish sacrificial system would have lasted until the destruction of the Jerusalem Temple (i.e. the Temple Jesus would have known) in the year 70 CE by the Romans after a Jewish revolt. Here are some of the resources from the Bible Project for Leviticus to assist with this week's reading:

Overview of "The Law": <https://bibleproject.com/explore/video/law/>

Torah Overview - Leviticus: <https://bibleproject.com/explore/video/torah-leviticus/>

Book of Leviticus Detail Overview: <https://bibleproject.com/explore/video/leviticus/> Peace, Pastor Tina and Pastor Jenn

## MARK YOUR CALENDARS FOR . . .

**Tuesday Morning Bible Study:** On **Tuesday, March 7**, there will be a Bible Study from **10:30 to 11:30 am. in the church parlor.** Pastor Tina will also send out a Zoom invitation.

**Worship and Music committee meeting:** This **Tuesday, March 7**, the Worship and Music committee will meet in the church library at **6:30 p.m. as well as via Zoom.**

**Lenten Service on Zoom:** We continue our Lenten Wednesday services this week. Please consider joining us on **March 8** for the next service via Zoom. The theme is *Sing with All the Saints in Glory* which is centered around the different past and modern saints whose festival days fall during lent. Worship will be filled with prayer, song and reflection.

## YOUTH

**Sunday School for Youth Group:** Come and hang out before church (8:45 - 9:45) and join us in conversation and movie watching. We are now watching *Lord of the Rings: Fellowship of the Ring*.

**Lock In: March 10-11:** All youth are invited to attend our last lock in for the school year. Parents can **drop their youth off at 6 PM March 10**, and can return to **pick them up at 8 AM on March 11**. Bring a snack to share and all your normal lock in gear.

**Egg Stuffing:** The Youth Group will meet on **Sunday, March 26 during the Sunday School hour** to stuff hundreds of Easter eggs for our annual egg hunt.

## PRAYER LISTS

**ILLNESS, SURGERY, RECOVERY, SHUT-INS: Nursing Homes/Assisted Living:** Jeanette Cantrell (The Chesapeake, 955 Harpersville Road, AL302, Newport News, VA, 23601); Millie Christensen (Morningside: Rm. 131; Lucille Lebold (Williamsburg Landing, Memory Care Unit); **Shut-in at Home:** Peggy Cash, Janet Edwards, Gerda Hudgens, Doris Moeser, and Dick Sallade; **Recovery At Home:** Bonnie Carlson, Gloria Stoffa and Butch Klapperich..



**PRAYER REQUESTS:** **The Ahlen Family and Chloe Koenig**, requested by Kathy Stevens; **Hannelore Voss (Karoline's mother)**, requested by the Ardis family; **Matt Adamo (Brother-in-law of Patricia)**, requested by Patricia Fielding; **Shirley Krause**, requested by Anne Obara; **Matt Eggar**, requested by Don and Sandy Sniady; **Mary Lou Hubble (Jacob's aunt)**, requested by the Wessler family; **Barbara Smith**, requested by the Lunsfords; **David Dellinger**, requested by Laura Davis; **the family and friends of Daniel Hickman (cousin of Pastor Tina)**, requested by Pastor Tina; **the family and friends of James Newsome (Bill Solomon's son-in-law)**, requested by Bill Solomon and **the family and friends of Pete Johnston**.

**Those Who Serve, Military and Civilian Duty:** **James Fielding**, State Dept., Myanmar; **Bryan Hunt**, State Dept., Belleville, IL.; **Eric Lindfors**, Deputy Commander US Naval Forces - Korea; **Tyler Obara**, Virginia Air National Guard, LAFB; **Josh and Ellen (Davis) Badgley**, State Department, Bangkok, Thailand; **Michael Titus**, US Navy, Naval Shipyard, Washington, DC and **Elisabeth Bruce**.

**FLOWERS:**

The Worship and Music committee has decided that there will be **NO flowers or greenery** presented on the altar pedestals **during Lent** beginning **February 26**. You may donate flowers starting April 16 forward.

# Serving the Assembly

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**Crucifer**

**Acolytes**

**Lector**

Charles Robinson

**Ushers/Greeters**

Karoline Ardis

Dave Roselius

**Altar Guild**

Karoline Ardis

Steve Quist

**Camera/Livestream**

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Cre-ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re - new a right

spir - it with - in me. Cast me not a - way from your

pres-ence, and take not your Ho - ly Spir - it from me. Re -

store un - to me the joy of your sal - va - tion,

and up - hold me with your free Spir - it.



