



# **Trinity Lutheran Church**

Fourth Sunday in Lent  
March 19, 2023

# TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH

304 E. FERRIS St.  
GALESBURG, IL 61401  
“the welcome place”

March 19, 2023

**Prelude**

Nocturne

Franklin Ashdown

**Welcome & Friendship Registries - *Please sign in***  
*(Stand)*

## **Call to Worship**

The Lord is my Shepherd

**I shall not want.**

The Shepherd calls.

**We hear the Shepherd's voice.**

The Shepherd cares for our every need.

**We are loved.**

The Shepherd searches for us.

**We are found.**

The Shepherd leads us through the deepest valleys.

**We will not be afraid.**

Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life,

**And I shall dwell in the house of the Lord forever.**

**+ + + GATHERING + + +**

## **Confession and Forgiveness**

Gracious God,

**We confess that we often invest our attention**  
**in misguided places and in misguided ways.**

**We admit that where we focus our attention can prevent us**  
**from recognizing you at work right in front of us.**

**Forgive us,**

**and help us to center our lives in you**  
**so that cross-marked and Spirit-sealed**

**we may join in your creative and redeeming work for all the world. Through Jesus Christ, Our Savior and Lord, Amen.**

### **Absolution**

God who is rich in mercy, slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love has come to us in Jesus, who by his holy cross has redeemed the world.

Buried with Christ by baptism into death, Your sins are forgiven in +Jesus 'name. Cross-marked and Spirit-sealed,  
You are raised to new life.

Almighty God strengthen you in faith

To live each day renewed in God's call for your life. **Amen.**

### **Gathering Song ELW #843**

Praise the One Who Breaks the Darkness

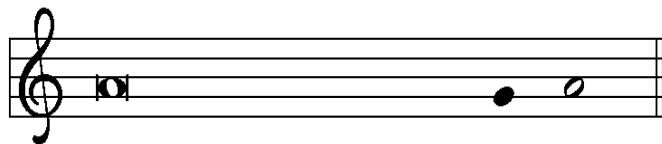
### **Greeting**

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

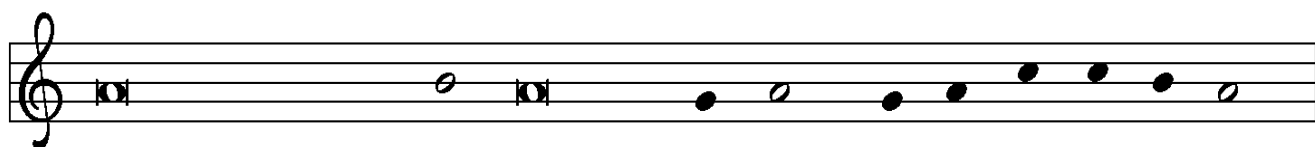
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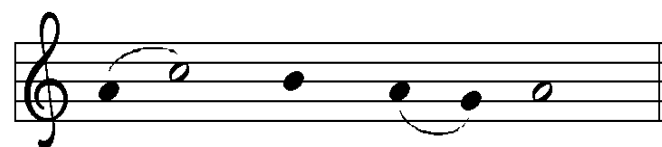
In peace, let us pray to the Lord.



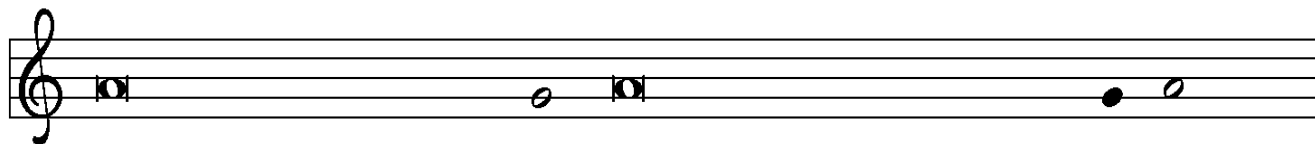
Lord, have mer - cy.



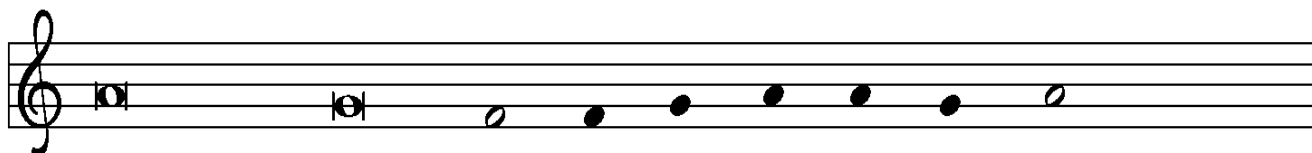
For the peace from a-bove, and for our sal - vation, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



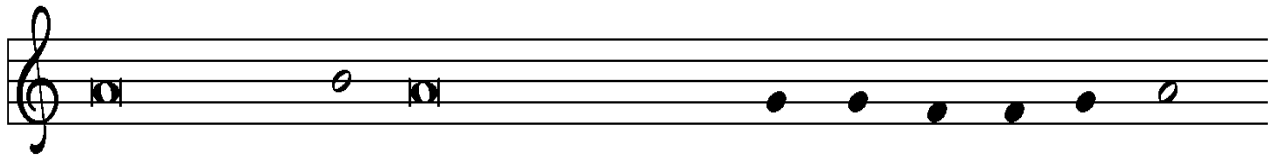
For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God,



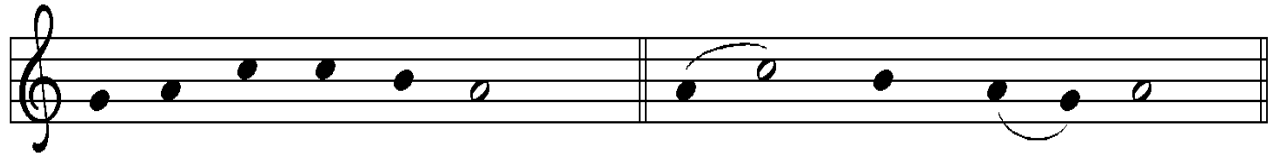
and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.



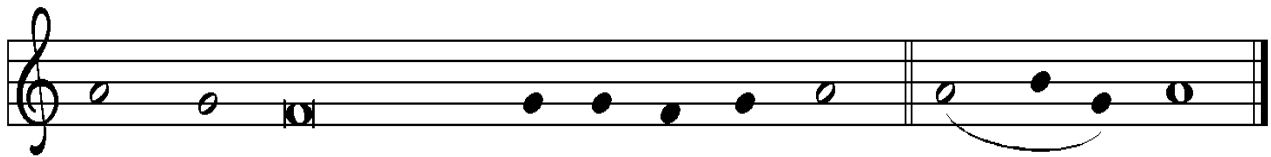
Lord, have mer - cy.



For this holy house, and for all who offer here their wor-ship and praise,



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



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

### Prayer of the Day

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Let us pray.

When we are distracted by things that cause us to lose track of your call, O God, turn our attention back to you, that we might recognize you at work in our lives. Direct the ponderings of our hearts toward where you call us to pay attention. Teach us to regard your work in all creation and to be attentive to what you are doing. In the name of +Jesus, Amen. **Amen.**

*(Sit)*

**+++ WORD +++**

### First Reading: 1 Samuel 16:1-13

The Lord said to Samuel, “How long will you grieve over Saul? I have rejected him from being king over Israel. Fill your horn with oil and set out; I will send you to Jesse the Bethlehemite, for I

have provided for myself a king among his sons.” Samuel said, “How can I go? If Saul hears of it, he will kill me.” And the Lord said, “Take a heifer with you, and say, ‘I have come to sacrifice to the Lord.’ Invite Jesse to the sacrifice, and I will show you what you shall do, and you shall anoint for me the one whom I name to you.” Samuel did what the Lord commanded, and came to Bethlehem. The elders of the city came to meet him trembling, and said, “Do you come peaceably?” He said, “Peaceably; I have come to sacrifice to the Lord; sanctify yourselves and come with me to the sacrifice.” And he sanctified Jesse and his sons and invited them to the sacrifice.

When they came, he looked on Eliab and thought, “Surely the Lord’s anointed is now before the Lord.” But the Lord said to Samuel, “Do not look on his appearance or on the height of his stature, because I have rejected him; for the Lord does not see as mortals see; they look on the outward appearance, but the Lord looks on the heart.” Then Jesse called Abinadab, and made him pass before Samuel. He said, “Neither has the Lord chosen this one.” Then Jesse made Shammah pass by. And he said, “Neither has the Lord chosen this one.” Jesse made seven of his sons pass before Samuel, and Samuel said to Jesse, “The Lord has not chosen any of these.” Samuel said to Jesse, “Are all your sons here?” And he said, “There remains yet the youngest, but he is keeping the sheep.” And Samuel said to Jesse, “Send and bring him; for we will not sit down until he comes here.” He sent and brought him in. Now he was ruddy, and had beautiful eyes, and was handsome. The Lord said, “Rise and anoint him; for this is the one.” Then Samuel took the horn of oil and anointed him in the presence of his brothers, and the spirit of the Lord came mightily upon David from that day forward. Samuel then set out and went to Ramah.

Word of God, word of life.

**Thanks be to God.**

**Second Reading: Ephesians 5:8-14**

Once you were darkness, but now in the Lord you are light. Live as children of light—for the fruit of the light is found in all that is good and right and true. Try to find out what is pleasing to the Lord. Take no part in the unfruitful works of darkness, but instead expose them. For it is shameful even to mention what such people do secretly; but everything exposed by the light becomes visible, <sup>14</sup>for everything that becomes visible is light. Therefore it says,

“Sleeper, awake!  
Rise from the dead,  
and Christ will shine on you.”

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**Thanks be to God.**

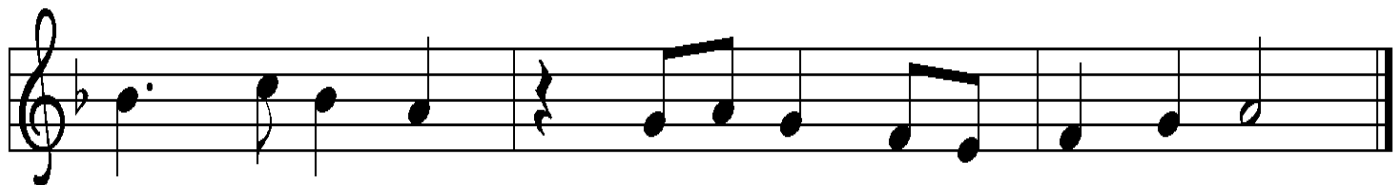
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**Lenten Acclamation**

ELW Setting 4



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.

## **Gospel: John 9:1-41**

The holy gospel according to John.

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

As [Jesus] walked along, he saw a man blind from birth. His disciples asked him, "Rabbi, who sinned, this man or his parents, that he was born blind?" Jesus answered, "Neither this man nor his parents sinned; he was born blind so that God's works might be revealed in him. We must work the works of him who sent me while it is day; night is coming when no one can work. As long as I am in the world, I am the light of the world." When he had said this, he spat on the ground and made mud with the saliva and spread the mud on the man's eyes, saying to him, "Go, wash in the pool of Siloam" (which means Sent). Then he went and washed and came back able to see. The neighbors and those who had seen him before as a beggar began to ask, "Is this not the man who used to sit and beg?" Some were saying, "It is he." Others were saying, "No, but it is someone like him." He kept saying, "I am the man." But they kept asking him, "Then how were your eyes opened?" He answered, "The man called Jesus made mud, spread it on my eyes, and said to me, 'Go to Siloam and wash.' Then I went and washed and received my sight." They said to him, "Where is he?" He said, "I do not know."

They brought to the Pharisees the man who had formerly been blind. Now it was a sabbath day when Jesus made the mud and opened his eyes. Then the Pharisees also began to ask him how he had received his sight. He said to them, "He put mud on my eyes. Then I washed, and now I see." Some of the Pharisees said, "This man is not from God, for he does not observe the sabbath." But others said, "How can a man who is a sinner perform such signs?" And they were divided. So they said again to the blind man, "What do you say about him? It was your eyes he opened." He said, "He is a prophet."



The Jews did not believe that he had been blind and had received his sight until they called the parents of the man who had received his sight and asked them, "Is this your son, who you say was born blind? How then does he now see?" His parents answered, "We know that this is our son, and that he was born blind; but we do not know how it is that now he sees, nor do we know who opened his eyes. Ask him; he is of age. He will speak for himself." His parents said this because they were afraid of the Jews; for the Jews had already agreed that anyone who confessed Jesus to be the Messiah would be put out of the synagogue. Therefore his parents said, "He is of age; ask him."

So for the second time they called the man who had been blind, and they said to him, "Give glory to God! We know that this man is a sinner." He answered, "I do not know whether he is a sinner. One thing I do know, that though I was blind, now I see." They said to him, "What did he do to you? How did he open your eyes?" He answered them, "I have told you already, and you would not listen. Why do you want to hear it again? Do you also want to become his disciples?" Then they reviled him, saying, "You are his disciple, but we are disciples of Moses. We know that God has spoken to Moses, but as for this man, we do not know where he comes from." The man answered, "Here is an astonishing thing! You do not know where he comes from, and yet he opened my eyes. We know that God does not listen to sinners, but he does listen to one who worships him and obeys his will. Never since the world began has it been heard that anyone opened the eyes of a person born blind. If this man were not from God, he could do nothing." They answered him, "You were born entirely in sins, and are you trying to teach us?" And they drove him out.

Jesus heard that they had driven him out, and when he found him, he said, "Do you believe in the Son of Man?" He answered, "And who is he, sir? Tell me, so that I may believe in him." Jesus said to him, "You have seen him, and the one

speaking with you is he.” He said, “Lord, I believe.” And he worshiped him. Jesus said, “I came into this world for judgment so that those who do not see may see, and those who do see may become blind.” Some of the Pharisees near him heard this and said to him, “Surely we are not blind, are we?” Jesus said to them, “If you were blind, you would not have sin. But now that you say, ‘We see,’ your sin remains.”

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

*(Sit)*

**Children’s Message  
Sermon**

Rev. Dr. Carrie Carnes

*(Stand)*

**Hymn of the Day ELW #799 Amazing Grace, How Sweet the Sound**

**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.**

*(Sit)*

### **Prayers of Intercession**

Sustained by God's abundant mercy, let us pray for the church, the world, and all of creation.

*A brief silence.*

Eternal God, you seal us by the Holy Spirit and mark us with the cross of Christ forever in baptism. Inspire us by your love as together we strive for justice and peace in all the earth. Merciful God,

**receive our prayer.**

Creating God, by your word you have made all things, and you hate nothing you have made. Teach us to perceive the beauty of the breadth of your creation, from the grandest mountain range to the smallest springtime bud. Merciful God,

**receive our prayer.**

Powerful God, you anoint kings and establish rulers. Guide the work of heads of state and elected officials. Encourage them to lead with justice and to remove barriers that impede the well-being of all. Merciful God,

**receive our prayer.**

Shepherding God, you lead us beside still waters and restore our souls. Keep watch over those who weep, comfort those who mourn, and tend all who are sick, especially Margaret and family as her brother, Gene passed 3/15/23, Heather, Jim, Marilyn, Amy, Jenna, Lynnette, Jennifer and Kay. Merciful God,

**receive our prayer.**

God our host, you fill us at your table with more than we could ever ask. Feed us with hunger for justice. Equip the feeding ministries of

this congregation and community especially FISH Food Pantry  
Nourish us so we can nourish our neighbors. Merciful God,  
**receive our prayer.**

God of history, with thanksgiving we remember our ancestors in faith  
who cared for your people especially Joseph, Guardian of Jesus. We  
praise you for the ways they formed the faith of others and continue to  
inspire us. Merciful God,  
**receive our prayer.**

We offer to you these prayers as well as those we now name to you  
either aloud or in our heart.

*A brief silence.*

We lift our prayers to you, O God, trusting in your steadfast love and  
your promise to renew your whole creation; through Jesus Christ our  
Savior.

**Amen.**

**+ + + MEAL + + +**

**Peace**

The peace of Christ be with you always.

**And also with you.**

**Offering Music**     Amazing Grace

Donald Johns

*(Stand)*

**Offering 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.**

## **Great Thanksgiving**

The Lord be with you.

**And also 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.**

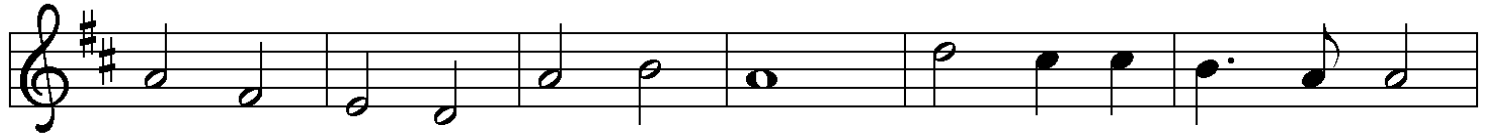
It is indeed right, our duty and our joy,  
that we should at all times and in all places  
give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God,  
through our Savior Jesus Christ.

You call your people to cleanse their hearts  
and prepare with joy for the paschal feast,  
that, renewed in the gift of baptism,  
we may come to the fullness of your grace.

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:

# Holy, Holy, Holy

## ELW Setting 4



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



heav'n and earth are full of your glo - ry.



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.

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.

Praise to you for your Spirit poured out on all nations.

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.**

## **The Lord's Prayer**

*Let us pray with confidence in the words our Savior gave us.*

**Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and forever. Amen.**

## **Invitation to Communion**

Come and receive Jesus, our strength in the wilderness.

*All are welcome to receive communion at Trinity Lutheran Church. If you wish to receive you may come forward as dismissed by the usher and will be given a wafer in the center aisle. Then you may take a small cup from the tray. Red wine is along the outside, and white grape juice is located in the center of the tray. Gluten free bread is also available. Place empty cups in the bowls located at the side aisle as you return to your pew. If you prefer to receive a blessing rather than communion, you may indicate that by crossing your arms over your chest as you come forward*

*(Sit)*

## **Distribution of Communion**



# Lamb of God

# ELW Setting 4

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.

# ELW #186

# Create In Me a Clean Heart

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 to me the joy of  
your sal-va-tion, and up-hold me with your free Spir-it.

*(Stand)*

## **Prayer After Communion**

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 Song** ELW #722

O Christ, Your Heart Compassionate

## **Dismissal**

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

**Postlude** O Christ, Your Heart Compassionate

David Maxwell

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## **Worship Participants**

Audio: Grant Robinson

Video: Sarah Brakenbury

Acolytes: Kylie Tapper, Ryan Tapper

Ushers: Brian & Jen Robinson

Assisting Minister: Julia Robinson

Reader: Mark Holmes

Wine Servers: Jennifer Holmes, Nick Elders

Closing Duties: Nick Elders  
Communion Setup: Hillary Hoffman  
Coffee Fellowship Servers: John & Wilma Hessler  
Organist: Bette Mohr  
Pastor: Rev. Dr. Carrie Carnes

**Readings for Sunday, March 26<sup>th</sup>**

First Reading: Ezekiel 37:1-14  
Psalm: Psalm 130  
Second Reading: Romans 8: 6-11  
Gospel: John 11:1-45

**Announcements**

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***Bell Choir Informational Meeting***

*If you are interested in playing bells please join us in the sanctuary after worship at 10:45 am!*

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**Coffee Fellowship is immediately after service!**

**Prayer Requests** can be written on the salmon-colored forms in the Narthex and turned into the offering plate.

**Midweek Lent Services** will be held on March 21 and 28 at 6:30 pm. Please join us every Tuesday evening.

**Reminder:** Easter Memorial Garden forms are in the March Tidings. Make sure to turn them in no later than April 2<sup>nd</sup> to be included.

**Holy Week** - We have flyers! Please take as many as you'd like, we appreciate you hanging them at your place of business or places you frequent often. Flyers are located on the bulletin table in the Narthex.

**Wellbeing Group**-Everyone is Welcome, Wednesday 6 pm



**Let's Fill a Blessings Box**

The Sunday School youth are collecting non-perishable food items to fill a local Blessings Box! If you'd like to assist them in reaching their goal please bring any non-perishable food items and drop them in the box in the Narthex, or in the box at the bottom of the stairs in

Fellowship Hall, they'll be collecting all month.

**This Week at Trinity**

**Sunday, March 19<sup>th</sup>**

Coffee Fellowship  
 Sunday School  
 PRISMS

After Worship  
 5:00 pm

**Monday, March 20<sup>th</sup>**

Pastor In Office Hours

**Hello Spring!**

9:30 am-3:30 pm

**Tuesday, March 21<sup>st</sup>**

Wellbeing Group  
 Midweek Lenten Service  
 Committee Meetings

6:00 pm  
 6:30 pm  
 7:00 pm

**Wednesday, March 22<sup>nd</sup>**

Pastor's Community Hours  
*The Java Station on E. Main St.*  
 Choir Practice

2:00 pm-3:00 pm  
 7:00 pm

*If you or a loved one would like prayer, please contact the Office or fill out the salmon-colored form in the Narthex.*

## **Trinity Prayer List**

**As of 3/15/23**

Heather Hellenga	<i>Healing</i>
Jim Musolf	<i>Health</i>
Amy (no last name given)	<i>Healing &amp; Wellbeing</i>
Jenna (no last name given)	<i>Healing &amp; Quality of Life</i>
Marilyn A'Hearn	<i>Healing &amp; Health</i>
Margaret Thulin & Family Gene Nelson (brother) passed	Loss of a Loved one
Lynnette (no last name given)	<i>Prayers</i>
Jennifer (no last name given)	<i>Prayers</i>

Rev. Dr. Carrie Carnes, Pastor, Out-of-office: Friday

Cell phone: 618-803-8778

Church Office: Phone 309-343-4191

Hours 8:00 am- 1:00 pm, Monday-Friday

Saturday Worship at 5:00 pm; Holy Communion (1<sup>st</sup> Saturday of the month)

Sunday Worship at 9:30 am; Holy Communion Sunday Radio Ministry at 9:30 am on WRAM – 1330 AM, Facebook

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### **Vision Statement**

**Developing Disciples – Connecting to Christ**

### **Mission Statement**

**Led by the Spirit, we receive Christ's love, share God's forgiving grace, and reach out to welcome, encourage and serve all.**

### **Welcome Statement**

Members of Trinity Lutheran Church are freed by the Gospel to seek reconciliation and wholeness in a world that is frequently an unloving place. We extend welcome to all sexual orientations, gender identities, and gender expressions, whether believer, doubter, or seeker. In Christ's love we invite you, so that led by the power of the Holy Spirit we will join together to strive for racial equity, justice, peace and love in all the earth.

### **Our Guiding Principles**

1. Jesus Christ is Lord and Savior.
2. We faithfully worship through Word and Sacrament.
3. We invite and welcome everyone.
4. We engage all generations in education and ministry.
5. We serve local and global communities.