



## Trinity Lutheran Church

Fourth Sunday in Lent  
March 10, 2024

**TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH**  
304 E. FERRIS St.  
GALESBURG, IL 61401  
“the welcome place”

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*The fourth of the Old Testament promises providing a baptismal lens this Lent is the promise God makes to Moses: those who look on the bronze serpent will live. In today’s gospel Jesus says he will be lifted up on the cross like the serpent, so that those who look to him in faith will live. When we receive the sign of the cross in baptism, that cross becomes the sign we can look to in faith for healing, for restored relationship to God, for hope when we are dying.*

**Prelude**

Wondrous Love

Rebecca Owens

**Welcome & Friendship Registries-Please sign in**

**+++ GATHERING +++**

*(Stand)*

**Invocation**

Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God,  
who writes the law on our hearts,  
who draws all people together through Jesus.  
**Amen.**

**Confession and Forgiveness**

Held in God’s mercy, let us confess our sin  
in the presence of God and of one another.

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

Holy God,  
**we confess that we are caught in snares of sin  
and cannot break free.**  
**We hoard resources while our neighbors  
are hungry and cold.**  
**We speak in ways that silence others.**

**We are silent when we should speak up.  
We keep score in our hearts.  
We let hurts grow into hatred.  
For all these things and for sins only you know,  
forgive us, Lord.  
Amen.**

Here is a flood of grace:  
Out of love for the whole world,  
God draws near to us,  
breaks every snare of sin,  
washes away our wrongs,  
and restores the promise of life through † Jesus Christ.  
**Amen.**

**Gathering Song**

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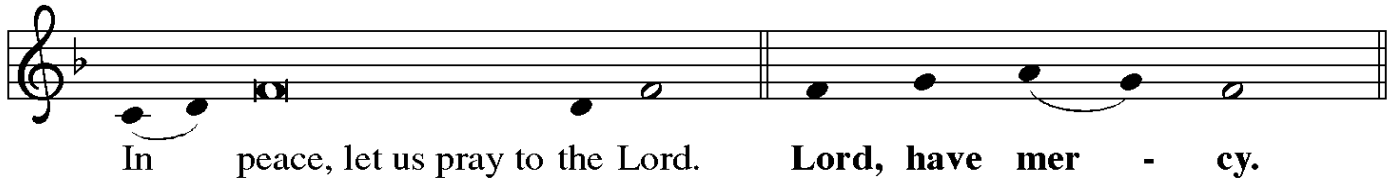
My Faith Looks Up to Thee

**Greeting**

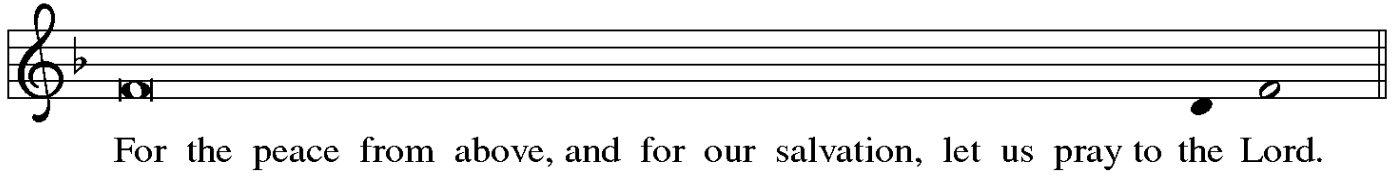
The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.  
**And also with you.**

# Kyrie

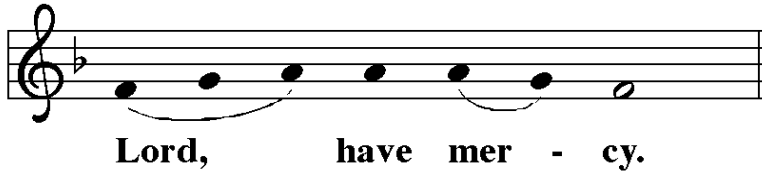
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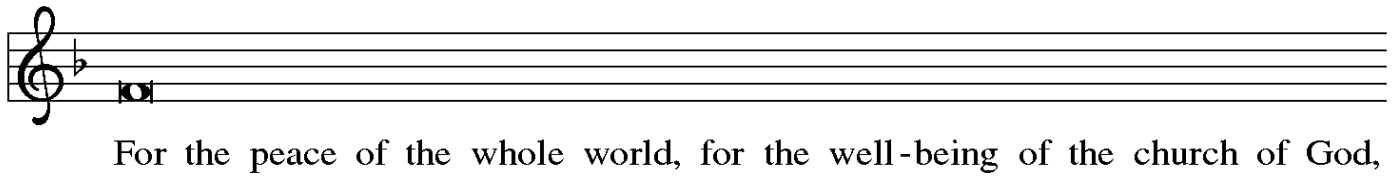
In peace, let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, have mer - cy.**



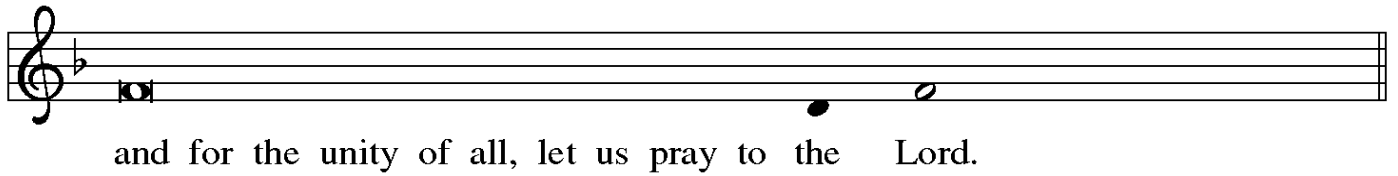
For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.



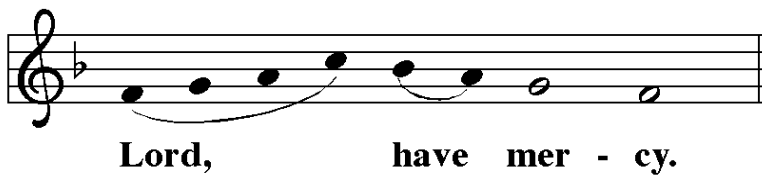
**Lord, have mer - cy.**



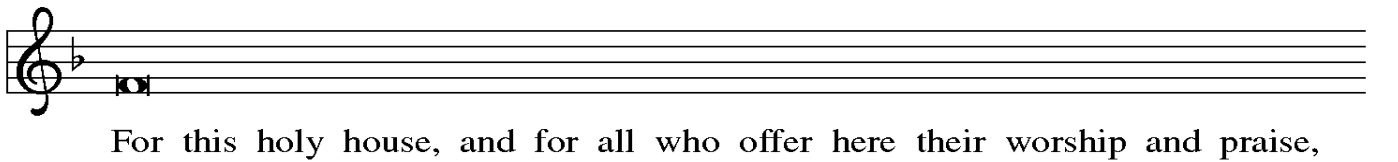
For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God,



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**

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

O God, rich in mercy, by the humiliation of your Son you lifted up this fallen world and rescued us from the hopelessness of death. Lead us into your light, that all our deeds may reflect your love, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**Amen.**

**+++ WORD +++**

*(Sit)*

**First Reading:** Numbers 21:4-9

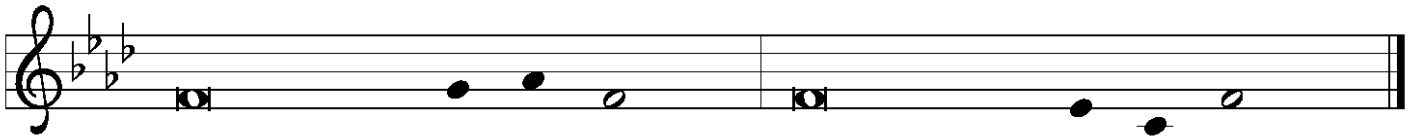
From Mount Hor [the Israelites] set out by the way to the Red Sea, to go around the land of Edom; but the people became impatient on the way. The people spoke against God and against Moses, "Why have you brought us up out of Egypt to die in the wilderness? For there is no food and no water, and we detest this miserable food." Then the Lord sent poisonous serpents among the people, and they bit the people, so that many Israelites died. The people came to Moses and said, "We have sinned by speaking against the Lord and against you; pray to the Lord to take away the serpents from us." So Moses prayed for the people. And the Lord said to Moses, "Make a poisonous serpent, and set it on a pole; and everyone who is bitten shall look at it and live." So Moses made a serpent of bronze, and put it upon a pole; and whenever a serpent bit someone, that person would look at the serpent of bronze and live.

Word of God, word of life.

**Thanks be to God.**

**Psalm:** Psalm 107:1-3, 17-22

*Sung responsively by whole verse.*



<sup>1</sup>Give thanks to the LORD, for the | LORD is good,  
for God's mercy en- | dures forever.

<sup>2</sup>**Let the redeemed of the | LORD proclaim  
that God redeemed them from the hand | of the foe,**

<sup>3</sup>gathering them in | from the lands;  
from the east and from the west, from the north and | from the south.

<sup>17</sup>**Some were fools and took re- | bellious paths;  
through their sins they | were afflicted.**

<sup>18</sup>They loathed all man- | ner of food  
and drew near | to death's door.

<sup>19</sup>**Then in their trouble they cried | to the LORD  
and you delivered them from | their distress. R**

<sup>20</sup>You sent forth your | word and healed them  
and rescued them | from the grave.

<sup>21</sup>**Let them give thanks to you, LORD, for your | steadfast love  
and your wonderful works | for all people.**

<sup>22</sup>Let them offer sacrifices | of thanksgiving  
and tell of your deeds with | shouts of joy. R

## **Second Reading:** Ephesians 2:1-10

You were dead through the trespasses and sins in which you once lived, following the course of this world, following the ruler of the power of the air, the spirit that is now at work among those who are disobedient. All of us once lived among them in the passions of our flesh, following the desires of flesh and senses, and we were by nature children of wrath, like everyone else. But God, who is rich in mercy, out of the great love with which he loved us even when we were dead through our trespasses, made us alive together with Christ—by grace you have been saved—and raised us up with him and seated us with him in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus, so that in the ages to come he might show the immeasurable riches of his grace in kindness toward us in Christ Jesus. For by grace you have been saved through faith, and this is not

your own doing; it is the gift of God—not the result of works, so that no one may boast. For we are what he has made us, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand to be our way of life.

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

*(Stand)*

### Lenten Acclamation

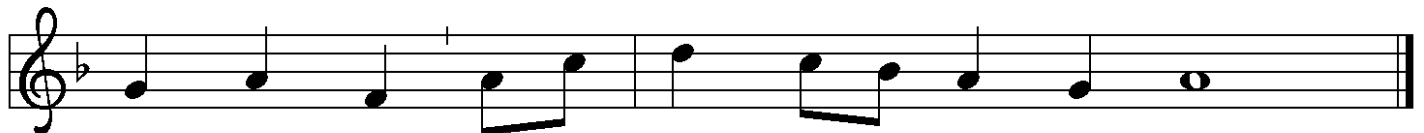
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Re - turn to the Lord, your God, for he is gra - cious and



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 3:14-21

The holy gospel according to John.  
**Glory to you, O Lord.**

[Jesus said:] “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. Those who believe in him are not condemned; but those who do not believe are

condemned already, because they have not believed in the name of the only Son of God. And this is the judgment, that the light has come into the world, and people loved darkness rather than light because their deeds were evil. For all who do evil hate the light and do not come to the light, so that their deeds may not be exposed. But those who do what is true come to the light, so that it may be clearly seen that their deeds have been done in God.”

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 #666

What Wondrous Love

**Apostles Creed**

Let us confess our faith in the words of the 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

Trusting in God's promise to reconcile all things, let us pray for the church, the well-being of creation, and a world in need.

*A brief silence.*

Gracious God, your love unites. Give vision to the global church and foster cooperation in mission. Increase inter-religious understanding and ecumenical dialog. Make your church a sanctuary for all fleeing persecution, disaster, and war.

Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

Creating God, your love enlivens. Restore balance to the earth's fragile habitats. Preserve wilderness lands, rainforests, and wildlife. Cleanse oceans such as the Pacific and the Indian, and rivers such as the Vermillion, and Mississippi. Make us good stewards of the earth. Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

Righteous God, your love liberates. We give thanks for those who courageously witness to your liberating love (*especially Harriet Tubman and Sojourner Truth, renewers of society, whom we commemorate today*). Free all people from the evils of racism, religious strife, and hatred. Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

Merciful God, your love heals. Care tenderly for all whose loved ones perished from pandemic disease in every nation. We pray for the family of Shirley Brouillette, Shirley passed away on March 7<sup>th</sup>. Strengthen healthcare workers, first responders, and caregivers. Relieve all who live with chronic illness and pain. Heal Bev, Kelly, Kate, Jenna and Greg. Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

Incarnate God, your love enlightens. Open our hearts and minds to fresh understandings of our faith. Deepen our love for you and for one another. Teach us to pray for our enemies.

Hear us, O God.  
**Your mercy is great.**

Abiding God, your love saves. Those who died in the faith are made alive in Christ. We give thanks for your promise that we also will be raised to newness of life. Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

We offer you these prayers as well as those we name to you aloud and in our hearts.

Accompany us on our journey, God of grace, and receive the prayers of our hearts, through Jesus Christ, our Savior.

**Amen.**

**+++ MEAL +++**

### **Peace**

The peace of Christ be with you always.

**And also with you.**

### **Offering Music**

What Wondrous Love This Is

Thomas Keesecker

*(Stand)*

### **Offering Prayer**

Jesus, you are the bread of life  
and the host of this meal.

Bless these gifts that we have gathered  
that all people may know your goodness.

Feed us not only with this holy food  
but with hunger for justice and peace.

We pray this in your name.

**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

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The musical score is written on four staves in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The melody is simple and hymn-like, with lyrics written below each staff. The lyrics are: 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.

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 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.

## **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**

Bread for the journey.  
A feast for hungry hearts. Come!

*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 3 p.146

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.

*A Solemn Prelude*

*Charles Callahan*



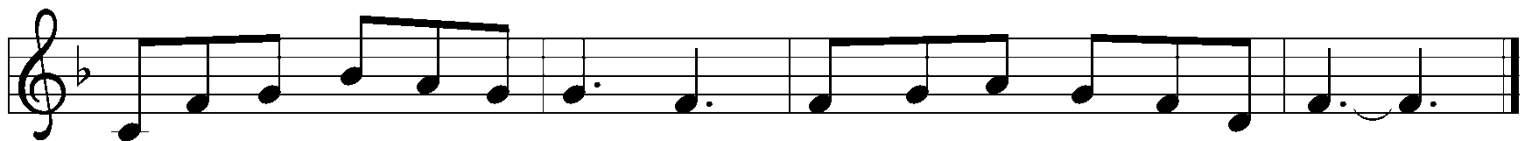
Come to the ta - ble of mer - cy, pre - pared with the wine and the bread.



All who are hun - gry and thirst - y, come, and your souls will be fed.



Come at the Lord's in - vi - ta - tion; re - ceive from his nail - scarred hand.



Eat of the bread of sal - va - tion; drink of the blood of the Lamb.

*(Stand)*

### Prayer After Communion

Generous God,  
at this table we have tasted your immeasurable grace.  
As grains of wheat are gathered into one bread,  
now make us one loaf to feed the world;  
in the name of Jesus, the Bread of life.  
**Amen.**

### Blessing

Beloved,  
we are God's own people,  
holy, washed, renewed.  
God bless you and keep you,

shower you with mercy,  
fill you with courage,  
and ✝ give you peace.  
**Amen.**

**Sending Song**

ELW #339

Christ the Life of All Living Things

**Dismissal**

Go in peace. Share your bread.  
**Thanks be to God.**

**Postlude** Meditation on Wondrous Love

Wayne Wold

***As you leave, please take a moment and greet one another.***

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**Worship Participants**

**Audio:** Norm Tippey

**Video:** Bill Sime

**Ushers:** Carol Brown, Roger & Melissa Williamson

**Communion Setup:** Janet Page

**Assisting Minister:** Jen Robinson

**Reader:** Lynn Armstrong

**Wine Servers:** Nancy Sandall, Sandra Woods

**Acolyte:** Cecilia Crawford

**Closing Duties:** Lisa Shafer

**Coffee Fellowship:** John & Wilma Hessler, Peggy Magnuson

**Organist:** Bette Mohr

**Director of Choirs:** James Hutchings

**Pastor:** Rev. Dr. Carrie Carnes



Today's Radio Broadcast was sponsored by **Carol Brown**, *in honor of everyone listening!*

## This Week at Trinity

**Sun, March 10**      9:30 am Worship  
10:30 am Coffee Fellowship in Fellowship Hall  
10:45 am Intergenerational Study in Martha Rm  
11:00 am Bell Choir Rehearsal

**Mon, March 11**      10:00 am Brews & Views

**Tues, March 12**      9:00 am The Tie That Binds  
6:00 pm Blessings In a Backpack  
7:00 pm Council Meet

**Wed, March 13**      12 noon Lenten Service in Fellowship Hall  
6:30 pm      Choir

**Sat, March 16**      5:00 pm      Spoken Eucharistic Worship in Chapel

## Other Announcements

**Midweek Lenten Worship:** We will be exploring the lives of Abraham, Hagar, Sarah, Ishmael, and Isaac and the way that Hope and History meet in their story. **This brief worship service will be held in the fellowship hall at noon on Wednesdays**, and all are encouraged to bring a lunch so that we may eat together in fellowship following the service.

### **Blessings in a Backpack: Next Tuesday at 6 pm**

Meet up with Outreach at 6 pm on Tuesdays in March to help fill food bags for the kids. This takes roughly 20 minutes to fill 400 bags! Tuesdays fillers are needed:

**March 12<sup>th</sup>, 19<sup>th</sup>, & 26<sup>th</sup> at First Presbyterian**

Please consider donating a tad bit of your time to a big cause!

**Holy Week:** Starts Monday, March 25<sup>th</sup>-Good Friday, March 29<sup>th</sup>  
*Musical Offering starts at 11:45 am with Services at 12:05 pm*



**Wellbeing Update:** The Wellbeing Group is coming back this Spring! If you've been wanting to find a quick and easy way to connect or reconnect with your friends and family here at TLC, we have the perfect option to make that happen! The WB Group is a joyful fun experience for anyone that's been feeling down and out or isolated, it's a nice refresher. It's also a great space for those who just want a friendly, light conversation and activity. The best part? You can bring a friend or family member, we welcome all with open arms. This year Inreach will be helping and hosting will be Roberta M., Marty W., and Linda T.. Please reach out to them with questions. Stay tuned for details in April Tidings and on FB. April 16<sup>th</sup>, 5:45 pm (Save the Date for our 1<sup>st</sup> session).

**Endowment Scholarship is Due March 15<sup>th</sup>**

Applications will NOT be accepted after March 15<sup>th</sup>

**Prayer Requests:** If you or a loved one needs prayer please complete the salmon-colored sheet in the cups on the table in the Narthex and turn it into the communion plate.

**Current Prayer List:**

<b>Bev Powell</b>	Prayers for healing & recovery
<b>Kelly Yarde</b> (the Yardes daughter in law)	Prayers for healing & recovery
<b>Kate Kolstee</b> (great step niece of Annie Maier)	Prayers for healing, comfort, & answers
<b>Jenna</b> (niece of Erin Crawford)	Prayers for healing & health
<b>Greg</b>	Prayers for health & healing

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