



Trinity Lutheran Church

Third Sunday of Lent
March 23rd, 2025

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304 E. Ferris Street
Galesburg, IL 61401

“the welcome place”

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+++GATHERING+++

The warnings are plentiful and blunt on the third Sunday in Lent. Cut it out or get cut down! The warnings are accompanied by God’s invitation to attentiveness: “Incline your ear, and come to me; listen, so that you may live.” The landowner’s ultimatum is forestalled by the gardener’s readiness to till the ground one more year. That is good news for all of us. Thanks be to God!

Prelude..... “Processional and Trumpet Tune.....Wayne Wold
On Cwm Rhondda”

Welcome & Announcements - Please Sign Friendship Registry
The red ELW hymnal and the purple ACS hymnal are in the pew racks

(Stand)

Confession & Forgiveness

All may make the sign of the cross, the sign that is marked at baptism, as the presiding minister begins.

Blessed be the holy Trinity, ☩ one God,
who forgives all our sin,
whose mercy endures forever.

Amen.

Let us return to God, confessing our sin in the assurance of God’s abiding love.

Silence is kept for reflection.

Compassionate One,
**you are slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love,
but our lives do not always reflect you**

and your love for the world.
 We do not show others the tender compassion
 you have shown to us.
 We do not welcome others with the radical hospitality
 you grant to all people.
 We oppress others,
 even though you have set us free again and again.
 We squander the abundant gifts of the earth.
 Transform our lives
 and guide us again in the way of the cross.
Amen.

Beloved in Christ,
 God's arms are always stretched open wide
 to welcome the wandering ones home.
 In ✝ Christ your sins are forgiven.
 You have a place in God's house forever.
Amen.

Gathering Hymn, ELW (red) # 445“Wash, O God, Our
 Sons and Daughters”

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

ELW (red) Setting 10, pg. 203



1 Have mer - cy on us, Lord, and hear our sol - emn prayer.
 2 Have mer - cy on us, Christ, and wash a - way our sin.
 3 Have mer - cy on us, Lord; make sin and shame de - part.



We come to hear your liv - ing word; it saves us from de - spair.
 Pour out your grace and make us whole that new life may be - gin.
 Re - new us with your sav - ing pow'r; cre - ate in us new hearts!

Prayer of the Day

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Eternal God, your kingdom has broken into our troubled world through the life, death, and resurrection of your Son. Help us to hear your word and obey it, and bring your saving love to fruition in our lives, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

(Sit)

+++WORD+++

First reading: Isaiah 55:1-9

¹ Ho, everyone who thirsts,

come to the waters;

and you that have no money,

come, buy and eat!

Come, buy wine and milk

without money and without price.

² Why do you spend your money for that which is not bread,

and your labor for that which does not satisfy?

Listen carefully to me, and eat what is good,

and delight yourselves in rich food.

³ Incline your ear, and come to me;

listen, so that you may live.

I will make with you an everlasting covenant,

my steadfast, sure love for David.

⁴ See, I made him a witness to the peoples,

a leader and commander for the peoples.

⁵ See, you shall call nations that you do not know,

and nations that do not know you shall run to you,

because of the Lord your God, the Holy One of Israel,

for he has glorified you.

⁶ Seek the Lord while he may be found,

call upon him while he is near;

⁷ let the wicked forsake their way,

and the unrighteous their thoughts;

let them return to the Lord, that he may have mercy on them,

and to our God, for he will abundantly pardon.

⁸ For my thoughts are not your thoughts,

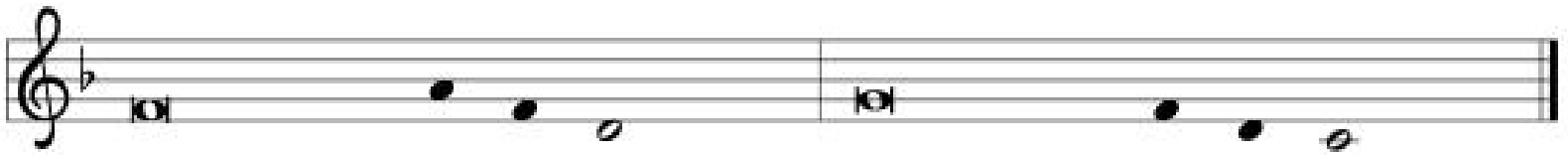
nor are your ways my ways, says the Lord.

⁹ For as the heavens are higher than the earth,

so are my ways higher than your ways
and my thoughts than your thoughts.

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

Psalm: 63:1-8



- ¹ O God, you are my God; eager- | ly I seek you;
my soul thirsts for you, my flesh faints for you, as in a dry and
weary land where there | is no water.
- ² **Therefore I have gazed upon you in your | holy place,**
that I might behold your power | and your glory.
- ³ For your steadfast love is better than | life itself;
my lips shall | give you praise.
- ⁴ **So will I bless you as long | as I live**
and lift up my hands | in your name.
- ⁵ My spirit is content, as with the rich- | est of foods,
and my mouth praises you with | joyful lips,
- ⁶ **when I remember you up- | on my bed,**
and meditate on you in | the night watches.
- ⁷ For you have | been my helper,
and under the shadow of your wings I | will rejoice.
- ⁸ **My whole being | clings to you;**
your right hand | holds me fast.

Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 10:1-13

¹ I do not want you to be unaware, brothers and sisters, that our
ancestors were all under the cloud, and all passed through the
sea, ² and all were baptized into Moses in the cloud and in the
sea, ³ and all ate the same spiritual food, ⁴ and all drank the same
spiritual drink. For they drank from the spiritual rock that followed
them, and the rock was Christ. ⁵ Nevertheless, God was not
pleased with most of them, and they were struck down in the
wilderness.

⁶ Now these things occurred as examples for us, so that we
might not desire evil as they did. ⁷ Do not become idolaters as
some of them did; as it is written, “The people sat down to eat and
drink, and they rose up to play.” ⁸ We must not indulge in sexual

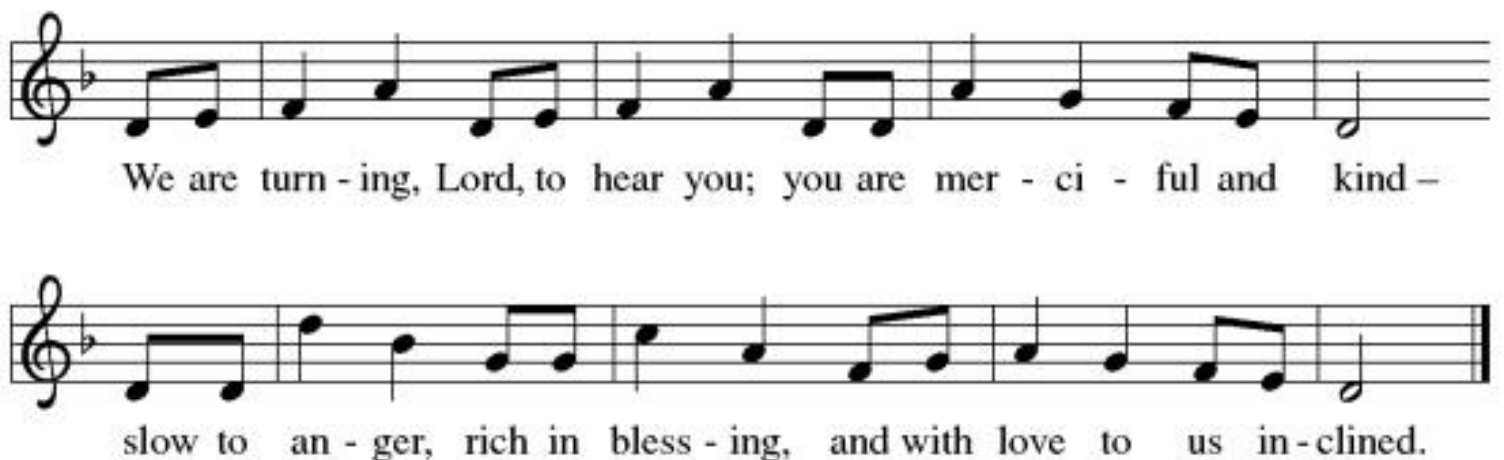
immorality as some of them did, and twenty-three thousand fell in a single day. ⁹ We must not put Christ to the test, as some of them did, and were destroyed by serpents. ¹⁰ And do not complain as some of them did, and were destroyed by the destroyer. ¹¹ These things happened to them to serve as an example, and they were written down to instruct us, on whom the ends of the ages have come. ¹² So if you think you are standing, watch out that you do not fall. ¹³ No testing has overtaken you that is not common to everyone. God is faithful, and he will not let you be tested beyond your strength, but with the testing he will also provide the way out so that you may be able to endure it.

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

(Stand)

Lenten Acclamation

ELW (red), Setting 10, pg. 205



We are turn - ing, Lord, to hear you; you are mer - ci - ful and kind -
slow to an - ger, rich in bless - ing, and with love to us in - clined.

Gospel: Luke 13:1-9

The holy gospel according to Luke.
Glory to you, O Lord.

¹ At that very time there were some present who told him about the Galileans whose blood Pilate had mingled with their sacrifices. ² [Jesus] asked them, “Do you think that because these Galileans suffered in this way they were worse sinners than all other Galileans? ³ No, I tell you; but unless you repent, you will all perish as they did. ⁴ Or those eighteen who were killed when the tower of Siloam fell on them—do you think that they were worse offenders than all the others living in Jerusalem? ⁵ No, I tell you; but unless you repent, you will all perish just as they did.”

⁶ Then he told this parable: “A man had a fig tree planted in his vineyard; and he came looking for fruit on it and found none. ⁷ So

he said to the gardener, ‘See here! For three years I have come looking for fruit on this fig tree, and still I find none. Cut it down! Why should it be wasting the soil?’ ⁸ He replied, ‘Sir, let it alone for one more year, until I dig around it and put manure on it. ⁹ If it bears fruit next year, well and good; but if not, you can cut it down.’ ”

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

(Sit)

Children’s Message

Sermon

Rev. Dr. Carrie Carnes

(Stand)

Hymn of the Day, ACS (purple) #1049..... “Before the Waters
Nourished the Earth

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.**

(Sit)

Prayers of Intercession

Led by the Spirit, let us turn to God in prayer for the church, the world, and all those in need.

A brief silence.

We pray for the church, called to be a witness to all peoples. Grant humility and wisdom to bishops, pastors, deacons, elders, councils, and congregations, that they may call upon you in making decisions. God, in your mercy,
receive our prayer.

We pray for the earth, called to provide abundantly. Teach your people the goodness of your generosity, that in sharing what we have been given, all life may flourish on the planet that is our shared home. God, in your mercy,
receive our prayer.

We pray for the nations, called to protect their inhabitants and collaborate in the work of justice and peace. Forge bonds of compassion and mutual care across human borders and boundaries, that all the world may have enough to live. God, in your mercy,
receive our prayer.

We pray for those in need, called to receive your compassion, especially Juan, Marsha, Terry, Robert, Rose, Gaye, Harold, Dorothy, and Brenda. Comfort those whose lives have been disrupted through natural disasters and human conflict. Aid communities in coming together to mourn, heal, and rebuild. God, in your mercy,
receive our prayer.

We pray for this assembly, called to welcome its neighbors to the table of your grace. Bless food pantries, community gardens and kitchens, clean water projects, and all ministries that address human hunger and thirst. God, in your mercy,
receive our prayer.

We give thanks for the faithful lives of those who proclaimed your gospel in times of challenge and strife, and for all those whose lives of love and service have ended, especially Alan, brother of Dale. May their witness inspire our own. God, in your mercy,
receive our prayer.

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

Receive the prayers of your people and draw all things together in your love, in the name of Jesus, who leads us from death to life.
Amen.

Peace

The peace of Christ be with you always.

And also with you.

(you may offer each other a sign of peace)

+++MEAL+++

Offering Music..... “My Soul Is Thirsting”.....Michael Joncas
Sr. Choir

(Stand)

Offering Prayer

Gracious Provider,
you set your immense treasures among us,
opening your heart to the world.
As we prepare to feast on your bountiful love,
deepen our commitment to sharing those
treasures with others,
through our Savior, Jesus Christ.
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 our thanks to the Lord our God

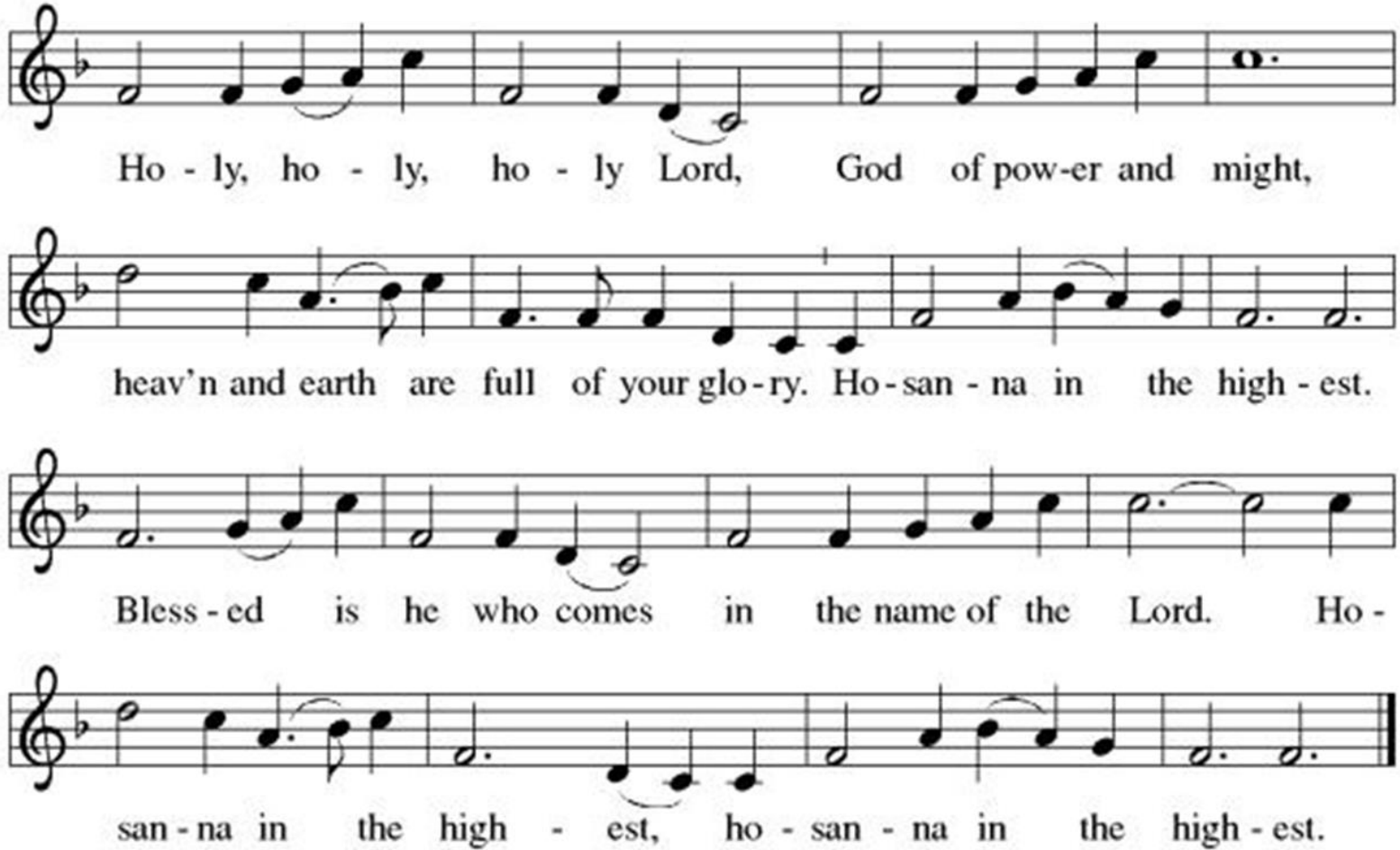
It is right to give our thanks and praise

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 (red), Setting 10, pg. 207



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow-er 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, ho - san - na in the high - est.

Holy God,
our living Water and our merciful Guide,
together with rivers and seas, wells and springs
we bless and magnify you.
You led your people Israel through the desert,
and provided them water from the rock.
We praise you for Christ, our Rock and our Water,
who joined us in our desert,
pouring out his life for the world.
In the night in which he was betrayed,
our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks;
broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying:
Take and eat; this is my body, given for you.
Do this for the remembrance of me.
Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks,
and gave it for all to drink, saying:
This cup is the new covenant in my blood,

shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin.
Do this for the remembrance of me.
Remembering, therefore,
his life, death, and resurrection,
we await your salvation for all this thirsty world.
Pour out your Spirit on this holy food
and on all 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.
Amen

The Lord's Prayer

**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

All who are hungry, come!
The feast of grace is spread.

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)

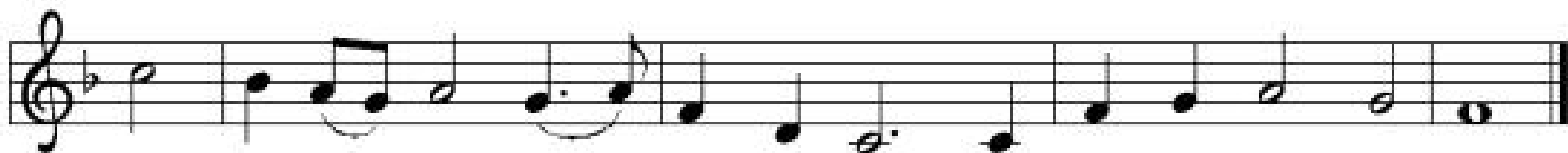
Distribution of Communion

Lamb of God

ELW (red), Setting 10, pg. 208



1 O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world a - way;
2 O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world a - way;
3 O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world a - way;



you suf-fered death our lives to save: have mer-cy now, we pray.
you set us free from guilt and grave: have mer-cy now, we pray.
e - ter-nal peace with God you made: give us your peace, we pray.

*Communion Music.....“Improvisation onCharles Callahan
St. Colombia”*

Post Communion Hymn ELW (red) #330.....“Seed That in
Earth is Dying

(Stand)

Prayer After Communion

Generous Host,

you have shared your feast with us and made us new.

Send us now to set tables of love and grace in our communities,
that your liberating love might nourish the world into freedom,
in the name of the crucified one, Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

+++SENDING+++

Blessing

God our tender parent,

God the crucified one,

God the reconciling Spirit,

✠ bless you now and forever.

Amen.

Sending Hymn ELW (red) #618....“Guide Me Ever, Great Redeemer”

Dismissal

Go in peace. Care for others as God cares for you.

Thanks be to God.

Postlude.....“God of Grace and God of Glory”J. Bert Carlson

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

Today’s radio broadcast was sponsored by Roger & Donna Bowman *In memory of their granddaughter, Hanna Marie Hendricks*

Worship Participants

Audio: Sarah Brakenbury

Video: Bill Sime

Ushers: Carol Brown, Norm & Linda Tippey

Communion Setup: Jennifer Robinson

Assisting Minister: Jennifer Robinson

Reader: Keith Killinger

Wine Servers: Annie Maier, Hillary Hoffman

Coffee Fellowship: Kathy Bell & Kristy Johnson

Acolyte: Nick Elders

Closing Duties: Norm Tippey

Pastor: Rev. Dr. Carrie Carnes

Organist: Bette Mohr

Announcements

Coffee Fellowship is immediately after service

Interactive Stations of the Cross are up & available in the Martha Room. There are booklets available with instructions to guide you through each station.

2025 TLC Directories are now available in the Narthex. Copies are also available in the church office upon request.

We are collecting for our Soles4Souls Drive through 3/23. Please bring gently worn shoes, in pairs or not, and leave them in the donation bin located in the Narthex.

We are collecting donations for College Care Packages

We have a few students away at school who have more than earned some treats and encouragement. Care packages will be assembled at Trinity and then shipped out. All are welcome to donate the following:

- individually packaged food/snack items
- A short note/card of inspiration & encouragement

Prayer List: If you or loved ones need prayers, please fill out the salmon-colored form located on the bulletin table in the Narthex, and return it to the Office mailbox or drop it in the offering plate.

Name

Prayer

Juan & Marsha Medina	Prayers for comfort
Terry	Prayers for peace & strength
Robert Sherman	Prayers for healing & recovery
Rose	Prayers for strength & healing
Gaye Burek	Prayers for healing, strength, and peace
Harold & Dorothy Ziehr	Prayers for healing & strength
Brenda Patterson	Prayers for healing
Friends & family of Alan (brother of Dale Grupe	Prayers for peace

This Week at Trinity

Sun, Mar 23 rd	10:30 am	Coffee Fellowship
	10:45 am	Sunday School
	5:30 – 7:00 pm	PRISMS
Tue, Mar. 25 th	9:00 am	The Tie That Binds
Wed, Mar 26 th	6:30 pm	Choir practice
Thurs, Mar. 27 th	9:00 am	Tidings Label/Seal
Sat, Mar 29 th	- -	Grace evening service

Rev. Dr. Carrie Carnes, Pastor, Out-of-office: Friday
Cell phone: 618-803-8778
Church Office: Phone 309-343-4191
Hours 8:30 am – 12:30 pm, Monday-Friday
1st & 3rd Saturdays; Worship 5:00 pm; Holy Communion
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
At Trinity Lutheran Church, we believe God's grace is extended to everyone. Members of Trinity Lutheran Church are freed by the Gospel to seek reconciliation and wholeness. We welcome people of 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.