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All are invited to join us at  
the Lord's table for Holy  
Communion.

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the stairway near the  
baptismal font.

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Trinity Lutheran Church  
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Reconciling Works as a  
“**Reconciling in Christ**”  
Congregation which  
welcomes all LGBTQ+  
persons into all facets of  
congregational life.

# THIRD SUNDAY IN LENT

## THE HOLY EUCHARIST AT 10:00 AM

### MARCH 12, 2023

*In today's gospel the Samaritan woman asks Jesus for water, an image of our thirst for God. Jesus offers living water, a sign of God's grace flowing from the waters of baptism. The early church used this gospel and those of the next two Sundays to deepen baptismal reflection during the final days of preparation before baptism at Easter. As we journey to the resurrection feast, Christ comes among us in word, bath, and meal—offering us the life-giving water of God's mercy and forgiveness.*



*You are invited to use this page for personal prayer and reflection.*

Congregational words are in bold print.

## WELCOME

## PRELUDE

*My Faith Looks Up to Thee*

Mark C. Jones

**CHORAL GATHERING** - ELW 811 - On My Heart Imprint Your Image - see page 3

*Please kneel or remain seated.*

## CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

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.

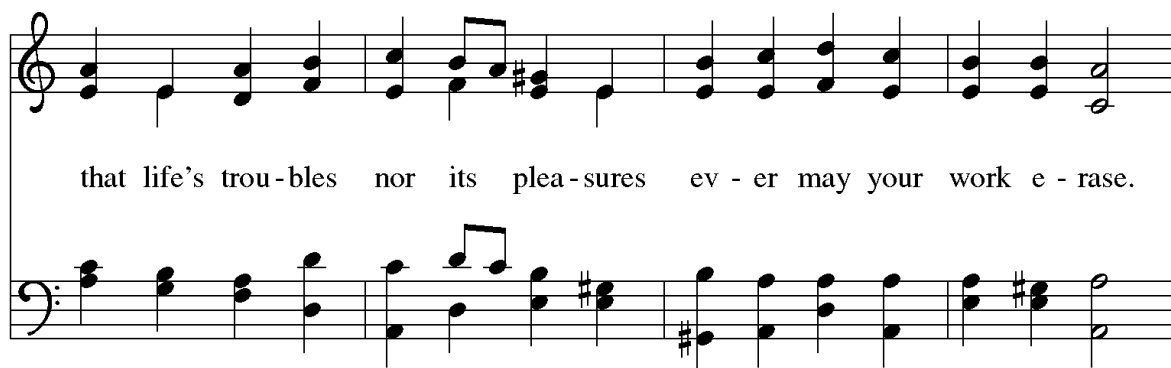
This promise is for you! God embraces you with divine mercy, ✠ forgives you in Christ's name,  
and revives you in the Spirit's power.

**Amen**

# CHORAL GATHERING - ELW 811 - On My Heart Imprint Your Image



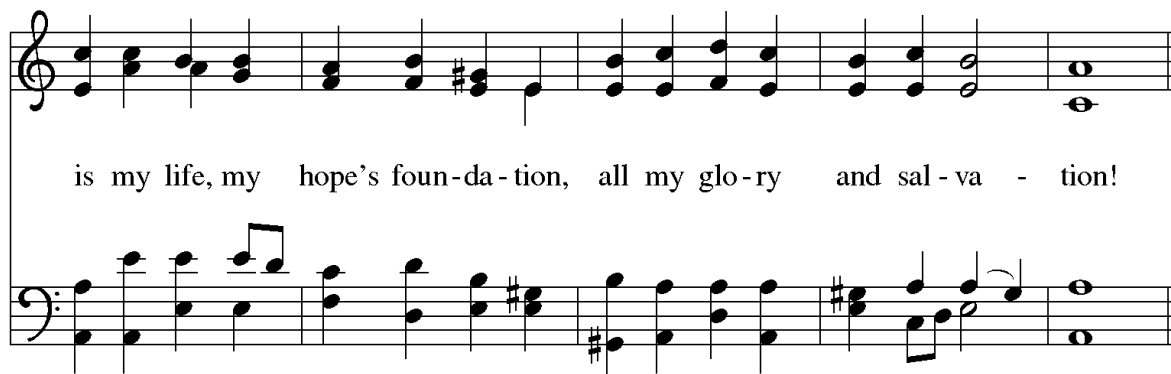
On my heart im - print your im - age, bless - ed Je - sus, king of grace,



that life's trou - bles nor its plea - sures ev - er may your work e - rase.



Let the clear in - scrip - tion be: Je - sus, cru - ci - fied for me,



is my life, my hope's foun - da - tion, all my glo - ry and sal - va - tion!

Text: Thomas H. Kingo, 1634–1703; tr. Peer O. Strømme, 1856–1921, alt.  
Music: DER AM KREUZ, Johann B. König, 1691–1758

Please stand in body or spirit.

## GATHERING SONG - ELW 326 - Bless Now, O God, the Journey

1 Bless now, O God, the jour - ney that all your peo - ple make,  
2 Bless so - journ - ers and pil - grims who share this wind - ing way;  
3 Di - vine e - ter - nal lov - er, you meet us on the road.

the path through noise and si - lence, the way of give and take.  
your hope burns through the ter - rors, your love sus - tains the day.  
We wait for lands of prom - ise where milk and hon - ey flow,

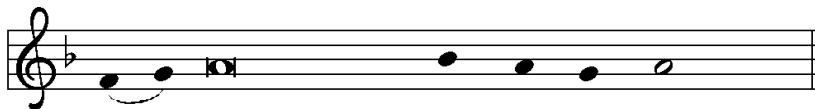
The trail is found in des - ert and winds the moun - tain round,  
We yearn for ho - ly free - dom while of - ten we are bound;  
but wait - ing not for plac - es, you meet us all a - round.

then leads be - side still wa - ters, the road where faith is found.  
to - geth - er we are seek - ing the road where faith is found.  
Our cov - e - nant is writ - ten on roads, as faith is found.

## 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 - Peter Graf, cantor



In peace, let us pray to the Lord.



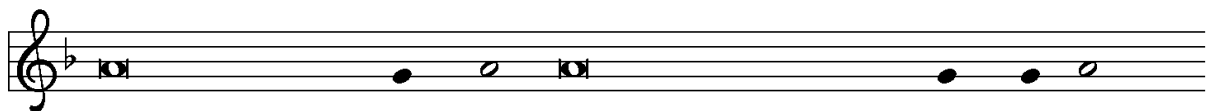
Lord, have mer - cy.



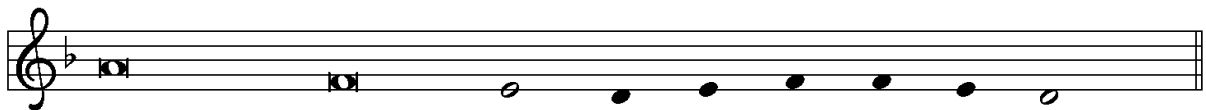
For the peace from a - bove, and for our sal - va - tion, let us pray to the Lord.



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 ho - ly house, and for all who of - fer 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

Merciful God, the fountain of living water, you quench our thirst and wash away our sin. Give us this water always. Bring us to drink from the well that flows with the beauty of your truth through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**Amen**

*Be seated.*

## FIRST READING - Exodus 17:1-7

*Because the thirsty Israelites quarreled with Moses and put God to the test, Moses cried out in desperation to God. God commanded Moses to strike the rock to provide water for the people. The doubt-filled question—“Is the Lord among us or not?”—received a very positive answer.*

*After the reading:*

The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

## PSALM 95

The choir introduces the refrain. The congregation repeats the refrain and sings the refrain where indicated. The congregation and choir chant the psalm in unison.



Come, let us sing | to the LORD;

let us shout for joy to the rock of | our salvation.

Let us come before God's presence | with thanksgiving  
and raise a loud shout to the | LORD with psalms.

For you, LORD, | are a great God,  
and a great ruler a- | bove all gods.

In your hand are the caverns | of the earth;  
the heights of the hills are | also yours.

The sea is yours, | for you made it,  
and your hands have molded | the dry land.

Come, let us worship | and bow down,  
let us kneel before the | LORD our maker. *Refrain*

For the LORD is our God, and we are the people of God's pasture  
and the sheep | of God's hand.

Oh, that today you would | hear God's voice!

"Harden | not your hearts,  
as at Meribah, as on that day at Massah | in the desert.

There your ancestors | tested me,  
they put me to the test, though they had | seen my works.

Forty years I loathed that gener- | ation, saying,  
'The heart of this people goes astray; they do not | know my ways.'

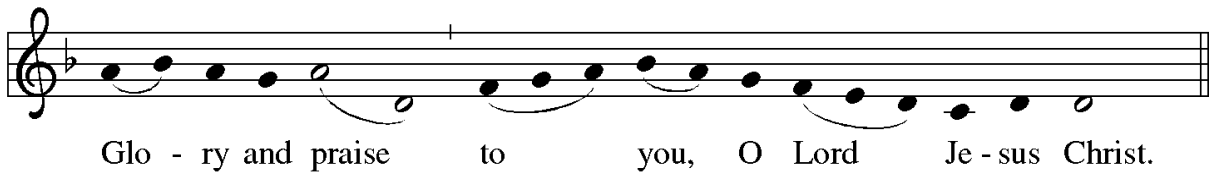
Indeed I swore | in my anger,  
'They shall never come | to my rest.'" *Refrain*

## TEACHING TIME FOR ALL GOD'S CHILDREN

*Please stand in body or spirit.*

### GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

*The acclamation will be sung by all before and after the proper verse.*



*Lord, you are truly the Savior of the world; give me this living water that I may never thirst again. (John 4:42, 15)*

### GOSPEL: John 4:5-42

*Jesus defies convention to engage a Samaritan woman in conversation. Her testimony, in turn, leads many others to faith.*

The Holy Gospel according to John.

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

*After the reading:*

The Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

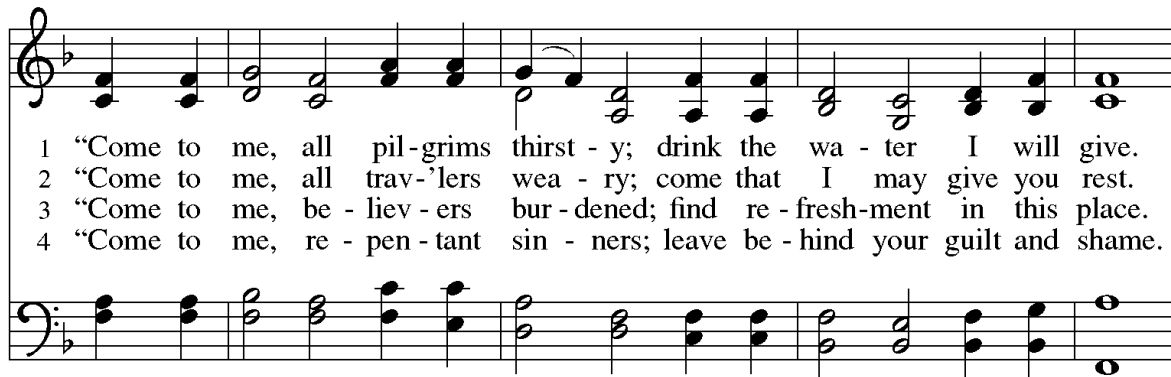
*Be seated.*

### SERMON



Please stand in body or spirit.

## HYMN OF THE DAY - ELW 777- Come to Me, All Pilgrims Thirsty

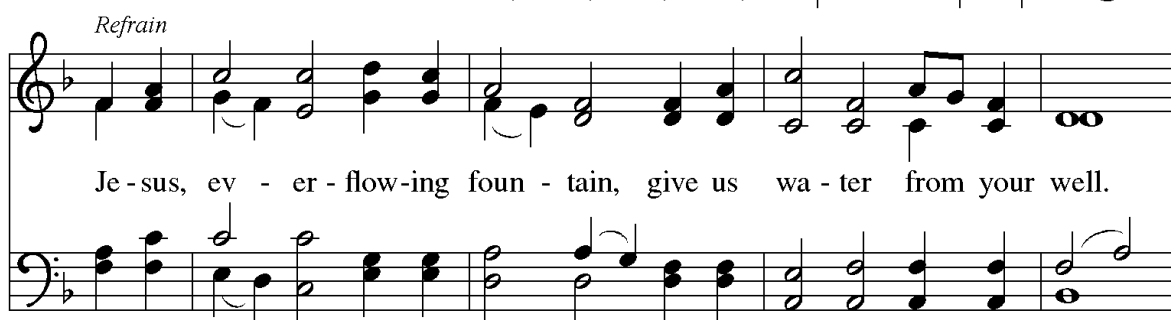


1 "Come to me, all pil-grims thirst - y; drink the wa - ter I will give.  
2 "Come to me, all trav-'lers wea - ry; come that I may give you rest.  
3 "Come to me, be - liev - ers bur - dened; find re - fresh-ment in this place.  
4 "Come to me, re - pen - tant sin - ners; leave be - hind your guilt and shame.

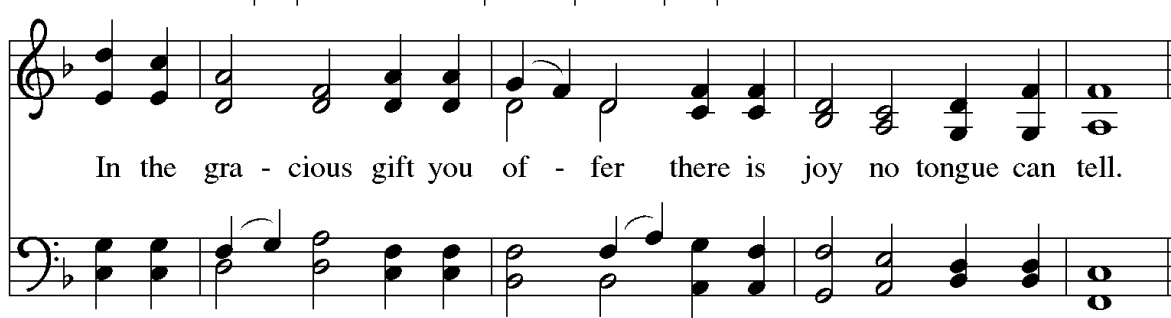


If you knew what gift I of - fer, you would come to me and live."  
Drink the cup of life I of - fer; at this ta - ble be my guest."  
Come, re - ceive the gift I of - fer, turn to me and seek my face."  
Come and know di - vine com - pas - sion, turn to me, I call your name."

*Refrain*



Je - sus, ev - er - flow - ing foun - tain, give us wa - ter from your well.



In the gra - cious gift you of - fer there is joy no tongue can tell.

5 "Come to me, distressed and needy;  
I would be your trusted friend.  
Come and seek the gift I offer,  
come, your open hands extend." *Refrain*

6 "Come to me, abandoned, orphaned;  
lonely ways no longer roam.  
Come and take the gift I offer,  
let me make in you my home." *Refrain*

Text: Delores Dufner, OSB, b. 1939

Music: BEACH SPRING, *The Sacred Harp*, Philadelphia, 1844; arr. *Selected Hymns*, 1985

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## **SACRAMENT OF HOLY BAPTISM** - see bulletin insert

*Please kneel or be seated.*

### **PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION**

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

*After a brief silence each petition concludes:*

Merciful God,  
**receive our prayer.**

*After the final petition:*

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**

*Please stand in body or spirit.*

## **PEACE**

The peace of Christ be with you always.

**And also with you.**

*Please greet one another and then be seated.*

## **OFFERTORY**

As the Deer, for Water Yearning

Claude Goudimel

The Trinity Choir

*As the deer, for water yearning, seeks the stream's refreshing flow,  
so my heart and soul are burning, thirsting, Lord, your life to know.*

*For the waters that revive I cry out to God alive:  
when shall I bow in your presence and behold your face in rev'ence?*

*Tears have been my daily portion; "Where is God?" they say to me.*

*I recall my deep devotion, singing thanks with spirit free.  
Why are you cast down, my soul? Will not God your grief console?*

*I will praise my living Savior, God, my help and hope forever.*

*Please stand in body or spirit.*

## 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.**

## PROPER PREFACE

It is indeed right, ...we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

## SANCTUS



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 in the high - est.



Bless - ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.



Ho - san - na in the high - est.

## THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

Blessed are you,...as we proclaim the mystery of faith:

**Christ has died.**

**Christ has risen.**

**Christ will come again.**

O God...Grace our table with your presence.

**Come, Holy Spirit.**

Reveal yourself...Send us forth, burning with justice, peace, and love.

**Come, Holy Spirit.**

With.blessed...and holy Trinity, now and forever.

**Amen**

## LORD'S PRAYER

Cantor: Lord, remember us in your kingdom and teach us to pray.



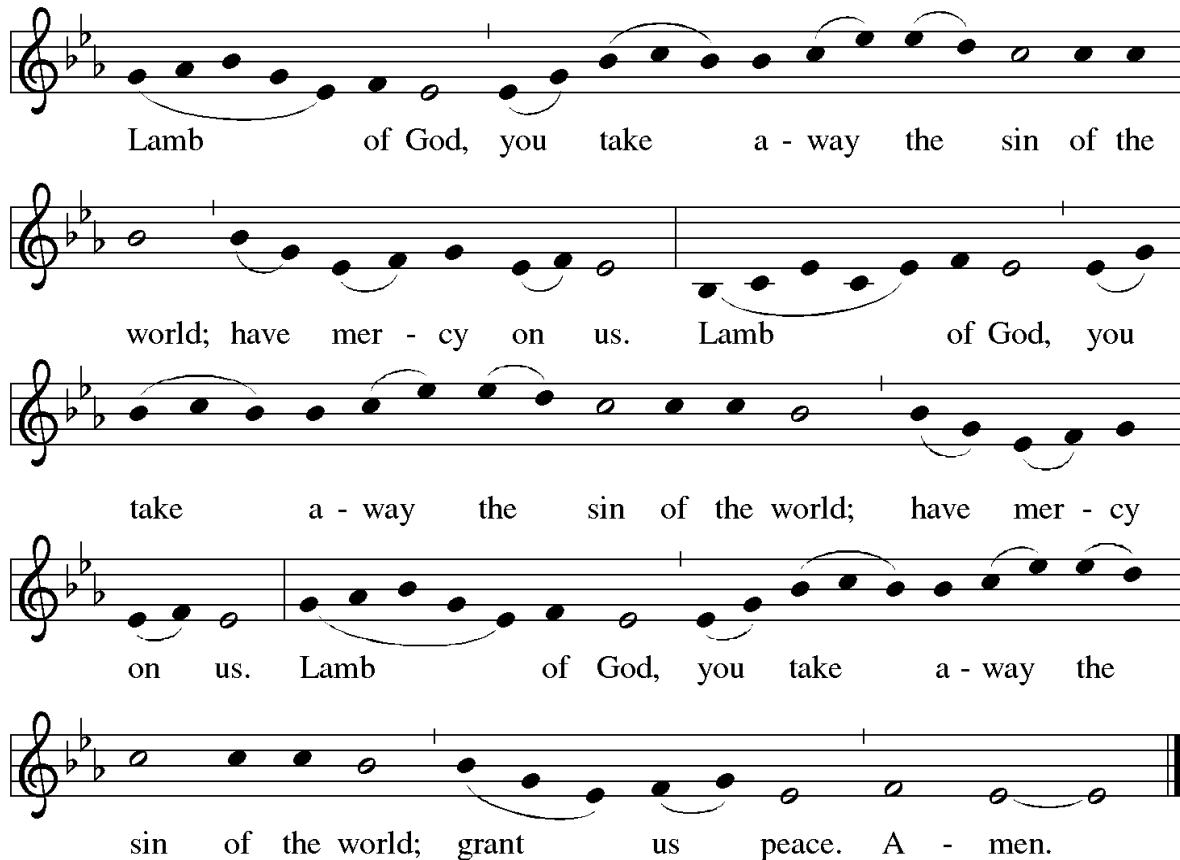
Our Fa - ther in heav - en, hal - lowed be your name,  
your king - dom come, your will be done, on earth as in heav - en.  
Give us to - day our dai - ly bread. For - give us our sins as we  
for-give those who sin a - gainst us. Save us from the time of tri - al  
and de - liv - er us from e - vil. For the king - dom, the pow'r,  
and the glo - ry are yours, now and for - ev - er. A - men.

## INVITATION TO COMMUNION

Come and receive Jesus, our strength in the wilderness.

*Be seated.*

## LAMB OF GOD



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 - men.

## DISTRIBUTION

*Following the direction of the usher, approach the altar, maintaining a safe distance between households. Please ask your server if you need a gluten-free wafer or prefer grape juice. If you would like time for prayer after receiving the elements, please feel free to step to the side railing. As you return to your seat, place your empty glass in the corner tray. Those not partaking of communion are invited to come forward for a blessing. If you are unable to approach the altar for communion, inform the usher and the sacrament will be brought to you.*

## MUSIC DURING THE DISTRIBUTION

*Herzliebster Jesu, was hast du verbrochen* (Ah, holy Jesus, how hast thou offended)

Helmut Walcha

*After all have received Communion, please stand in body or spirit.*

## **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 HYMN** - ELW 454 - Remember and Rejoice - see page 16

## **DISMISSAL**

Go in peace. Serve in love.

**Thanks be to God.**

† † †

**All are invited** to coffee and conversation in the Hintz Room on level 1 after worship.


**Today we celebrate** the sacrament of holy baptism for Lawrence W. Fredericks, Jr. Please welcome him into the Body of Christ during coffee and conversation after worship.

**Lent Giving Projects:** We are collecting financial gifts for Heart for Home's LightHouse Women and Children's Center. And our neighbors in Common Ground Recovery Community need men's clothes of all sizes and **travel-sized** containers of personal care items. Please bring all toiletry gifts to the narthex and leave clothing gifts on the stage in the auditorium.

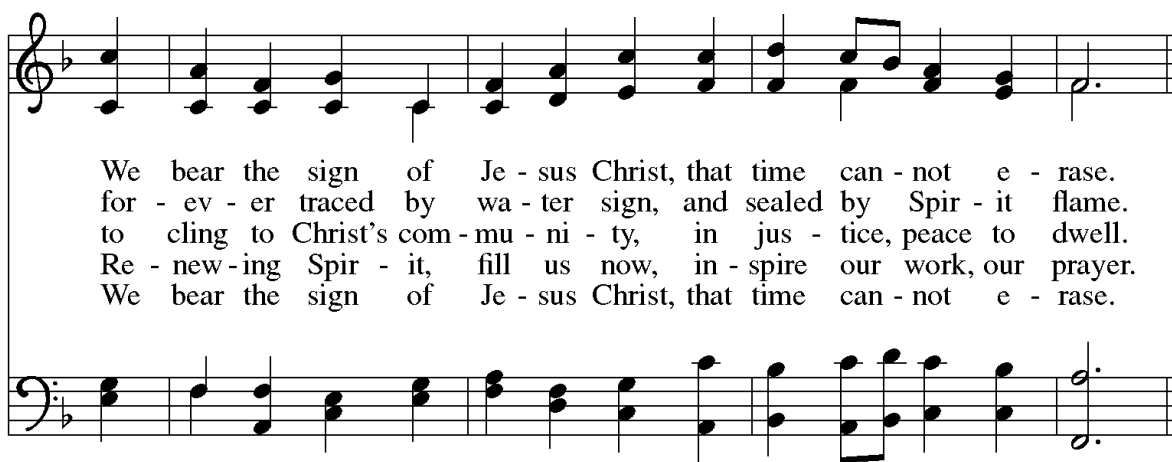
**Easter Flower/World Hunger gift forms** are available in the narthex. Return by March 26, please.

**Share your questions about technology** for the March 26 Sunday Forum. Forms are in the narthex.

# SENDING HYMN - ELW 454 - Remember and Rejoice



1 Re - mem - ber and re - joice, re - newed by floods of grace.  
2 In life, in death, we trust in God's most ho - ly name,  
3 We pledge our - selves a - new to flee the lures of hell,  
4 God, bless us by your grace; re - mind us of your care.  
5 Re - mem - ber and re - joice, re - newed by floods of grace.



We bear the sign of Je - sus Christ, that time can - not e - rase.  
for - ev - er traced by wa - ter sign, and sealed by Spir - it flame.  
to cling to Christ's com - mu - ni - ty, in jus - tice, peace to dwell.  
Re - new - ing Spir - it, fill us now, in - spire our work, our prayer.  
We bear the sign of Je - sus Christ, that time can - not e - rase.

Text: Ruth Duck, b. 1947

Music: ST. THOMAS, Aaron Williams, 1731-1776

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## Leaders in Today's Liturgy: March 12, 2023 - Third Sunday in Lent

**Presiding and Preaching:** Pr. Drew Neidig

**Assisting Minister:** Annie Harlin

**Minister of Music:** Karen S. Eddinger

**Altar Guild:** Michael Faust, Linda Grim, Erica Hofmann, Darryl Jeffries, Amy Litvinov and Doris Strobel

**Today's altar flowers** are sponsored by Virginia Biniek in memory of Helen A. Biniek

**We thank** David Strobel for choosing hymns for our Lenten worship services

**Lector:** Steve Hofmann

**Greeter:** Erica Hofmann

**Usher:** Steve & Erica Hofmann

**Communion Assistant:** Amy Bornhofen

**Immediate prayer requests:** Pr. Elton Richards, Pr. Rick Chaveas, Cathy Manning, Harry Feinauer, Jonathan Bloom (friend of Jenn Smith), Elizabeth (Bette) Ashton (Christine Motley's grandmother), Micah Long, Megan Zobian, and the families of Lorraine Gambone (relative of Rachel Gambone) and Sandra Ott (John Kirby's sister) who joined the Church Triumphant this week

**Ongoing prayer requests:** Jenn Smith, Christopher Drayer, Dar Unger, Darryl Jeffries, David Strobel, Bishop Christopher DeForest, John Kirby, Dick Evans, Ed Harlin, Luther Route, Walter Schur, John Bornhofen, David Unruh (brother of Ralph Unruh), Doris (friend of Pat McMahon), Jim Hofmann (brother of Steve Hofmann), Dave Regar (friend of Barbara Ketchum), Celia Cosentino (friend of Jane Zobian), John Matern (father of Deaconess Deborah), Leonard Smith (father of Andrew Smith), Ruth Adam (friend of Graf family), the Sawyer family, and Tina Koch (friend of Jenn Smith)

**Trinity households in prayer:** Paul Watkins, Jr.; Rebecca Watkins & Christopher Kissinger; Raye & Bruce Watson; Steve & Beth Welz; and Beverly Wink

**Prepare for Worship March 19:** 1 Samuel 16:1-13; Psalm 23; Ephesians 5:8-14; John 9:1-41

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### **Sunday Forum March 19, 9 AM in the auditorium - Berks Community Health Center**

Deborah Hartraft, Chief Community Relations Director for Berks Community Health Center, will present a program describing the relatively new health provider for Berks County residents regardless of their economic status.

### **Holy Week Worship Schedule**

Palm/Passion Sunday - April 2 - 9:00 AM palm procession and prayer walk; 10:00 AM worship

Maundy Thursday - Thursday, April 6 - 7:00 PM

Good Friday - Friday, April 7 - 12:05 PM in the Nave

Easter Sunday - April 9 - 10:00 AM

**Mark your calendars** for Music Ministry Sunday - May 7

**Boundaries Workshop:** Beginning March 21, Common Ground Recovery Community Vicar Mycah McNett will lead a six-week course on "Boundaries" in the auditorium on Tuesdays at 2:00 PM. To register or for more information, contact her at [intern.cgrcommunity@gmail.com](mailto:intern.cgrcommunity@gmail.com).

## This Week's Calendar

### Sunday, March 12

9:00 AM: Sunday Forum (Auditorium)

No Sunday school this week.

10:00 AM: Worship (Nave)

11:15 AM: Coffee & Conversation (Hintz Room)

11:15 AM: Mixed Ensemble (Bard House)

12:00 PM: Property Work Day (Sunday Sch. Rm)

2:00 PM: Common Ground Worship and Meal

### Monday, March 13

9:45 AM: Program Staff Meeting

7:00 PM: Vestry Meeting (Conference Room)

### Tuesday, March 14

9:15 AM: Full Staff Meeting (Hintz Room)

11:00 AM: Pericope/Text Study for Preachers  
(Conference Room)

### Wednesday, March 15

12:05 pm: Lent Worship (Chapel)

6:30 PM: Trinity Ringers (Choir Robing Room)

7:00 PM: Lent Worship with Common Ground  
(5 Wyomissing Blvd.)

7:30 PM: Choir Rehearsal (Hintz Room)

### Thursday, March 16

11:00 AM: Worship & Music Committee  
Meeting (Conference Room)

### Sunday, March 19

9:00 AM: Sunday Forum (Auditorium)

9:00 AM: Sunday School (Nursery)

10:00 AM: Worship (Nave)

11:15 AM: Coffee & Conversation (Hintz Room)

11:15 AM: Mixed Ensemble (Bard House)

2:00 PM: Common Ground Worship and Meal

**Church office hours** are 9:00 AM - 3:00 PM  
Monday through Thursday.

## Broadcast Schedule for March

All of our programs listed below can be watched on Comcast Channel 190, Reading Hospital Channel 80, online at [www.trinityreading.org](http://www.trinityreading.org), on our YouTube channel at [www.youtube.com/trinitylutheranchurch](http://www.youtube.com/trinitylutheranchurch). Trinity's Sunday morning worship is also live streamed via Facebook and YouTube. You may log on to either platform on Sunday mornings at 10:00 AM and worship at the same time as the in-person congregation.

### Sundays

6:00 PM World Views: The Church of  
Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints

6:30 PM Music From Trinity:  
Derrick Thompson, baritone and  
Jeffrey Lentz, collaborative pianist

7:00 PM Trinity Worship Service

### Wednesdays

4:00 PM Trinity Worship Service

5:00 PM Music From Trinity:  
Derrick Thompson, baritone and  
Jeffrey Lentz, collaborative pianist

5:30 PM World Views: The Church of  
Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints

