



## Welcome to Trinity Lutheran Church

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

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Our AED machine is  
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the stairway near the  
baptismal font.

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Trinity Lutheran Church  
is recognized by  
Reconciling Works as a  
"Reconciling in Christ"  
Congregation which  
welcomes all LGBTQ+  
persons into all facets of  
congregational life.

# FIFTH SUNDAY IN LENT

## THE HOLY EUCHARIST AT 10:00 AM

### MARCH 26, 2023

*In today's gospel Jesus reveals his power over death by raising Lazarus from the dead. The prophet Ezekiel prophesies God breathing new life into dry bones. To those in exile or living in the shadows of death, these stories proclaim God's promise of resurrection. In baptism we die with Christ that we might also be raised with him to new life. At the Easter Vigil we will welcome the newly baptized as we remember God's unfailing promise in our baptism.*



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

Congregational words are in bold print.

## WELCOME

## PRELUDE

*Aus tiefer Not* (Out of the Depths I Cry to You)

Max Drischner

**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**

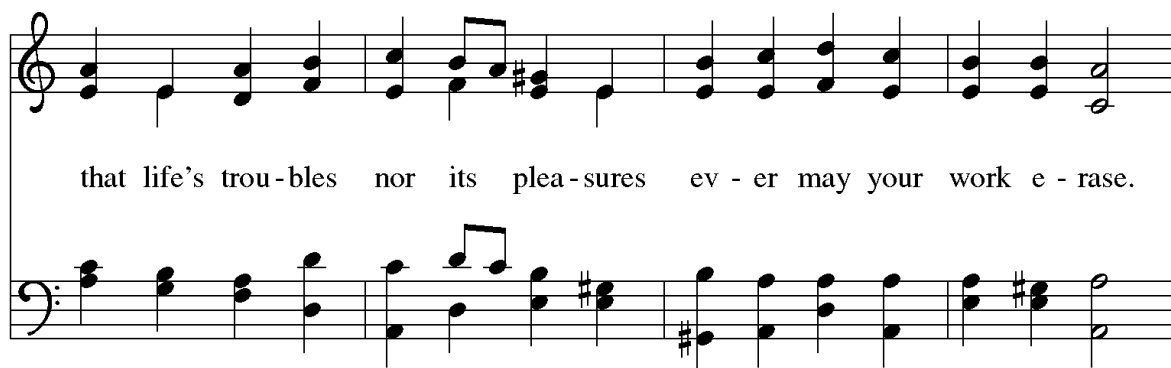
Hear the good news:  
God so loved the world that God gave the only Son, so that all may receive life.  
This promise is for you! God embraces you with divine mercy, ✠ forgives you in Christ's name,  
and revives you in the Spirit's power.

**Amen**

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



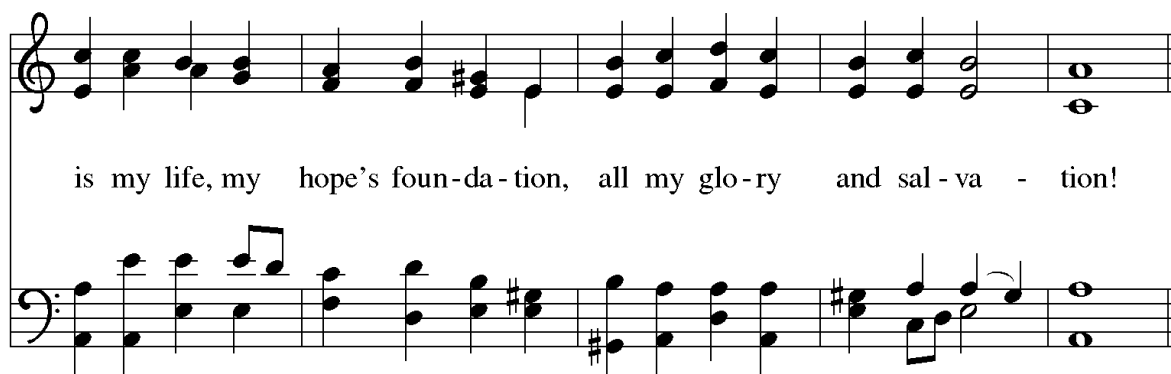
On my heart im - print your im - age, bless - ed Je - sus, king of grace,



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



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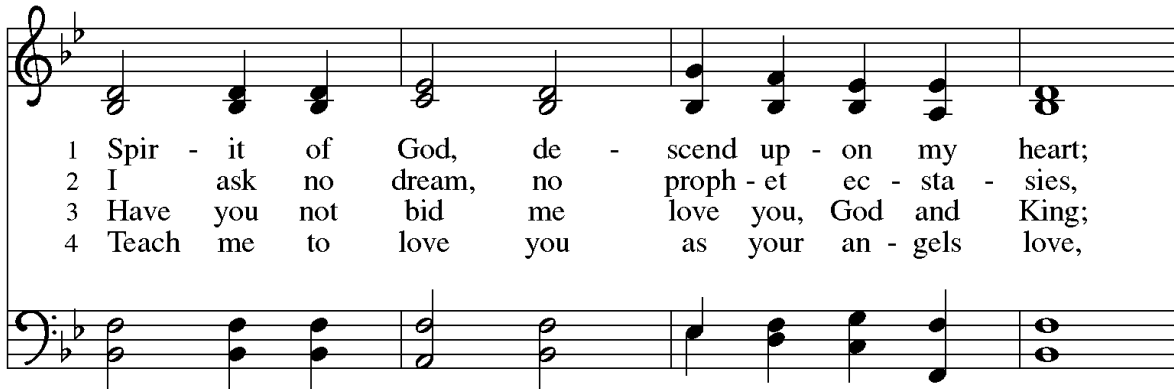


is my life, my hope's foun - da - tion, all my glo - ry and sal - va - tion!

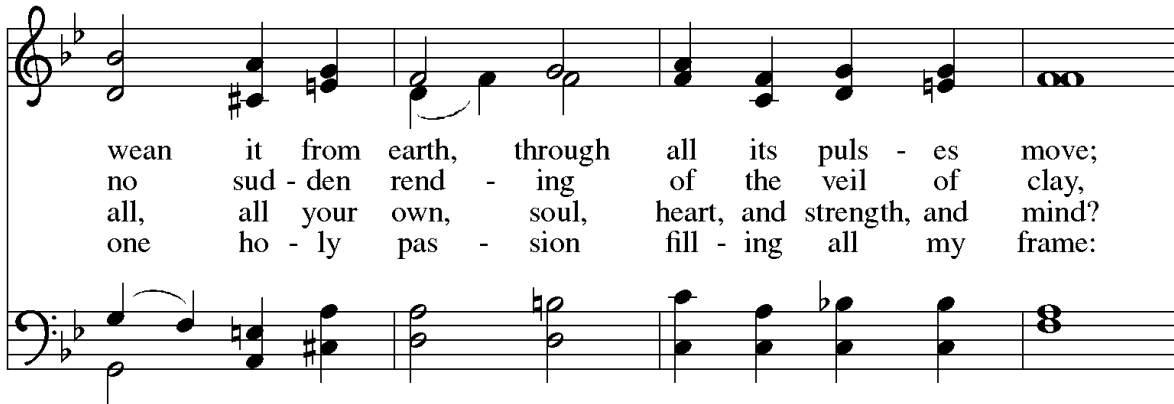
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Music: DER AM KREUZ, Johann B. König, 1691–1758

Please stand in body or spirit.

## GATHERING SONG - ELW 800 - Spirit of God, Descend Upon My Heart



1 Spir - it of God, de - scend up - on my heart;  
2 I ask no dream, no proph - et ec - sta - sies,  
3 Have you not bid me love you, God and King;  
4 Teach me to love you as your an - gels love,



wean it from earth, through all its puls - es move;  
no sud - den rend - ing of the veil of clay,  
all, all your own, soul, heart, and strength, and mind?  
one ho - ly pas - sion fill - ing all my frame:



stoop to my weak - ness, strength to me im - part,  
no an - gel vis - i - tant, no op - 'ning skies;  
I see your cross; there teach my heart to cling.  
the bap - tism of the heav'n - de - scend - ed dove,

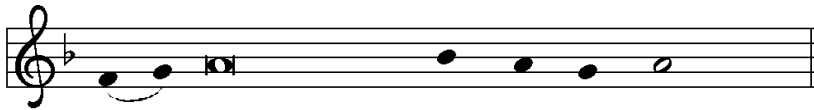


and make me love you as I ought to love.  
but take the dim - ness of my soul a - way.  
Oh, let me seek you and, oh, let me find!  
my heart an al - tar, and your love the flame.

## 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 - Maria Yost, 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

Almighty God, your Son came into the world to free us all from sin and death. Breathe upon us the power of your Spirit, that we may be raised to new life in Christ and serve you in righteousness all our days, 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 - Ezekiel 37:1-14

*Ezekiel's vision of the valley of dry bones is a promise that Israel as a nation, though dead in exile, will live again in their land through God's life-giving spirit. Three times Israel is assured that through this vision they will know that "I am the Lord."*

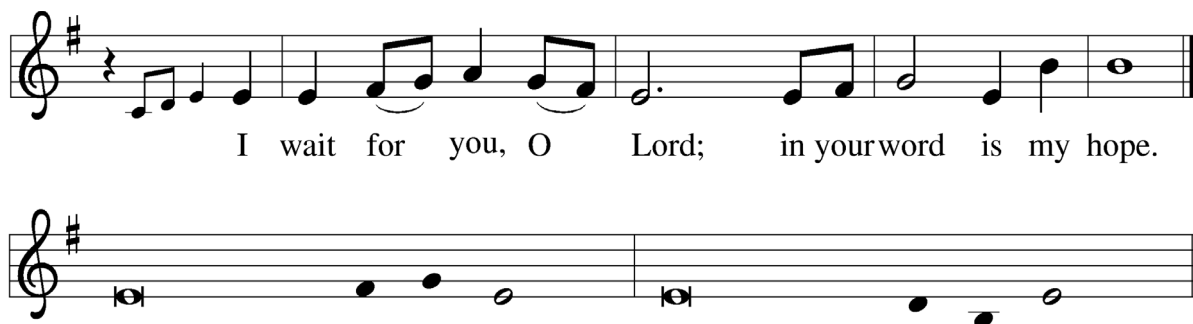
*After the reading:*

The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

## PSALM 130

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.



Out | of the depths

I cry to | you, O LORD;

O LORD, | hear my voice!

Let your ears be attentive to the voice of my | supplication.

If you were to keep watch | over sins,

O LORD, | who could stand?

Yet with you | is forgiveness,

in order that you | may be feared. *Refrain*

I wait for you, O LORD; | my soul waits;

in your word | is my hope.

My soul waits for the Lord more than those who keep watch | for the morning,

more than those who keep watch | for the morning.

O Israel, wait for the LORD, for with the LORD there is | steadfast love;

with the LORD there is plen- | teous redemption.

For the LORD shall | redeem Israel

from | all their sins. *Refrain*

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## 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.*



*I am the resurrection and the life; whoever believes in me will never die. (John 11:25, 26)*

### **GOSPEL-** John 11:1-45

*Jesus is moved to sorrow when his friend Lazarus falls ill and dies. Then, in a dramatic scene, he calls his friend out of the tomb and restores him to life.*

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 666 - What Wondrous Love Is This

1 What won-drous love is this, O my soul, O my soul! What  
2 When I was sink - ing down, sink - ing down, sink - ing down, when  
3 To God and to the Lamb I will sing, I will sing; to  
4 And when from death I'm free, I'll sing on, I'll sing on; and

won - drous love is this, O my soul! What won-drous love is this  
I was sink - ing down, sink - ing down, when I was sink - ing down  
God and to the Lamb I will sing; to God and to the Lamb,  
when from death I'm free, I'll sing on; and when from death I'm free,

that caused the Lord of bliss to bear the dread-ful curse for my  
be - neath God's righ-teous frown, Christ laid a - side his crown for my  
who is the great I AM, while mil - lions join the theme, I will  
I'll sing God's love for me, and through e - ter - ni - ty I'll sing

soul, for my soul, to bear the dread-ful curse for my soul?  
soul, for my soul, Christ laid a - side his crown for my soul.  
sing, I will sing, while mil - lions join the theme, I will sing.  
on, I'll sing on; and through e - ter - ni - ty I'll sing on.

Text: North American folk hymn, 19th cent., alt.  
Music: WONDROUS LOVE, W. Walker, *Southern Harmony*, 1835; arr. Paul J. Christiansen, 1914-1997, alt.  
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## **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**

*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**

Out of the Depths

John Carter

The Trinity Choir    Sandra Sittler, piano

*Out of the depths I cry to you, O Lord! Lord, hear my voice!*

*Let your ears be attentive to the voice of my supplication.*

*If you, O Lord, should mark iniquities, Lord, who could stand?*

*There is forgiveness with you, O Lord, that you may be feared.*

*I wait for the Lord, my soul waits, and in his word I hope;*

*My soul waits for the Lord more than watchmen for the morning.*

*O Israel, hope in the Lord, for with the Lord there is steadfast love,*

*and with him is plenteous redemption. He will redeem Israel.*

*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) Michael D. Costello*

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

## **TABLE BLESSING**

The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.

**Amen**

## **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 322 - Oh, Love, How Deep - see page 16

## **DISMISSAL**

Go in peace. Serve in love.

**Thanks be to God.**

*There is no postlude. Please stay and meditate or leave the church in silence.*

*After worship you are welcome to join us in the Hintz Room downstairs for Coffee and Conversation.*

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# SENDING HYMN - ELW 322 - Oh, Love, How Deep

Stanza 4: Higher Voices (soprano/alto) Stanza 5: Lower Voices (tenor/bass)



1 Oh, love, how deep, how broad, how high, be - yond all  
2 God sent no an - gel to our race, of high - er  
3 For us bap - tized, for us he bore his ho - ly  
4 For us he prayed; for us he taught; for us his



thought and fan - ta - sy, that God, the Son of  
or of low - er place, but wore the robe of  
fast and hun - gered sore; for us temp - ta - tion  
dai - ly works he wrought, by words and signs and



God, should take our mor - tal form for mor - tals' sake!  
hu - man frame, in Christ our Lord to this world came.  
sharp he knew; for us the tempt - er o - ver - threw.  
ac - tions thus still seek - ing not him - self, but us.

5 For us by wickedness betrayed,  
for us, in crown of thorns arrayed,  
he bore the shameful cross and death;  
for us he gave his dying breath.

6 For us he rose from death again;  
for us he went on high to reign;  
for us he sent his Spirit here  
to guide, to strengthen, and to cheer.

7 All glory to our Lord and God  
for love so deep, so high, so broad:  
the Trinity whom we adore  
forever and forevermore.

Text: Thomas á Kempis, 1380–1471; tr. Benjamin Webb, 1819–1885, alt.  
Music: DEO GRACIAS, English ballad, 15th cent.

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## Leaders in Today's Liturgy: March 26, 2023 - Fifth Sunday in Lent

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

**Assisting Minister:** Hannah Long

**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 Allison Kalbach

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

**Lector:** Megan Souders-Zobian

**Greeter:** Annie Harlin

**Ushers:** David & Sue Shellong

**Communion Assistant:** Annie Harlin

**Immediate prayer requests:** Pr. Elton Richards, 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 Pr. Rick Chaveas and Gerald Wagner 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, Nancy Williams (friend of Mary Drehs), David Unruh (brother of Ralph Unruh), Doris (friend of Pat McMahan), 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:** Franki Aitken; Bill & Tina Angstadt; Barbara Auchenbach; Michael & Kori Barnett; and Mitch, Nicole, Logan & Julia Barnett

**Prepare for Worship April 2:** Processional Gospel Matthew 21:1-11; Isaiah 50:4-9a; Psalm 31:9-16; Philippians 2:5-11; Matthew 26:14--27:66; Gospel (alternate) Matthew 27:11-54



### 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; children's egg hunt 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 today, please.*

## This Week's Calendar

### Sunday, March 26

- 9:00 AM: Sunday Forum (Auditorium)
- 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

### Monday, March 27

- 9:45 AM: Program Staff Meeting
- 7:00 PM: Vestry Meeting (Conference Room)

### Tuesday, March 28

- 9:15 AM: Full Staff Meeting (Hintz Room)
- 11:00 AM: Pericope/Text Study for Preachers (Conference Room)
- 2:00 PM: Boundaries Workshop (Auditorium)

### Wednesday, March 29

- 12:05 pm: Lent Worship (Chapel)
- 6:30 PM: Trinity Ringers (Nave)
- 7:00 PM: Lent Worship with Common Ground (5 Wyomissing Blvd.)
- 7:30 PM: Choir Rehearsal (Hintz Room)

### Sunday, April 2 - Palm/Passion Sunday

- 9:00 AM: Prayer Walk & Palm Procession
- 10:00 AM: Worship (Nave)
- 11:15 AM: Coffee & Conversation (Hintz Room)
- 11:15 AM: Altar Guild Altar stripping Practice
- 2:00 PM: Common Ground Worship and Meal

## 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
- April 2: Domestic Passover Commemoration
- 6:30 PM Music From Trinity:  
April 2: Hannah Koby, organ
- 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



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