



Trinity Lutheran Church

“Proclaiming the Gospel of Jesus Christ”

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✠ **The Third Sunday In Lent** ✠



Sunday, March 4, 2018

Eucharists at 8:30 & 11:00 am

Sunday School & Adult Forum at 9:45 am

~ Today's Hymns ~

Gathering Hymn: 793 “Be Thou My Vision”

Communion Hymns:

337 “Alas! And Did My Savior Bleed”

485 “I Am The Bread Of Life”

637 “Holy God, Holy And Glorious”

Sending Hymn: 705 “God Of Grace And God Of Glory”

~ Today's Readings ~

The First Reading: Exodus 20:1-17

L: A Reading from Exodus:

Then God spoke all these words: I am the Lord your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery; you shall have no other gods before me. You shall not make for yourself an idol, whether in the form of anything that is in heaven above, or that is on the earth beneath, or that is in the water under the earth. You shall not bow down to them or worship them; for I the Lord your God am a jealous God, punishing children for the iniquity of parents, to the third and the fourth generation of those who reject me, but showing steadfast love to the thousandth generation of those who love me and keep my commandments. You shall not make wrongful use of the name of the Lord your God, for the Lord will not acquit anyone who misuses his name. Remember the sabbath day, and keep it holy. Six days you shall labor and do all your work. But the seventh day is a sabbath to the Lord your God; you shall not do any work--you, your son or your daughter, your male or female slave, your livestock, or the alien resident in your towns. For in six days the Lord made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that is in them, but rested the seventh day; therefore the Lord blessed the sabbath day and consecrated it. Honor your father and your mother, so that your days may be long in the land that the Lord your God is giving you. You shall not murder. You shall not commit adultery. You shall not steal. You shall not bear false witness against your neighbor. You shall not covet your neighbor's house; you shall not covet your neighbor's wife, or male or female slave, or ox, or donkey, or anything that belongs to your neighbor.

L: The Word of the Lord

C: Thanks be to God.

Psalmody: Psalm 19

Please join in singing the congregational refrain:



Lord, you have the words of ev - er - last - ing life.

Cantor: The law of the Lord is perfect, it revives the soul. The rule of the Lord is to be trusted, it gives wisdom to the simple. *Refrain.*

Cantor: The precepts of the Lord are right, they gladden the heart. The command of the Lord is clear, it gives light to the eyes. *Refrain.*

can you show us for doing this?" Jesus answered them, "Destroy this temple, and in three days I will raise it up." The Jews then said, "This temple has been under construction for forty-six years, and will you raise it up in three days?" But he was speaking of the temple of his body. After he was raised from the dead, his disciples remembered that he had said this; and they believed the scripture and the word that Jesus had spoken.

D: The Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

Deacon's Intercessions:

We pray for the Church: that the Gospel of Christ may inspire and guide us as we journey through these days of Lent toward the joys of the Resurrection.
Lord, in your mercy...

For those who lead, guide and serve the God's people: that their ministries may be devout, patient, and faithful. Lord, in your mercy...

For greater discipline in our lives: that we may devote these days of Lent to deeper prayers, turning from self-indulgence, and sharing greater works of love.
Lord, in your mercy...

We pray for the nations and all people of creation: that we might see in one another the sacred image of our creator, and live past the lines that divide us.
Lord, in your mercy...

For those who hold public office: that they may be attentive to the needs of all whom they serve, and govern with integrity and honor. Lord, in your mercy...

For Luke Daniel and his parents Mark & Brooke, for all newborns, and for expecting families: that they may celebrate the gift of life and share the blessings of Christian Faith in their homes. Lord, in your mercy...

For the children and youth of our community: that they may be kept safe, and that we might seek to protect them from violence and harm. Lord, in your mercy...

We pray for the poor, the weak, and victims of crime and injustice: that they might be blessed with daily bread, new-found strength, and restored dignity.
Lord, in your mercy...

For the sick and those who long for fuller health, especially... that they may know the healing gifts of the Holy Spirit and the gentle ministries of doctors, nurses, and caregivers. Lord, in our mercy...

For those who have passed from this life and rest from their labors, especially those whom we remember with love and affection... that with them, through the merits of Christ, we may rise to New Life and the light of God's eternal joys. Lord, in your mercy...

We remember with faithful affection St Perpetua and St Felicity, early martyrs for the faith... St Thomas Aquinas, Doctor of the Church... St Gregory of Nyssa, Bishop of the Church... and all the saints and witnesses who have followed in God's Holy Way: that their lives may inspire us to faithful discipleship and love toward others. Lord, in your mercy...

Today's Special Music

(8:30) *"Wings Of The Dawn"* (Linda Spencer) ~ Anthem Choir

(11:00) *"Lead Me To The Cross"* (Hillsong United) ~ Autumn Creighton

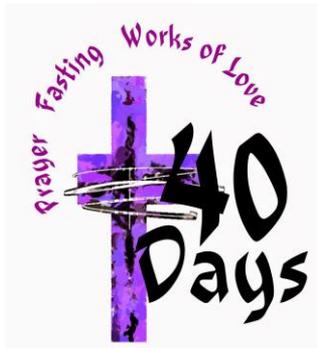
Readings for Next Sunday, March 11

The Fourth Sunday in Lent

Numbers 21:4-9; Psalm 107:1-3, 17-22; Ephesians 2:1-10; John 3:14-21

"To The Glory of God..."

- ✘ The Bulletins are sponsored in honor of Joe & Charlene Rose's 40th Wedding Anniversary by Josh, Megan, Ellie, Ruby, Larissa, & Emerson.
- ✘ Our Missionaries are sponsored in honor of Joe & Charlene Rose's 40th Wedding Anniversary by Mommy.
- ✘ The Sanctuary Lamp burns in memory of Florence Austin by Mike & Pat Macchiarolo.



Parish Announcements

~ March 4, 2018 ~

Upcoming Ministries and Events

This Week...

- Sunday (4) THIRD SUNDAY IN LENT
... Holy Eucharist: 8:30 & 11:00 am
... Sunday School & Adult Forum: 9:45 am
- Tuesday (6) Trinity Book Club: 1:30 pm (*Parish House*)
Free Community Dinner: 5:30 pm (*St. Thomas serving*)
- Wednesday (7) Lenten Luncheon: Noon (*Hosted by the Presbyterian Church*)
Faith & Fun (*After-School Children's Ministry*): 3:15-4:30 pm
Bible Study ~ "Lamentations": 6:00 pm
Bell Choir Rehearsal: 6:00 pm
Lenten Meditations: Stations Of The Cross: 7:00 pm
Anthem Choir Rehearsal: 7:30 pm
- Thursday (8) Women of Trinity: 6:30 pm (*Social Room*)

Next Week...

- Sunday (11) FOURTH SUNDAY IN LENT
... Holy Eucharist: 8:30 & 11:00 am
... Sunday School & Adult Forum: 9:45 am
Trinity Hikers: 1:00 pm (*Canoe Creek State Park*)
- Tuesday (13) Free Community Dinner: 5:30 pm (*Methodist Church serving*)
High School Hang-Out: 6:00 pm (*Parish House*)
VBS Planning Meeting: 6:30pm (*Trinity Hall*)
- Wednesday (14) Lenten Luncheon: Noon (*Hosted by the Presbyterian Church*)
Faith & Fun (*After-School Children's Ministry*): 3:15-4:30 pm
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Sunday Morning Refreshments & Fellowship...

Please Join Us!

- ✓ A time of Fellowship & Refreshments is hosted most Sundays at 9:30 am. Parishioners, friends and guests are welcome to join us, in Trinity Hall, following the 8:30 am Eucharist.
- ✓ Please check out the sign-up sheet in Trinity Hall if you are willing to serve as a refreshment host on an upcoming Sunday.



Worship & Music Ministries

Bell Choir & Anthem Choir Rehearsals

Wednesday Evenings: Bell Choir ~ 6:00 pm... Anthem Choir: 7:30 pm

Bell Choir rehearses at 6:00 pm and the Anthem Choir rehearses at 7:30 pm every Wednesday evening. If you enjoy singing and making music, please offer your time and talents and join one of our choirs! Please see Terry Osman or Susan Casteel if you have any questions.

Stations of the Cross

Lenten Devotions on the Passion & Crucifixion of our Lord

Wednesday Evenings of Lent, 7:00 pm

At Trinity, on Wednesday evenings, we gather at 7:00 pm, to pray the traditional and historic “Stations of the Cross”, a liturgy of readings and prayers which meditate on the passion and crucifixion of our Lord. This rather contemplative rite is quite moving, given its rather solemn character, which directs our hearts and minds toward the depth of Christ’s passion, death, and resurrection.

Please join us, and make “Stations” a part of your Lenten devotions.



Lenten Luncheons

Wednesdays at 12:00 pm (Noon)

- ✓ Our Ecumenical Community, hosted by the Bedford Presbyterian Church, gathers every Wednesday during Lent for a light meal, devotions, and fellowship. Local pastors are sharing meditations and prayers exploring our Lord's question to his Disciples, "Who do men say that I am?"
- ✓ Arlene Fluke is coordinating a team of Trinity Parishioners to serve the meal on Wednesday, March 7. A sign-up sheet is in Trinity Hall for 1) volunteers to help serve the meal and 2) for dessert (cake) donations. Please contact Arlene (623-6426) with any questions.



Palm Sunday Passion Narrative Readers...

If you would like to add your voice to the Narrative Reading of the Passion Story at either the 8:30 or 11:00 am Liturgy on Palm Sunday (March 25) this year, please call the Church Office (623-8813) so that we're sure to schedule you for one of the parts!

With Easter on the Way...

- ... All-Parish Easter Breakfast Foods: Please sign up, in Trinity Hall, to help out with the annual All-Parish Easter Breakfast ~ Egg casseroles, fruits, vegetables, and baked goods are all needed. "Thanks" to this year's coordinators, Alice Corle & LaDonna Snyder.
- ... Easter Lily Sponsors: Parishioners and friends are invited to sponsor lilies, in honor or in memory of loved ones, which will adorn the church during the upcoming Easter liturgies and then be delivered to parishioners in special circumstances. Please use one of the special envelopes which have been prepared and which are available with the Sunday Bulletins and in Trinity Hall. The cost is \$15.00.
- ... Easter Lily Deliverers: YOU can help share our Easter Joy by delivering a few Easter Lilies to our home-bound parishioners. You can make your deliveries any time during the first few days after Easter, at your convenience. Please sign up in Trinity Hall if you can share a little of your time.



Children & Youth Ministries

Sunday School ~ Please Join Us!

Sundays at 9:45 am ~Lenten Offerings to Help Hungry

- ✓ Sunday School, for our pre-school children through Sr High Youth, typically gathers every Sunday to celebrate, explore, and grow in the Faith. We appreciate the dedication of a great group of volunteer leaders and helpers who make this all happen in a wonderful way! Please check with Liz Miller if you would like to join in the fun!
- ✓ We'll resume our regular weekly gatherings next Sunday, as we're sharing in the special All-Parish Lent Day today (Feb 18).
- ✓ Each Sunday during the season of Lent our children will have the opportunity to help care for their neighbors by sharing a special offering that will go to help the hungry in our community. When we all come together, a dollar or two a week can turn into a big gift to those in need around us!

Faith and Fun ~ After School Ministry w/ Kids in Grades K-5

Wednesdays; 3:15 - 4:30 pm

- ✓ Children and friends of the Parish explore Bible stories, work on crafts, and share in activities and games. We provide bus transportation from the Bedford Elementary School and the 2 Chestnut Ridge Elementary Schools, and a "shepherd" to walk the kids across the street from St Thomas School. Parents are asked to pick-up their kids, at Trinity, at 4:30 pm. Please see Liz Miller with questions.
- ✓ "Thanks!" to our amazing volunteers and helpers who ensure that things go so well each week!

High School Hangout

Tuesday March 13; 6:00-8:00 pm in the Parish House

All Senior High Youth are invited to another casual evening in the Parish House. Dinner, conversation, and a new game are all part of the evening. Sign up in Trinity Hall.

Planning and Orientation Meeting for this Summer's VBS

Tuesday, March 13; 6:30 pm; Trinity Hall

Now that we are all healthy again, we are going to gather together with nothing to share but good and exciting news. At this meeting, we'll unveil the theme, be the first to hear the new music, and begin getting all of our ducks in a row for the upcoming Summer VBS. Please sign up in Trinity Hall. See Liz Miller with any questions.



Youth Group

Sunday, March 18; 2:00-3:45pm

Our Youth are coming together again for another great afternoon of faith, fun, food, and fellowship. We will play some games, have some discussion, make some plans, make new Kiva partners, and have an all-around good time together. Please sign up in Trinity Hall.

Adult & All-Parish Ministries

“Lamentations” ~ A Lenten Bible Study

Wednesday Evenings; 6:00 pm

“Lamentations” is a series of poems, written soon after the destruction of the Temple and the time of Israel’s Babylonian Captivity, which give voice to the hardship, the misery, and the violence which the Hebrew People endured through those very difficult days. We’ll listen to the expressions of their struggles, and consider this Book’s significance and implications for our lives, as we may encounter challenges and struggles. Please see Pr Weinhold or Pr Short for more information. Please see Pr Weinhold or Pr Short for more information, and please do invite a friend to join us!

“The Great Covenants” ~ ... Adult Forum Series during Lent

Sunday Mornings; 9:45 am

Throughout history, the Lord has established “covenants” with His people, through which he has bound himself and his people together. As we journey through Lent this year, we are exploring 5 of the more significant covenants which are part of our Judeo-Christian Tradition: with Creation (Adam & Eve and Noah), with Abraham, with Moses, Jeremiah’s covenant, and with Christ at the Last Supper. Through these covenants we encounter our Lord’s steadfast and unfailing love and are called to live in lives of faith and devotion. Led by Pr Short & Pr Weinhold, we’ll gather in Trinity Hall. Parishioners and friends are encouraged to join us!



Trinity Book Club

Tuesday, March 6; 1:30 pm

The Trinity Book Club will meet on Tuesday, March 6, at 1:30 pm, in the Parish House. We’ll discuss “Life Is So Good”, by George Dawson. Please contact the group’s coordinator, Pat Macchiarolo, with any questions (814-977-2436).

Women of Trinity ~ Growing Generosity

March's Gathering: Thursday, March 8; 6:30 pm

This month, we'll meet in the Social Room and, after gathering devotions, we'll finalize plans for the upcoming "Spring Tea" (which will be held Saturday, April 14), create favors for the Tea, and work on the Chicken Rice and Beef Vegetable soups which we're selling this month. (Please see the sign-up sheet in Trinity Hall, by Sunday, March 4). All women of the parish are welcome to share in our fellowship.



Trinity Hikers at Canoe Creek State Park (Take Two)

Sunday, March 11; 1:00pm

Trinity Hikers are setting out for their next hike on Sunday March 11, 2018. Since our last outing was rained and iced out, we are going to hope for better weather to tackle Canoe Creek State Park in March. It should be a beautiful walk around the lake together. If you can join us please sign up in Trinity Hall!

Chicks with Sticks ~ Knitting & Crocheting Group

Thursday, March 22; 6:30 pm in the Parish House

If you knit or crochet (or would like to learn) you are invited! Bring along a current project or work on a "Prayer Shawl" with the group. Check with Mary Ann Martz (839-2403) with any questions.



Pillow-Case Sewing Ministry

Wednesday, March 28; 1:00–4:00 pm

Parishioners and Friends are invited to gather in Trinity Hall to decorate pillow-cases and small quilts which are sent to hospitalized kids and cancer patients. Come and sew for a few afternoon hours as you are able. Please contact Doris Caldwell (814) 442-7347 with any questions.

Outreach Ministries

Free Community Dinner ~ Ecumenical Ministry

Hosted by Trinity and Served every Tuesday Evening; 5:30 pm

- ✓ Trinity hosts and coordinates the “Free Community Dinner” ministry which serves warm and nutritious meals to neighbors of our community every week.
- ✓ *Trinity’s next turn to serve is Tuesday, April 3.* A sign-up sheet will be posted in Trinity Hall for parishioners and friends who can help prep & serve a little closer to the date.
- ✓ *Thanks!* for all the support so many parishioners and friends continue to share with this ministry!

March’s Ministry Highlight and Special Appeal...

Free Community Dinner

- ✓ “Free Community Dinner” is a charitable ministry which serves a hot meal, to about 70 friends of the community every Tuesday evening, as they gather in Trinity’s Social Room. While Trinity is the weekly host-sight of the dinner, we enjoy our ecumenical partnerships with the people of The Bedford Church of the Brethren, The Bedford Presbyterian Church, The Bedford United Methodist Church, St John’s United Church of Christ, and St Thomas Roman Catholic, and JLG Industries, who share in this ministry with us.
- ✓ Since this ministry began in 2009, Trinity’s Serving Team has been coordinated by Betsy Littlefield and continues to involve many parishioners – adults, children & youth. If you’ve not experienced the joy of serving, please see Betsy or sign up the next time the opportunity arises.
- ✓ As you are able during the month, please share a gift with this ministry. The average meal cost is c. \$150, and we serve about 8 dinners a year. Please make checks payable to Trinity, and note Community Dinner on the memo line. Special Envelopes have been prepared for this appeal, and are with the Sunday Bulletins and in Trinity Hall.

Free Community Dinner



Thank You, Very Much!

Thanks to the generosity of many parishioners and friends to last month’s appeal for the ELCA World Hunger Appeal, we received special offerings of \$830 to share with this ministry. Thanks, again!

Loose Coins...

Loose coins which are received in the Sunday Offering are directed to small acts of charity, through the Pastor’s Discretionary Fund. This can be a small grocery order, or other essential need to help a neighbor address a challenging situation. See Pr W or Pr S with any questions. Thanks for your generosity!

Other Notes and Updates

Women of Trinity’s Soup Sale

Order By March 4... Pick Up Sunday, March 11

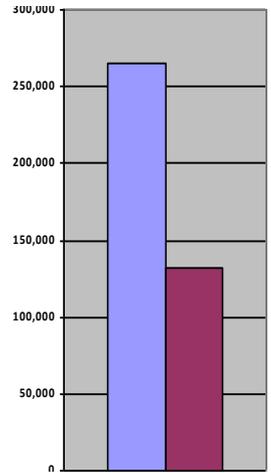
Chicken Rice and/or Beef Vegetable ~ \$8.00/qt

Women of Trinity meet September through May to nurture and strengthen the bonds of fellowship, faith, and spirituality of women of the parish. Proceeds from the soup sale are used to support our ongoing ministries and will be shared with local, regional, and global charitable ministries and causes. (Last year, Women of Trinity shared generously with the Nave Renovation, A Tanzanian Children’s Hospital, and a Local Eagle Scout Project) Thanks to Betsy Littlefield for coordinating the effort!



**The 2018 Altar & Nave Renovation Project
Please Share Generously!**

- ✓ We greatly appreciate the responses we’ve received, from so many parishioners and friends, to support the renovation project! Thank you, very much!
- ✓ If you’ve not done so already, would you please consider submitting a pledge, which can be shared as a one-time gift, or weekly, monthly or annually over the next 3 years? With the scope and the expense of these extensive improvements, we encourage all parishioners and friends to share, generously, with the work. Working and sharing, together, we can accomplish this challenge.
- ✓ Our website has detailed images and descriptions of the project, which will be accomplished during the summer of 2018.
- ✓ And thank you, again, for the support you’ve shown the Christian Ministries of Trinity through the years!



Goal: \$265,365
83 Pledges
\$132,410



- ✘ *Please contact the Church Office to have family members and/or friends included in the Prayers at Sunday Liturgies and on the Parish Prayer List.*
- ✘ *Please be sure to notify Pr Weinhold or Pr Short if you would appreciate visitations and prayers during hospitalizations or extended home-bound recuperations.*

For The Church...

- ✘ Our Bishops, Pastors and Deacons in Christ, Missionaries, and all who labor for the Gospel.
- ✘ Parishioners and friends who serve on Church Council, as Teachers of our Children & Youth, and as servants on various Ministry Teams.
- ✘ The Ministry of the ELCA's World Hunger Appeal, those whom they serve, and all who support their efforts to feed the poor.

For Our Nation and All Peoples Of Creation...

- ... Those who serve and lead in offices of government.
- ... Police Officers, Fire-Fighters, Healthcare Workers, and Military Personnel.
- ... The Homeless and the Hungry, and those who care for their needs.

We Rejoice In A Birth...

- ✘ A son, Luke Daniel, to Mark & Brooke Boyer, born February 28.

For Parishioners, Family Members & Friends In Special Need...

- ✘ Howard Atkinson, Aliza Baker, Ann Bittner, Becky Bortz, Floyd Cassidy, Harry Clark, Dorothy Egolf, Ruth Hoppe, Laura Morse, Rodney "Pete" Moser, Suella Pensinger, Peg Roadman, Waylon Robertson, Erle Sipe, Judy Smith, Carmena Stoney
- ✘ (3/4) ~ Jerry Rastatter (Leigh Ann Gronborg's father)
- ✘ (2/11) ~ Jean England (Lisa Baker's mother), Hans Gronborg (Jerry's father), Irene Holland (Jennifer Bailey's friend), Marian Lippert (Gretchen Fleischer's sister), Bonnie Schnably (Joe's cousin), Olga Zubak (Donna's mother-in-law)

For Those Who Have Died and Those Who Mourn...

Parkland High School Students and Staff: Alyssa, Martin, Nicholas, Aaron, Jaime, Christopher, Luke, Cara, Gina, Joaquin, Alaina, Meadow, Helena, Alex, Carmen, Peter, and (coach) Douglas (2/14)...

Helen Rodfong (2/26 Fran Leibfreid's friend), Donna Anderson (2/26 Janet Raines' aunt), Shirley Effler (2/26 Donna Zubak's aunt), Walter Carlin (2/18 Tom's father), Linda Mertens (2/15 Gretchen Fleischer's sister-in-law), Lucille Rastatter (2/14 Leigh Ann Gronborg's aunt), Mark Leibfreid (2/4), Edna Guenther (1/30 Pr Short's aunt), Nancy Fochtman (1/15 Tammy Crawford's aunt)

Worship Servers



Serving This Sunday ~ March 4

	<u>8:30 am</u>	<u>11:00 am</u>
Choir/Cantor	Anthem Choir	Autumn Creighton
Greeters	Wayne & Beth Hullihen	Wayne & Sue Prescott
Ushers	Bill & Mary Ann Martz David & Kristen Statler	Dan & Lois Boyer Ron & Michelle Plush
Acolytes	Dalton Crawford & Andrew Crawford	Emily Casalena & Robyn Casalena
Lector	Marlene Claycomb	Miriam Peck
Deacon	Kevin Rizzo	Mike Macchiarolo
Altar Guild	Faith Nelson & Rosie Leppert	LaDonna Snyder & Jessica Altman

Serving Next Sunday ~ March 11

	<u>8:30 am</u>	<u>11:00 am</u>
Choir/Cantor	Sara Poyner	Anthem Choir
Greeters	Dan & Juanita Kerr	Gordon & Carol Bowers
Ushers	Erick Seager, Greg Clapper, Don Replogle, & Christy Kidd	Brenda Foor, Cyndee Ford, & Eric & Bethany Nelson
Acolytes	Erick Seager & Allison Seager	Brayden Claycomb & Tyler Dunkle
Lector	Janet Raines	Linda McElroy
Deacon	Guy Mellott	Lori Dunkle
Altar Guild	Lisa Hagenbuch & Sara Snyder	Judy Smith & Barb Short

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March Offering Stewards:
Jennifer Bailey & Kevin Rizzo

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March Property Steward:
Don Replogle

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March Recycling Stewards:
Pr. David & Emily Weinhold

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