



*“He was with the wild beasts; and the angels waited on him.”
St. Mark 1:13*

FIRST SUNDAY IN LENT

February 18, 2024

Service of Holy Communion – 10:00 a.m.

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“Come, Celebrate with Us”

WELCOME TO WORSHIP

WELCOME, in the name of our Lord, Jesus Christ! To assist the office staff in serving you, **please sign the yellow Attendance & Communion Registration sheet included in the bulletin.** We also ask first time worshippers to sign the guest book on the table near the doors. Following worship, everyone is invited to the Fellowship Hall for refreshments.

Please direct all pastoral care concerns to Pastor, Rich Mueller at 914-388-2240.



Gathering

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

We face the font, remembering God's promise of forgiveness in baptism.

P: Blessed be the holy Trinity, ✚ one God, who writes the law on our hearts, who draws all people together through Jesus.

C: Amen.

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

Silence for reflection

P: Holy God,

C: 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.

P: 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.

C: Amen.

GATHERING HYMN

321, "Eternal Lord of Love, Behold Your Church"

1 E - ter - nal Lord of love, be - hold your church
 2 So dai - ly dy - ing to the way of self,
 3 If dead in you, so in you we a - rise,

walk - ing once more the pil - grim way of Lent,
 so dai - ly liv - ing in your way of love,
 you the first - born of all the faith - ful dead;

led by your cloud by day, by night your fire,
 we walk the road, Lord Je - sus, that you trod,
 and as through ston - y ground the green shoots break,

moved by your love and toward your pres - ence bent:
 know - ing our - selves bap - tized in - to your death:
 glo - rious in spring - time dress of leaf and flow'r,

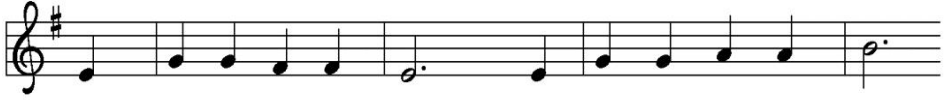
far off yet here— the goal of all de - sire.
 so we are dead and live with you in - God.
 so in - to life and glo - ry shall we wake.

GREETING

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

C: And also with you.

KYRIE



- 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

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

P: Let us pray.

Holy God, heavenly Father, in the waters of the flood you saved the chosen, and in the wilderness of temptation you protected your Son from sin. Renew us in the gift of baptism. May your holy angels be with us, that the wicked foe may have no power over us, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

Word

FIRST READING

Genesis 9:8-17

Today's reading is the conclusion to the flood story. Because of human sin, God destroys the earth by flood, saving only Noah, his family, and the animals on the ark. Yet divine destruction gives way to divine commitment. As in the first creation, God blesses humanity and establishes a covenant with all creatures.

⁸God said to Noah and to his sons with him, ⁹“As for me, I am establishing my covenant with you and your descendants after you, ¹⁰and with every living creature that is with you, the birds, the domestic animals, and every animal of the earth with you, as many as came out of the ark. ¹¹I establish

my covenant with you, that never again shall all flesh be cut off by the waters of a flood, and never again shall there be a flood to destroy the earth.”¹²God said, “This is the sign of the covenant that I make between me and you and every living creature that is with you, for all future generations: ¹³I have set my bow in the clouds, and it shall be a sign of the covenant between me and the earth. ¹⁴When I bring clouds over the earth and the bow is seen in the clouds, ¹⁵I will remember my covenant that is between me and you and every living creature of all flesh; and the waters shall never again become a flood to destroy all flesh. ¹⁶When the bow is in the clouds, I will see it and remember the everlasting covenant between God and every living creature of all flesh that is on the earth.” ¹⁷God said to Noah, “This is the sign of the covenant that I have established between me and all flesh that is on the earth.”

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

PSALM

Psalm 25:1-10

Your paths, O LORD, are steadfast love and faithfulness. (Ps. 25:10)

¹To ¹ you, O LORD,
I lift ¹ up my soul.

²**My God, I put my trust in you; let me not be ¹ put to shame,
nor let my enemies triumph ¹ over me.**

³Let none who look to you be ¹ put to shame;
rather let those be put to shame ¹ who are treacherous.

⁴**Show me your ¹ ways, O LORD,
and teach ¹ me your paths. R**

⁵Lead me in your ¹ truth and teach me,
for you are the God of my salvation; in you have I trusted all ¹ the day
long.

⁶**Remember, O LORD, your compas- ¹ sion and love,
for they are from ¹ everlasting.**

⁷Remember not the sins of my youth and ¹ my transgressions;
remember me according to your steadfast love and for the sake of
your good- ¹ ness, O LORD.

⁸**You are gracious and up- ¹ right, O LORD;
therefore you teach sinners ¹ in your way. R**

⁹You lead the low- ¹ ly in justice
and teach the low- ¹ ly your way.

¹⁰**All your paths, O LORD, are steadfast ¹ love and faithfulness
to those who keep your covenant and your ¹ testimonies. R**

SECOND READING

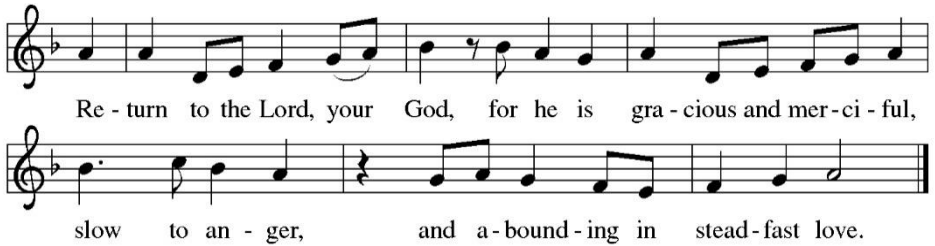
1 Peter 3:18-22

As God acted through Christ's suffering and death to bring us to God, so God acts through baptism to save us from a sinful existence. This spiritual cleansing marks our new life in Christ.

¹⁸Christ also suffered for sins once for all, the righteous for the unrighteous, in order to bring you to God. He was put to death in the flesh, but made alive in the spirit, ¹⁹in which also he went and made a proclamation to the spirits in prison, ²⁰who in former times did not obey, when God waited patiently in the days of Noah, during the building of the ark, in which a few, that is, eight persons, were saved through water. ²¹And baptism, which this prefigured, now saves you—not as a removal of dirt from the body, but as an appeal to God for a good conscience, through the resurrection of Jesus Christ, ²²who has gone into heaven and is at the right hand of God, with angels, authorities, and powers made subject to him.

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

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



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.

GOSPEL LESSON

Mark 1:9-15

The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark. **Glory to you, O Lord.**

The Spirit that comes upon Jesus at his baptism sustains him when he is tested by Satan so that he might proclaim the good news of God's reign.

⁹In those days Jesus came from Nazareth of Galilee and was baptized by John in the Jordan. ¹⁰And just as he was coming up out of the water, he saw the heavens torn apart and the Spirit descending like a dove on him. ¹¹And a voice came from heaven, “You are my Son, the Beloved; with you I am well pleased.”

¹²And the Spirit immediately drove him out into the wilderness. ¹³He was in the wilderness forty days, tempted by Satan; and he was with the wild beasts; and the angels waited on him.

¹⁴Now after John was arrested, Jesus came to Galilee, proclaiming the good news of God, ¹⁵and saying, “The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God has come near; repent, and believe in the good news.”

The Gospel of the Lord **Praise to you, O Christ.**

CHILDREN'S SERMON

Sandy Vontroba

HYMN OF THE DAY

922 (ACS), "When We Are Tested"



1 When we are test - ed and wres - tle a - lone,
 2 When in the des - ert we cry for re - lief,
 3 When we are tempt - ed to bar - ter our souls,
 4 When we have strug - gled and searched through the night,



fam - ished for bread when the world of - fers stone,
 plead - ing for paths marked by cer - tain be - lief,
 trad - ing the truth for the pow'r to con - trol,
 sort - ing and sift - ing the wrong from the right,



nour - ish us, God, by your word and your way,
 lift us to love you be - yond sign and test,
 teach us to wor - ship and praise on - ly you,
 Sav - ior, sur - round us with cir - cles of care,



food that sus - tains us by night and by day.
 trust - ing your pres - ence, our on - ly true rest.
 seek - ing your will in the work that we do.
 an - gels of heal - ing, of hope, and of prayer.

Text: Ruth Duck, b. 1947

Music: SLANE, Irish traditional

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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.**

THE PRAYERS *(Stand or kneel)*

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.

God our truth, the ark of your church has room for many expressions of faith. We give thanks for voices that challenge and awaken your people (*especially that of Martin Luther, renewer of the church, whom we commemorate today*). Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

God our maker, you remember your covenant with the earth and its inhabitants. Rescue communities and creatures hurting from natural disasters. Preserve species and habitats endangered by human carelessness and disregard. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

God our light, you know our weakness. Free all who govern from the temptations of power. Sustain all who work for human rights in every nation (*organizations may be named*). Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

God our help, you care for your beloved children. Comfort all who are grieving, ill, afraid, in pain, or in despair. Feed hungry people living in food deserts. Protect any at risk from exploitation and abuse. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

God our home, you gather your people. Grant us health and safety as we assemble. Keep us mindful of any who are homebound, hospitalized, convalescing, or traveling (*especially*). Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

Here other intercessions may be offered.

God our hope, you promise eternal life to your beloved children. We remember with gratitude those who have lived and died in faith. Grant that we may also dwell with you in everlasting peace. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

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

C: Amen

PEACE

P: The peace of the risen Christ be with you always.

C: And also with you.

We greet one another with a gesture of peace.

P: Peace be with you. **C:** And also with you.

Meal

OFFERING *An offering is gathered for the mission of the church, including the care of those in need. Your offering can be left in the baskets provided near the entrance of the sanctuary.*

OFFERTORY HYMN

186, "Create in Me a Clean Heart"

Cre - ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re - new a right
spir - it with - in me. Cast me not a - way from your pres - ence, and take
not your Ho - ly Spir - it from me. Re - store to me the joy of
your sal - va - tion, and up - hold me with your free Spir - it.

Music: Richard W. Hillert, b. 1923

Music © 1978 *Lutheran Book of Worship*, admin. Augsburg Fortress.

OFFERTORY PRAYER

A: 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.

C: Amen

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you. And al - so 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.

The presiding minister continues:

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise... *Here the minister continues with the preface for the day, concluding:* ... we praise your name and join their unending hymn.

HOLY, HOLY, HOLY

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, Lord God of pow'r 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.

The minister continues with the Words of Institution

Continue with the Lord's Prayer

C: Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.

COMMUNION

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

Christ is truly present in this sacrament. We trust the Word, "The body and blood of

Christ given and shed for you.” By Christ’s invitation, all baptized people of God are welcome to receive Christ’s gift of love and mercy. Cups are available to receive wine from the Worship Assistant’s pouring chalice. If grape juice is preferable, it is available in the tray the Acolyte carries.

Those not wishing to participate in Holy Communion may come forward and receive a blessing. Please notify the usher if you are unable to come forward, but wish to commune in your seat. Approach the altar from the center aisle and return to your seat by a side aisle.

LAMB OF GOD



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 HYMN [811, “On My Heart Imprint Your Image”](#)

(Congregation Sings)



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 - raise.



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. Strömme, 1856–1921, alt.
 Music: DER AM KRÉUZ, Johann B. König, 1691–1758

COMMUNION HYMN (2) [320, “The Glory of These Forty Days”](#)

(Congregation Sings)

1 The glo - ry of these for - ty days we cel - e -
 2 A - lone and fast - ing Mo - ses saw the lov - ing
 3 So Dan - iel trained his mys - tic sight, de - liv - ered
 4 Then grant, O God, that we may, too, re - turn in

brate with songs of praise; for Christ, through whom all
 God who gave the law; and to E - li - jah,
 from the li - ons' might; and John, the Bride - groom's
 fast and prayer to you. Our spir - its strength - en

things were made, him - self has fast - ed and has prayed.
 fast - ing, came the steeds and char - i - ots of flame.
 friend, be - came the her - ald of Mes - si - ah's name.
 with your grace, and give us joy to see your face.

Text: Latin hymn, 11th cent.; tr. Maurice F. Bell, 1862–1947, alt.
 Music: ERHALT UNS, HERR, J. Klug, *Geistliche Lieder*, 1543
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COMMUNION HYMN (3)

613, “Thy Holy Wings”

(Congregation Sings)

1 Thy ho - ly wings, O Sav - ior, spread gent - ly o - ver me,
 2 Oh, let me nes - tle near thee, with - in thy down - y breast
 3 Oh, wash me in the wa - ters of No - ah's cleans - ing flood.

and let me rest se - cure - ly through good and ill in thee.
 where I will find sweet com - fort and peace with - in thy nest.
 Give me a will - ing spir - it, a heart both clean and good.

Oh, be my strength and por - tion, my rock and hid - ing place,
 Oh, close thy wings a - round me and keep me safe - ly there,
 Oh, take in - to thy keep - ing thy chil - dren great and small,

and let my ev - 'ry mo - ment be lived with - in thy grace.
 for I am but a new - born and need thy ten - der care.
 and while we sweet - ly slum - ber, en - fold us one and all.

Text: Carolina Sandell Berg, 1832–1903, sts. 1, 3; Gracia Grindal, b. 1943, st. 2; tr. composite
 Music: BRED DINA VIDA VINGAR, Swedish folk tune; arr. hymnal version
 Text © 1983 Gracia Grindal, Selah Publishing Co., Inc., agent. www.selahpub.com.
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BLESSING

The presiding minister may say a table blessing.

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

C: Amen

The assisting minister leads the prayer after communion.

A: 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.

C: Amen.

Sending

ANNOUNCEMENTS

BLESSING

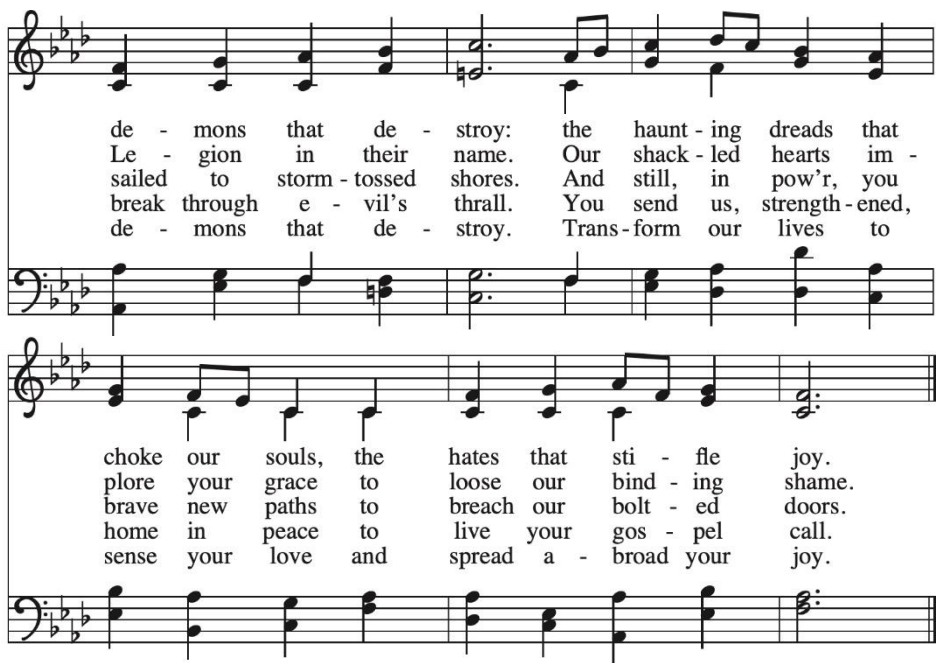
P: Beloved, we are God's own people, holy, washed, renewed. God bless you and keep you, shower you with mercy, fill you with courage, and ✚ give you peace.

C: Amen.

SENDING HYMN

1016 (ACS), "Cast Out, O Christ"

1 Cast out, O Christ, cast far a - way the
 2 Our rag - ing griefs, our jeal - ous fears are
 3 Once long a - go, from Gal - i - lee, you
 4 Your word breathes life and health and hope that
 5 So come, O Christ, and cast a - way the



de - mons that de - stroy: the haunt - ing dreads that
 Le - gion in their name. Our shack - led hearts im -
 sailed to storm - tossed shores. And still, in pow'r, you
 break through e - vil's thrall. You send us, strength - ened,
 de - mons that de - stroy. Trans - form our lives to

choke our souls, the hates that sti - fle joy.
 plore your grace to loose our bind - ing shame.
 brave new paths to breach our bolt - ed doors.
 home in peace to live your gos - pel call.
 sense your love and spread a - broad your joy.

Text: Mary Louise Bringle, b. 1953

Music: CONSOLATION, A. Davison, *Kentucky Harmony*, 1816; arr. Theodore A. Beck, 1929–2003

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DISMISSAL

A: Go in peace. Share your bread.

C: Thanks be to God.

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Children's Sunday School



Children's Sunday School will be held on Sundays **February 18th, 25th and March 3rd at 9:15 am**. Sunday School is for all children ages 4 thru 5th grade. During this Winter session, the children will be learning about prayer. The topics for each week will be:

Today – How to Pray

Sunday, February 25th – Different Types of Prayers

Sunday, March 3rd – The Lord's Prayer

If you have any questions, please contact Barbie Ramsland at 251-625-2421 or ramsland@mindspring.com.

Barbie Ramsland

HOLY TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH

Announcements for Sunday, February 18, 2024

TO KEEP IN YOUR DAILY PRAYERS: Those worshipping for the first time at Holy Trinity. Cancer/Illness: **Tammy Cain, Milissa Collins, David Durant, Jay Fassbender, Elsie Lamb, Dot Peterson, Sheila Ross, David Scott and Charles Sharp;** Those serving in military, firefighters & law enforcement including: **Marc Alverson, Daryl Bogle, Colter Burkey, Adam Cormier, Steve Duke, Shawn Ethington, Brent Massey, Jordan Miller, Christopher Mueller, Titus Nissen, Rich Peacock and Dylan Winslow;** Holy Trinity's Mission Partner: **Nativity Lutheran Church – Brandon, MS and Rev. Scott Landrum;** ELCA Leaders: **SE Synod Bishop Rev. Kevin Strickland, ELCA Presiding Bishop Elizabeth Eaton, Pastor Rich Mueller.**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Our stewardship last week: Attendance – 51 Offerings – \$3,605.00
Special Offering (Souper Bowl) for Prodissee Pantry - \$470.00

SCRIPTURE FEBRUARY 25TH: *Genesis 17:1-7, 15-16; Psalm 22:23-31; Romans 4:13-25; Mark 8:31-38*



Lunch Bunch will meet this **Tuesday, February 20th**, at **12:30pm** at **Café Acadiana** in **Silverhill**. A sign-up sheet is available in narthex. All are invited to join us for a meal and fellowship. The address is 16137 Silverhill Ave, Silverhill, AL 36576 Phone: (251) 945-2233

PLEASE NOTE THIS MONTH WE WILL MEET 1/2 HOUR LATER THAN USUAL.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS:

- Today** 9:15am Children's Sunday School
10:00am Service of Holy Communion
1:00pm – 5:00pm Cub Scouts, Boy Scouts, Girl Scout Pack Meetings
- Mon., Feb 19** Presidents' Day
4:30pm – 5:30pm Musical Beginnings: Piano Lessons in Sanctuary & Classroom
- Tues., Feb 20** 8:30am – 2:30pm Office Hours
12:30pm Lunch Bunch at Café Acadiana in Silverhill
3:00pm – 6:30pm Musical Beginnings: Voice Lessons in Sanctuary
- Wed., Feb 21** 8:30am – 2:30pm Office Hours
3:00pm – 5:00pm Musical Beginnings: (Piano, Drums & Violin) in Sanctuary, Fellowship Hall & Classroom 1
4:00pm – 5:30pm Yoga Class (Gathering Place)
5:00pm – 5:30pm Musical Beginnings: Piano Lessons in Sanctuary
5:30pm **Cancelled:** Prodisce Pantry
5:30pm Soup, Sandwich and Study
7:00pm Lenten Service
- Thur., Feb 22** 8:30am – 2:30pm Office Hours
4:30pm – 6:00pm Musical Beginnings: Music Lessons in Sanctuary & Fellowship Hall
- Fri., Feb 23** 4:00pm – 4:30pm Musical Beginnings: Piano Lessons in Sanctuary
- Sat., Feb 24** 8:00am Yoga Class (Gathering Place)
- Sun., Feb 25** 9:15am Children's Sunday School
10:00am Service of Holy Communion

Due to our Lenten worship schedule on Wednesday evenings, please note that we are **not** volunteering at **Prodisce Pantry in February or in March.**

Our Lenten Devotional Booklet from Luther Seminary, “**Lord Jesus, You Shall Be My Song**” is available as you leave today. Please pick up your copy from the table in the Narthex and use it in your daily prayers as a part of your Lenten Journey this year.

Calendar for Lent

“A HOLY LAMENT”

A Worship Series for Lent – 2024

Wednesday, February 21st – **“What Is Lament?”**
(Scripture – Lamentations 3:19-26)

Wednesday, February 28th – **“Little Laments”**
(Scripture – Psalm 42)

Wednesday, March 6th – **“Laments from the Depths”**
(Scripture – Psalm 88)

Wednesday, March 13th – **“Individual Lament”**
(Scripture – Psalm 13)

Wednesday, March 20th – **“Communal Lament”**
(Scripture – Psalm 44:1-10, 13, 17-26)

These opportunities for meditation during our Lenten Journey this year will begin at **7:00 pm** in the Sanctuary. They will be **preceded** by our Soup, Sandwich and Study beginning at **5:30 pm** in the Fellowship Hall. Plan now to be a part of this meaningful journey to the Cross and Empty Tomb of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

Overview

This series explores various kinds of lament found in scripture. Each week we will consider what it means to sit with our grief rather than try to push it aside. We will discover that many faithful believers have wrestled with grief, sorrow, and questions for God about why the innocent suffer. This series understands lament as one of the more faithful things we can do. When we approach God with honesty and humility, and we admit that some things are too big for our hearts to bear, we will find there not a disapproving God but one who weeps with us. We will find a God who can take our grief and disappointment and transform them into holy joy and renewed hope. We will learn, ultimately, that Jesus’ death on the cross—the place to which the season of Lent leads us—is the reason we never mourn as those without hope. — *Sundays and Seasons*

Assisting in Worship

Presiding Minister	Rev. Richard Mueller
Musicians	Craig Bruce: Keyboards Steve Horlebein: Guitar
Assisting Minister	Dave Kummer
Acolyte	Nic Bogle
Lector	Joan Micelli
Cantor	Debi Horlebein
Children's Sermon	Sandy Vontroba
Altar Guild	Linda Gregg
Greeters	Jerry Driskell
Usher	Kevin Burkey
Tellers	Kevin Burkey & Phyllis Buchholz
Camera Operator	Eric Veren
Hospitality	TBD



OPEN CAMERA & SCAN

PURPOSE STATEMENT

God's purpose for Holy Trinity is to grow faith that moves us beyond ourselves.

GUIDING PRINCIPLES:

1. Faithfully living with Christ at the center.
2. Prayerfully listening with open hearts and minds.
3. Selflessly welcoming all without preconceptions.
4. Courageously bearing our neighbor's burdens
5. Relating to one another with respect and honesty
6. Boldly sharing our blessings with other.

FEBRUARY 18, 2024
FIRST SUNDAY
IN LENT



Jesus brings the good news of God's reign.

DAILY BIBLE READINGS

These passages are related to the Lectionary texts for this Sunday.

Sunday	Mark 1:9-15	Temptation of Jesus
Monday	Genesis 9:8-17	God's promise to Noah
Tuesday	1 Peter 3:18-22	Suffering for doing right
Wednesday	Romans 14:13-23	Do not make someone stumble
Thursday	Psalms 16:5-11	Song of trust
Friday	James 3:13-18	Two kinds of wisdom
Saturday	Psalms 25:1-10	Prayer for guidance
Sunday	Mark 8:31-38	Jesus predicts his death

SCRIPTURE VERSE FOR THIS WEEK

Now after John was arrested, Jesus came to Galilee, proclaiming the good news of God, and saying, "The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God has come near; repent and believe in the good news."

Mark 1:14-15 (NRSV)

PRAYERS AND BLESSING

A Prayer for the Week:

Almighty God, you love what you have created; we thank you for your protection and that you come to bring us peace, joy, and love through Jesus Christ, your Beloved Son. Amen.

Mealtime Prayer:

Dear God, you remember the lowly and the hungry; we thank you for remembering us with your love and with this meal that gives us strength. Amen.

A Blessing to Give:

May the good news of Jesus give you joy.



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HYMN OF THE WEEK

*Jesus Calls Us; o'er
The Tumult*



WEEKLY MILESTONES

Take a moment to tell or think about a recent mountain high and/or valley low in your life.

CARING CONVERSATIONS



Discuss in your home, small group, or use for personal reflections:

- How would you survive in the wilderness?
- How would you describe God's reign to someone?

DEVOTIONS



Read: Mark 1:9-15.

It is easy to miss the power and drama of Jesus' message that now is the time for the kingdom of God. His message seems so brief. Yet, in Jesus, God's reign is taking on all other claims to power and glory. The arrest of John the Baptist calls attention to another kind of power, the kind that seeks to control and destroy. In a world ordered by inequalities, unfairness, and brutality, another power is needed that can take on such harmful ways. That power is seen in Jesus' ability to take on Satan's deceitful testing of him. We also see it in Jesus being protected from wild beasts that could otherwise cause harm. God's justice and mercy has always championed life, love, and peace. Jesus, the Beloved Son of God, now steps out of his baptismal waters with the power of God's Spirit and takes on all forms of evil and death. We are now called to join this kingdom by turning away from destructive powers and trusting this good and awesome news and kingdom that Jesus brings.

Discuss: How do you see God's kingdom in Jesus bringing you and the world good news?

Pray: **Merciful and loving God, give us courage to trust the power and presence of your reign of life, love, and peace through Jesus Christ, your Beloved Son, our Redeemer and Lord.**

Amen.

SERVICE



Jesus calls us to serve our neighbor in love. Based on the Daily Bible Readings and theme for this week, how can you bring Jesus' message of love and peace to others?

RITUALS AND TRADITIONS



The cross is an ancient symbol of the Christian faith. It reminds us Jesus died that we may live with God forever and is a reminder of a way of life for Jesus' followers. Lay out a purple cloth (the color for repentance and Lent) and place seven votive candles or battery-operated votive candles in the shape of a cross on the cloth. Light one of the candles this first week in Lent. Sit in silence for a moment while looking at the cross.

Then pray: **Dear God, we give you thanks for your steadfast love and goodness that forgives and renews us in Christ. Amen.**



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