



*“Just as Moses lifted up the serpent...so must the Son of Man be lifted up.”  
St. John 3:14*

## **FOURTH SUNDAY IN LENT**

*March 10, 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

## 848, "Give to Our God Immortal Praise!"

1 Give to our God im - mor - tal praise! Mer - cy and  
2 He sent his Son with pow'r to save from guilt and  
3 Give to the Lord of lords re - nown; the King of

truth are all his ways. Won - ders of grace to  
dark - ness and the grave. Won - ders of grace to  
kings with glo - ry crown. His mer - cies ev - er

God be - long; re - peat his mer - cies in your song.  
God be - long; re - peat his mer - cies in your song.  
shall en - dure when lords and kings are known no more!

The image shows a musical score for a hymn. It consists of three systems of music. Each system has a vocal line (treble clef) and a bass line (bass clef). The key signature is one sharp (F#) and the time signature is 4/4. The lyrics are printed below the vocal line. The first system contains the first three lines of the hymn. The second system contains the next three lines. The third system contains the final three lines. The music is written in a simple, hymn-like style with many chords and some melodic lines.

Text: Isaac Watts, 1674–1748

Music: DUKE STREET, attr. John Hatton, d. 1793

## 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.

The image shows the beginning of a musical score for the Kyrie. It consists of a single system of music with a vocal line (treble clef). The key signature is one sharp (F#) and the time signature is 4/4. The lyrics are printed below the vocal line. The music is written in a simple, hymn-like style with many chords and some melodic lines.



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.

O God, rich in mercy, by the humiliation of your Son you lifted up this fallen world and rescued us from the hopelessness of death. Lead us into your light, that all our deeds may reflect your love, 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

Numbers 21:4-9

*Though God provides food and water for the Israelites in the wilderness, they whine and grumble. They forget about the salvation they experienced in the exodus. God punishes them for their sin, but when they repent God also provides a means of healing: a bronze serpent lifted up on a pole.*

<sup>4</sup>From Mount Hor the Israelites set out by the way to the Red Sea, to go around the land of Edom; but the people became impatient on the way. <sup>5</sup>The people spoke against God and against Moses, "Why have you brought us up out of Egypt to die in the wilderness? For there is no food and no water, and we detest this miserable food." <sup>6</sup>Then the LORD sent poisonous serpents among the people, and they bit the people, so that many Israelites died. <sup>7</sup>The people came to Moses and said, "We have sinned by speaking against the LORD and against you; pray to the LORD to take away the serpents from us." So Moses prayed for the people. <sup>8</sup>And the LORD said to Moses, "Make a poisonous serpent, and set it on a pole; and everyone who is bitten shall look at it and live." <sup>9</sup>So Moses made a serpent of bronze, and put it upon a pole; and whenever a serpent bit someone, that person would look at the serpent of bronze and live.

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

### PSALM

Psalms 107:1-3, 17-22

*You deliver your people from their distress. (Ps. 107:19)*

<sup>1</sup>Give thanks to the LORD, for the <sup>1</sup> LORD is good,  
for God's mercy en- <sup>1</sup>dures forever.

<sup>2</sup>**Let the redeemed of the <sup>1</sup> LORD proclaim  
that God redeemed them from the hand <sup>1</sup> of the foe,**

<sup>3</sup>gathering them in <sup>1</sup> from the lands;

from the east and from the west, from the north and <sup>1</sup> from the south.

<sup>17</sup>**Some were fools and took re- <sup>1</sup> bellious paths;  
through their sins they <sup>1</sup> were afflicted.**

<sup>18</sup>They loathed all man- <sup>1</sup> ner of food  
and drew near <sup>1</sup> to death's door.

<sup>19</sup>**Then in their trouble they cried <sup>1</sup> to the LORD  
and you delivered them from <sup>1</sup> their distress. R**

<sup>20</sup>You sent forth your <sup>1</sup> word and healed them  
and rescued them <sup>1</sup> from the grave.

<sup>21</sup>**Let them give thanks to you, LORD, for your <sup>1</sup> steadfast love  
and your wonderful works <sup>1</sup> for all people.**

<sup>22</sup>Let them offer sacrifices <sup>1</sup> of thanksgiving  
and tell of your deeds with <sup>1</sup> shouts of joy. R

## SECOND READING

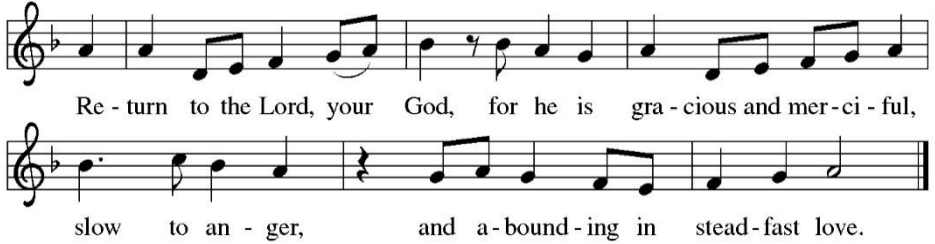
Ephesians 2:1-10

*While we were dead in our sinfulness, God acted to make us alive as a gift of grace in Christ Jesus. We are saved not by what we do but by grace through faith. Thus our good works are really a reflection of God's grace at work in our lives.*

<sup>1</sup>You were dead through the trespasses and sins <sup>2</sup>in which you once lived, following the course of this world, following the ruler of the power of the air, the spirit that is now at work among those who are disobedient. <sup>3</sup>All of us once lived among them in the passions of our flesh, following the desires of flesh and senses, and we were by nature children of wrath, like everyone else. <sup>4</sup>But God, who is rich in mercy, out of the great love with which he loved us <sup>5</sup>even when we were dead through our trespasses, made us alive together with Christ—by grace you have been saved—<sup>6</sup>and raised us up with him and seated us with him in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus, <sup>7</sup>so that in the ages to come he might show the immeasurable riches of his grace in kindness toward us in Christ Jesus. <sup>8</sup>For by grace you have been saved through faith, and this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God—<sup>9</sup>not the result of works, so that no one may boast. <sup>10</sup>For we are what he has made us, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand to be our way of life.

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

John 3:14-21

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

*To explain the salvation of God to the religious leader, Nicodemus, Jesus refers to the scripture passage quoted in today's first reading. Just as those who looked upon the bronze serpent were healed, so people will be saved when they behold Christ lifted up on the cross.*

Jesus said: <sup>14</sup>“Just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, <sup>15</sup>that whoever believes in him may have eternal life.

<sup>16</sup>“For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life.

<sup>17</sup>“Indeed, God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him. <sup>18</sup>Those who believe in him are not condemned; but those who do not believe are condemned already, because they have not believed in the name of the only Son of God. <sup>19</sup>And this is the judgment, that the light has come into the world, and people loved darkness rather than light because their deeds were evil. <sup>20</sup>For all who do evil hate the light and do not come to the light, so that their deeds may not be exposed. <sup>21</sup>But those who do what is true come to the light, so that it may be clearly seen that their deeds have been done in God.”

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

## CHILDREN'S SERMON

Linda Veren

## SERMON

Rev. Richard Mueller

## HYMN OF THE DAY

## 323, "God Loved the World"

1 God loved the world so that he gave his on - ly  
 2 Christ Je - sus is the ground of faith, who was made  
 3 If you are ill, if death draws near, this truth your  
 4 Be of good cheer, for God's own Son for - gives all  
 5 All glo - ry to the Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly

Son the lost to save, that all who would in  
 flesh and suf - fered death; all who con - fide in  
 trou - bled heart can cheer: Christ Je - sus res - cued  
 sins that you have done, and jus - ti - fied by  
 Spir - it, Three in One! To you, O bless - ed

him be - lieve should ev - er - last - ing life re - ceive.  
 Christ a - lone are built on this chief cor - ner - stone.  
 us from death; that is the firm - est ground of faith.  
 Je - sus' blood, your bap - tism grants the high - est god.  
 Trin - i - ty, be praise now and e - ter - nal - ly!

Text: *Gesangbuch*, Bollhagen, 1791; tr. August Crull, 1846–1923, alt.  
 Music: ROCKINGHAM ÖLD, Edward Miller, 1731–1807, adapt.

## 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.*

Gracious God, your love unites. Give vision to the global church and foster cooperation in mission. Increase inter-religious understanding and ecumenical dialog. Make your church a sanctuary for all fleeing persecution, disaster, and war (*areas in crisis may be named*). Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

Creating God, your love enlivens. Restore balance to the earth's fragile habitats. Preserve wilderness lands, rainforests, and wildlife. Cleanse oceans and rivers (*local water sources may be named*). Make us good stewards of the earth. Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

Righteous God, your love liberates. We give thanks for those who courageously witness to your liberating love (*especially Harriet Tubman and Sojourner Truth, renewers of society, whom we commemorate today*). Free all people from the evils of racism, religious strife, and hatred. Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

Merciful God, your love heals. Care tenderly for all whose loved ones perished from pandemic disease in every nation. Strengthen health care workers, first responders, and caregivers. Relieve all who live with chronic illness and pain. Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

Incarnate God, your love enlightens. Open our hearts and minds to fresh understandings of our faith. Deepen our love for you and for one another. Teach us to pray for our enemies. Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

*Here other intercessions may be offered.*



Abiding God, your love saves. Those who died in the faith are made alive in Christ. We give thanks for your promise that we also will be raised to newness of life. 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

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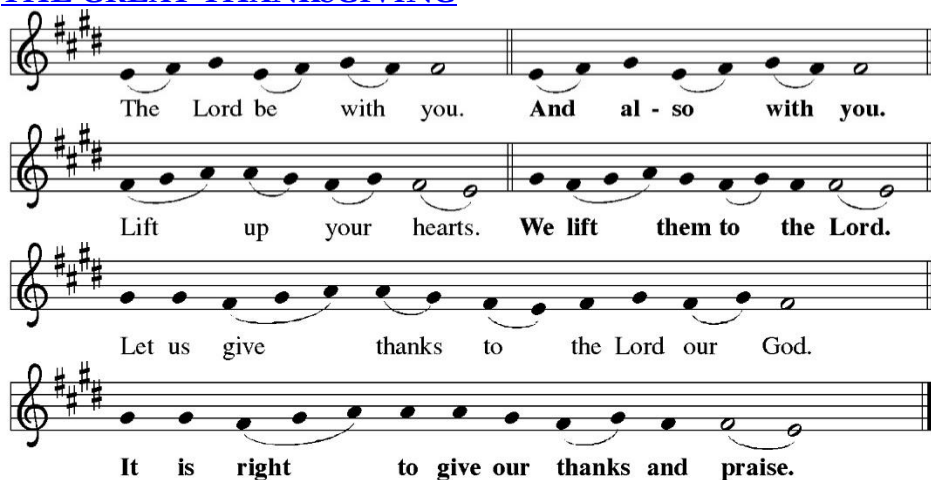
**OFFERTORY PRAYER**

*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

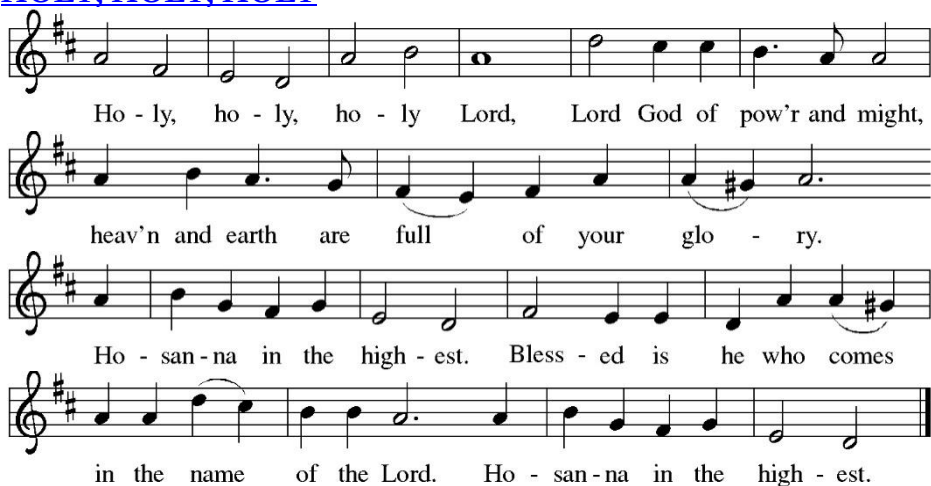


The Lord be with you. And al - so with you.  
Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.  
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.  
It is right to give our thanks and praise.

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

## COMMUNION HYMN (2) [771, “Jesus, Keep Me Near the Cross”](#)

*(Congregation Sings)*

1 Je - sus, keep me near the cross, there's a pre - cious foun - tain;  
 2 Near the cross, a trem - bling soul, love and mer - cy found me;  
 3 Near the cross! O Lamb of God, bring its scenes be - fore me;  
 4 Near the cross I'll watch and wait, hop - ing, trust - ing ev - er,

free to all, a heal - ing stream flows from Cal - v'ry's moun - tain.  
 there the bright and morn - ing star sheds its beams a - round me.  
 help me walk from day to day with its shad - ow o'er me.  
 till I reach the gold - en strand just be - yond the riv - er.

Refrain

In the cross, in the cross be my glo - ry ev - er;  
till my ran - somed soul shall find rest be - yond the riv - er.

Text: Fanny J. Crosby, 1820–1915  
 Music: NEAR THE CROSS, William H. Doane, 1832–1915

**COMMUNION HYMN (3)**  
*(Congregation Sings)*

**803, "When I Survey  
 the Wondrous Cross"**

1 When I sur - vey the won - drous cross on which the  
 2 For - bid it, Lord, that I should boast save in the  
 3 See, from his head, his hands, his feet, sor - row and  
 4 Were the whole realm of na - ture mine, that were a  
 prince of glo - ry died, my rich - est gain I  
 death of Christ, my God; all the vain things that  
 love flow min - gled down. Did e'er such love and  
 pres - ent far too small; love so a - maz - ing,

count but loss and pour con - tempt on all my pride.  
 charm me most, I sac - ri - fice them to his blood.  
 sor - row meet, or thorns com - pose so rich a crown?  
 so di - vine, de - mands my soul, my life, my all.

Text: Isaac Watts, 1674–1748  
 Music: HAMBURG, Lowell Mason, 1792–1872

## 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 [779, “Amazing Grace, How Sweet the Sound”](#)

1 A - maz - ing grace!— how sweet the sound— that  
 2 'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear, and  
 3 Through man - y dan - gers, toils, and snares I  
 4 The Lord has prom - ised good to me; his  
 5 When we've been there ten thousand years, bright

saved a wretch like me! I once was lost, but  
 grace my fears re - lieved; how pre - cious did that  
 have al - read - y come; 'tis grace has brought me  
 word my hope se - cures; he will my shield and  
 shin - ing as the sun, we've no less shield days to

now am found; was blind, but now I see.  
 grace ap - pear the hour, I first be - lieved!  
 safe thus far, and grace will lead me home.  
 por - tion be as long as life en - dures.  
 sing God's praise than when we'd first be - gun.

Text: John Newton, 1725–1807, alt., sts. 1–4; anonymous, st. 5

Music: NEW BRITAIN, W. Walker, *Southern Harmony*, 1835; arr. Edwin O. Excell, 1851–1921, alt.

## DISMISSAL

**A:** Go in peace. Share your bread.

**C:** Thanks be to God.

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# Calendar for Lent

## “A HOLY LAMENT”

### A Worship Series for Lent – 2024

Wednesday, March 13<sup>th</sup> – **“Individual Lament”**

(Scripture – Psalm 13)

Wednesday, March 20<sup>th</sup> – **“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.

# HOLY TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH

## Announcements for Sunday, March 10, 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, Brittany Dyche Harvey, 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: **New Hope Lutheran Church – Sallis MS;** ELCA Leaders: **SE Synod Bishop Rev. Kevin Strickland, ELCA Presiding Bishop Elizabeth Eaton, Pastor Rich Mueller.**

### ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Our stewardship last week:** Attendance – 49 Offerings – \$4,354.00

**SCRIPTURE MARCH 17<sup>TH</sup>:** *Jeremiah 31:31-34; Psalm 51:1-12; Hebrews 5:5-10; John 12:20-33*

#### BIRTHDAYS

Audrey Veren 03/15

#### ANNIVERSARIES

Joan & Richard Micelli  
03/14/2006 18 yrs

**Phoebe Circle Update:** Due to several schedule conflicts, there will be no March meeting. We will meet **April 9<sup>th</sup>** (Tuesday evening) at Linda Veren's home: 123 Petz Ave in Fairhope. Please RSVP Linda at 256-468-3885 or [tigerjagmom@gmail.com](mailto:tigerjagmom@gmail.com).

### SIGN-UP SHEETS!

We have an abundance of Sign-up sheets in the Narthex for a variety of upcoming events including Easter Flowers, Breakfast and Egg Hunt. Also, Lunch Bunch and the Kiwanis Club Best of the Bay fund raiser. Sign up early, sign up often to indicate your desire to participate in these fellowship and service opportunities.



## CALENDAR OF EVENTS:

- Today** 10:00am Service of Holy Communion
- Mon., Mar 11** 4:30pm – 5:30pm Musical Beginnings: Piano Lessons in Sanctuary & Classroom  
5:30pm – 9:30pm Women's Volunteer Group of Baldwin County ((Gathering Place)
- Tues., Mar 12** 8:30am – 2:30pm Office Hours  
9:30am WELCA: Sojourners Circle (Gathering Place)  
3:00pm – 6:30pm Musical Beginnings: Voice Lessons in Sanctuary  
5:30pm Church Council (Gathering Place)
- Wed., Mar 13** 8:30am – 2:30pm Office Hours  
3:00pm – 5:00pm Musical Beginnings: (Piano, Drums & Violin) in Sanctury, Fellowship Hall & Classroom 1  
4:00pm – 5:30pm Yoga Class (Gathering Place)  
5:00pm – 5:30pm Musical Beginnings: Piano Lessons in Sanctuary  
5:30pm Soup, Sandwich and Study  
7:00pm Lenten Service
- Thur., Mar 14** 8:30am – 2:30pm Office Hours  
4:30pm – 6:00pm Musical Beginnings: Music Lessons in Sanctuary & Fellowship Hall
- Fri., Mar 15** 4:00pm – 4:30pm Musical Beginnings: Piano Lessons in Sanctuary
- Sat., Mar 16** 8:00am Yoga Class (Gathering Place)
- Sun., Mar 17**  St. Patrick's Day   
10:00am Service of Holy Communion  
1:00pm – 5:00pm Cub Scouts, Boy Scouts, Girl Scout Pack Meetings

## Snacks 4 Students

Our outreach project for the month of March is to continue replenishing snacks for students among Baldwin County Schools. Numerous school's pantries are totally depleted. If you would like to donate individually wrapped, single serving, healthy snacks, please place them on the table just outside our church office. At the end of the month, they will be distributed to another local schools in need. Thank you.

# "THE GREAT AND HOLY WEEK"

## 2024

### SUNDAY OF THE PASSION – Palm Sunday

Procession with Palms – Passion of our Lord according to  
St. Mark – Holy Communion

**Sunday, March 24<sup>th</sup>, 2024 – 10:00 am**



### MAUNDY THURSDAY

Service of Holy Communion with the Washing of Feet  
and Stripping of the Altar

**Thursday, March 28<sup>th</sup>, 2024 – 7:00 pm**



### Good Friday Liturgy

Passion of our Lord according to St. John  
Seven Last Words – Adoration of the Cross

**Friday, March 29<sup>th</sup>, 2024 – 7:00 pm**



# Easter Sunday Schedule

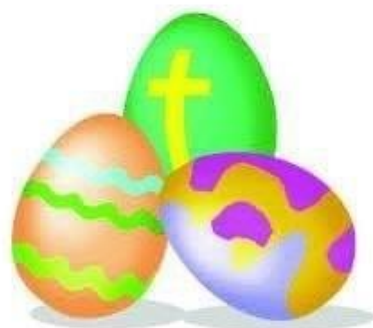
## Sunday, March 31st



**Breakfast**  
**8:00 am**



**Worship with**  
**Holy Communion**  
**10:00 am**



**Easter Egg Hunt**  
**Following**  
**Worship**

# Assisting in Worship

<b>Presiding Minister</b>	Rev. Richard Mueller
<b>Musicians</b>	Craig Bruce: Keyboards Steve Horlebein: Guitar
<b>Assisting Minister</b>	Cyndi Howell
<b>Acolyte</b>	Emily Cormier
<b>Lector</b>	Sandy Vontroba
<b>Cantor</b>	Debi Horlebein
<b>Children's Sermon</b>	Linda Veren
<b>Altar Guild</b>	Linda Gregg
<b>Greeters</b>	Phyllis Buchholz
<b>Usher</b>	Dave Howell
<b>Tellers</b>	Dave Howell & Jeff Ramsland
<b>Camera Operator</b>	Andy Veren
<b>Hospitality</b>	Younkins



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## **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.

**MARCH 10, 2024  
FOURTH SUNDAY  
IN LENT**



*God is rich in mercy.*

### **DAILY BIBLE READINGS**

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

<b>Sunday</b>	<b>John 3:14-21</b>	<b>God so loved the world</b>
<b>Monday</b>	<b>Numbers 21:4-9</b>	<b>The serpent of bronze</b>
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>Ephesians 2:1-10</b>	<b>Faith is a gift from God</b>
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>Romans 9:6-18</b>	<b>God's choice of Israel</b>
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>Isaiah 30:18-22</b>	<b>God's promise to Zion</b>
<b>Friday</b>	<b>Titus 3:1-8</b>	<b>Maintain good deeds</b>
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>Psalms 107:1-3, 17-22</b>	<b>Thanksgiving for deliverance</b>
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>John 12:20-33</b>	<b>The hour has come</b>

### **SCRIPTURE VERSE FOR THIS WEEK**

*But God, who is rich in mercy, out of the great love with which he loved us even when we were dead through our trespasses, made us alive together with Christ—by grace you have been saved.*

**Ephesians 2:4-5 (NRSV)**

### **PRAYERS AND BLESSING**

#### **A Prayer for the Week:**

God of mercy, your love for us is more than we deserve but all that we need and want through Jesus Christ, your Son who came to give us eternal life. Amen.

#### **Mealtime Prayer:**

Dear God, your kindness to us is everlasting; we thank you for your daily love for us that includes this gift of food. In Jesus' name we pray, amen.

#### **A Blessing to Give:**

May the mercy of God be your everlasting joy.



**MARCH 10, 2024**

## **HYMN OF THE WEEK**

*There's a Wideness in  
God's Mercy*



## **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:

- When is a time you needed to ask for help with something because you could not do it alone?
- A relationship with God is a gift that only God can give us. How is this a challenge to our desire to control our own destiny?

## **DEVOTIONS**



*Read:* Ephesians 2:1-10.

These verses are packed with powerful themes, some of which pose a challenge to make-it-on-your-own individualism and flawed self-confidence. Ephesians points out that 1) we were spiritually dead because of our brokenness, 2) our misguided passions for pleasure lead us away from God, 3) only God's mercy, grace, and love can intervene to renew our lives in Christ, and 4) God's intervention gives us a new and God-focused passion to do good works, not to earn anything but to simply live as we were created to be. Once we get beyond a sense of making it on our own in life—including making it spiritually with God—we are set free to experience lives that *"God prepared beforehand to be our way of life"* (v. 10). God's nature is love and mercy. In the language of Psalm 107:1, God is good and God's *"steadfast love endures forever."* Similarly, Ephesians 2:8 summarizes much of our biblical faith: *"For by grace you have been saved through faith, and this is not your own doing, it is the gift of God."*

*Discuss:* How does God's mercy and grace make a difference in your daily life?

*Pray:* **Almighty and merciful God, we thank you for your love that never ceases to reach out to us with your saving grace through Jesus Christ. 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 show love and mercy to someone who is hurting?

## **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. Light four candles of the seven votive candles shaped like a cross being used for Lent. Sit in silence for a moment while looking at the cross.

*Then pray:* **Merciful God, we thank you for your love for us that calls us out of darkness and into the light of Christ so that we may not perish but have eternal life. Amen.** (John 3:16)



In addition to *Taking Faith Home*, celebrate milestones in your daily life as an effective faith formation tool. Go to: [www.milestonesministry.org](http://www.milestonesministry.org)



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A sign-up sheet is in the narthex