



*“Making a whip of cords, he drove all of them out of the temple.”  
St. John 2:15*

## **THIRD SUNDAY IN LENT**

*March 3, 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

## 324, "In the Cross of Christ I Glory"



1 In the cross of Christ I glo - ry, tow'r - ing  
2 When the woes of life o'er - take me, hopes de -  
3 When the sun of bliss is beam - ing, light and  
4 Bane and bless - ing, pain and plea - sure, by the



o'er the wrecks of time. All the light of  
ceive, and fears an - noy, nev - er shall the  
love up - on my way, from the cross the  
cross are sanc - ti - fied; peace is there that



sa - cred sto - ry gath - ers round its head sub - lime.  
cross for - sake me; lo, it glows with peace and joy.  
ra - diance stream - ing adds more lus - ter to the day.  
knows no mea - sure, joys that through all time a - bide.



Text: John Bowring, 1792-1872

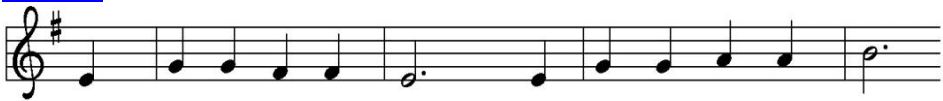
Music: RATHBUN, Ithamar Conkey, 1815-1867

## 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, through your Son you have called us to live faithfully and act courageously. Keep us steadfast in your covenant of grace, and teach us the wisdom that comes only 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

Exodus 20:1-17

*After escaping from slavery, the Israelites come to Mount Sinai, where God teaches them how to live in community. The Ten Commandments proclaim that God alone is worthy of worship. Flowing from God, the life of the community flourishes when based on honesty, trust, fidelity, and respect for life, family, and property.*

<sup>1</sup>God spoke all these words:

<sup>2</sup>I am the LORD your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery; <sup>3</sup>you shall have no other gods before me.

<sup>4</sup>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. <sup>5</sup>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, <sup>6</sup>but showing steadfast love to the thousandth generation of those who love me and keep my commandments.

<sup>7</sup>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.

<sup>8</sup>Remember the sabbath day, and keep it holy. <sup>9</sup>Six days you shall labor and do all your work. <sup>10</sup>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. <sup>11</sup>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.

<sup>12</sup>Honor your father and your mother, so that your days may be long in the land that the LORD your God is giving you.

<sup>13</sup>You shall not murder.

<sup>14</sup>You shall not commit adultery.

<sup>15</sup>You shall not steal.

<sup>16</sup>You shall not bear false witness against your neighbor.

<sup>17</sup>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.

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

## PSALM

Psalm 19

*The commandment of the LORD gives light to the eyes. (Ps. 19:8)*

<sup>1</sup>The heavens declare the glo-<sup>1</sup>ry of God,  
and the sky proclaims its<sup>1</sup> maker's handiwork.

**<sup>2</sup>One day tells its tale<sup>1</sup> to another,  
and one night imparts knowledge<sup>1</sup> to another.**

<sup>3</sup>Although they have no<sup>1</sup> words or language,  
and their voices<sup>1</sup> are not heard,

**<sup>4</sup>their sound has gone out into all lands, and their message to the  
ends<sup>1</sup> of the world,**

**where God has pitched a tent<sup>1</sup> for the sun.**

<sup>5</sup>It comes forth like a bridegroom out<sup>1</sup> of his chamber;  
it rejoices like a champion to<sup>1</sup> run its course.

**<sup>6</sup>It goes forth from the uttermost edge of the heavens and runs  
about to the end of<sup>1</sup> it again;**

**nothing is hidden from its<sup>1</sup> burning heat. R**

<sup>7</sup>The teaching of the LORD is perfect and re-<sup>1</sup>vives the soul;  
the testimony of the LORD is sure and gives wisdom to<sup>1</sup> the simple.

**<sup>8</sup>The statutes of the LORD are just and re-<sup>1</sup>joice the heart;  
the commandment of the LORD is clear and gives light<sup>1</sup> to the**

**eyes.**

<sup>9</sup>The fear of the LORD is clean and en-<sup>1</sup>dures forever;  
the judgments of the LORD are true and righteous<sup>1</sup> altogether.

**<sup>10</sup>More to be desired are they than gold, more than<sup>1</sup> much fine  
gold,**

**sweeter far than honey, than honey<sup>1</sup> in the comb. R**

<sup>11</sup>By them also is your ser-<sup>1</sup>vant enlightened,  
and in keeping them there is<sup>1</sup> great reward.

**<sup>12</sup>Who can detect one's<sup>1</sup> own offenses?**

**Cleanse me from my <sup>1</sup> secret faults.**

<sup>13</sup>Above all, keep your servant from presumptuous sins; let them not get dominion <sup>1</sup> over me;

then shall I be whole and sound, and innocent of a <sup>1</sup> great offense.

<sup>14</sup>**Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be acceptable <sup>1</sup> in your sight,**

**O LORD, my strength and <sup>1</sup> my redeemer. R**

## **SECOND READING**

1 Corinthians 1:18-25

*The word of the cross is pure foolishness and nonsense to the world because it claims that God is mostly revealed in weakness, humiliation, and death. But through such divine foolishness and weakness, God is working to save us. The center of Paul's preaching is Christ crucified.*


<sup>18</sup>The message about the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God. <sup>19</sup>For it is written,

“I will destroy the wisdom of the wise,  
and the discernment of the discerning I will thwart.”

<sup>20</sup>Where is the one who is wise? Where is the scribe? Where is the debater of this age? Has not God made foolish the wisdom of the world? <sup>21</sup>For since, in the wisdom of God, the world did not know God through wisdom, God decided, through the foolishness of our proclamation, to save those who believe. <sup>22</sup>For Jews demand signs and Greeks desire wisdom, <sup>23</sup>but we proclaim Christ crucified, a stumbling block to Jews and foolishness to Gentiles, <sup>24</sup>but to those who are the called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God. <sup>25</sup>For God's foolishness is wiser than human wisdom, and God's weakness is stronger than human strength.

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 2:13-22

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

*Jesus attacks the commercialization of religion by driving merchants out of the temple. When challenged, he responds mysteriously, with the first prediction of his own death and resurrection. In the midst of a seemingly stable religious center, Jesus suggests that the center itself has changed.*

<sup>13</sup>The Passover of the Jews was near, and Jesus went up to Jerusalem. <sup>14</sup>In the temple he found people selling cattle, sheep, and doves, and the money changers seated at their tables. <sup>15</sup>Making a whip of cords, he drove all of them out of the temple, both the sheep and the cattle. He also poured out the coins of the money changers and overturned their tables. <sup>16</sup>He told those who were selling the doves, "Take these things out of here! Stop making my Father's house a marketplace!" <sup>17</sup>His disciples remembered that it was written, "Zeal for your house will consume me." <sup>18</sup>The Jews then said to him, "What sign can you show us for doing this?" <sup>19</sup>Jesus answered them, "Destroy this temple, and in three days I will raise it up." <sup>20</sup>The Jews then said, "This temple has been under construction for forty-six years, and will you raise it up in three days?" <sup>21</sup>But he was speaking of the temple of his body. <sup>22</sup>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.

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

## CHILDREN'S SERMON

Pam Burkey

## SERMON

Rev. Richard Mueller

## HYMN OF THE DAY

[723, "Canticle of the Turning"](#)



1 My soul cries out with a joy - ful shout that the  
 2 Though I am small, my . . . God, my all, you . . .  
 3 From the halls of pow'r to the for - tress tow'r, not a  
 4 Though the na - tions rage from . . age to age, we re -



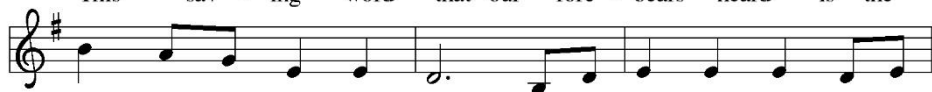
God of my heart is great, and my spir - it sings of the  
 work great . . things in me, and your mer - cy will last from the  
 stone will be left on stone. Let the king be - ware for your  
 mem - ber who holds us fast: God's mer - cy must de -



won - drous things that you bring to the ones who wait.  
 depths of the past to the end of the age to be.  
 jus - tice tears ev - 'ry ty - rant . . . from his throne.  
 liv - er us from the con - quer - or's crush - ing grasp.



You fixed your sight on your ser - vant's plight, and my  
 Your ver - y name puts the proud to shame, and to  
 The hun - gry poor shall . . . weep no more, for the  
 This sav - ing word that our fore - bears heard is the



weak - ness you did not spurn, so from east to west shall my  
 those who would for you yearn, you will show your might, put the  
 food they can nev - er earn; there are ta - bles spread, ev - 'ry  
 prom - ise which holds us bound, till the spear and rod can be

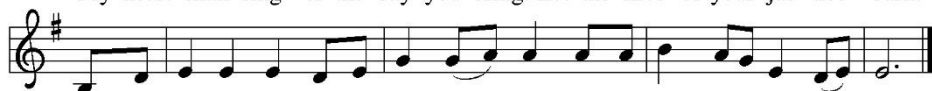


name be blest. Could the world be a - bout to turn?  
 strong to flight, for the world is a - bout to turn.  
 mouth be fed, for the world is a - bout to turn.  
 crushed by God, who is turn - ing the world a - round.

*Refrain*



My heart shall sing of the day you bring. Let the fires of your jus - tice burn.



Wipe a - way all tears, for the dawn draws near, and the world is a - bout to turn.

Text: Rory Cooney, b. 1952, based on the Magnificat  
 Music: STAR OF COUNTY DOWN, 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.*

You alone are God. We thank you for the gift of sabbath rest. Awaken the church to the mystery of your presence and give us glad hearts as we receive the good news of your deliverance. Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

You renew creation. Drive out those who would make the earth a marketplace. Protect rainforests, mountaintops, oceans, and wilderness areas from commercial exploitation. Unite nations, policymakers, and businesses in efforts to reduce carbon emissions. Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

You judge the nations. We pray for an end to war and strife in every land (*regions in conflict may be named*). Strengthen international efforts to negotiate peace and provide humanitarian aid to people fleeing from conflict. Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

You bring healing and hope. We give thanks for physicians, nurses, researchers, therapists, and public health workers who prevent and treat illness. We pray for any who are sick (*especially*). Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

You abide with your people. Sustain any in this community undergoing life transitions: marriage, divorce, childbirth, adoption, moving, graduation, employment change, or a death in the family (*especially*). We pray for those preparing for baptism. Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

*Here other intercessions may be offered.*

You bring life from death. We remember our loved ones who have died, confident that they have new life in you. May we trust that nothing can separate us from your love. 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, “God, Who Stretched the Spangled Heavens”

*(Congregation Sings)*

- 1 God, who stretched the span - gled heav - ens in - fi - nite in time and place,
- 2 We have ven - tured worlds un - dreamed of since the child-hood of our race;
- 3 As each far ho - ri - zon beck - ons, may it chal-lenge us a - new:

flung the suns in burn-ing ra - diance through the si - lent fields of space;  
 known the ec - sta - sy of wing-ing through un - trav-eled realms of space;  
 chil - dren of cre - a - tive pur - pose, serv - ing oth - ers, hon - 'ring you.

we, your chil - dren in your like-ness, share in - ven - tive pow'rs with you;  
 probed the se - crets of the at - om, yield-ing un - i - mag - ined pow'r,  
 May our dreams prove rich with prom-ise; each en-deav-or well be - gun;

great Cre - a - tor, still cre - at - ing, show us what we yet may do.  
 fac - ing us with life's de - struc - tion or our most tri - um - phant hour.  
 great Cre - a - tor, give us guid - ance till our goals and yours are one.

Text: Catherine Cameron, b. 1927

Music: HOLY MANNA, W. Walker, *Southern Harmony*, 1835

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## COMMUNION HYMN (3)

## 772, "Oh, That the Lord Would Guide My Ways"

(Congregation Sings)

1 Oh, that the Lord would guide my ways to keep his stat - utes still!  
2 Or - der my foot - steps by your word and make my heart sin - cere;  
3 As - sist my soul, too apt to stray, a strict - er watch to keep;  
4 Make me to walk in your com - mands, 'tis a de - light - ful road;

Oh, that my God would grant me grace to know and do his will!  
let sin have no do - min - ion, Lord, but keep my con - science clear.  
and should I e'er for - get your way, re - store your wan - d'ring sheep.  
nor let my head or heart or hands of - fend a - gainst my God.

Text: Isaac Watts, 1674–1748, alt.  
Music: EVAN, William H. Havergal, 1793–1870

## 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

# 832, "My Lord of Light"

1 My Lord of light who made the worlds, in wis - dom you have spo - ken;  
2 My Lord of love who knew no sin, a sin - ner's death en - dur - ing;  
3 My Lord of life who came in fire when Christ was high as - cend - ed:  
4 My Lord of lords, one Trin - i - ty, to your pure name be giv - en

but those who heard your wise com - mands your ho - ly law have bro - ken.  
for us you wore a crown of thorns, a crown of life se - cur - ing.  
your burn - ing love is now re - leased, our days of fear are end - ed.  
all glo - ry now and ev - er - more, all praise in earth and heav - en.

Text: Christopher Idle, b. 1938

Music: BARBARA ALLEN, English folk tune; arr. Alice Parker, b. 1925

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## DISMISSAL

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

*C:* Thanks be to God.

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## Daylight Savings Time Starts Saturday Night!

Practice the "Spring Forward" drill on **Saturday evening, March 9th ...**

Everybody loses an hour of sleep!





# HOLY TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH

Announcements for Sunday, March 3, 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 – 55 Offerings – \$2,835.00

**SCRIPTURE MARCH 10<sup>TH</sup>:** *Numbers 21:4-9; Psalm 107:1-3, 17-22; Ephesians 2:1-10; John 3:14-21*

 **BIRTHDAYS** 

Christina Montez 03/03

 **Children's Sunday School** 

Our winter session of Children's Sunday School will wrap up today, **March 3rd at 9:15 am.** Sunday School is for all children ages 4 thru 5<sup>th</sup> grade. The children have been learning about prayer. The final topic for today will be **The Lord's Prayer.** Thanks to **Barbie Ramsland** and the others who helped lead this important ministry.



**Easter Lilies:** If you would like to purchase Easter lilies, there is a sign-up sheet in the narthex. Despite inflation, the price remains at \$10 per lily. The **deadline** to sign-up is Palm Sunday, **March 24<sup>th</sup>.**



## 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., Mar 4** 4:30pm – 5:30pm Musical Beginnings: Piano Lessons in Sanctuary & Classroom
- Tues., Mar 5** 8:30am – 2:30pm Office Hours  
3:00pm – 6:30pm Musical Beginnings: Voice Lessons in Sanctuary  
5:30pm Church Council Executive Meeting
- Wed., Mar 6** 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 Soup, Sandwich and Study  
7:00pm Lenten Service
- Thur., Mar 7** 8:30am – 2:30pm Office Hours  
11:00am Worship & Music Committee Meeting  
4:30pm – 6:00pm Musical Beginnings: Music Lessons in Sanctuary & Fellowship Hall
- Fri., Mar 8** 4:00pm – 4:30pm Musical Beginnings: Piano Lessons in Sanctuary
- Sat., Mar 9** 8:00am Yoga Class (Gathering Place)
- Sun., Mar 10** 2:00am **Return to Daylight Savings**  
10:00am Service of Holy Communion

There is a sign-up sheet in the Narthex for the **“Best of the Bay”** Kiwanis Club fund raiser on Thursday, March 21<sup>st</sup>, at the Daphne Civic Center. If you are interested in attending, please see the flyer printed in this Bulletin. If you have any questions, speak to Pastor. He has tickets for this event.

# Calendar for Lent

## “A HOLY LAMENT”

### A Worship Series for Lent – 2024

Wednesday, March 6<sup>th</sup> – *“Laments from the Depths”*

(Scripture – Psalm 88)

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.



**Snacks 4 Students:** Our outreach project for the month is 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 snacks, please place them on the table just outside our church office. Sometime during the month of March, they will be distributed to our local schools in need. Thank you.

## Easter Bags for Elderly

Outreach for March will also pursue collecting items for **Easter bags** that will be packed and distributed to the residents at **The Brennity in Daphne**. We are looking to collect **45 large print puzzle books and 45 lip balms** (chapstick type). If you’d like to help we are collecting these items up until **Friday, March 22nd**. We will also **accept monetary donations** to help supply the bags and other items that will fill the bags. If you’d like to help with purchasing the goodies, put the bags together and/or distribute them to The Brennity please contact Tiffany Bogle (251-622-7273 or [tiff.bogle@att.net](mailto:tiff.bogle@att.net).) We would like to have them complete and **handed out by Saturday, March 23rd**.

# Assisting in Worship

<b>Presiding Minister</b>	Rev. Richard Mueller
<b>Musicians</b>	Craig Bruce: Keyboards Steve Horlebein: Guitar
<b>Assisting Minister</b>	Toni Fassbender
<b>Acolyte</b>	Cyndi Howell
<b>Lector</b>	David Kummer
<b>Cantor</b>	Phyllis Buchholz
<b>Children's Sermon</b>	Pam Burkey
<b>Altar Guild</b>	Judi Luken
<b>Greeters</b>	Jerry Driskell
<b>Usher</b>	Fred Fassbender
<b>Tellers</b>	Fred Fassbender & Jerry Driskell
<b>Camera Operator</b>	Eric Veren
<b>Hospitality</b>	TBD



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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 3, 2024**  
**THIRD SUNDAY**  
**IN LENT**



*Worship the Lord wherever you are.*

### DAILY BIBLE READINGS

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

<b>Sunday</b>	<b>John 2:13-22</b>	<b>Jesus cleanses the temple</b>
<b>Monday</b>	<b>Exodus 20:1-17</b>	<b>The Ten Commandments</b>
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>1 Corinthians 1:18-25</b>	<b>Christ crucified</b>
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>Proverbs 24:3-4</b>	<b>Seek wisdom</b>
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>Joshua 24:14-18</b>	<b>The tribes renew the covenant</b>
<b>Friday</b>	<b>2 Samuel 7:18-29</b>	<b>David's prayer</b>
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>Psalms 19</b>	<b>God is creator and gives the law</b>
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>John 3:14-21</b>	<b>God so loved the world</b>

### SCRIPTURE VERSE FOR THIS WEEK

*The Jews then said, "This temple has been under construction for forty-six years, and you will raise it up in three days?" But he [Jesus] was speaking of the temple of his body. **John 2:20-21 (NRSV)***

### PRAYERS AND BLESSING

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

Creator God, help us to give you our worship and praise wherever we are for the sake of Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord who came that we may be set free. Amen.

#### **Mealtime Prayer:**

Dear God, with the sun, moon, and stars, we give you thanks for your creative work, including this gift of food. Amen. (Psalm 19:1)

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

May you worship the risen Lord with gladness.



**MARCH 3, 2024**

## **HYMN OF THE WEEK**

*All Are Welcome*



## **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:

- Where do you like to worship God?
- Jesus said that his body is the real temple. What does that mean for how and where we worship?

## **DEVOTIONS**



*Read:* John 2:1-22.

Jesus goes from turning water into an abundance of wine at a wedding to arriving in Jerusalem and announcing his uncompromising judgment in the temple. Both images of Jesus are critical to the Gospel of John. Jesus opposes the buying and selling happening in the temple at the expense of honoring “my Father’s house” (v. 16). The “sign” or authority he gives for his forceful actions is that his body is the real temple. Jesus, as the word made flesh (John 1:14), embodies the very presence of God and, therefore, Jesus becomes the centerpiece for our worship. To the Samaritan woman Jesus says, “you will worship the Father neither on this mountain nor in Jerusalem” (John 4:21). During the COVID pandemic Christians could not gather in person. We began to realize we need not worship only in a sanctuary. The phrase used was “the church has left the building,” noting that we can still worship God outside of sanctuaries. The same message is in John, and it is not new. We can worship wherever we are.

*Discuss:* Besides a church building, where have you worshiped Jesus?

*Pray:* **God of heaven and earth, help us to see that your glory is everywhere, and wherever we are is an acceptable place to worship you through Jesus Christ our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

## **SERVICE**



Jesus calls us to serve our neighbor in love. Based on the Daily Bible Readings and theme for this week, in addition to a sanctuary, where can you join with others to worship God?

## **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 three 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:* **Lord, let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be acceptable to you. You are my Rock and my Redeemer. Amen. (Psalm 19:14)**



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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