

*The Evangelical Lutheran Church  
of the Holy Trinity  
Greenville, Pennsylvania  
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*The First Sunday in Lent  
February 21 and 22, 2026*

**Welcome in the name of Our Lord Jesus Christ!** If you come as a visitor today, we hope you will leave as a friend. We count it a privilege and a blessing to have you with us in worship. If you are not presently a member of any congregation, please feel welcome to gather with us around Jesus in this community of his disciples at Holy Trinity. Come and worship with us again!

**We welcome and encourage children of all ages to be in worship. Sitting with children in a front pew and giving them the seat on the center aisle helps them to see and participate in our worship.** For children who are present in worship, there are a variety of games, toys, puzzles, coloring supplies and snacks in the Kids' Playground cabinet in the narthex near the coat rack. If children need a break, there is a TV set up downstairs in the nursery so parents can watch the worship live-stream. If you are visiting, an usher can help direct you to the nursery.

**Invitation to Communion:** Holy Communion is the body and blood of Jesus Christ by which our Lord is truly present to forgive sin and bring life and salvation. All baptized Christians who believe this promise are welcome to commune. Parents with children are encouraged to come to the altar together. Children who do not yet receive communion will receive the blessing of the Church from the Pastor.

**Procedure for Communing:** We will be using a form of processional communion. An usher will release each pew to come forward at a time to avoid a long line in the aisle. Pick up a communion cup on either side at the first pew. The pastor will place a host in your open palm. Turn to either the left or right side to the deacon or communion assistant to receive wine. After consuming the host and wine, pour any remaining wine into the container, then discard your cup. Children who have not yet received their First Holy Communion should come forward for a blessing.

**Gluten-free wafers are available; let the pastor know when you come forward to receive.**

Holy Trinity has safety measures in place for the sake of all who worship here. Fire extinguishers are located throughout the facility in case of need. The AED machine and a fire extinguisher can be found in the narthex next to the Kids' Playground cabinet. Other fire extinguishers on the first floor can be found behind the door leading from the sanctuary to the pastor's sacristy, and in the office hallway at the back door and at the front of the hallway near the water cooler. An AED is also located downstairs in Brath Hall should it be needed.

**Liturgy of Holy Communion, Saturday at 5:30 p.m. and Sunday at 9:30 a.m.**

*The assembly's responses are in bold type.*

**Significance of the Day:** Today's gospel tells of Jesus' temptation in the desert. His forty-day fast becomes the basis of our Lenten pilgrimage. In the early church Lent was a time of intense preparation for those to be baptized at the Easter Vigil. This catechetical focus on the meaning of faith is at the heart of our Lenten journey to the baptismal waters of Easter. Hungry for God's mercy, we receive the bread of life to nourish us for the days ahead.

*Gathering*

Prelude

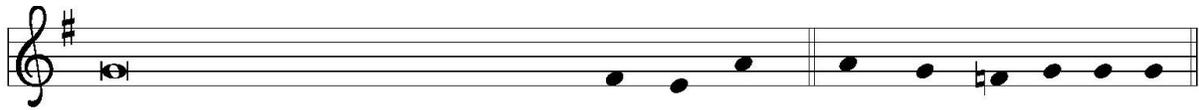
*What wondrous love is this*

Dale Wood

Greeting and Announcements

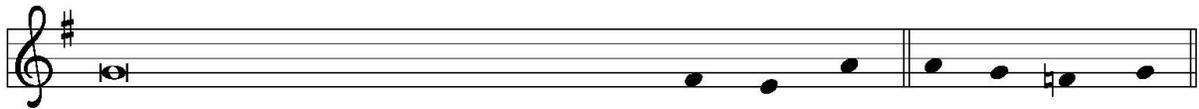
*Please stand and watch the processional cross.*





From war, bloodshed, and violence;  
 from corrupt and unjust government;  
 from sedi - tion and treason: **Good Lord, de - liv - er us.**

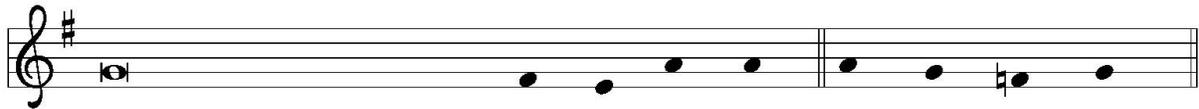
From epidemic, drought, and famine;  
 from fire and flood, earthquake,  
 lightning, and storm,  
 and from ever - last - ing death: **Good Lord, de - liv - er us.**



By the mystery of your incarnation; by your ho - ly birth: **Help us, good Lord.**

By your baptism, fasting, and temptation;  
 by your agony and bloody sweat;  
 by your cross and suffering; by your death and burial: **Help us, good Lord.**

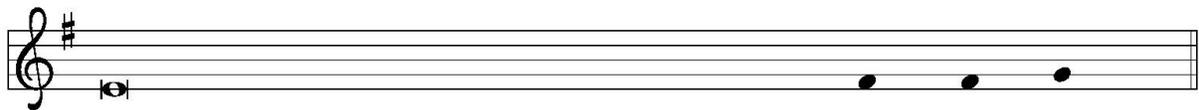
By your resurrection and ascension;  
 by the gift of the Ho - ly Spirit: **Help us, good Lord.**



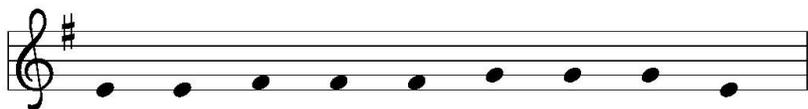
In all time of our tribulation;  
 in all time of our prosperity;  
 in the hour of death; and in the day of judg - ment: **Save us, good Lord.**



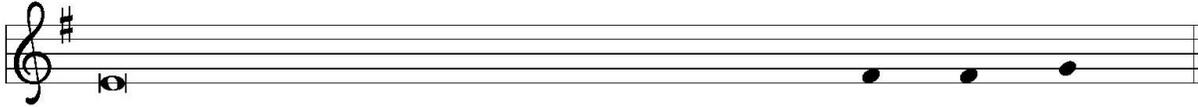
Though unworthy, we im - plore you to hear us, Lord our God.



To rule and govern your holy catholic church;  
 to guide all servants of your church  
 in the love of your word and in holiness of life;  
 to put an end to all schisms  
 and causes of offense to those who would believe;  
 and to bring into the way of truth all who have gone a - stray:



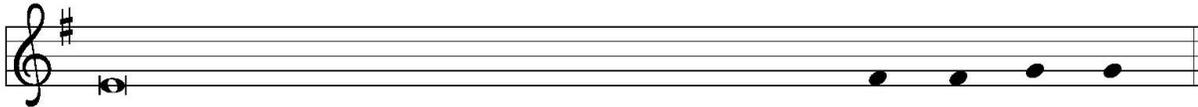
**We im - plore you to hear us, good Lord.**



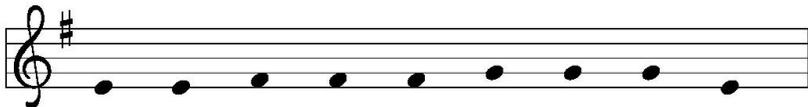
To beat down Satan under our feet;  
 to send faithful workers into your harvest;  
 to accompany your word with your Spirit and power;  
 to raise up those who fall  
 and to strengthen those who stand;  
 and to comfort and help the fainthearted and the dis - tressed:



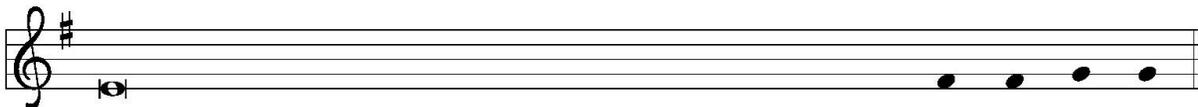
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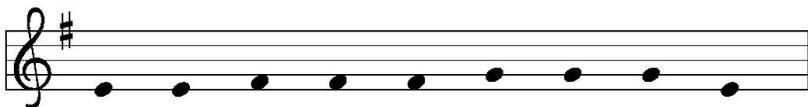
To give to all nations justice and peace;  
 to preserve our country from discord and strife;  
 to direct and guard those who have civil authority;  
 and to bless and guide all our peo - ple:



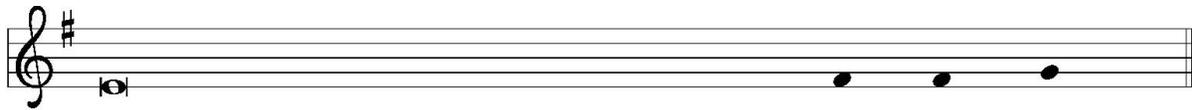
**We im - plore you to hear us, good Lord.**



To behold and help all who are in danger, need, or tribulation;  
 to protect and guide all who travel;  
 to preserve and provide for all women in childbirth;  
 to watch over children and to guide the young;  
 to heal the sick and to strengthen their families and friends;  
 to bring reconciliation to families in discord;  
 to provide for the unemployed and for all in need;  
 to be merciful to all who are imprisoned;  
 to support, comfort, and guide  
 all orphans, widowers, and widows;  
 and to have mercy on all your peo - ple:



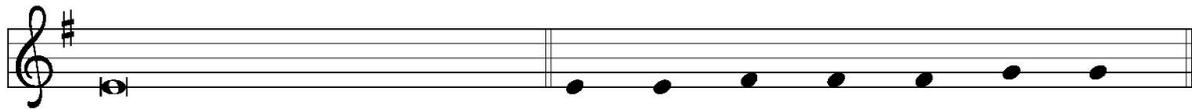
**We im - plore you to hear us, good Lord.**



To forgive our enemies, persecutors, and slanderers,  
and to reconcile us to them;  
to help us use wisely the fruits and treasures  
of the earth, the sea, and the air;  
and graciously to hear our prayers:



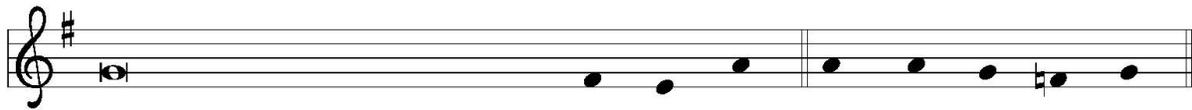
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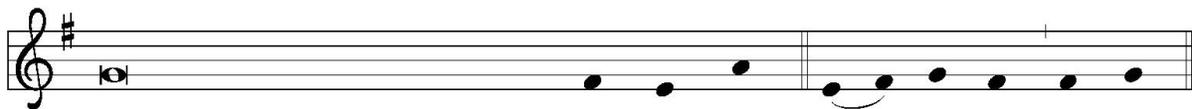
Lord Jesus Christ, Son of God, we im - plore you to hear us.



Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; have mer - cy on us.



Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; have mer - cy on us.



Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; give us peace. A - men.



O Christ, hear us. In mer - cy hear us.



Lord, have mer - cy. Lord, have mer - cy.



Christ, have mer - cy. Christ, have mer - cy.



Lord, have mer - cy. Lord, have mer - cy.

### Apostolic Greeting

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

**And also with you.**

### Prayer of the Day

Lord God, our strength, the struggle between good and evil rages within and around us, and the devil and all the forces that defy you tempt us with empty promises. Keep us steadfast in your word, and when we fall, raise us again and restore us through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**Amen.**

*Assembly is seated.*

## *Word*

First Reading

Genesis 2:15-17; 3:1-7

A reading from Genesis:

15 The Lord God took the man and put him in the garden of Eden to till it and keep it. 16 And the Lord God commanded the man, “You may freely eat of every tree of the garden; 17 but of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil you shall not eat, for in the day that you eat of it you shall die.”

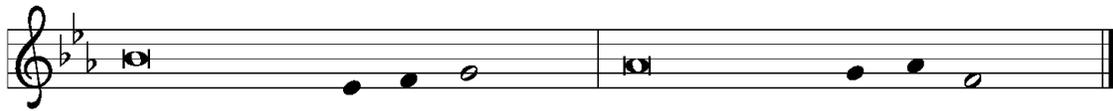
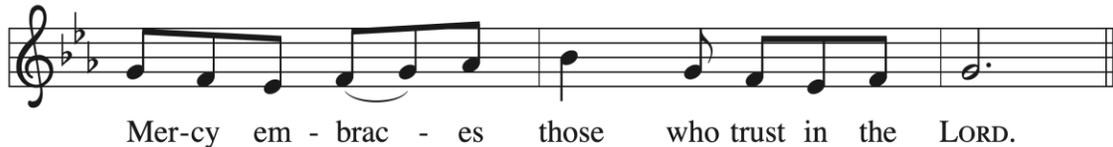
3:1 Now the serpent was more crafty than any other wild animal that the Lord God had made. He said to the woman, “Did God say, ‘You shall not eat from any tree in the garden?’” 2 The woman said to the serpent, “We may eat of the fruit of the trees in the garden; 3 but God said, ‘You shall not eat of the fruit of the tree that is in the middle of the garden, nor shall you touch it, or you shall die.’ ” 4 But the serpent said to the woman, “You will not die; 5 for God knows that when you eat of it your eyes will be opened, and you will be like God, knowing good and evil.” 6 So when the woman saw that the tree was good for food, and that it was a delight to the eyes, and that the tree was to be desired to make one wise, she took of its fruit and ate; and she also gave some to her husband, who was with her, and he ate. 7 Then the eyes of both were opened, and they knew that they

were naked; and they sewed fig leaves together and made loincloths for themselves.

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 32      *The psalm will be spoken responsively on Saturday and sung responsively on Sunday.*



- 1 Happy are they whose transgressions | are forgiven,  
and whose sin is | put away!
- 2 Happy are they to whom the LORD im- | putes no guilt,  
and in whose spirit there | is no guile!**
- 3 While I held my tongue, my bones with- | ered away,  
because of my groaning | all day long.
- 4 For your hand was heavy upon me | day and night;  
my moisture was dried up as in the | heat of summer.**
- 5 Then I acknowledged my sin to you, and did not con- | ceal my guilt.  
I said, "I will confess my transgressions to the LORD."  
Then you forgave me the guilt | of my sin.
- 6 Therefore all the faithful will make their prayers to you  
in | time of trouble;  
when the great waters overflow, they | shall not reach them.**
- 7 You are my hiding-place; you preserve | me from trouble;  
you surround me with shouts | of deliverance.
- 8 "I will instruct you and teach you in the way that | you should go;  
I will guide you | with my eye.**
- 9 Do not be like horse or mule, which have no | understanding;  
who must be fitted with bit and bridle,  
or else they will | not stay near you."
- 10 Great are the tribulations | of the wicked;  
but mercy embraces those who trust | in the LORD.**
- 11 Be glad, you righteous, and rejoice | in the LORD;  
shout for joy, all who are | true of heart. **(R)**

A reading from Romans:

12 Therefore, just as sin came into the world through one man, and death came through sin, and so death spread to all because all have sinned – 13 sin was indeed in the world before the law, but sin is not reckoned when there is no law. 14 Yet death exercised dominion from Adam to Moses, even over those whose sins were not like the transgression of Adam, who is a type of the one who was to come.

15 But the free gift is not like the trespass. For if the many died through the one man’s trespass, much more surely have the grace of God and the free gift in the grace of the one man, Jesus Christ, abounded for the many. 16 And the free gift is not like the effect of the one man’s sin. For the judgment following one trespass brought condemnation, but the free gift following many trespasses brings justification. 17 If, because of the one man’s trespass, death exercised dominion through that one, much more surely will those who receive the abundance of grace and the free gift of righteousness exercise dominion in life through the one man, Jesus Christ.

18 Therefore just as one man’s trespass led to condemnation for all, so one man’s act of righteousness leads to justification and life for all. 19 For just as by the one man’s disobedience the many were made sinners, so by the one man’s obedience the many will be made righteous.

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

*The assembly stands.*

Gospel Acclamation

Glo - ry and praise to you, O Lord Je - sus Christ.

One does not live by <sup>|</sup> bread alone,  
but by every word that comes from the <sup>|</sup> mouth of God.

The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew.

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

1 Then Jesus was led up by the Spirit into the wilderness to be tempted by the devil. 2 He fasted forty days and forty nights, and afterwards he was famished. 3 The tempter came and said to him, “If you are the Son of God, command these stones to become loaves of bread.” 4 But he answered, “It is written, ‘One does not live by bread alone, but by every word that comes from the mouth of God.’ ”

5 Then the devil took him to the holy city and placed him on the pinnacle of the temple, 6 saying to him, “If you are the Son of God, throw yourself down; for it is written, ‘He will command his angels concerning you, and on their hands they will bear you up, so that you will not dash your foot against a stone.’ ”

7 Jesus said to him, “Again it is written, ‘Do not put the Lord your God to the test.’ ”

8 Again, the devil took him to a very high mountain and showed him all the kingdoms of the world and their splendor; 9 and he said to him, “All these I will give you, if you will fall down and worship me.” 10 Jesus said to him, “Away with you, Satan! for it is written, ‘Worship the Lord your God, and serve only him.’ ”

11 Then the devil left him, and suddenly angels came and waited on him.

The Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

*The assembly is seated.*

The Sermon

The Rev. Brenda Martin

*The assembly stands.*

Hymn

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

Nicene Creed

**We believe in one God,  
the Father, the Almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth,  
of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,  
the only Son of God,  
eternally begotten of the Father,  
God from God, Light from Light,  
true God from true God,  
begotten, not made,  
of one Being with the Father;  
through him all things were made.  
For us and for our salvation  
he came down from heaven,  
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary  
and became truly human.  
For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;  
he suffered death and was buried.**

**On the third day he rose again  
in accordance with the scriptures;  
he ascended into heaven  
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.  
He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,  
and his kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,  
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,  
who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified,  
who has spoken through the prophets.  
We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.  
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.  
We look for the resurrection of the dead,  
and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

## Prayers of Intercession

Reconciled by God's mercy and sustained by God's presence, let us pray for the world and its needs.

*A brief silence.*

God of all grace, grant faith to your church. Give to all the baptized the will to resist temptation and to worship and serve you alone. We pray for our bishops, Yeheil and Kristen; our pastors, musicians, staff members, council members and volunteers. Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

God of all creation, tend this earth. When human greed and disobedience threaten this planet and the life it contains, lead us by your Spirit into ways of reverence, awe, and gentleness. Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

God of all nations, preserve us from trouble. Surround all living in places of violence with your steadfast love and give resilience to all who work for peace. Grant courage to those who challenge, especially around issues of racism and systemic oppression. Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

God of all healing, mend our wounds. Bring wholeness to all who are sick, give peace to all who groan in grief, and send companions to all who are lonely or isolated. Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

God of all people, provide for our community. For any among us who hunger for bread, bring nourishment. For any among us who hunger for truth, speak your life-giving word. We pray for our partners in ministry: Grace Lutheran Church in Clarion, Grace Lutheran Church in Franklin, and the Jefferson/Indiana conference. Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

God of all life, bring us to you. We thank you for your free and abounding grace, and for those who, by that same grace, now rest eternally in you, especially Pastor Roth, Shirley, Marilyn and Mary Jo. Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

Are there others for whom we should pray?

Receive our prayers, O God, through Jesus Christ, our strength and salvation.

**Amen.**

Peace

The peace of Christ be with you always. **And also with you.**

*The people greet one another with a sign of Christ's peace saying,  
"Peace be with you. And also with you."*

*Meal*

Choir anthem at the Offertory:

Christ before us  
Welsh folk tune, *Suo Gân*

Christ before us, Christ beside us,  
Christ to guide us all our days.  
He to carry all our sorrows,  
He to bear us, perfect joy.  
Jesus savior, friend and brother  
Intercessor, Son of God!  
Save your people in your dying,  
And in rising, conquer death.

May we be for one another,  
All that you would have us be.  
May we live your law of kindness,  
Love, compassion, charity.  
May we climb your holy mountain,  
May we see your holy face.  
Visit now this humble dwelling,  
Dwell within this holy place.

God before us through the ages;  
Christ beside us here today.  
Spirit, lead us forth forever;  
Guide and help us all our days.  
Christ the Savior, God the Living,  
Great Creator, Spirit blest!  
Holy Three-in-One Immortal,  
Come and be our welcome guest.

-- Janèt Sullivan Whitaker

*The assembly stands.*

Offering verse

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 un - to me the joy of your sal - va - tion,

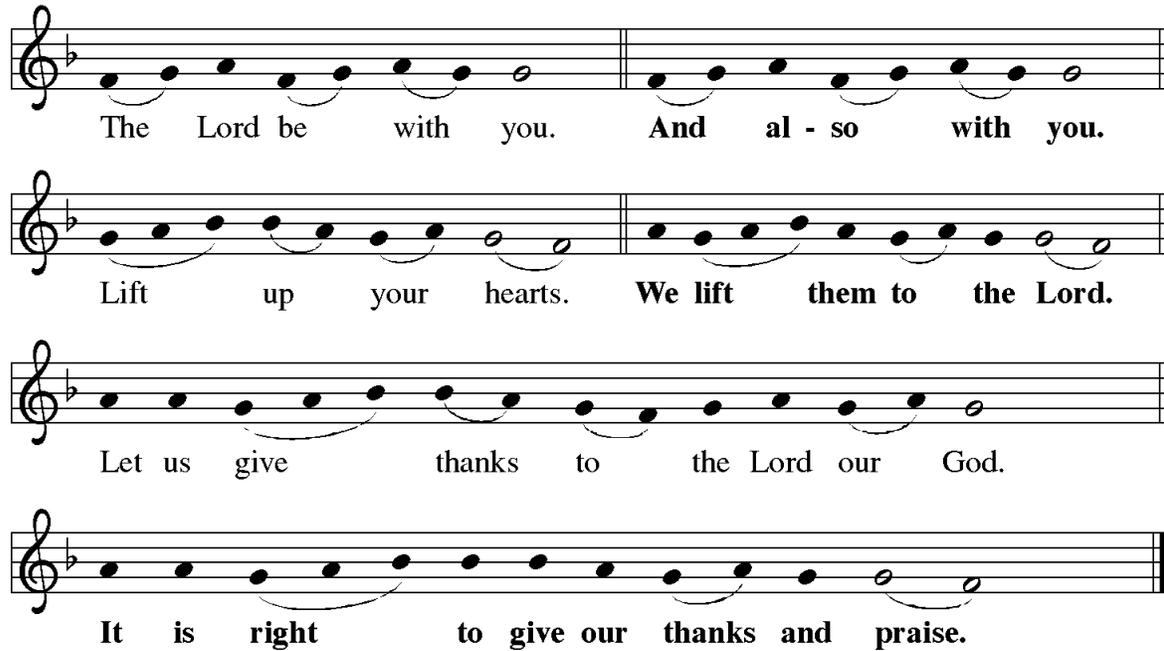
and up - hold me with your free Spir - it.

## Offering Prayer

Let us pray.

O God, maker of heaven and earth,  
your steadfast love embraces all creation.  
You send rain and sunshine to nourish the earth  
and bring forth its bounty.  
Through these gifts of bread and wine,  
draw us into the death and life of your Son,  
who calls us to bear witness to his saving work.  
We ask this in Jesus' name.  
**Amen.**

## 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.**

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God, through our Savior Jesus Christ. You call your people to cleanse their hearts and prepare with joy for the paschal feast, that, renewed in the gift of baptism, we may come to the fullness of your grace. And so, with all the choirs of angels, with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

Holy, holy, holy



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might,



heav - en and earth are full of your glo - ry.



Ho - san - na in the high - est.



Bless - ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.



Ho - san - na in the high - est.

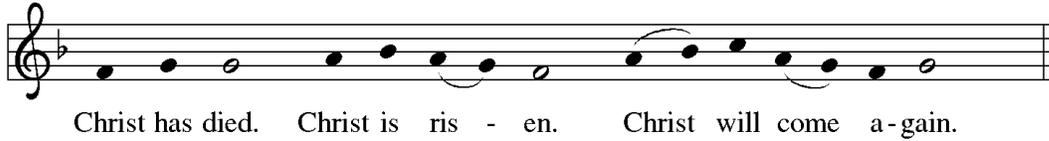
Prayer of Thanksgiving

Holy God, the Beginning and the End,  
our Salvation and our Hope,  
we praise you for creating a world of order and beauty.  
When we brought on chaos, cruelty and despair,  
you sent the prophets to proclaim your justice and mercy.  
At this end of the ages  
your Son Jesus came to bring us your love  
and to heal all the suffering world.

In the night in which he was betrayed,  
our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks;  
broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying:  
Take and eat; this is my body, given for you.  
Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks,  
and gave it for all to drink, saying:  
This cup is the new covenant in my blood,  
shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin.  
Do this for the remembrance of me.

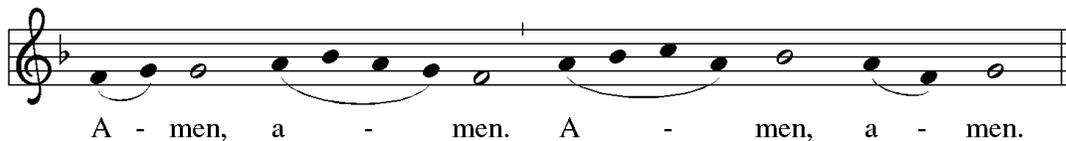
For as often as we eat this bread and drink from this cup,  
we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.



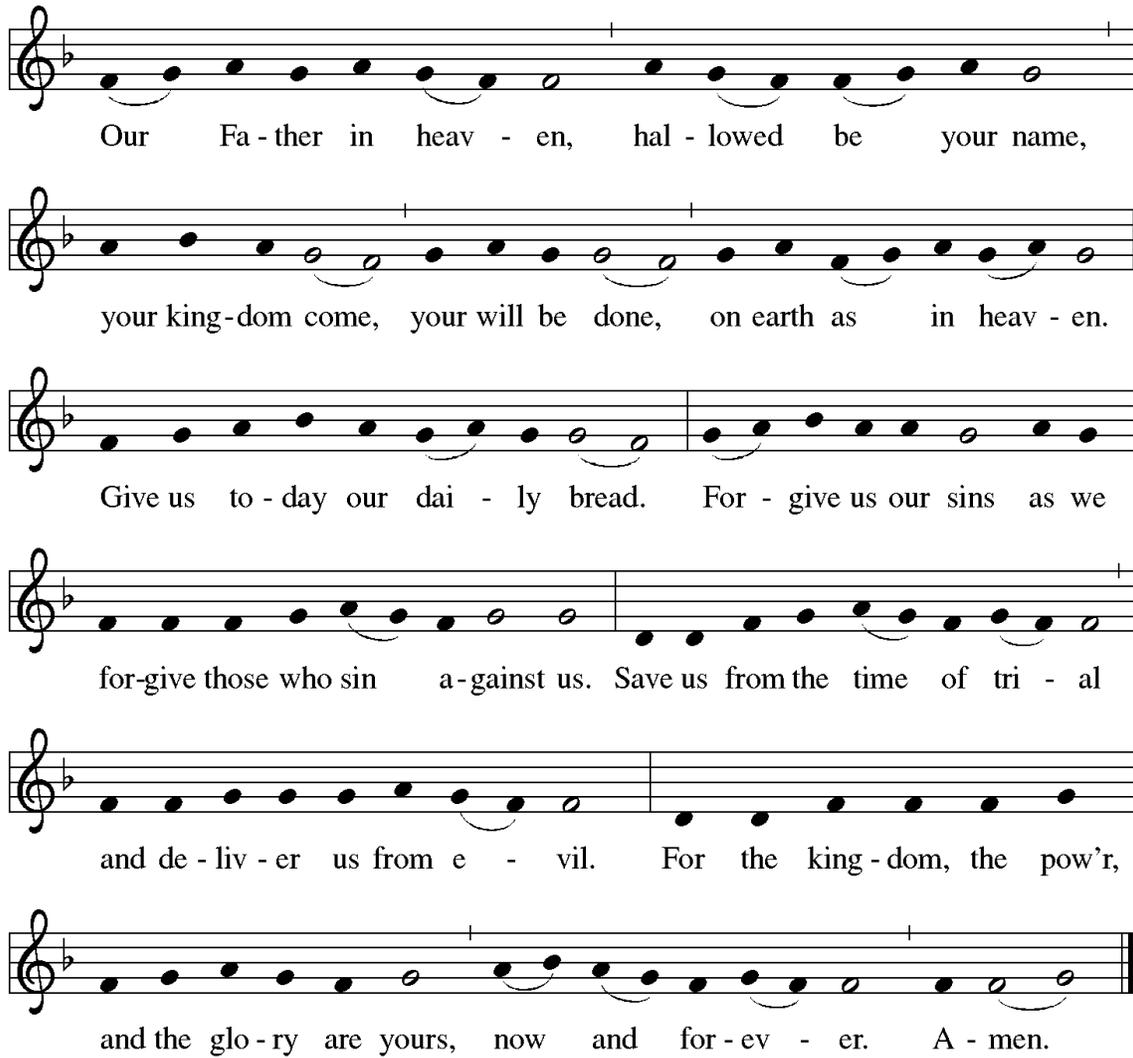
Remembering, therefore,  
his life, death, and resurrection,  
we await his coming again  
in righteousness and peace.

Send your Spirit on us  
and on this bread and wine we share:  
strengthen our faith,  
increase our hope,  
and bring to birth the justice and joy of your Son.

Through Christ all glory and honor is yours,  
Almighty Father, with the Holy Spirit,  
in your holy Church,  
now and forever.



## Lord's Prayer



Our Fa - ther in heav - en, hal - lowed be your name,  
your king - dom come, your will be done, on earth as in heav - en.  
Give us to - day our dai - ly bread. For - give us our sins as we  
for - give those who sin a - gainst us. Save us from the time of tri - al  
and de - liv - er us from e - vil. For the king - dom, the pow'r,  
and the glo - ry are yours, now and for - ev - er. A - men.

## Breaking of Bread

Behold the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world. Happy are those who are called to his supper.

**Lord, I am not worthy to receive you, but only say the word and I shall be healed.**

The gifts of God for the people of God. Come, for all is now ready.

*The assembly sits.*

## Lamb of God

Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the  
world; have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you  
take a - way the sin of the world; have mer - cy  
on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the  
sin of the world; grant us peace. A - men.

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Hymn

This Is Christ's Body

This is Christ's bod - y, bro - ken and blest. Feed us with

The first system of musical notation consists of a treble and bass staff. The treble staff contains a melody with lyrics underneath. The bass staff contains a harmonic accompaniment. The key signature has two flats (B-flat and E-flat), and the time signature is 4/4. The lyrics are: "This is Christ's bod - y, bro - ken and blest. Feed us with".

mer-cy and love. We are Christ's bod - y,  
with mer - cy and love.

The second system of musical notation continues the melody and accompaniment. The treble staff has a long note with a slur over it. The lyrics are: "mer-cy and love. We are Christ's bod - y, with mer - cy and love."

bro-ken and blest. Heal us and make us one.

The third system of musical notation concludes the hymn. The treble staff has a long note with a slur over it. The lyrics are: "bro-ken and blest. Heal us and make us one."

Text: Anne Krentz Organ, b. 1960  
Music: BROKEN AND BLESSED, Anne Krentz Organ  
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## Hymn

## What Wondrous Love Is This

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

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

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

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

Text: North American folk hymn, 19th cent., alt.

Music: WONDROUS LOVE, W. Walker, *Southern Harmony*, 1835; arr. Paul J. Christiansen, 1914–1997, alt.

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Post-Communion Blessing

The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and preserve you unto eternal life.

**Amen.**

Post-Communion Prayer

God of our salvation,  
we give you thanks for this meal that restores our souls,  
reconciles us to you, and strengthens us for the journey.  
Through the body and blood of your Son,  
may we become Christ's body in the world,  
bearing witness to your love for all creation,  
through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

**Amen.**

Let us pray together, Our Prayer for These Times

**O God, you have called your servants to ventures of which we cannot see the ending, by paths as yet untrodden, through perils unknown. Give us faith to go out with good courage, not knowing where we go, but only that your hand is leading us and your love supporting us; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

*Sending*

Blessing

Almighty God, Father, + Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you now and forever.

**Amen. Sung**

Hymn

Lift High the Cross

*Refrain*

Lift high the cross, the love of Christ pro - claim till

all the world a - dore his sa - cred name.

1 Come, Chris - tians, fol - low where our cap - tain trod,  
 2 All new - born ser - vants of the Cru - ci - fied tree,  
 3 O Lord, once lift - ed on the glo - rious tree,  
 4 So shall our song of tri - umph ev - er be:

*Refrain*

our king vic - to - rious, Christ, the Son of God.  
 bear on their brows the seal of him who died.  
 as thou hast prom - ised, draw us all to thee.  
 praise to the Cru - ci - fied for vic - to - ry!

Text: George W. Kitchin, 1827-1912; rev. Michael R. Newbolt, 1874-1956  
 Music: CRUCIFER, Sydney H. Nicholson, 1875-1947  
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Dismissal    Go in peace. Serve the Lord.  
**Thanks be to God.**

Postlude                                      Postlude on *Lift high the cross*                                      Lindsay Lafford

**Serving Saturday**

**Presiding Minister** . . . . . Pastor Brenda Martin  
**Organist** . . . . . Andy Joos  
**Liturgical Deacon** . . . . . Michelle Wentling

**Serving Today**

**Presiding Minister** . . . . . Pastor Brenda Martin  
**Director of Music** . . . . . Steve Repasky  
**Liturgical Deacon** . . . . . Catherine Mott  
**Lector** . . . . . Don Achenbach  
**Head Usher** . . . . . Linda Armstrong  
**Live Stream Technician** . . . . . Tyler Martin-Call  
**Altar Guild** . . . . . The Martin Family

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## **This Week at Holy Trinity**

### **Sunday February 22, 2026** *First Sunday in Lent*

- 8:30 a.m. Choir Rehearsal
- 9:30 a.m. Liturgy of Holy Communion
- 10:45 a.m. Sunday school and Confirmation classes
- 7:00 p.m. AA Big Book Meeting

### **Monday February 23, 2026**

- 6:00 p.m. Fiber Arts Group

### **Tuesday February 24, 2026**

- 9:00 a.m. Flying Quilts

### **Wednesday February 25, 2026**

- 6:00 p.m. Dance Lessons
- 6:15 p.m. Evening Vespers
- 7:00 p.m. Choir Rehearsal

### **Thursday February 26, 2026**

- 6:30 p.m. Ukrainian Egg Decorating
- 6:00 p.m. Dance Lessons
- 7:00 p.m. Happy Hour (zoom)

### **Friday February 27, 2026**

- 3:00 p.m. GSO Committee Meeting (Hospitality Room)
- 5:30 p.m. Stations of the Cross
- 6:00 p.m. Girl Scouts

### **Saturday February 28, 2026**

- 5:30 p.m. Liturgy of Holy Communion

## **Upcoming Events**

### **Sunday March 1, 2026** *Second Sunday in Lent*

- 8:30 a.m. Choir Rehearsal
- 9:30 a.m. Liturgy of Holy Communion
- 10:45 a.m. Sunday school and Confirmation classes
- 7:00 p.m. AA Big Book Meeting

### **Monday March 2, 2026**

- 6:00 p.m. Property Meeting

### **Wednesday March 4, 2026**

- 6:00 p.m. Dance Lessons
- 6:15 p.m. Evening Vespers
- 7:00 p.m. Choir Rehearsal

### **Thursday March 5, 2026**

- 6:30 p.m. Ukrainian Egg Decorating

6:00 p.m. Dance Lessons  
7:00 p.m. Happy Hour (zoom)

**Friday March 6, 2026**

5:30 p.m. Stations of the Cross

**Saturday March 7, 2026**

5:30 p.m. Liturgy of Holy Communion

**Good Shepherd Request for February**

The Good Shepherd request is **canned tuna** for the month of **February**.  
Donations can be placed in the box in the cloister or on the table in the office hallway.

**Second Mile Giving**

The second mile giving for the month of February is the Jamestown Food Pantry Program. Envelopes can be found on the table in the narthex and in the office hallway.

**Morning Prayer**

You can join us for morning prayer every day by going to our website. A different morning prayer will be posted every weekday. <https://holytrinitygreenvillepa.com>

## **Please Pray For**

Permission is necessary to add a person to the prayer list. Please ask before you call the office. Thanks.

### **Health and Healing:**

Maria (friend of Linda Armstrong)	John Myers (husband of Pastor Brenda)
Diana and Donnie (friends of Rich and Denise Hall)	Ken Buikema (cousin of Denise and Rich Hall)
Kate Washill Martin (friend of Pastor Brenda)	Charlene Miller (friend of Denise and Rich Hall)
Sherry (friend of Rich and Denise Hall)	
Betty K. Junk	Lori McCann (daughter of Darla Swift)
Tris Hall (brother of Rich Hall)	Mary Rose Jones (friend of Jill Murrin)
Philip Schell	Sheila Kretser (friend of Jill Murrin)
Christina Bush (niece of Ruth Heil)	Lori Scotta (friend of Jill Murrin)
Lyn Higgins (nephew of Bonnie Long)	Russell Morgan (father of Matt Morgan)
Rita (friend of the Oman's and Mary Reames)	Stephen Call (brother of Tyler Martin-Call)
Joe Montone (friend of Kris Abraham)	Nancy (friend of Linda Armstrong)
Carolyn Fritz (friend of Fran Black)	Dillon (friend of Ed Pitcher & Beth Harpst)
Dave Hollenbaugh	Belle (granddaughter of Linda Bateman)

### **Christ's comfort for those who grieve the death of:**

Pastor Martin Roth  
Marilyn Johnson  
Shirley Hildebrand  
Mary Jo Skruck

## Music Notes

Remember the name Dale Wood (Wojkiewicz)? On the first Sunday of this month we sang his hymn *Rise shine, your people!* In the 1960s and 70s, Mr. Wood wrote a significant number of organ pieces based on American hymn tunes. Nearly every organist has a copy of one of his many organ prelude books. His prelude on *What wondrous love is this* is a good example of his style. Written in the haunting Dorian mode, this renowned American folk hymn was first published in 1811. Today we sing this hymn during Communion.

Another hymn-based organ piece is the postlude on *Lift high the cross* by Lindsay Arthur Lafford. Lafford was born in Gloucester, England. In 1939 he was invited to teach at Swarthmore and Bryn Mawr Colleges. At this time, he was also the director of music at the nearby Princeton Chapel. During World War II he served in the U. S. Navy. Remarkably, Lafford lived to be 101 years old.

Today our choir sings, *Christ before us*, a text by Janèt Sullivan Whitaker. It is sung to a Welsh folk tune *Suo Gân*. You may recognize the melody from the 1987 film *Empire of the Sun*, sung by a young English prisoner of war. This morning the Zimbelstern (a set of rotating bells), donated by Ruth & Henry Heil is played in honor of their daughter Pam Heils' 57th birthday which would have been on Feb 25<sup>th</sup>.

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What won-drous love is this, oh! my soul! oh! my soul! What won-drous love is this, oh! my soul! What won-drous love is this! That

caused the Lord of bliss, To bear the dread-ful curse for my soul, for my soul, To bear the dread-ful curse for my sou.

The image shows a musical score for the hymn 'What Wondrous Love is This'. It consists of two systems of music. The first system has three staves: a vocal line in the middle, and two organ accompaniment staves (treble and bass clef) on either side. The lyrics are written below the vocal line. The second system also has three staves, with the vocal line in the middle and organ accompaniment on either side. The lyrics continue below the vocal line. The key signature is one flat (B-flat), and the time signature is common time (C).

typeset music of *What wondrous love* from the 1854 edition of *The Southern Harmony*. The melody is in the middle staff.

# Easter Flower / ELCA Disaster Response Form

Help decorate the chancel for Easter by ordering potted flowers for our celebration of the Festival of the Resurrection. You may also make a donation to the ELCA Disaster Response.

Your donation may be made in celebration of, in memory of, or in honor of a person (s) or an event. (Amounts given are not listed in the bulletin.)

The deadline for ordering flowers and making a donation to Disaster Response is **Wednesday, March 18, 2026.**

Please enclose payment for both Easter flowers and Disaster Response donations when you return this completed form to the church office.

\_\_\_\_\_ Daffodil (\$10.00)      \_\_\_\_\_ Lily (\$11.00)      \_\_\_\_\_ Tulip (\$13.00 each)

\_\_\_\_\_ Donation to ELCA Disaster Response

Amount Enclosed \$ \_\_\_\_\_      Envelope # \_\_\_\_\_

***Please make checks payable to Holy Trinity Lutheran Church***

To the Glory of God and in Memory (deceased) of: \_\_\_\_\_

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To the Glory of God and in Honor (living) of: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

To the Glory of God and in Celebration (event) of: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ I/we wish to pick up my/our Easter plant (s) after the 9:30 a.m. Service on Easter Day.

\_\_\_\_\_ I/we wish to have my/our Easter plant (s) delivered to a shut-in.

\_\_\_\_\_  
**(Your name)**

## **In Military Service**

Specialist (SPC) Andrew McCall, Fort Carson, Colorado Springs, Colorado (son of Mark and Jane McCall, grandson of Karen McKay and the late Jim McKay)

Sgt. First Class Nicholas Carman, US Army, Fredericksburg, Virginia (grandson of Nancy Ullstrom)

Admiral Richard Childs, Assistant Surgeon General of the USA (nephew of Harvey Childs)

CAPT Ryan Leary, Commodore Destroyer Squadron 23, Naval Base San Diego, San Diego, CA (son of David and Judy Leary)

Tim Ross, Navy Special Forces, (grandson of Rae Johnson, nephew of Lori McEwen)

Holy Trinity member, SGT Garrett Daniello, PA Army National Guard (son of Todd and Tammy Daniello, grandson of Georgia Perkins, grandnephew of Bonnie Long)

Holy Trinity member, SrA Stephanie Kovack, Air Force Reserve, 910th Youngstown Air Reserve Station

Lt., Junior Aviator, Nathaniel J. Hammond, San Diego, California (son of Brian and Rebecca Bittel Hammond, grandson of Nancy and James Bittel)

Cadet, Riley Armstrong, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, Duquesne University, ROTC (granddaughter of Linda Armstrong)

