

*The Evangelical Lutheran Church  
of the Holy Trinity  
Greenville, Pennsylvania  
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*The Fourth Sunday in Lent  
March 14 and March 15, 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:** Approach the altar rail through the door to the front left, take a small glass from the tray and move to the furthest place open, kneeling if you are able, or standing. Receive the host either in your open palm or in your mouth; receive the wine poured into the small glass, saying "Amen" after receiving each. If you are unable to consume either the bread or wine, be assured that Christ is fully present for us in either element; reverence the body or blood of Christ by saying "Amen" when the host or the cup is presented. Leave by the right, placing your empty glass in the tray provided, and return to your pew.

**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:** Baptism is sometimes called enlightenment. The gospel for this Sunday is the story of the man born blind healed by Christ. "I was blind, now I see," declares the man. In baptism God opens our eyes to see the truth of who we are: God's beloved children. As David was anointed king of Israel, in baptism God anoints our head with oil, and calls us to bear witness to the light of Christ in our daily lives.

*Gathering*

Prelude      Variations on *Was Gott tut, das ist wohlegetan*      Johann Pachelbel

Greeting and Announcements

**Confession and Forgiveness**

*All may make the sign of the cross, the sign that is marked at baptism, as the presiding minister begins.*

Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God,  
who forgives all our sin,  
whose mercy endures forever.

**Amen.**

Let us confess our sin before God, who removes our guilt  
and blots out all offenses.

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

Gracious God,

**have mercy on us according to your steadfast love.**

For seeking worldly delights that deceive us and dishonor you:

Gracious God,

**have mercy on us according to your steadfast love.**

For desiring self-reliance instead of hungering for your word:

Gracious God,

**have mercy on us according to your steadfast love.**

For failing to recognize your coming reign,

and for hindering the work of the Spirit: Gracious God,

**have mercy on us according to your steadfast love.**

For drawing from the well of self-serving ambition,

and for disdaining the living water Christ offers: Gracious God,

**have mercy on us according to your steadfast love.**

For disregarding voices from the margin,  
and for distrusting signs of your healing and hope in the world:  
Gracious God,

**have mercy on us according to your steadfast love.**

For dwelling in tombs of self-pity and discontent,  
and for disregarding Christ's call to come forth to life:  
Gracious God,

**have mercy on us according to your steadfast love.**

God's steadfast love, grace, and forgiveness abound.

Through faith, the free gift of God,  
you have been clothed in the righteousness of Christ.

In the name of † Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven.

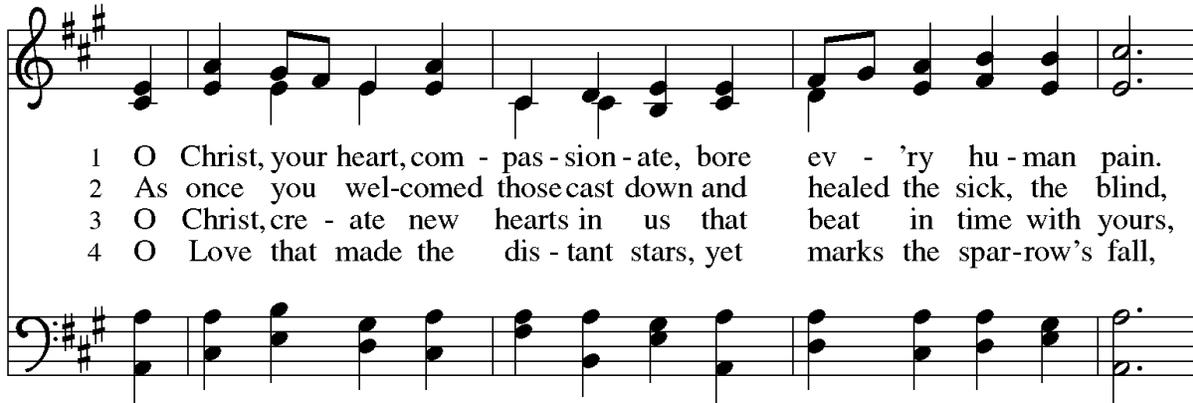
The Spirit of the One who raised Christ from the dead  
dwells in you,

pours God's love into your hearts,  
and gives you life and peace.

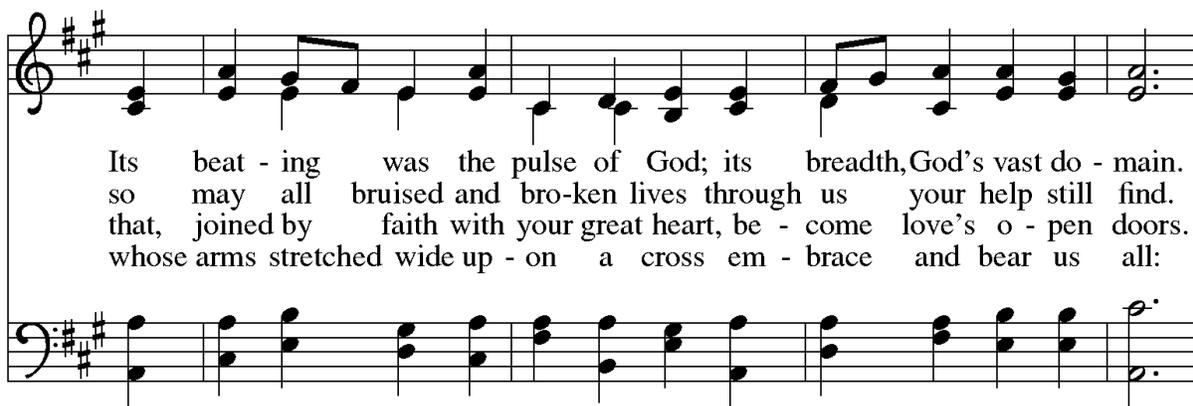
**Amen.**

Hymn

O Christ, Your Heart, Compassionate



1 O Christ, your heart, com - pas - sion - ate, bore ev - 'ry hu - man pain.  
2 As once you wel - comed those cast down and healed the sick, the blind,  
3 O Christ, cre - ate new hearts in us that beat in time with yours,  
4 O Love that made the dis - tant stars, yet marks the spar - row's fall,



Its beat - ing was the pulse of God; its breadth, God's vast do - main.  
so may all bruised and bro - ken lives through us your help still find.  
that, joined by faith with your great heart, be - come love's o - pen doors.  
whose arms stretched wide up - on a cross em - brace and bear us all:

The heart of God, the heart of Christ combined in perfect rhyme  
 Lord, join our hearts with those who weep that none may weep a - lone,  
 We are your bod - y, ris - en Christ; our hearts, our hands we yield  
 come, make your church a ser - vant church that walks your ser - vant ways,  
 to write God's love in hu - man deeds, e - ter - ni - ty in time.  
 and help us bear an - oth - er's pain as though it were our own.  
 that through our life and min - is - try your love may be re - vealed.  
 whose deeds of love rise up to you, a sac - ri - fice of praise!

Text: Herman G. Stuempfle Jr., b. 1923  
 Music: ELLACOMBE, German melody, 18th cent.; adapt. X. L. Hartig, *Melodien zum Mainzer Gesangbuche*, 1833  
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### 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

Bend your ear to our prayers, Lord Christ, and come among us. By your gracious life and death for us, bring light into the darkness of our hearts, and anoint us with your Spirit, for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**Amen.**

*Assembly is seated.*

## Word

First Reading

1 Samuel 16:1-13

A reading from first Samuel.

<sup>1</sup> The LORD said to Samuel, “How long will you grieve over Saul? I have rejected him from being king over Israel. Fill your horn with oil and set out; I will send you to Jesse the Bethlehemite, for I have provided for myself a king among his sons.” <sup>2</sup> Samuel said, “How can I go? If Saul hears of it, he will kill me.” And the LORD said, “Take a heifer with you and say, ‘I have come to sacrifice to the LORD.’” <sup>3</sup> Invite Jesse to the sacrifice, and I will show you what you shall do, and you shall anoint for me the one whom I name to you.” <sup>4</sup> Samuel did what the LORD commanded and came to Bethlehem. The elders of the city came to meet him trembling and said, “Do you come peaceably?” <sup>5</sup> He said, “Peaceably. I have come to sacrifice to the LORD; sanctify yourselves and come with me to the sacrifice.” And he sanctified Jesse and his sons and invited them to the sacrifice.

<sup>6</sup> When they came, he looked on Eliab and thought, “Surely his anointed is now before the LORD.” <sup>7</sup> But the LORD said to Samuel, “Do not look on his appearance or on the height of his stature, because I have rejected him, for the LORD does not see as mortals see; they look on the outward appearance, but the LORD looks on the heart.” <sup>8</sup> Then Jesse called Abinadab and made him pass before Samuel. He said, “Neither has the LORD chosen this one.” <sup>9</sup> Then Jesse made Shammah pass by. And he said, “Neither has the LORD chosen this one.” <sup>10</sup> Jesse made seven of his sons pass before Samuel, and Samuel said to Jesse, “The LORD has not chosen any of these.” <sup>11</sup> Samuel said to Jesse, “Are all your sons here?” And he said, “There remains yet the youngest, but he is keeping the sheep.” And Samuel said to Jesse, “Send and bring him, for we will not sit down until he comes here.” <sup>12</sup> He sent and brought him in. Now he was ruddy and had beautiful eyes and was handsome. The LORD said, “Rise and anoint him, for this is the one.” <sup>13</sup> Then Samuel took the horn of oil and anointed him in the presence of his brothers, and the spirit of the LORD came mightily upon David from that day forward. Samuel then set out and went to Ramah.

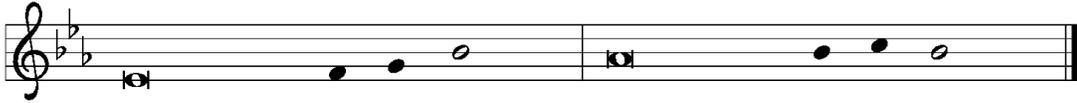
The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 23     *The psalm will be spoken responsively on Saturday and sung responsively on Sunday.*



You have a - noint - ed my head with oil.



- <sup>1</sup>The LORD<sup>1</sup> is my shepherd;  
I shall not<sup>1</sup> be in want.
- <sup>2</sup>**The LORD makes me lie down<sup>1</sup> in green pastures  
and leads me be-<sup>1</sup>side still waters.**
- <sup>3</sup>You restore my<sup>1</sup> soul, O LORD,  
and guide me along right pathways<sup>1</sup> for your name's sake.
- <sup>4</sup>**Though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death,  
I shall<sup>1</sup> fear no evil;  
for you are with me; your rod and your staff,  
they<sup>1</sup> comfort me.**
- <sup>5</sup>You prepare a table before me in the presence<sup>1</sup> of my enemies;  
you anoint my head with oil, and my cup is<sup>1</sup> running over.
- <sup>6</sup>**Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days<sup>1</sup> of my life,  
and I will dwell in the house of the<sup>1</sup> LORD forever.**

Second Reading

Ephesians 5:8-14

A reading from Ephesians:

8 For once you were darkness, but now in the Lord you are light. Walk as children of light, 9 for the fruit of the light is found in all that is good and right and true. 10 Try to find out what is pleasing to the Lord. 11 Take no part in the unfruitful works of darkness, but instead expose them. 12 For it is shameful even to mention what such people do secretly; 13 but everything exposed by the light becomes visible, 14 for everything that becomes visible is light. Therefore, it says,

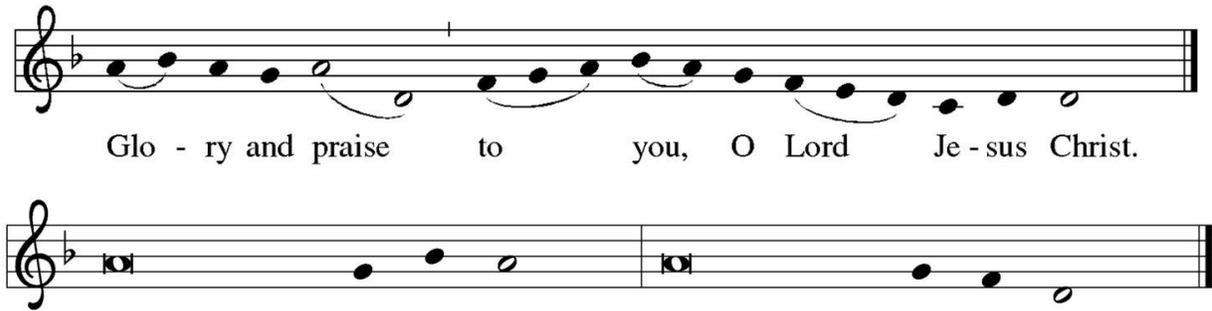
“Sleeper, awake!  
Rise from the dead,  
and Christ will shine on you.”

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

*Please stand as you are able.*

Gospel Acclamation



**Jesus says, I am the light<sup>1</sup> of the world;  
whoever follows me will have the<sup>1</sup> light of life.**

The Holy Gospel

Gospel: John 9:1-41

*Jesus heals a man born blind, provoking a hostile reaction that he regards as spiritual blindness to the things of God.*

NAR: As [Jesus] walked along, he saw a man blind from birth. <sup>2</sup>His disciples asked him, “Rabbi, who sinned, this man or his parents, that he was born blind?” <sup>3</sup>

Jesus: “Neither this man nor his parents sinned; he was born blind so that God’s works might be revealed in him. <sup>4</sup>We must work the works of him who sent me while it is day; night is coming when no one can work. <sup>5</sup>As long as I am in the world, I am the light of the world.”

NAR: <sup>6</sup>When he had said this, he spat on the ground and made mud with the saliva and spread the mud on the man’s eyes, <sup>7</sup>saying to him,

Jesus: “Go, wash in the pool of Siloam”.

NAR: Then he went and washed and came back able to see. <sup>8</sup>The neighbors and those who had seen him before as a beggar began to ask, “Is this not the man who used to sit and beg?” <sup>9</sup>Some were saying, “It is he.” Others were saying, “No, but it is someone like him.” He kept saying,

Man: “I am the man.”

NAR: <sup>10</sup>But they kept asking him, “Then how were your eyes opened?” <sup>11</sup>He answered,

Man: “The man called Jesus made mud, spread it on my eyes, and said to me, ‘Go to Siloam and wash.’ Then I went and washed and received my sight.”

NAR: <sup>12</sup>They said to him, “Where is he?”

Man: “I do not know.”

NAR: <sup>13</sup>They brought to the Pharisees the man who had formerly been blind. <sup>14</sup>Now it was a sabbath day when Jesus made the mud and opened his eyes. <sup>15</sup>Then the Pharisees also began to ask him how he had received his sight. He said to them,

Man: “He put mud on my eyes. Then I washed, and now I see.”

NAR: <sup>16</sup>Some of the Pharisees said, “This man is not from God, for he does not observe the sabbath.” But others said, “How can a man who is a sinner perform such signs?” And they were divided. <sup>17</sup>So they said again to the blind man, “What do you say about him? It was your eyes he opened.” He said,

Man: “He is a prophet.”

NAR: <sup>18</sup>The Jews did not believe that he had been blind and had received his sight until they called the parents of the man who had received his sight <sup>19</sup>and asked them, “Is this your son, who you say was born blind? How then does he now see?” <sup>20</sup>His parents answered, “We know that this is our son, and that he was born blind; <sup>21</sup>but we do not know how it is that now he sees, nor do we know who opened his eyes. Ask him; he is of age. He will speak for himself.” <sup>22</sup>His parents said this because they were afraid of the Jews; for the Jews had already agreed that anyone who confessed Jesus to be the Messiah would be put out of the synagogue. <sup>23</sup>Therefore his parents said, “He is of age; ask him.”

<sup>24</sup>So for the second time they called the man who had been blind, and they said to him, “Give glory to God! We know that this man is a sinner.” <sup>25</sup>He answered, “I do not know whether he is a sinner. One thing I do know, that though I was blind, now I see.” <sup>26</sup>They said to him, “What did he do to you? How did he open your eyes?” <sup>27</sup>He answered them, “I have told you already, and you would not listen. Why do you want to hear it again? Do you also want to become his disciples?” <sup>28</sup>Then they reviled him, saying, “You are his disciple, but we are disciples of Moses. <sup>29</sup>We know that God has spoken to Moses, but as for this man, we do not know where he comes from.” <sup>30</sup>The man answered,

Man: “Here is an astonishing thing! You do not know where he comes from, and yet he opened my eyes. <sup>31</sup>We know that God does not listen to sinners, but he does listen to one who worships him and obeys his will. <sup>32</sup>Never since the world began has it been heard that anyone opened the eyes of a person born blind. <sup>33</sup>If this man were not from God, he could do nothing.”

NAR: <sup>34</sup>They answered him, “You were born entirely in sins, and are you trying to teach us?” And they drove him out.

<sup>35</sup>Jesus heard that they had driven him out, and when he found him, he said,

JESUS: “Do you believe in the Son of Man?”

MAN: <sup>36</sup> “And who is he, sir? Tell me, so that I may believe in him.”

<sup>37</sup>Jesus: “You have seen him, and the one speaking with you is he.”

<sup>38</sup>MAN: “Lord, I believe.”

NAR: And he worshiped him.

<sup>39</sup>Jesus: “I came into this world for judgment so that those who do not see may see, and those who do see may become blind.”

NAR:           <sup>40</sup>Some of the Pharisees near him heard this and said to him, “Surely we are not blind, are we?”

<sup>41</sup>Jesus:        “If you were blind, you would not have sin. But now that you say, ‘We see,’ your sin remains.”

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

*The assembly is seated.*

The Sermon

The Rev. Brenda Martin

*Please stand as you are able.*

Hymn

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 thou - sand 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 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.

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 (*The assembly kneels or sits*)

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

*A brief silence.*

God, our shepherd, we pray that you guide the church. Lead Christians in our community, including in our Greenville ministerium, and across the globe, including World Council of Churches and Lutheran World Federation, in right paths for your name's sake. We pray for our bishops, Yeheil and Kristen; our pastors, musicians, staff members and volunteers. Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

God our provider, we cry out for this planet and the life it holds. Rescue endangered animals and plants, preserve threatened ecosystems, and save creatures from natural disasters. Open our eyes to the new life springing forth as seasons change. Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

God our sovereign, we plead for your peace on earth. Bring an end to war and violence, and raise up leaders in governments, courts, businesses, schools, and community organizations who seek goodness and mercy. We pray especially for those endangered by new war in the Middle East, and those who continue to suffer from war in Ukraine. We pray for all decision-makers, that violence and might not be an easy choice. Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

God our healer, we call to you in our need. Uplift all who are made to feel unimportant, and transform the hearts of all infected by bigotry and prejudice. Care for all in special need this day. Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

God our friend, we praise you for the diversity of people among us. Awaken us to share and receive the gifts we each possess, and stir up a spirit of understanding, celebration, and welcome for all. We pray for our partners in ministry: Hebron Lutheran Church in Avonmore, and Pastors Jeff Ewing and Ron Freebourn. Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

God our home, we thank you for all who have died and completed their baptismal journeys, especially Pastor Roth, Shirley, Marilyn and Mary Jo. Grant us faith to live until we too dwell in your house forever. Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

Are there others for whom we should pray?

**P:** 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:

I bind myself today  
arr. by K. Lee Scott

I bind unto myself today  
the strong Name of the Trinity,  
by invocation of the same,  
the Three in One and One in Three.

I bind this day to me forever,  
by power of faith, Christ's incarnation;  
his baptism in Jordan river;  
his death on Cross for my salvation;  
his bursting from the spiced tomb;  
his riding up the heavenly way;  
his coming at the day of doom;  
I bind unto myself today.  
I bind unto myself today.  
The power of God to hold and lead,  
his eye to watch, His might to stay,  
his ear to hearken to my need.  
the wisdom of my God to teach,  
his hand to guide, His shield to ward;  
the word of God to give me speech,  
his heavenly host to be my guard.

Christ be with me, Christ within me,  
Christ behind me, Christ before me,  
Christ beside me, Christ to win me,  
Christ to comfort and restore me.  
Christ beneath me, Christ above me,  
Christ in quiet, Christ in danger,  
Christ in hearts of all that love me,  
Christ in mouth of friend and stranger.

I bind unto myself the Name,  
the strong Name of the Trinity,  
by invocation of the same,  
the Three in One and One in Three.  
By Whom all nature hath creation,  
eternal Father, Spirit, Word:  
praise to the Lord of my salvation,  
salvation is of Christ the Lord. Amen.

-- St Patrick's Breasplate

*Please stand as you are able.*

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,

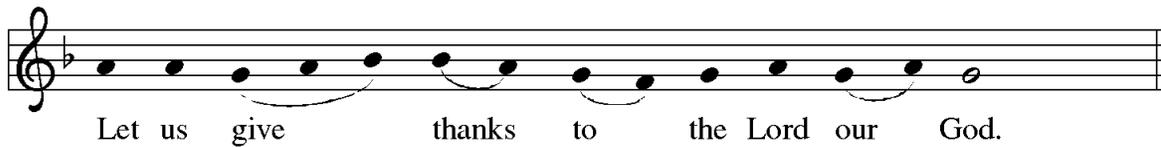
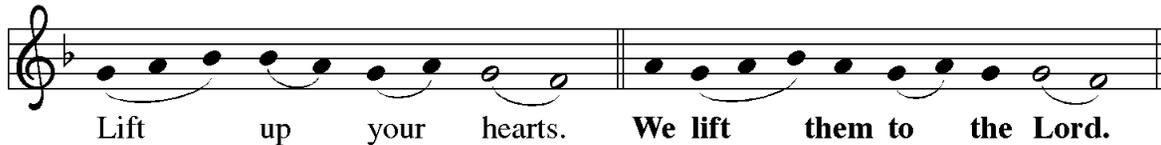
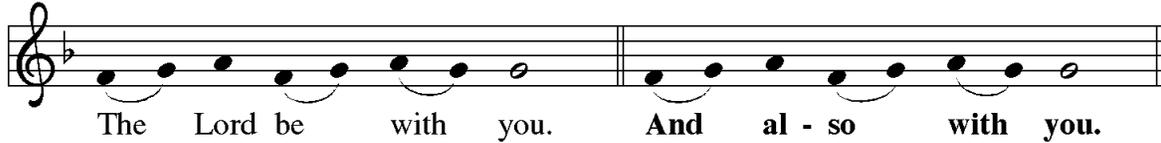
and up - hold me with your free Spir - it.

## 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



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.

The musical score consists of five staves of music in G major, 4/4 time. The melody is simple and hymn-like, with a key signature of one sharp (F#) and a common time signature. The lyrics are written below the notes, with hyphens indicating syllables that span across multiple notes. The first staff ends with a fermata over the final note. The second staff ends with a fermata over the final note. The third staff ends with a fermata over the final note. The fourth staff ends with a fermata over the final note. The fifth staff ends with a double bar line and repeat dots.

## Prayer of Thanksgiving

You are indeed holy, almighty and merciful God.  
You are most holy,  
and great is the majesty of your glory.

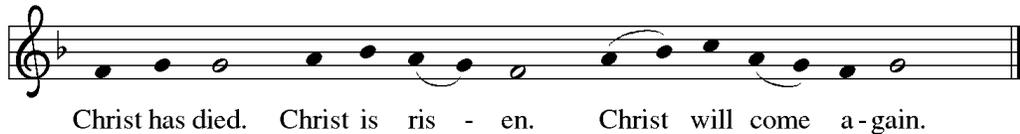
You so loved the world that you gave your only Son,  
so that everyone who believes in him may not perish  
but have eternal life.

We give you thanks for his coming into the world  
to fulfill for us your holy will  
and to accomplish all things for our salvation.

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.

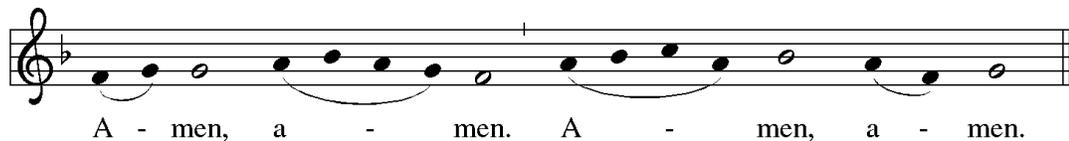
Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks,  
and gave it for all to drink, saying:  
This cup is the new covenant in my blood,  
shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin.  
Do this for the remembrance of me.

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



Remembering, therefore, his salutary command,  
his life-giving passion and death,  
his glorious resurrection and ascension,  
and the promise of his coming again,  
we give thanks to you, O Lord God Almighty,  
not as we ought but as we are able;  
we ask you mercifully to accept our praise and thanksgiving  
and with your Word and Holy Spirit to bless us, your servants,  
and these your own gifts of bread and wine,  
so that we and all who share in the body and blood of Christ  
may be filled with heavenly blessing and grace,  
and, receiving the forgiveness of sin,  
may be formed to live as your holy people  
and be given our inheritance with all your saints.

To you, O God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit,  
be all honor and glory 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.

## The Communion of the Faithful

***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. Please maintain social distance between non-family members.

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 line 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, corresponding to the lyrics "mer-cy and love." and "We are Christ's bod - y,". The bass staff continues the accompaniment. 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, corresponding to the lyrics "bro-ken and blest. Heal us and make us one." The bass staff continues the accompaniment. 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 God Ordains Is Good Indeed

1 What God or-dains is good in-deed, for all life well pro - vid - ing.  
 2 What God or-dains is good in-deed: my light, my life, my Sav - ior!  
 3 What God or-dains is good in-deed. When hope seems like de - lu - sion,  
 4 What God or-dains is good in-deed. My Lord will nev - er fail me

The will of God is best for me, the ground of my con - fid - ing.  
 No ill can get the best of me; God's care will nev - er wa - ver.  
 I taste the bit - ter cup and plead, "Lord, quench my fear, con - fu - sion."  
 on dan-ger's path, in deep-est need, when death in grief shall veil me.

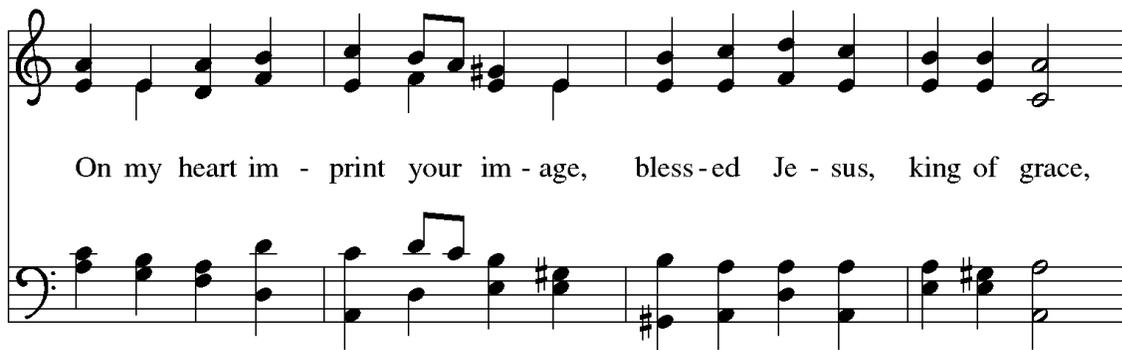
My faith - ful God, on ev - 'ry road you know the way un -  
 Through joy and pain I shall at - tain the dawn dis - clos - ing  
 God ends the night, re - stores de - light; by faith I face to -  
 My God so dear will draw me near, in lov - ing arms will

fold - ing and my hand you are hold - ing.  
 clear - ly that God has loved me dear - ly.  
 mor - row and yield to God all sor - row.  
 hold me, at last in light en - fold me.

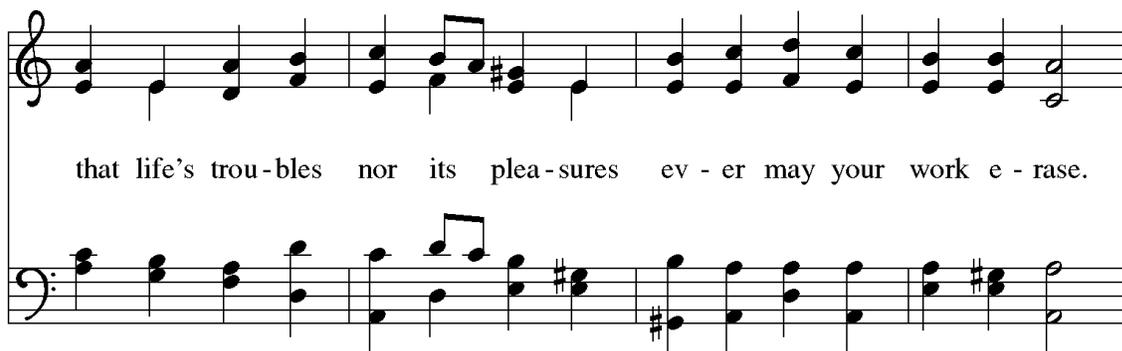
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 Music: WAS GOT T UT, Severus Gastorius, 1646–1682  
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Hymn

On My Heart Imprint Your Image



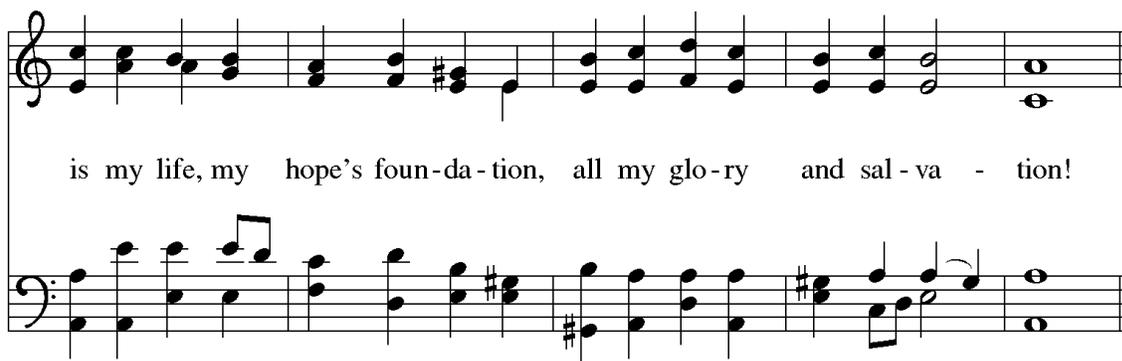
On my heart im - print your im - age, bless - ed Je - sus, king of grace,



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

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

Be Thou My Vision



1 Be thou my vi - sion, O Lord of my heart;  
 2 Be thou my wis - dom, and thou my true word;  
 3 Rich - es I heed not, nor vain, emp - ty praise,  
 4 Light of my soul, af - ter vic - to - ry won,



naught be all else to me, save that thou art:  
 I ev - er with thee and thou with me, Lord.  
 thou mine in - her - i - tance, now and al - ways:  
 may I reach heav - en's joys, O heav - en's Sun!



thou my best thought both by day and by night,  
 Thou my soul's shel - ter, and thou my high tow'r,  
 thou and thou on - ly, the first in my heart,  
 Heart of my own heart, what - ev - er be - fall,



wak - ing or sleep - ing, thy pres - ence my light.  
 raise thou me heav'n - ward, O Pow'r of my pow'r.  
 great God of heav - en, my trea - sure thou art.  
 still be my vi - sion, O Rul - er of all.

Text: Irish, 8th cent.; vers. Eleanor H. Hull, 1860–1935, alt.; tr. Mary E. Byrne, 1880–1931  
 Music: SLANE, Irish traditional

Dismissal Go in peace. Believe the good news.  
**Thanks be to God.**

Postlude

Fugue in C major

J. Pachelbel

**Serving Saturday**

**Presiding Minister.** . . . . . Pastor Brenda Martin

**Organist.** . . . . . Andy Joos

**Liturgical Deacon** . . . . . Catherine Richardson

**Serving Today**

**Presiding Minister** . . . . . Pastor Brenda Martin  
**Director of Music.** . . . . . Steve Repasky  
**Liturgical Deacon** . . . . . Linda Armstrong  
**Lector** . . . . . Barbara Swartz  
**Head Usher.** . . . . . Bob Olson  
**Live Stream Technician** . . . . . Tyler Martin-Call  
**Altar Guild** . . . . . Nikki Weaver and Judy Teets

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**This Week at Holy Trinity**

**Sunday March 15, 2026** *Fourth 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 16, 2026**

6:00 p.m. Fiber Arts Group  
7:00 p.m. GSO Board Meeting

**Tuesday March 17, 2026**

7:00 p.m. Congregational Council

**Wednesday March 18, 2026**

5:15 p.m. Vespers Dinner

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

**Thursday March 19, 2026**

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

**Friday March 20, 2026**

- 5:30 p.m. Stations of the Cross
- 6:00 p.m. Girl Scouts

**Saturday March 21, 2026**

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

**Upcoming Events**

**Sunday March 22, 2026** *Fifth 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 23, 2026**

- 6:00 p.m. Fiber Arts Group

**Tuesday March 24, 2026**

- 9:00 a.m. Flying Quilts
- 6:00 p.m. Ladies fellowship dinner

**Wednesday March 25, 2026**

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

**Thursday March 26, 2026**

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

**Friday March 27, 2026**

- 5:30 p.m. Stations of the Cross

**Saturday March 28, 2026**

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

### **Good Shepherd Request for March**

The Good Shepherd request is **boxed mac and cheese or breakfast items** for the month of **March**. 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 March is the Flying Quilts supplies. 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>

### **Good Shepherd Easter Request**

We have been asked to provide 60 boxes of mashed potatoes this year for the Easter basket distribution. These baskets will help local families provide an Easter dinner for their loved ones. Please give if you are able. There is a box in the administrative hallway for the Easter donation. We currently have 28 boxes. Thank you.

### **Maundy Thursday Prayer Vigil**

There is a sign-up sheet in the narthex for Maundy Thursday. Please add your name to the list if you are able to join us in prayer.

### **Women's Night Out**

Please join the ladies of the congregation for dinner and fellowship at Bridgeworks on March 24, at 6 p.m. Sign-up sheets are in the narthex and the office hallway.

### **Bunny time!**

Our bunny count is at 41! Thank to all who have brought in chocolate bunnies for our Sunday School project. Please consider purchasing a few if you are able and help us meet our goal of 70!

## **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:**

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| Todd Holsinger (nephew of Billie and Dave Hollenbaugh) | Carolyn Fritz (friend of Fran Black)             |
| Joyce Harris (sister of Judi Moinet)                   | Dave Hollenbaugh                                 |
| Peggy Wise (sister in law of Judi Moinet)              | John Myers (husband of Pastor Brenda)            |
| Jen (granddaughter of Ed and Cathy Nanz)               | Ken Buikema (cousin of Denise and Rich Hall)     |
| Ariana (friend of Ed and Cathy Nanz)                   | Charlene Miller (friend of Denise and Rich Hall) |
| Maria (friend of Linda Armstrong)                      | Lori McCann (daughter of Darla Swift)            |
| Diana and Donnie (friends of Rich and Denise Hall)     | Mary Rose Jones (friend of Jill Murrin)          |
| Kate Washill Martin (friend of Pastor Brenda)          | Sheila Kretser (friend of Jill Murrin)           |
| Sherry (friend of Rich and Denise Hall)                | Lori Scotta (friend of Jill Murrin)              |
| Tris Hall (brother of Rich Hall)                       | Russell Morgan (father of Matt Morgan)           |
| Philip Schell  | Stephen Call (brother of Tyler Martin-Call)      |
| Christina Bush (niece of Ruth Heil)                    | Nancy (friend of Linda Armstrong)                |
| Lyn Higgins (nephew of Bonnie Long)                    | Dillon (friend of Ed Pitcher & Beth Harpst)      |
| Rita (friend of the Oman's and Mary Reames)            | 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

The Fourth Sunday in Lent marks the midpoint of the 40 days of Lent. Remembering St. Patrick's Feast Day which is on Tuesday, our choir sings K. Lee Scott's arrangement of *St. Patrick's Breastplate*. This hymn is found in the *Evangelical Lutheran Worship* book as hymn 450. It is quite an unusual hymn. With all five lengthy verses, it is printed on two pages of the ELW book. And it is the only hymn with two different tunes. The first tune is in a minor key and the contrasting second tune is in a major key. All the verses are derived from Biblical passages: Genesis, Deuteronomy, Jeremiah, Isaiah, Second Kings, The Book of Psalms, The First Epistle of Peter, Romans, Corinthians, and John.

Another hymn of interest today is *What God ordains is good indeed* (Was Gott tut, das ist wohlgetan), which we sing as our first Communion hymn. This hymn appears in all Lutheran hymnals. Based on Deuteronomy 32:5, the hymn text was written by a son of Lutheran Pastor, Samuel Rodigast and published in 1690. The hymn tune was composed for this text by Severus Grindal. The organ prelude by Johann Pachelbel today is based on this German chorale.

Text and melody of Rodigast's hymn in the *Nürnbergisches Gesangbuch* of 1690