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TOLLING THE WORSHIP HOUR

PRELUDE

"You Are My All in All"

Cindy Berry

WELCOME | ANNOUNCEMENTS

SHARING THE PEACE

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

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**
- ☐ Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open,
 all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid:
 cleanse the thoughts of our hearts
 by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit,
 that we may perfectly love you
 and worthily magnify your holy name,
 through Jesus Christ our Lord,
- ☑ **Amen**
- ☐ Let us confess our sin in the presence of God
 and of one another.

Silence is observed for reflection.

- ☐ Gracious God,
- ☑ **have mercy on us.**
- We confess that we have turned from you
 and given ourselves into the power of sin.
 We are truly sorry and humbly repent.
 In your compassion forgive us our sins,
 known and unknown,
 things we have done
 and things we have failed to do.
 Turn us again to you,
 and uphold us by your Spirit,
 so that we may live and serve you
 in newness of life
 through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.
 Amen**

☐ God, who is rich in mercy, loved us even when we were dead in sin,
and made us alive together with Christ.
By grace you have been saved.
In the name of † Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven.
Almighty God strengthen you with power through the Holy Spirit,
that Christ may live in your hearts through faith.

☑ **Amen**

OPENING HYMN (*songsheet*)

“Blessed Assurance

Fanny J. Crosby

**1 Blessed assurance, Jesus is mine!
Oh, what a foretaste of glory divine!
Heir of salvation, purchase of God
Born of his Spirit, washed in his blood**

**This is my story, this is my song
Praising my Savior, all the day long
This is my story, this is my song
Praising my Savior, all the day long**

**2 Perfect submission, perfect delight
Visions of rapture now burst on my sight
Angels descending bring from above
Echoes of mercy, whispers of love**

**This is my story, this is my song
Praising my Savior, all the day long
This is my story, this is my song
Praising my Savior, all the day long**

**3 Perfect submission, all is at rest
I, in my Savior, am happy and blest
Watching and waiting, looking above
Filled with his goodness, lost in his love**

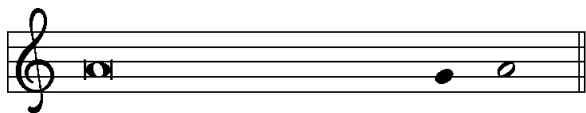
**This is my story, this is my song
Praising my Savior, all the day long
This is my story, this is my song
Praising my Savior, all the day long**

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.**

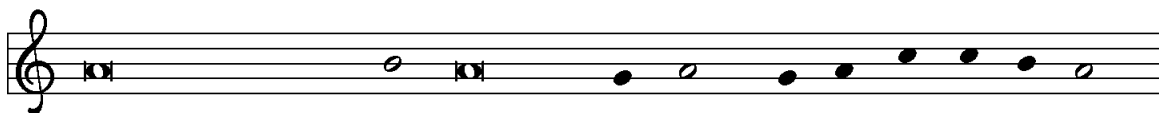
KYRIE



P In peace, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, **h**ave **m**er - **c**y.



P For the peace from a-bove, and for our sal - vation, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, **h**ave **m**er - **c**y.



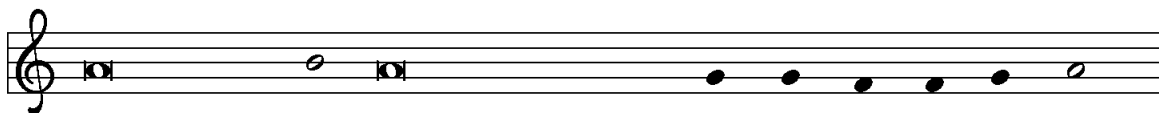
P For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God,



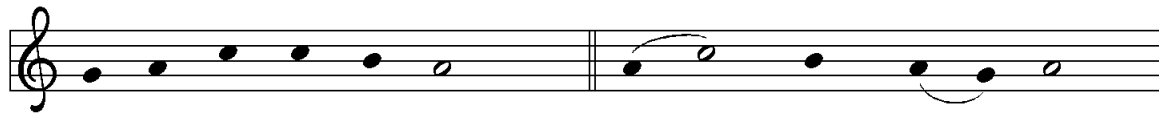
and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, **h**ave **m**er - **c**y.



P For this holy house, and for all who offer here their wor-ship and praise,



let us pray to the Lord. **L**ord **h**ave **m**er - **c**y.



P Help, save, comfort, and de-fend us, gra-cious Lord. **A** - **m**en.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

☞ Let us pray: O God, our leader and guide,
in the waters of baptism
you bring us to new birth to live as your children.
Strengthen our faith in your promises,
that by your Spirit
we may lift up your life to all the world
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

CHILDREN'S CHURCH

Children (Pre-K thru 4th) are invited to the Kid's Room for a Bible story and craft.

SCRIPTURE READINGS

Genesis 12:1-4a

☞ A reading from the book of Genesis.

God's call of Abram and Sarai has a clear purpose—that through them all the families of the earth would gain a blessing. As they set out on their journey, they are accompanied by promises of land, nation, and a great reputation.

The Lord said to Abram, "Go from your country and your kindred and your father's house to the land that I will show you. I will make of you a great nation, and I will bless you and make your name great, so that you will be a blessing. I will bless those who bless you, and the one who curses you I will curse, and in you all the families of the earth shall be blessed." So Abram went, as the Lord had told him, and Lot went with him.

☞ Word of God, word of life.

☞ **Thanks be to God.**

☞ *Let us read the Psalm responsively with the congregation reading the bold print.*

Psalms 121

☞ I lift up my eyes to the hills —
from where will my help come?

☞ **My help comes from the Lord,
who made heaven and earth.**

☞ He will not let your foot be moved;
he who keeps you will not slumber.

☞ **He who keeps Israel
will neither slumber nor sleep.**

☞ The Lord is your keeper;
the Lord is your shade at your right hand.

☞ **The sun shall not strike you by day
nor the moon by night.**

☞ The Lord will keep you from all evil;
he will keep your life.

☞ **The Lord will keep
your going out and your coming in
from this time on and forevermore.**

Please stand as you are able.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

ELW Setting 4



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.

📖 The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the third chapter.

John 3:1-17

🎵 **Glory to you, O Lord.**

A curious Pharisee visits Jesus by night to learn from the teacher his friends reject. Jesus speaks to him about life in the Spirit and the kingdom of God

Now there was a Pharisee named Nicodemus, a leader of the Jews. He came to Jesus by night and said to him, “Rabbi, we know that you are a teacher who has come from God, for no one can do these signs that you do unless God is with that person.” Jesus answered him, “Very truly, I tell you, no one can see the kingdom of God without being born from above.” Nicodemus said to him, “How can anyone be born after having grown old? Can one enter a second time into the mother’s womb and be born?” Jesus answered, “Very truly, I tell you, no one can enter the kingdom of God without being born of water and Spirit. What is born of the flesh is flesh, and what is born of the Spirit is spirit. Do not be astonished that I said to you, ‘You must be born from above.’ The wind blows where it chooses, and you hear the sound of it, but you do not know where it comes from or where it goes. So it is with everyone who is born of the Spirit.” Nicodemus said to him, “How can these things be?”

Jesus answered him, “Are you the teacher of Israel, and yet you do not understand these things? Very truly, I tell you, we speak of what we know and testify to what we have seen, yet you do not receive our testimony. If I have told you about earthly things and you do not believe, how can you believe if I tell you about heavenly things? No one has ascended into heaven except the one who descended from heaven, the Son of Man. And just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, that whoever believes in him may have eternal life. For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life. Indeed, God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world but in order that the world might be saved through him.”

📖 The Gospel of the Lord.

🎵 **Praise to you, O Christ.**

Please be seated.

MEDITATION

Pastor Adam Stockton

HYMN

"Baptized and Set Free"

Cathy Skogen-Soldner

1 We are people created
Chosen by God
Then we're washed, ever gently
In mercy and love
Sin has power no more
Jesus opened the door
To a fountain bringing healing
And wholeness and more

2 We are fed and we're nourished
Filled and refreshed
Then our hunger returns and
Again we are blessed
For whatever the need
God is greater indeed
Endless ocean, always deeper
Than all of our need

3 We are nourished by water
All living things
And by life that the Spirit
Abundantly brings
As we journey toward home
May your presence be known
Precious river, ever-flowing
Now carry us home

4 Now with praise and thanksgiving
We join the song
All are welcome! We gather
To sing loud and strong
Not enslaved, but set free!
From now on, all will be
One in Jesus, one in water
Baptized and set free!

Please stand as you are able.

PROFESSION OF FAITH

A Let us profess what we believe:

C I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ,
his only Son, our Lord.
He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit
and born of the virgin Mary.
He suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried.
He descended into hell.
On the third day he rose again.
He ascended into heaven,
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again
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

PRAYERS OF THE COMMUNITY

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

A brief silence.

A Faithful One, you renew us by grace. As you have inspired faith through the work of church artists and hymnwriters throughout the ages, give your church the means to praise your beauty today. Hear us, O God.

C **Your mercy is great.**

A Living One, you delight in this world. The sun and moon, the wind and the water declare your goodness. Preserve this earth, and protect conservationists, scientists, and all who labor in service to creation. Hear us, O God.

C **Your mercy is great.**

A Ruling One, you bless us to be a blessing. Open the hearts of all leaders to seek the flourishing of every person and lend your help to all who wait for justice, deliverance, and peace. Hear us, O God.

C **Your mercy is great.**

A Compassionate One, you send your Son to save. Declare your word of acceptance to any who feel condemned and lift up any brought low by hatred and exclusion. Tend to all who are struggling with illness or loss *especially... and those whom we now name...* Hear us, O God.

C **Your mercy is great.**

A Guiding One, you watch over our going out and coming in. Bless newcomers and new members in this assembly and accompany those who have recently left this community to journey elsewhere, especially Ethel Bounds. Hear us, O God.

C **Your mercy is great.**

A Life-giving Lord, abundantly bless Kevin Roth, Jason Dale Stein, Leo Ransom, Phoebe Meyer, Duane Compton and Patricia Pringle as they celebrate a birthday this week. Hear us, O God.

C **Your mercy is great.**

A Eternal One, you neither slumber nor sleep. Be our keeper in life and in death. Thank you for our beloved who have died, and for your promise which saves this whole world by your love. Hear us, O God.

C **Your mercy is great.**

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

C **Amen**

Please be seated.

OFFERING

"I Worship You Almighty God"

Cindy Berry

Please stand as you are able.

OFFERTORY*"Create in Me"*

Freylinghausen



Cre - ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re - new a right



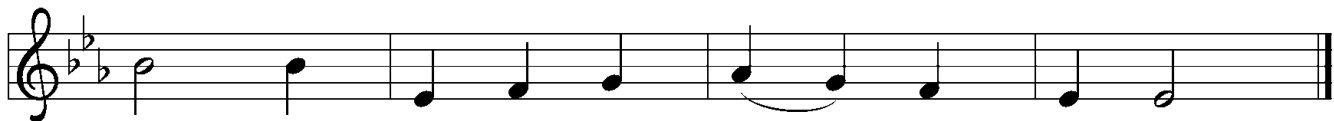
spir - it with - in me. Cast me not a - way from your



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.

OFFERTORY PRAYER

- A** 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.

C Amen

HOLY COMMUNION

- P** The Lord be with you.
C And also with you.
P Lift up your hearts.
C We lift them to the Lord.
P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
C It is right to give God thanks and praise.
P God of our weary years, God of our silent tears,
 you have brought us this far along the way.

- Ⓟ In times of bitterness you did not abandon us,
but guided us into the path of love and light.

In every age you sent prophets
to make known your loving will for all humanity.
The cry of the poor has become your own cry;
our hunger and thirst for justice is your own desire.
In the fullness of time, you sent your chosen servant
to preach good news to the afflicted,
to break bread with the outcast and despised,
and to ransom those in bondage to prejudice and sin.

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 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.

- Ⓞ **Christ has died.**
Christ is risen.
Christ will come again.

- Ⓟ Remembering, therefore, his death and resurrection,
we await the day when Jesus shall return
to free all the earth from the bonds of slavery and death.
Come, Lord Jesus! And let the church say, Amen.

- Ⓞ **Amen**

- Ⓟ Send your Holy Spirit, our advocate,
to fill the hearts of all who share this bread and cup
with courage and wisdom to pursue love and justice in all the world.
Come, Spirit of freedom! And let the church say, Amen.

- Ⓞ **Amen**

- Ⓟ Join our prayers and praise with your prophets and martyrs of every age,
that, rejoicing in the hope of the resurrection,
we might live in the freedom and hope of your Son.
Through him, with him, in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
all glory and honor is yours, almighty Father, now and forever.

- Ⓞ **Amen**

LORD'S PRAYER

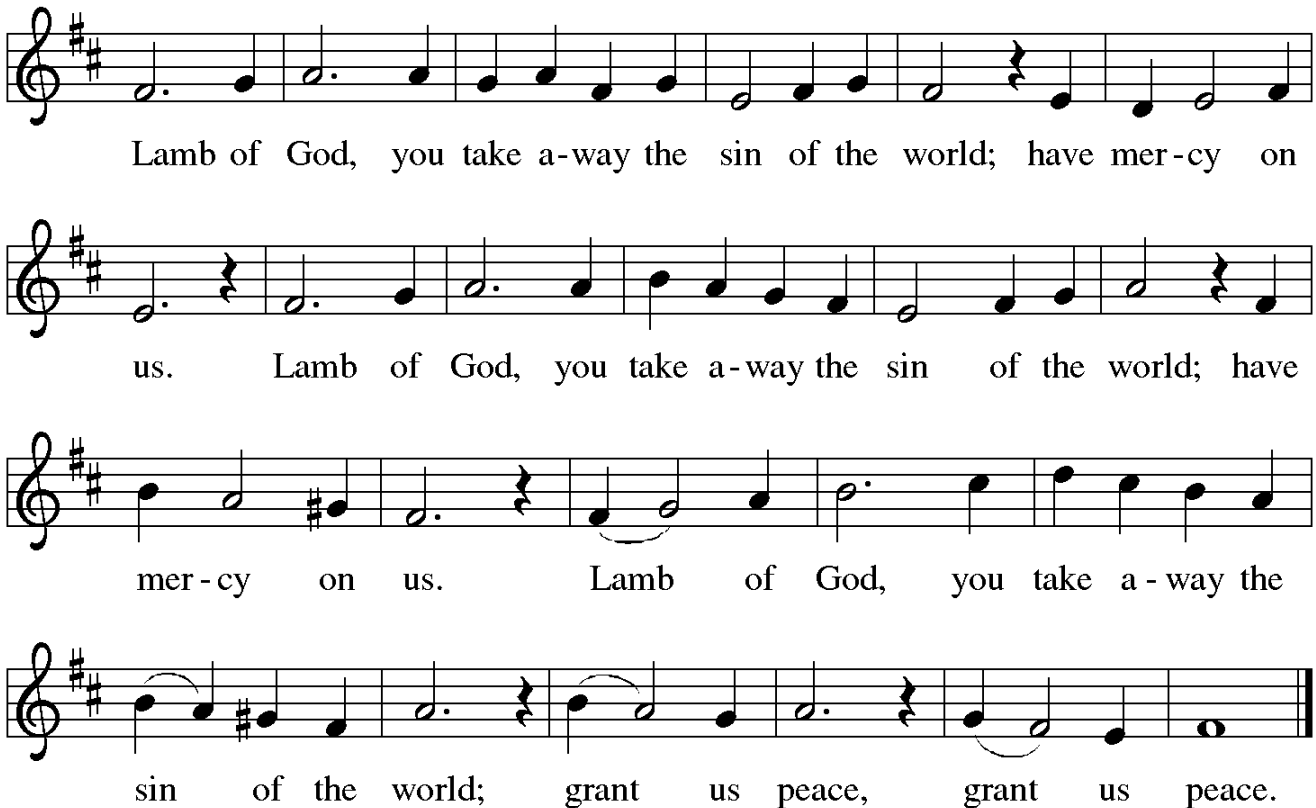
- ☐ Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit,
let us pray as Jesus taught us.
- ☑ **Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come,
your will be done, on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins
as we forgive those who sin against us.
Save us from the time of trial
and deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power,
and the glory are yours,
now and forever, Amen.**

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

- ☐ These are the gifts of God, for the people of God.
All are welcome at God's table.

Please be seated.

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, grant us peace.

COMMUNION SONGS

"Just as I am, I Come Broken"
LYRICS WILL APPEAR ON SCREENS

Travis Cottrell

1 My faith looks up to thee
Thou Lamb of Calvary
Savior divine!
Now hear me while I pray
Take all my guilt away
Oh, let me from this day
Be wholly thine!

2 May thy rich grace impart
Strength to my fainting heart
My zeal inspire
As thou hast died for me
Oh, may my love to thee
Pure, warm, and changeless be
A living fire!

3 While life’s dark maze I tread
And griefs around me spread
Be thou my guide
Bid darkness turn to day
Wipe sorrow’s tears away
Nor let me ever stray
From thee aside

4 When ends life’s transient dream
When death’s cold, sullen stream
Shall o’er me roll
Blest Savior, then, in love
Fear and distrust remove
Oh, bear me safe above
A ransomed soul!

Instrumental music will follow the hymns as time allows.

- ☐ The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.
- ☑ Amen

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

- ☐ Compassionate God, you have fed us with the bread of heaven.
Sustain us in our Lenten pilgrimage:
may our fasting be hunger for justice;
our alms, a making of peace;
and our prayer, the song of grateful hearts,
through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.
- ☑ Amen

BLESSING

- ☐ Almighty God, Father, † Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you now and forever.
- ☑ Amen

SENDING SONG (*songsheet*)

“Lift High the Cross”

Kitchin | Nicholson

- 1 Lift high the cross**
The love of Christ proclaim
Till all the world adore
His sacred name
Come, Christians, follow
Where our captain trod
Our king victorious
Christ, the Son of God

- 2 Lift high the cross**
The love of Christ proclaim
Till all the world adore
His sacred name
All newborn servants
Of the Crucified
Bear on their brows
The seal of him who died

- 3 Lift high the cross**
The love of Christ proclaim
Till all the world adore
His sacred name
O Lord, once lifted
On the glorious tree
As thou hast promised
Draw us all to thee

- 4 Lift high the cross**
The love of Christ proclaim
Till all the world adore
His sacred name

BENEDICTION

- A** Go in peace. Christ is with you.
- G** Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

“The Love of God”

M. Hayes

ANNOUNCEMENTS

LENT

- Every *Wednesday* during Lent join us for a **Lenten meal at 5:30, and Lenten worship service at 6:00pm.**
- **Volunteers are needed** to help **prepare, serve and clean-up** following each Wednesday's meal.
- The midweek Lenten **offerings** are being split evenly between the **Market Depot** and to Trinity's **Helping Hands fund**, which allows us to provide assistance with rent, utilities, gas vouchers, and much more to people in need.
- The *April 2nd, Maundy Thursday* worship will be a **Seder meal** provided by the church.

SECOND SUNDAY LUNCH - SPRING FLING

On *Sunday, March 8th* immediately following worship we're having a **Spring Fling!** Let's celebrate the arrival of Spring with food and fun! The church will provide Corned Beef & Cabbage and ham. You are invited to bring bread, salad, a vegetable dish or dessert. However, it is not necessary for you to bring anything ... we want **you** to attend!

LIFE GROUPS

The goal of **Life Groups** is to really get to know one another so we can encourage our walks in Christ and our witness to the world. With this in mind, Life Groups consist of 3 distinct parts.

1. Food/fellowship
2. Read Scripture and discuss sermon questions
3. Praying for one another

On *March 8th*, you will have the opportunity to experience some of this. When you have your food, someone currently attending Life Leader training, will be at each table to go thru the discussion part (#2) with everyone at the table. We pray you attend and take the time to join in to experience it for yourself.

"AN AFTERNOON IN ITALY" CONCERT

Come enjoy "*An Afternoon in Italy*" in the sanctuary on *Sunday, March 15* at 2 pm. Featured Performers include Lorna Case, mezzo soprano, Judith Rodriguez, soprano (*a noted recording artist found on YouTube*) & Dr. Barbara Bacik Case, Collaborative Pianist. There will be a reception following the Concert. Everyone is welcome! Leave Texas behind for "*An Afternoon in Italy!*"

2026 NT-NL SYNOD ASSEMBLY DELEGATES

Would you like to represent Trinity as the **Voting Member** at this year's **NT-NL Synod Assembly**? Held at the Advent Lutheran Church in Arlington *April 24th & 25th*. If you haven't attended a Synod Assembly, this is a wonderful opportunity to learn more about how decisions are made on a larger scale and how we impact so many. If you're interested, please contact *Pastor Adam* or the church office.

DAYLIGHT SAVINGS BEGINS NEXT SUNDAY, MARCH 8, 2026

Daylight Savings is *next Sunday!* Don't forget to move your clocks forward one hour or you will totally miss worship.

MARKET DEPOT NEEDS

The **Market Depot** food pantry needs **canned chicken & tuna, and chicken noodle soup.** Please pick some up on your next grocery run and bring them to the church. We will deliver them for you.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Kevin Roth (Mar-02), Jason Dale Stein (Mar-02), Leo Ransom (Mar-03), Phoebe Meyer (Mar-04), Duane Compton (Mar-06) and Patricia Pringle (Mar-06)

SERVING THIS WEEK

Sunday School Facilitator

Adults.....Peg Varns
 Youth.....Collin Tang
 ChildrenAnn Hanley

Worship Leaders

Presiding MinisterPastor Adam Stockton
 Assisting MinisterLoide Wasmund
 Pianist / Organist.....Dr. Barbara Case
 LectorAmy Shojai
 AcolyteSamuel Allen
 Children’s ChurchAnn Hanley
 Altar CareCarol Pfeiffer
 Communion AssistantNancy Dreesen
 Ushers.....Linda Borton & Steve Richardson
 FellowshipLinda Foley
 Welcome TableLaureen Pfeiffer
 ProjectionistJane Carr
 VideographerKathy Manning

Wednesday, March 4th Worship Leaders

Presiding MinisterPastor Adam Stockton
 Pianist / OrganistDr. Barbara Case
 Welcome TableLinda Borton
 ProjectionistMark Peippo
 VideographerAshley Imhoff

Remember these people with prayers, phone calls, and cards.

- Rolf & Shar Berg** (peace)
- Eileen Burrus** (healing & cancer)
- Barbara Case** (strength/healing)
- Michael Eblens** (medical testing/healing)
- Al Imhoff** (detached retina surgery/healing)
- Muriel Johnson** (stroke/healing)
- Billy Pfeiffer** (healing)
- Ken Powers** (rehab/healing)
- Bill & Cindy Quick** (upcoming surgery/healing & scleroderma)
- Paul Richards** (myoclonic seizures)
- Ron & Lois Richardson** (healing)
- Mahmoud Shojai** (healing/back)
- Sherrill Snider** (UTI/healing)
- RJ** (liver failure/healing) requested by the Cripps’
- Preston** (neurological issues) grandson of Kit Benson
- Gillie** (healing) granddaughter of Susan Cripps

PRAYER REQUESTS

CALENDAR

Sunday, March 1st

9:00 am Sunday School
 10:00 am Choir Rehearsal & Fellowship
 10:30 am Worship & Children’s Church
 11:50 am Evangelism Meeting

Monday, March 2nd

7:00 pm Al-Anon

Wednesday, March 4th

10:00 am Men’s Coffee Group
 5:30 pm Lenten Meal
 6:00 pm Mid-Week Lenten Worship

Sunday, March 8th - Daylight Savings

9:00 am Sunday School
 10:00 am Choir Rehearsal & Fellowship
 10:30 am Worship & Children’s Church
 11:30 am Spring Fling Lunch & Fun

Thanks for your continued generosity and commitment to the mission and ministry of Trinity Lutheran Church.

Week of Sunday, February 22, 2026

ATTENDANCE

In-Person Worship60
 YouTube Online Viewing.....68
 Sermon Online Viewing20
 Children’s Church2
 Adult Sunday School10
 Men’s Coffee Group.....13
 Ash Wednesday Worship34
 Ash Wednesday Meal34
 Ash Wednesday Online Viewing.....24

TOTAL MONTH INCOME:

General Offering\$20,076.87
 Expense Goal\$22,660.08

Designated Offerings

Building Usage\$20.00
 Helping Hands.....\$40.00
 Lenten Offering.....\$520
 Market Depot\$75.00
 NTNL Synod\$100.00
 Retirement Fund: K. Manning.....\$100.00
 World Hunger\$63.06
Total.....\$475.06

STEWARDSHIP

LENTEN MEAL SCHEDULE

<u>Date</u>	<u>Donated Served By</u>	<u>Menu</u>
Mar-4	Women’s Bible Study	Mexican Stack Up
Mar-11	Jami & Steve Richardson	TBD
Mar-18	TBD	TBD
Mar-25	Powers/Pfeiffer’s/Hanley	Chicken Spaghetti & Bread
Apr-2	Sally & Jim Hawthorne	Seder Supper