

# **Third Sunday in Lent**

**March 20, 2022**



**TRINITY EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH  
EAST BERLIN, PENNSYLVANIA**



**Trinity's Prayer List:** The prayer list has been reformatted. If you know of someone who has ongoing prayer needs or more immediate prayer requests, please contact Bonnie Boyer [bonnie0879@verizon.net](mailto:bonnie0879@verizon.net) & [secretary@trinitylutheraneb.org](mailto:secretary@trinitylutheraneb.org)  
Thank you for your understanding.

*Our love and prayers go out to:*

Diane Baugher  
Sandy Boyer  
Family of Jane Bloom  
Charlotte Brooks  
Seville Brown  
Valerie Bushey  
Gail Campbell  
Chappell Family  
Bill Conner  
Stacey Crouse  
Mark Deputy  
Dottie Mae Eisenhart  
Louise Eisenhart  
Brin Eldridge  
Frederick Family  
Albert Griffin  
Nancy Grunwell  
Pixie Henry  
Lester Herman  
Joann Hinkle  
Family of Bruce Hollabaugh  
Trenton Hull  
Flo Jones  
Dolores Kmetz  
Bryce Krichten  
Mike Krichten

Nancy Lewis  
Ruth Lusk  
Freda Manzullo  
Pr. Terry McCarthy  
Nancy Pletcher  
The R. Family  
Jodi Rinehart  
Noah Rinehart  
Donna Rubincam  
Joanne Shatlock  
Kim Smith  
Leiba Smith  
Phyllis Spahr  
Angela Thornton  
Jane Webb  
Bob Wickline  
Linda Williams  
Dale Wolf  
Sherry Wolf  
Donna & Russ Wynn  
José, Yadira and Christian  
Edward Yale  
First Responders  
Healthcare Workers  
Military Personnel  
Refugees  
Ukraine and its people  
Families of those dying from covid

## WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

### PRELUDE

*“Lord Jesus Think on Me”*

J. Bert Carlson

### A TIME FOR CHILDREN

*Children are invited to come to the front of the sanctuary for a time of faithful learning and worship.*

### \*CONFESSION & FORGIVENESS

P In the name of God, who makes a way in the wilderness, walks with us, and guides us in our pilgrimage.

C **Amen.**

P Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

P Holy One,

C **we confess that we have wandered far from you: we have not trusted your promises, we have ignored your prophets in our own day, we have squandered our inheritance of grace, we have failed to recognize you in our midst. Have mercy on us! Forgive us and turn us again to you. Teach us to follow in your ways, assure us again of your love, and help us to love our neighbor. Amen.**

P Beloved in Christ, the Word draws near to you, and all who call out to God shall be saved. In Jesus, God comes to you again and again and gathers you under wings of love. In † Jesus' name, your sins are forgiven. God journeys with you and teaches you how to live in love.

C **Amen.**

### \*OPENING HYMN

*“Glorious Things of You Are Spoken”*

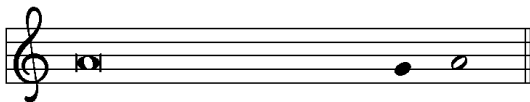
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### \*APOSTOLIC GREETING

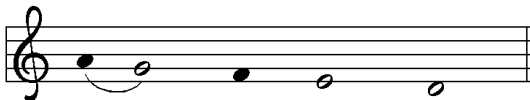
P The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C **And also with you.**

**\*KYRIE**



In peace, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



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



Lord, have mer - cy.



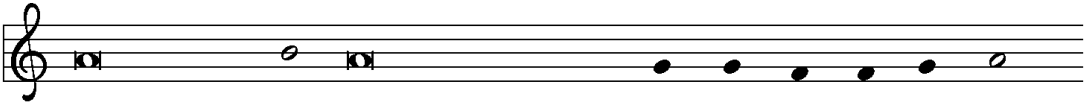
For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God,



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



Lord, have mer - cy.



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



let us pray to the Lord. Lord have mer - cy.



Help, save, comfort, and de - fend us, gra-cious Lord. A - men.

### \*PRAYER OF THE DAY

P Let us pray.

C **Eternal God, your kingdom has broken into our troubled world through the life, death, and resurrection of your Son. Help us to hear your word and obey it, and bring your saving love to fruition in our lives, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

### FIRST LESSON: Isaiah 55:1-9

*To those who have experienced long years in exile, the return to their homeland is a celebration of abundant life. God calls them into an everlasting covenant of love. Those who return to God will enjoy new life and forgiveness, because God's ways are not our ways.*

<sup>1</sup>Ho, everyone who thirsts, come to the waters; and you that have no money, come, buy and eat! Come, buy wine and milk without money and without price. <sup>2</sup>Why do you spend your money for that which is not bread, and your labor for that which does not satisfy? Listen carefully to me, and eat what is good, and delight yourselves in rich food.

<sup>3</sup>Incline your ear, and come to me; listen, so that you may live. I will make with you an everlasting covenant, my steadfast, sure love for David. <sup>4</sup>See, I made him a witness to the peoples, a leader and commander for the peoples.

<sup>5</sup>See, you shall call nations that you do not know, and nations that do not know you shall run to you, because of the LORD your God, the Holy One of Israel, for he has glorified you.

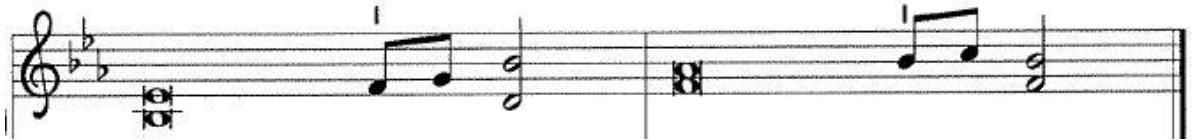
<sup>6</sup>Seek the LORD while he may be found, call upon him while he is near; <sup>7</sup>let the wicked forsake their way, and the unrighteous their thoughts; let them return to the LORD, that he

may have mercy on them, and to our God, for he will abundantly pardon. <sup>8</sup>For my thoughts are not your thoughts, nor are your ways my ways, says the LORD. <sup>9</sup>For as the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways and my thoughts than your thoughts.

L Word of God, Word of Life

C **Thanks be to God**

**Psalm: 63:1-8** (*sung using Tone 4*)



<sup>1</sup>O God, you are my God; eager-ly I seek you;  
my soul thirsts for you, my flesh faints for you, as in a dry and weary land  
where there is no water.

<sup>2</sup>**Therefore I have gazed upon you in your holy place,  
that I might behold your power and your glory.**

<sup>3</sup>For your steadfast love is better than life itself;  
my lips shall give you praise.

<sup>4</sup>**So will I bless you as long as I live  
and lift up my hands in your name.**

<sup>5</sup>My spirit is content, as with the richest of foods,  
and my mouth praises you with joyful lips,

<sup>6</sup>**when I remember you upon my bed,  
and meditate on you in the night watches.**

<sup>7</sup>For you have been my helper,  
and under the shadow of your wings I will rejoice.

<sup>8</sup>**My whole being clings to you;  
your right hand holds me fast.**

*Here ends the Psalm.*

## **SECOND LESSON: 1 Corinthians 10:1-13**

*Paul uses images from Hebrew Scriptures and prophecy to speak the truth of Jesus Christ: He is our rock, our water, our food, and our drink. Christ is the living sign of God's faithfulness.*

<sup>1</sup>I do not want you to be unaware, brothers and sisters, that our ancestors were all under the cloud, and all passed through the sea, <sup>2</sup>and all were baptized into Moses in the cloud and

in the sea,<sup>3</sup> and all ate the same spiritual food,<sup>4</sup> and all drank the same spiritual drink. For they drank from the spiritual rock that followed them, and the rock was Christ.

<sup>5</sup>Nevertheless, God was not pleased with most of them, and they were struck down in the wilderness.

<sup>6</sup>Now these things occurred as examples for us, so that we might not desire evil as they did. <sup>7</sup>Do not become idolaters as some of them did; as it is written, “The people sat down to eat and drink, and they rose up to play.” <sup>8</sup>We must not indulge in sexual immorality as some of them did, and twenty-three thousand fell in a single day. <sup>9</sup>We must not put Christ to the test, as some of them did, and were destroyed by serpents. <sup>10</sup>And do not complain as some of them did, and were destroyed by the destroyer. <sup>11</sup>These things happened to them to serve as an example, and they were written down to instruct us, on whom the ends of the ages have come. <sup>12</sup>So if you think you are standing, watch out that you do not fall. <sup>13</sup>No testing has overtaken you that is not common to everyone. God is faithful, and he will not let you be tested beyond your strength, but with the testing he will also provide the way out so that you may be able to endure it.

Word of God, Word of Life

**Thanks be to God**

**\*GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**



Re - turn to the Lord, your God, for he is gra - cious and mer - ci - ful,



slow to an - ger, and a - bound - ing in stead - fast love.

**\*HOLY GOSPEL: Luke 13:1-9**

**P** The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the 13<sup>th</sup> chapter.

**C** **Glory to you, O Lord.**

*Asked about current tragic events, Jesus turns a lesson about whether suffering is deserved into a hard call to obedience. He then tells a parable that holds out hope that the timeline for ultimate judgment will be tempered by patience.*

<sup>1</sup>At that very time there were some present who told him about the Galileans whose blood Pilate had mingled with their sacrifices.<sup>2</sup>[Jesus] asked them, “Do you think that because these Galileans suffered in this way they were worse sinners than all other Galileans?<sup>3</sup>No, I

tell you; but unless you repent, you will all perish as they did. <sup>4</sup>Or those eighteen who were killed when the tower of Siloam fell on them—do you think that they were worse offenders than all the others living in Jerusalem? <sup>5</sup>No, I tell you; but unless you repent, you will all perish just as they did.”

<sup>6</sup>Then he told this parable: “A man had a fig tree planted in his vineyard; and he came looking for fruit on it and found none. <sup>7</sup>So he said to the gardener, ‘See here! For three years I have come looking for fruit on this fig tree, and still I find none. Cut it down! Why should it be wasting the soil?’ <sup>8</sup>He replied, ‘Sir, let it alone for one more year, until I dig around it and put manure on it. <sup>9</sup>If it bears fruit next year, well and good; but if not, you can cut it down.’”

The Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

## SERMON

Rev. Susan J. McCarthy

## \*HYMN OF THE DAY

*“Lord Jesus, Think on Me”*

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## \*APOSTLES’ CREED

Let us profess our faith using the words of the Apostles’ Creed.

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

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God’s only Son, our Lord,  
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,  
born of the virgin Mary,  
suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, died, and was buried;  
he descended to the dead.\*  
On the third day he rose again;  
he ascended into heaven,  
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,  
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the holy catholic church,  
the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body,  
and the life everlasting. Amen.**



## **\*PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE**

Drawn close to the heart of God, we offer these prayers for the church, the world, and all who are in need.

*A brief silence.*

We pray for the church around the world in all its forms. Merciful God,  
**receive our prayer.**

We pray for the health of this planet and the well-being of its creatures. Merciful God,  
**receive our prayer.**

We pray for those called into positions of civic responsibility. Merciful God,  
**receive our prayer.**

We pray for those who call upon you for mercy, especially for those who have no one to pray for them, those on our prayer list, and those we name before you now, *pause for silent prayer*. Merciful God,  
**receive our prayer.**

We pray for the advocacy efforts of this congregation and the justice work of disciples around us. Merciful God,  
**receive our prayer.**

We pray for the concerns we never voice, the problems we think are too small to bring to you, for the things you know we need, and for all other troubles, *pause for silent prayer*. Merciful God,  
**receive our prayer.**

For those whose earthly journeys have ended, we give thanks, and we pray for those who live in the hope of your resurrection promise. Merciful God,  
**receive our prayer.**

Accept the prayers we bring, O God, on behalf of a world in need, for the sake of Jesus Christ.  
**Amen.**

## \*SHARING OF THE PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you always.

**And also with you.**

*Let us take a few moments to share a sign of Christ's Peace with one another.*

## OFFERING

*In worship, we offer our most genuine selves to the Lord. This is true whether you are contributing something in the plate today or not. Thank you for your gift to Christ and his ministry in this place. Bread, wine, money, and other gifts may be brought forward after the collection of the offering.*

## \*OFFERTORY



3 As long as I live, Je - sus, make me your ser - vant,



to car - ry your cross and to share all your bur - dens and tears.



For you saved me by giv - ing your bod - y and blood.



As long as I live, Je - sus, make me your ser - vant.

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**\*OFFERING PRAYER**

A Let us pray.

C **God our provider, you have not fed us with bread alone, but with words of grace and life. Bless us and these your gifts, which we receive from your bounty, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

**\*GREAT THANKSGIVING**

P The Lord be with you.

C **And also with you.**

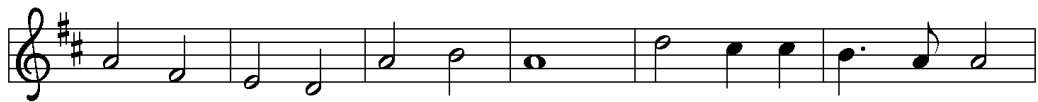
P Lift up your hearts.

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 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:



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



heav'n and earth are full of your glo - ry.



Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who comes



in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

### **\*EUCHARISTIC PRAYER**

On 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.

### **\*LORD'S PRAYER**

Lord, remember us in your kingdom, and teach us to pray:

**Our Father, who art in heaven,**

**hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come,**

**thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.**

**Give us this day our daily bread;**

**and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation,**

**but deliver us from evil.**

**For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory,**

**forever and ever. Amen.**

### **\*INVITATION TO COMMUNION**

Come to God's table. There is a place for you and enough for all.

**Thanks be to God!**

### **DISTRIBUTION OF COMMUNION**

*We are all invited to the Lord's Table; please make yourself at home. The pastor will offer direction for the distribution of the sacrament. Please note the following elements are available: pre-blessed, sealed wafer and grape juice packages, wheat wafers, gluten-free wafers, pre-poured grape juice, poured wine. You are welcome to visit and remain at the chancel rail during the meal as you wish.*

### **COMMUNION HYMNS**

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*The congregation is invited to sing the listed hymns during the Holy Communion distribution.*

**\*POST COMMUNION BLESSING**

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

**\*POST COMMUNION PRAYER**

**A** Let us pray.

**C** **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.**

**\*BENEDICTION**

**P** You are children of God, anointed with the oil of gladness and strengthened for the journey. Almighty God, ☩ bless you this day and always.

**C** **Amen.**

**\*CLOSING HYMN**

*“Guide Me Ever, Great Redeemer”*

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**\*DISMISSAL**

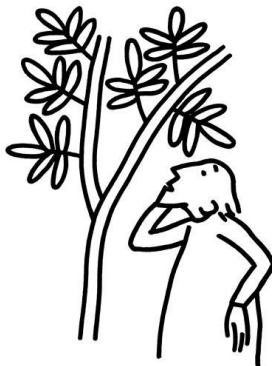
**A** Go in peace. Jesus meets you on the way.

**C** **Thanks be to God.**

**POSTLUDE**

*“Guide Me Ever Great Redeemer”*

Don Hustad



**Announcements**  
**To Serve God And His Church**  
**During The Coming Week**

Sunday.....	10:15a.m.	Christian Education
Sunday.....	6:00p.m.	EB Comm. Choir Rehearsal
Sunday.....	6:30p.m.	AA Meeting
Monday.....	6:00p.m.	Zoom Bible Study
Monday.....	6:30p.m.	Girl Scouts
Tuesday.....	7:00p.m.	Zoom Cocktail Hour
Wednesday.....	10:00a.m.	Prayer Service
Wednesday.....	2:00-4:00p.m.	Knotty Knotters
Wednesday.....	7:30p.m.	Mid-Week Lent Zoom Service
Thursday.....	6:30p.m.	AA Meeting
Thursday.....	7:00p.m.	Bookies
Saturday.....	12:00p.m.	Social Hall Reserved
Sunday.....	8:15a.m.	Choir Rehearsal
Sunday.....	9:00a.m.	Worship

**Assisting in the Service Today:** Assisting Minister: Katharine Beckman; Lector: Sam Haley; Ushers: Jay & Sue Smith; Altar Guild: Ruthann Bowen; Hymn Leaders: Joshlyn Sharrer, Karen Sheaffer; Communion Assistant: Jim Kline.

**Easter Flower** orders are due **TODAY**. Forms are located at the entrances.

**This morning we offer intentional prayers for** those in grief; those who are discouraged; those with dementia; everyone on our prayer list; the poor; all military, medical, and first-responder personnel; Ukraine; all refugees; and our veterans. For whom else shall we pray?

**Chancel Choir Rehearsals** began today, March 20 at 8:15am and continue each Sunday morning in the Social Hall. Anyone wishing to join choir should contact Karen Wire or simply show up!

**Bible Study** will be held Monday evening at 6:00pm via Zoom. Watch your email for the link. See Pastor Susan for details and please consider joining in.

**Wreath Making:** Anyone who would like to assemble Spring wreaths for our shut-ins, we are meeting Tuesday, March 22 at 2pm in the social hall. Everything needed will be provided.

**Zoom Cocktail Hour** with Pastor Susan is this Tuesday, March 22 at 7:00pm. Watch your email for the link.

**Wednesday's at 10am Prayer Service** will be held in the chapel and will also be available live on Trinity's Facebook Fellowship Group page.

**Mid-week Lent Services** will be offered each Wednesday at 7:30pm via Zoom. The link will be sent in your weekly announcement email.

**The flowers this morning** are given in memory of Hope McCarthy whose seventeenth birthday would be this month.

**Bookies** will meet Thursday, March 24 at 7:00pm here in the church parlor. Please contact Becky Rinehart or Gay Weigand for more information about this book club.

**A Service of Healing** will be held Sunday, March 27. During our worship service we will have a brief liturgy of healing to include anointing with oil and laying on of hands.

**Newsletter** announcements are due to the secretary by Wednesday, March 23.

**Church Secretary** will be out of the office March 31-April 5. The church office will be open those days for limited hours 9am-11:30am thanks to volunteers.

<b>2022 Weekly Contributions</b>	
<b>Budget vs. Actual</b>	
<u>Month</u>	<u>Amount</u>
March Budgeted Income	18,649
March Actual income	9,425
Over/(Under)Budgeted Income	(9,224)

*Thank you for your giving to our mission here at Trinity and to Christ's work around the world through our ministry colleagues and partners. Your gifts make God's work possible! Please note our budget requirements each month and bring any questions or concerns to the Finance Committee or Pastor Susan. Thank you!*

*Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church  
East Berlin, Pennsylvania*

**Our Mission:** We are a family of Christian disciples committed to making Christ known while loving and serving God and neighbors.

**Our Vision:** To fulfill our mission, we will:

**Worship** through liturgy, music, prayer & Sacraments;

**Teach** God's Word and nurture spiritual growth;

**Serve** and provide for those in need;

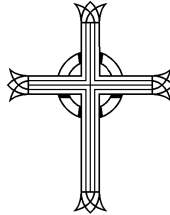
**Witness** to others by sharing the Gospel;

**Celebrate** with fellowship;

**Return** with joy what God has given;

**Be active** in our community and the Church.

**Worship, Serve, Celebrate!**



*Worship: Sunday, 9:00 a.m.*

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