

Second Sunday in Lent

March 13, 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 & secretary@trinitylutheraneb.org
Thank you for your understanding.

Our love and prayers go out to:

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Chappell Family
Bill Conner
Stacey Crouse
Mark Deputy
Dottie Mae Eisenhart
Louise Eisenhart
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Nancy Grunwell
Pixie Henry
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Jodi Rinehart
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Phyllis Spahr
Family of Clyde Stup
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

“The God of Abraham Praise”

Hal Hopson

A TIME FOR CHILDREN

If children are present for in-person worship, they may 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

“The God of Abraham Praise”

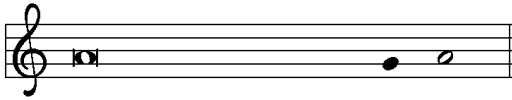
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*APOSTOLIC GREETING

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.**

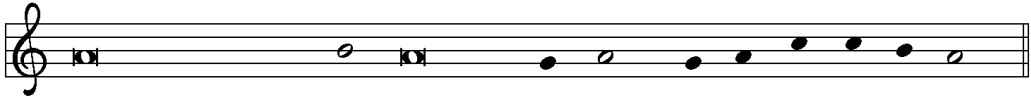
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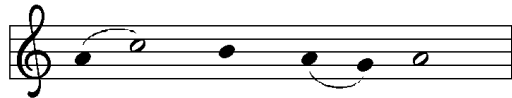
In peace, let us pray to the Lord.



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.



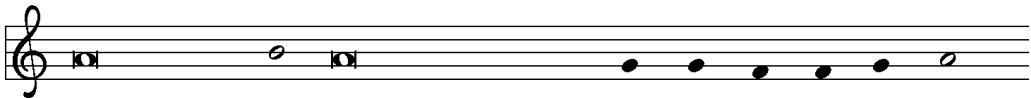
For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God,



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 God of the covenant, in the mystery of the cross you promise everlasting life to the world. Gather all peoples into your arms, and shelter us with your mercy, that we may rejoice in the life we share in your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

FIRST LESSON: Genesis 15:1-12, 17-18

God promises a childless and doubting Abram that he will have a child, that his descendants will be as numerous as the stars, and that the land of Canaan will be their inheritance. Abram's trust in God is sealed with a covenant-making ceremony, a sign of God's promise.

¹After these things the word of the LORD came to Abram in a vision, "Do not be afraid, Abram, I am your shield; your reward shall be very great." ²But Abram said, "O Lord GOD, what will you give me, for I continue childless, and the heir of my house is Eliezer of Damascus?" ³And Abram said, "You have given me no offspring, and so a slave born in my house is to be my heir." ⁴But the word of the LORD came to him, "This man shall not be your heir; no one but your very own issue shall be your heir." ⁵He brought him outside and said, "Look toward heaven and count the stars, if you are able to count them." Then he said to him, "So shall your descendants be." ⁶And he believed the LORD; and the LORD reckoned it to him as righteousness.

⁷Then he said to him, "I am the LORD who brought you from Ur of the Chaldeans, to give you this land to possess." ⁸But he said, "O Lord GOD, how am I to know that I shall possess it?" ⁹He said to him, "Bring me a heifer three years old, a female goat three years old, a ram three years old, a turtledove, and a young pigeon." ¹⁰He brought him all these and cut them in two, laying each half over against the other; but he did not cut the birds in two. ¹¹And when birds of prey came down on the carcasses, Abram drove them away.

¹²As the sun was going down, a deep sleep fell upon Abram, and a deep and terrifying darkness descended upon him.

¹⁷When the sun had gone down and it was dark, a smoking fire pot and a flaming torch passed between these pieces. ¹⁸On that day the LORD made a covenant with Abram, saying, “To your descendants I give this land, from the river of Egypt to the great river, the river Euphrates.”

L Word of God, Word of Life

C **Thanks be to God**

Psalm: 27 (*sung using Tone 4*)



¹The LORD is my light and my salvation; whom then shall I fear?

The LORD is the stronghold of my life; of whom shall I be afraid?

²**When evildoers close in against me to devour my flesh,
they, my foes and my enemies, will stumble and fall.**

³Though an army encamp against me, my heart will not fear.
Though war rise up against me, my trust will not be shaken.

⁴**One thing I ask of the LORD; one thing I seek;
that I may dwell in the house of the LORD all the days of my life; to
gaze upon the beauty of the LORD and to seek God in the temple.**

⁵For in the day of trouble God will give me shelter,
hide me in the hidden places of the sanctuary, and raise me high up on a rock.

⁶**Even now my head is lifted up above my enemies who surround me.
Therefore I will offer sacrifice in the sanctuary, sacrifices of rejoicing;
I will sing and make music to the LORD.**

⁷Hear my voice, O LORD, when I call;
have mercy on me and answer me.

⁸**My heart speaks your message—“Seek my face.”
Your face, O LORD, I will seek.**

⁹Hide not your face from me, turn not away from your servant in anger.
Cast me not away—you have been my helper; forsake me not, O God of my salvation.

¹⁰**Though my father and my mother forsake me,
the LORD will take me in.**

***HOLY GOSPEL: Luke 13:31-35**

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the 13th chapter.

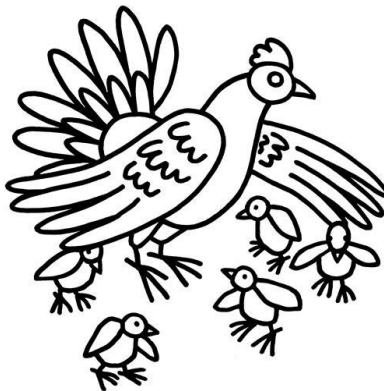
C **Glory to you, O Lord.**

Neither Herod's plotting nor Jerusalem's resistance to maternal love will deter Jesus from his sacrificial mission.

³¹At that very hour some Pharisees came and said to [Jesus,] "Get away from here, for Herod wants to kill you." ³²He said to them, "Go and tell that fox for me, 'Listen, I am casting out demons and performing cures today and tomorrow, and on the third day I finish my work. ³³Yet today, tomorrow, and the next day I must be on my way, because it is impossible for a prophet to be killed outside of Jerusalem.' ³⁴Jerusalem, Jerusalem, the city that kills the prophets and stones those who are sent to it! How often have I desired to gather your children together as a hen gathers her brood under her wings, and you were not willing! ³⁵See, your house is left to you. And I tell you, you will not see me until the time comes when you say, 'Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.'"

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.



SERMON

Rev. Susan McCarthy

***HYMN OF THE DAY**

"Thy Holy Wings"

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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.

You gather the church into a community of mercy and grace. Unify Christians around the globe in efforts to proclaim good news even in the face of opposition and peril. Merciful God,

receive our prayer.

You create the entire universe and call it good. Hinder those who would cause further destruction to our planet's fragile ecosystems and prompt good stewardship in us all.

Merciful God,

receive our prayer.

You raise up leaders committed to love and justice. Nurture those who govern to work for the sake of the common good. Merciful God,

receive our prayer.

You hear us when we cry to you. Uphold those who are ill or grieving, especially those on our prayer list and those we name before you now, *pause for silent prayer*. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

You kindle faith that moves us into action. Guide our discipleship and give us all a renewed sense of vocation. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

Here other intercessions may be offered.

You welcome us into your heavenly realm. We give thanks for those whose labors on earth are ended and who now rest with you. On the final day, gather all of us, with them, into your loving arms. 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

Thank you, for the gifts you bring to our community of faith and to the work of Christ in our midst. Your participation here, sharing your time, talents, and treasures, is invaluable to the Body of Christ and Jesus' work everywhere. Thank you!

(The offering plates will be passed and presented forward by the ushers.).

*OFFERTORY



2 Lord Je - sus, I'll praise you as long as I jour - ney.



May all of my joy be a faith - ful re - flec - tion of you.



May the earth and the sea and the sky join my song.



Lord Je - sus, I'll praise you as long as I jour - ney.

Text: Les Petites Soeurs de Jésus and L'Arche Community; tr. Stephen Somerville, b. 1931

Music: LES PETITES SOEURS, Les Petites Soeurs de Jésus and L'Arche Community

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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.

***EUCCHARISTIC 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

ELW 468, 321

The congregation is invited to sing 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**

“My Lord of Light”

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***DISMISSAL**

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

C Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

“Trumpet Tune”

John Stanley

Announcements

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

Sunday.....	10:15a.m.	Christian Education
Sunday.....	6:00-8:00p.m.	Wellness Retreat (Zoom)
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
Monday.....	7:00p.m.	Finance Committee
Tuesday.....	1:00p.m.	Ruth’s Harvest Packing
Tuesday.....	1:00-6:30p.m.	Red Cross Blood Drive
Wednesday.....	10:00a.m.	Prayer Service
Wednesday.....	7:30p.m.	Mid-Week Lent Zoom Service
Thursday.....	8:30a.m.	Cleaning Crew #2
Thursday.....	10:00a.m.	Property Committee
Thursday.....	10:00a.m.	Parish Life Committee
Thursday.....	6:30p.m.	AA Meeting
Thursday.....	7:00p.m.	Zoom Cocktail Hour
Sunday.....	9:00a.m.	Worship

Assisting in the Service Today: Assisting Minister: Becky Rinehart; Lector: Jayne Sebright; Ushers: Janet & Mac McMaster; Altar Guild: Kathy Kuhn; Hymn Leader: Chris Long; Communion Assistant: Bob King.

Easter Flower orders are due March 20. Forms are located at the entrances.

This morning we offer intentional prayers for those in pain; those with cancer; those suffering loss; 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?

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.

Zoom Cocktail Hour with Pastor Susan continues this Thursday, March 17 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.

Parish Life Committee will meet Thursday, March 17 at 10:00am.

East Berlin Community Singers will continue rehearsals here at Trinity on Sunday evenings at 6:00pm.

The Wellness Group will meet via Zoom TONIGHT for a two-hour mini-retreat from 6:00-8:00p.m. on Renewing Your Spirit. Please watch your email for the Zoom link. If you don't Zoom but would like to join, please let Pastor Susan know and she'll lead the session from the church so that we can Zoom together!

Red Cross Blood Drive will be held Tuesday, March 15 from 1:00-6:30pm. Please sign-up to donate on the Red Cross website, or by calling the church office.

2022 Weekly Contributions	
Budget vs. Actual	
Month	Amount
March Budgeted Income	18,649
March Actual income	6,494
Over/(Under)Budgeted Income	(12,155)

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*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;

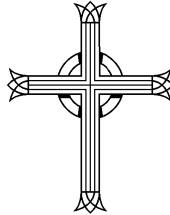
Witness to others by sharing the Gospel;

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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