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Holy Communion Setting Three

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

HYMN SING

ELW 408	COME, THOU ALMIGHTY KING
ELW 423	SHALL WE GATHER AT THE RIVER
ELW 452	AWAKE, O SLEEPER, RISE FROM DEATH
ELW 482	I COME WITH JOY

GATHERING

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

INSTALLATION OF COUNCIL MEMBERS

See insert.

OPENING PRAYER

Please stand as you are able.

P Blessed be the holy Trinity, + Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, who journeys with us these forty days, and sustains us with the gift of grace.

C Amen.

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

P God of all mercy and consolation, come to the help of your people, turning us from our sin to live for you alone. Give us the power of your Holy Spirit that we may confess our sin, receive your forgiveness, and grow into the fullness of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C Amen.

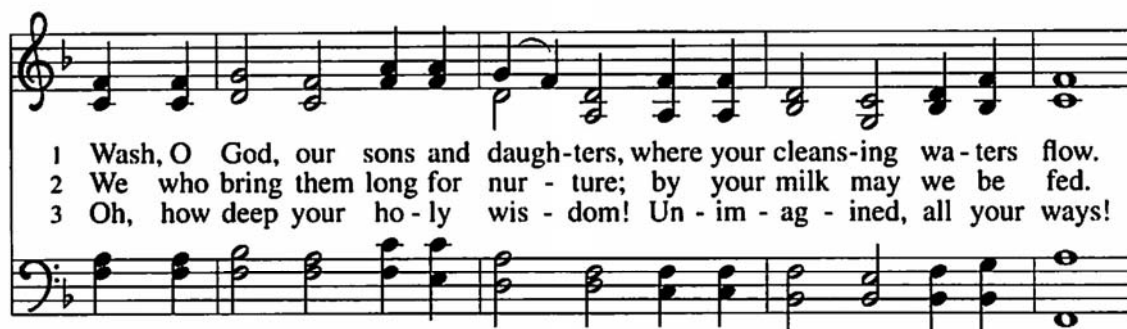
P Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

P Most merciful God,

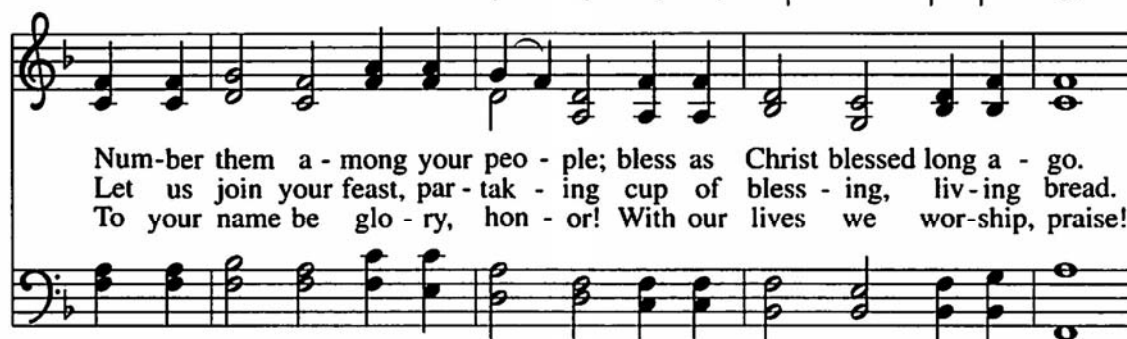
C **we confess that we are captive to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name. Amen.**

P In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us, and for his sake God forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained minister of the church of Christ, and by his authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the + Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

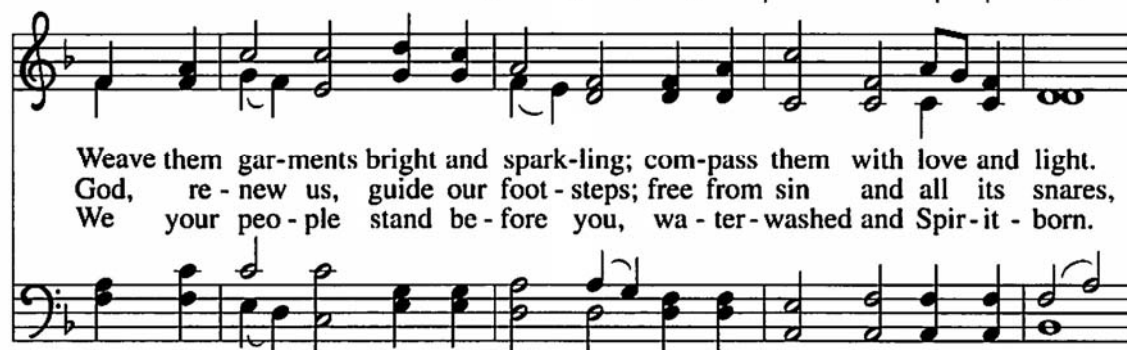
C Amen.



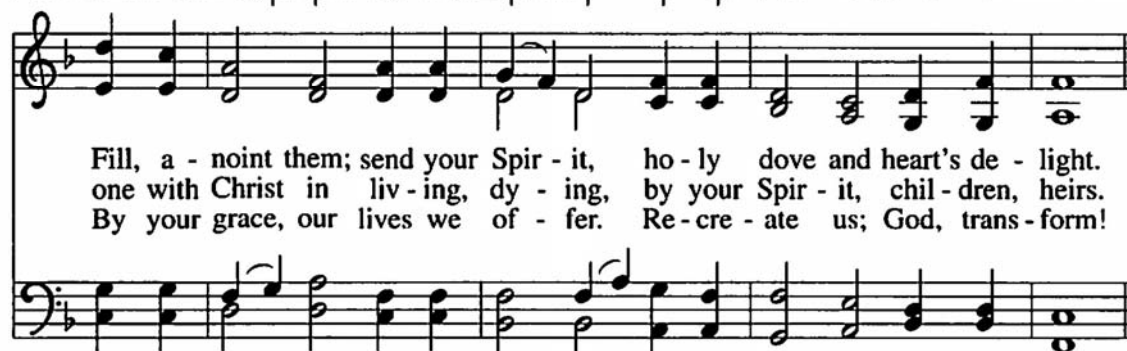
1 Wash, O God, our sons and daugh-ters, where your cleans-ing wa-ters flow.
2 We who bring them long for nur-ture; by your milk may we be fed.
3 Oh, how deep your ho-ly wis-dom! Un-im-ag-ined, all your ways!



Num-ber them a-mong your peo-ple; bless as Christ blessed long a-go.
Let us join your feast, par-tak-ing cup of bless-ing, liv-ing bread.
To your name be glo-ry, hon-or! With our lives we wor-ship, praise!



Weave them gar-ments bright and spark-ling; com-pass them with love and light.
God, re-new us, guide our foot-steps; free from sin and all its snares,
We your peo-ple stand be-fore you, wa-ter-washed and Spir-it-born.



Fill, a-noint them; send your Spir-it, ho-ly dove and heart's de-light.
one with Christ in liv-ing, dy-ing, by your Spir-it, chil-dren, heirs.
By your grace, our lives we of-fer. Re-cre-ate us; God, trans-form!

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

A In peace, let us pray to the Lord.

C **Lord, have mercy.**

A For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.

C **Lord, have mercy.**

A 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.

C **Lord, have mercy.**

A For this holy house, and for all who offer here their worship and praise, let us pray to the Lord.

C **Lord, have mercy.**

A Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.

C **Amen.**

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P The Lord be with you.

C **And also with you.**

P 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.

C **Amen.**

WORD

FIRST READING: GENESIS 12:1-4A

¹The LORD said to Abram, "Go from your country and your kindred and your father's house to the land that I will show you. ²I will make of you a great nation, and I will bless you, and make your name great, so that you will be a blessing. ³I 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."

^{4a}So Abram went, as the LORD had told him; and Lot went with him.

L The Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM 121

Spoken responsively

- ¹I lift up my eyes to the hills;
from where is my help to come?
²**My help comes from the LORD,
the maker of heaven and earth.**
³The LORD will not let your foot be moved
nor will the one who watches over you fall asleep.
⁴**Behold, the keeper of Israel
will neither slumber nor sleep;**
⁵the LORD watches over you;
the LORD is your shade at your right hand;
⁶**the sun will not strike you by day,
nor the moon by night.**
⁷The LORD will preserve you from all evil
and will keep your life.
⁸**The LORD will watch over your going out and your coming in,
from this time forth forevermore.**

SECOND READING: ROMANS 4:1-5, 13-17

¹What then are we to say was gained by Abraham, our ancestor according to the flesh? ²For if Abraham was justified by works, he has something to boast about, but not before God. ³For what does the scripture say? "Abraham believed God, and it was reckoned to him as righteousness." ⁴Now to one who works, wages are not reckoned as a gift but as something due. ⁵But to one who without works trusts him who justifies the ungodly, such faith is reckoned as righteousness.

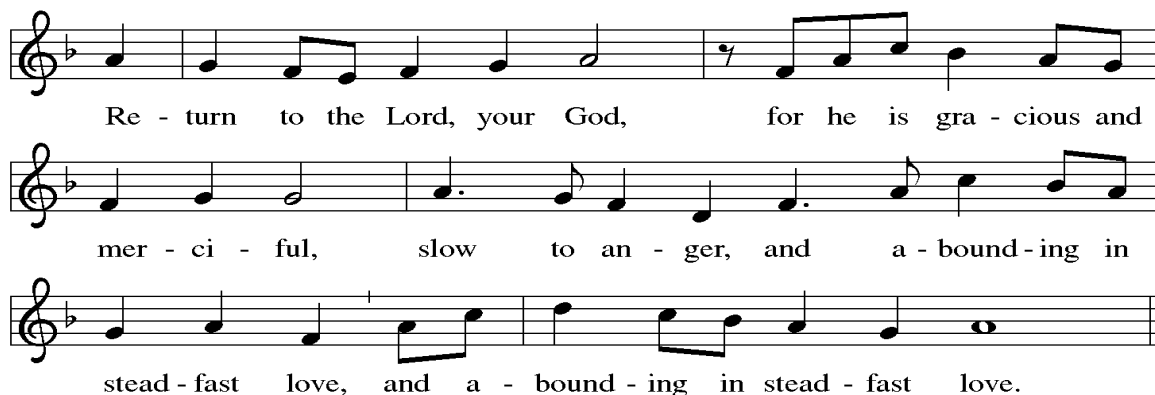
¹³For the promise that he would inherit the world did not come to Abraham or to his descendants through the law but through the righteousness of faith. ¹⁴If it is the adherents of the law who are to be the heirs, faith is null and the promise is void.

¹⁵For the law brings wrath; but where there is no law, neither is there violation.

¹⁶For this reason it depends on faith, in order that the promise may rest on grace and be guaranteed to all his descendants, not only to the adherents of the law but also to those who share the faith of Abraham (for he is the father of all of us, ¹⁷as it is written, "I have made you the father of many nations")—in the presence of the God in whom he believed, who gives life to the dead and calls into existence the things that do not exist.

L The Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION*Please stand as you are able.*

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, and a - bound - ing in stead - fast love.

P The Holy Gospel, according to John, the third chapter.

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

GOSPEL: JOHN 3:1-17

¹Now there was a Pharisee named Nicodemus, a leader of the Jews. ²He 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 apart from the presence of God." ³Jesus answered him, "Very truly, I tell you, no one can see the kingdom of God without being born from above." ⁴Nicodemus 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?" ⁵Jesus answered, "Very truly, I tell you, no one can enter the kingdom of God without being born of water and Spirit. ⁶What is born of the flesh is flesh, and what is born of the Spirit is spirit. ⁷Do not be astonished that I said to you, 'You must be born from above.' ⁸The 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." ⁹Nicodemus said to him, "How can these things be?" ¹⁰Jesus answered him, "Are you a teacher of Israel, and yet you do not understand these things? ¹¹"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. ¹²If I have told you about earthly things and you do not believe, how can you believe if I tell you about heavenly things? ¹³No one has ascended into heaven except the one who descended from heaven, the Son of Man. ¹⁴And just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, ¹⁵that whoever believes in him may have eternal life. ¹⁶"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. ¹⁷"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."

P The Gospel of the Lord.

C **Praise to you, O Christ.**

HYMN

Bless Now, O God, the Journey

ELW 326

1 Bless now, O God, the jour - ney that all your peo - ple make,

the path through noise and si - lence, the way of give and take.

The trail is found in des - ert and winds the moun - tain round,

then leads be - side still wa - ters, the road where faith is found.

The musical score is written for a four-part setting (Soprano, Alto, Tenor, Bass) using a grand staff with two staves per part. The key signature is one flat (B-flat major or D minor). The melody is primarily in the Soprano and Alto parts, with the Tenor and Bass parts providing harmonic support. The lyrics are printed below the corresponding vocal lines. The score concludes with a double bar line.

A COMMUNAL BLESSING FOR TIME WE DIDN'T CHOOSE

C Blessed are we in the tender place between curiosity and dread.

P Blessed are we in the after, forced into stories we never would have written.

C Far outside of answers to all the questions we have or we even know to ask.

P God, show us a glimmer of possibility in this new constraint, that small truths will be given back to us.

C Let us remember in these times we didn't chose that: We are held. We are safe. We are loved. We are loved. We are loved. Amen.

SERMON

PR. ANDREW PATTY

HYMN OF THE DAY

When It Seems the Day Will End

ACS 1034

Please stand for the final verse of the hymn.

1 When it seems the day will end, and all
2 When it seems the day will end, sink - ing
3 When it seems the day will end, and a

light gives way to fear, we will speak your name a -
low un - der our skin, we are dead and born a -
cold - ness fills our bones, we will walk the way you've

gain to re - mind us you are here.
gain, and with you now en - ter in.
been, and our hearts will be your home.

Refrain

New life ris - ing, New life ris - ing, ash - es fall - ing, ash - es fall - ing,
joy and weep-ing, joy and weep-ing, in your call-ing. in your call - ing.

P Let us confess our faith with the words of the Apostles' Creed.

**C 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.**

THE PRAYERS

A Sustained by God's abundant mercy, let us pray for the church, the world, and
all of creation.

A brief silence.

A O God, you so love your church. Raise up leaders who care for your people. Bless
lay theologians, seminary and college professors, and all who are called to the
ministry of teaching, that they form and inspire us for the work of the gospel.
Merciful God,

C receive our prayer.

A O God, you so love your creation. Breathe new life into our planetary home.
Guide the work of researchers, scientists, and activists who love your earth and
who inspire us to care for the natural world. Merciful God,

C receive our prayer.

A O God, you so love vulnerable people across the world, especially those affected
by the war in Ukraine. Provide safety and assistance for those in need. Guide
families as they lose their homes and loved ones. Particularly, let us pray for the
German Evangelical-Lutheran Church in the Ukraine and our partner synod of
the Evangelical-Lutheran Church of the Urals, Siberia and the Far East as they
face times of conflict. Merciful God,

C receive our prayer.

A O God, you so love the world. Uphold leaders who resist tyranny and oppres-
sion. Strengthen organizations that promote peace and harmony. Direct their
work to alleviate human suffering and to address its root causes. Merciful God,

C receive our prayer.

A O God, you so love your children. Bless the young in our midst, and delight us
with their joy, wonder, and curiosity. Revive our ministries with children and
youth and equip us all for faithful discipleship. Merciful God,

C receive our prayer.

A O God, you so love your people. Draw near to all who live with mental illness, depression, or addiction, and accompany them in healing and recovery. Hear the cries of those who look to you in their distress, especially Mike Jackson, Jett Horton, Peggy Buchholz, Linda Longren, Don O'Brien, and Martha Nemeth. Merciful God,

C receive our prayer.

A O God, you so love your church. Be with the congregations of St. Paul Lutheran in Valley Falls, Good Shepherd Lutheran in Washington, St. Paul Lutheran in Wichita, Kansas, and Immanuel Lutheran in Cole Camp, Missouri. Merciful God,

C receive our prayer.

A O God, you so love your children. We pray for Bob Kobbeman as he celebrates his birthday, and for Alex Nichols as he remembers his baptism. Merciful God,

C receive our prayer.

P O God, you so love your saints. As our ancestors in the faith have been a blessing to us, so inspire us by their example of holy living to be a blessing to those who come after us. Merciful God,

C receive our prayer.

P We lift our prayers to you, O God, trusting in your steadfast love and your promise to renew your whole creation; through Jesus Christ our Savior.

C Amen.

THE PEACE

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C And also with you.

Let us greet one another with God's peace.

Please be seated.

MEAL

OFFERING

OFFERTORY SONG

Please stand as you are able.

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



OFFERTORY PRAYER

A God of good gifts, receive these and all our offerings as we present them in faithful service for the sake of your gospel. Prepare our hearts to receive you in this meal as you pour out your very presence through Christ Jesus, the wellspring of eternal life.

C **Amen.**

THE 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 our 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.

C Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

P 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,

C Amen.

P 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,

C Amen.

P 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.

C Amen.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

P Lord, remember us in your kingdom and teach us to pray.

C 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

P Come and receive Jesus, our strength in the wilderness.

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.

COMMUNION HYMN

How Firm A Foundation

ELW 796

See page 14.

1 How firm a foun - da - tion, O saints of the Lord,
 2 "Fear not, I am with you, oh, be not dis - mayed,
 3 "When through fi - 'ry tri - als your path - way shall lie,
 4 "Through - out all their life - time my peo - ple shall prove

is laid for your faith in Christ Je - sus, the Word!
 for I am your God and will still give you aid;
 my grace, all - suf - fi - cient, shall be your sup - ply.
 my sov - 'reign, e - ter - nal, un - change - a - ble love;

What more can he say than to you he has said
 I'll strength - en you, help you, and cause you to stand,
 The flames shall not hurt you; I on - ly de - sign
 and then, when gray hairs shall their tem - ples a - dorn,

who un - to the Sav - ior for ref - uge have fled?
 up - held by my righ - teous, om - nip - o - tent hand."
 your dross to con - sume and your gold to re - fine."
 like lambs they shall still in my bo - som be borne."

COMMUNION BLESSING

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

C **Amen.**

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

A Embodied God, at your table, we have tasted the goodness of Jesus. With the eyes of our hearts open to your promise, empower us to hear the needs of our neighbors and touch the world with your love.

C **Amen.**

SENDING

BLESSING

P God, the giver of love, † Christ, the resurrection and the life, and the Holy Spirit of rebirth bless you in this Lenten journey.

C **Amen.**

SENDING HYMN

Lift High the Cross

ELW 660

See page 16

DISMISSAL

A Go in peace. Remember the poor.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Postlude

Refrain

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

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

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

Refrain

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

Welcome to worship at Trinity!
Thank you for joining us for worship. We
hope that you found the Spirit of God in our
midst. If you are interested in becoming a member
of Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church, or have
other questions, please contact the church office at
785.233.0767

UPCOMING EVENTS AT TRINITY

Today, Mar. 5	Hymn Sing Along	10:15 AM
.....	Worship with Holy Communion.....	10:30 AM
.....	with Installation of Council Members	
.....	Coffee Hour	after worship
Tues., Mar. 7.....	Quilters	9:00 AM
Sun., Mar. 12.....	Adult Sunday School.....	9:45 AM
.....	Worship with Holy Communion.....	10:30 AM
.....	Coffee Hour	after worship
.....	PFLAG meeting	2:00 PM

Worship Assistants							
Date	Ushers	Musi- cian	Lector	Altar Guild	Asst. Minister	Presiding Min- ister	Coffee Hosts
Mar. 5	Curt Lewis, Dean McGinnis	Laurie Jackson	Diane Bottorff	Pam Kobbeman & Team 3	Bob Horton	Pr. Andrew Patty	Duane & Debbie Pomeroy
Mar. 12	Duane Pomeroy, Howard Reece	Mitchell Bean	Marcy Carlson	Pam Kobbeman & Team 3	Ted Murphy	Pr. Andrew Patty	Diane Bottorff
Mar. 19	Diane Bottorff, Marcy Carlson	Laurie Jackson	Duane Pomeroy	Pam Kobbeman & Team 3	Bob Horton	Pr. Andrew Patty	
Mar. 26	Dean McGinnis, Diane Bottorff	Mitchell Bean	Loni Reece	Pam Kobbeman & Team 3	Ted Murphy	Pr. Andrew Patty	



Please see the bulletin insert to order your lilies for Easter.

OFFERING, ATTENDANCE, and FINANCIAL STATUS						
Date	General	Other	Total Weekly Income	Average Weekly Expense	Weekly Income Minus Average	Attendance/Communion
Feb. 5	\$2,125.00	\$110.00	\$2,235.00	-\$1,653.85	\$581.15	28/28
Feb. 12	\$520.00	\$25.00	\$545.00	-\$1,653.85	-\$1,108.85	24/21
Feb. 19	\$3,810.00	\$0.00	\$3,810.00	-\$1,653.85	\$2,156.15	29/28
Feb, 26	\$1,980.00	\$580.00	\$2,560.00	-\$1,653.85	\$906.15	31/24
			Income	Expense		
		Jan. 2023	\$14,451.80	-\$10,513.27	\$3,938.53	
		Jan. - Jan.	\$14,451.80	-\$10,513.27	\$3,938.53	



2023 Gardening Season is upon us!

Gardeners have two ways to participate.

1. Reserve a plot or two in our garden area at Trinity. Plots are 6 x 6. We are asking for a \$20.00 dollar donation to help cover the water bill. This is not required, however any amount is appreciated.
2. We have a new addition for gardening this year. How about bringing the garden to you in a five gallon bucket. There will be one Jet Star Tomato plant per five gallon bucket or one pepper plant per bucket. Each address may have two buckets. The pepper plants will be your choice of hot peppers or the regular kind good for salads, stuffing, etc. The buckets will be delivered when it's time and picked up at the end of the season. The "bucket gardeners" only need to water & enjoy their produce. All it takes is a deck or small area outside & bingo...you're gardening!

Donations not required however greatly appreciated.

Questions? Contact Marcy by phone or at church.

Orders need to be in early as possible. The garden is being completely rebuilt this early Spring.





TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH

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OFFICE HOURS

10:00AM-3:30PM, Monday through Thursday

Together in Community
Living with Christ's Love
Caring for Neighbors

Caring for Our Neighbors

Jesus commands us that when we care for the least of these; that we are in the presence of Christ (*Matthew 25:44-45*). As a congregation, we deeply care about serving those in need in our community. We hope to be a place of refuge and support for our neighborhood and to be a place to uplift those people that struggle around us. We also support ministries both local, national, and global as a church in the ELCA. As a congregation, we focus our efforts to partner with community organizations like Doorstep, while expanding opportunities to help our neighborhood through activities like our food ministry and community garden. We continue to be open to the ways that God calls us to be a presence in our community and to create a world where all are cared for in our society (*Philippians 2:4*).

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