

**Trinity Evangelical
Lutheran Church**



**Contemporary Worship
Service
March 1, 2026
2nd Sunday in Lent**

Good Morning and Welcome! We invite you to worship with us often, and ask if you need any assistance! If you are visiting us today, please sign the Guest Register in the Narthex, please include your address and phone number. Please place your offering envelope in the plate in the Narthex. Thank You!

Remember in your prayers:

Lynn Wolfgang, Oscar & Angie Smith, Erika Zaiser, Brandon Stauffer, Betty Moore, Barbara Stewart, Kathy Gamler, Bill Brensinger, Richard Eck, Becky Yescavage, BillyRay Pearce, Sr., Kathy Sell, Dennis Brooke, Donna Day, Linda Allmendinger, Elaine Dotterer, Jeff Reitnauer, Ralph Rothenberger, Anna Spencer, RuthAnn Goode, Pete Schmoyer, John Logan, Carole Mest, Tammy Strunk, Mary Snyder, Linda Bewley, Mike Wyda, Marcia Auge, Millie Merkel, Greg Mest, Louise Wolfgang and Linda Ritter.

Friends & Family:

Michelle Hiriak, Linda Stark, Martha Van Parys, Joyce Kemp, Linda Gilbert, Jo Garber, Helene Kushnir, John McCarron, Tanner Antalosky and Lillian Solar.

Families Of:

Fay Bauman, David Freed, Jerry Parsons, Joan Gonzales and Dennis Weller.

Also members, relatives and friends in the community who are serving in the military including:

Christopher Heffner, BillyRay Pearce, Jr., Noah Heydt, Ben Rhode, Steven Herbst, David Crews, Jeff Lydic, Seth Kurtz, Clinton Bowen, Eli Abner and Johnne Knepp.

Our sister congregation, the Marienkirche in Borna, Germany.
(Website: Kirche-bornaer-land.de)

Please note: Names of friends and family will be kept on the bulletin prayer list for one month. If still in need of prayers, these names will then appear in the newsletter prayer list. Names on the friends and family list will only be kept on the newsletter prayer list for one year. If you wish for names to remain longer, please speak to Pastor Gene, Linda Ritter or contact the Church Office. Thank you for helping us keep the prayer list current!

Members of the Worship Team

Angie Renninger	Guitar
Kurt Yescavage	Trumpet
Pastor Zaiser	Guitar

Vocals By:

Mardell Blanford
Sharon Renninger
Janice Sheetz

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The Altar Flowers are presented to the glory of God, by Mr. & Mrs. Kurt Yescavage, in Honor of Bradley, Megan & Travis' Birthdays and also in Memory of Raymond Stauffer's Birthday by His Family.

The Bulletins are presented to the glory of God by Jerry & Caroyne Bryce, in Honor of Our Military, keeping us safe and Our First Responders, in God's Name!

The Eternal Flame Candle is presented to the glory of God by Vicki Mest, in Memory & Honor of Beloved Family.

- **Opening Song** "I Could Sing of Your Love Forever" Pg. 27

Announcements, Concerns, Praises: a time for congregation to lift up prayer requests and thanks.

- **Confession and Forgiveness**

P: Loving God, we come before you this day to worship and praise you, yet we know that we have not always been the people you've wanted us to be. In our actions, our words, and our thoughts, we have often disappointed you by not loving and forgiving others as you would have us do. We come asking your forgiveness, knowing that you are merciful and loving, even when we are not.

C: **Dear Lord, have mercy on us. Do not count our wrongs against us, but rather forgive us for the sake of your son, Jesus Christ. Refresh our spirits, so that we can serve you and others as we ought to. We pray this in Jesus' name. Amen.**

P: Our Lord Jesus Christ died on the cross so that we might be forgiven. For his sake, God does not count our wrongs against us, but rather gives forgiveness and everlasting life to all who believe. Amen.

- **The 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.**

Worship Songs “That Where I Am” Pg. 48
 “Meet with Me” Pg, 34
 “Create In Me a Clean Heart” Pg. 11

FIRST READING: Genesis 12:1-4a

¹ 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. ² 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. ³ 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.”

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

GOSPEL: John 3:1-17

Presentation of the Gospel by Heart

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

Sermon

- **Apostles Creed**

**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**

Prayer of the People

Closing Songs “You Are My King” Pg. 51
 “Shine, Jesus, Shine” Pg. 43

- **Mission Statement and Sending**

P People of Trinity, what is our mission?

C We shall, as individuals and as a congregation, strive through word, worship, and witness to further the kingdom of God by knowing and sharing Christ’s Love in our hearts, in our homes, in His church, in the community, and in the world.

- **Sending**

P Almighty God, Father, + Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you now and forever.

C **Amen**

Please join us for Holden Evening Prayer Services, every Wednesday at 7PM during Lent.

Soup Supper will be held at 6:00PM each Wednesday during lent prior to the 7PM Worship Service. A Sign Up Sheet is posted on the bulletin board.

First Communion Classes has begun at 6:15 and will continue each Wednesday evening during Lent, Any young person 10 years of age or older who has not yet received their first communion is eligible to participate in these classes. Please let Pastor Gene know if you are interested.

Bread, Bowl & Bible will be held on **Sunday, March 8th & March 15th 3PM-6PM** at **St. Joseph's Hill Church, Boyertown.** The theme this year will be **"Seeing the Gospel in the Movies"** with **Pastor Rich Moore.**

We are collecting non-perishable items for the **Boyertown Area Multi Service** during lent. A list of needed items is printed in the bulletin. Thank you for your generosity to help.

The 2025 Financial Statements are now available, if you would like a statement, there is a sign up sheet posted on the bulletin board, or you may contact Heidi Yescavage or the church office.

Free Will Offerings will be received the 3rd Sunday of every month. The next Free Will Offering will be Sunday, March 15th for the Boyertown Area Multi-Service. Thank you for your support.

If you would like to order Easter flowers, envelopes are available in the narthex. The following are offered to be purchased in honor or memory of loved ones:

Lilies (4 blooms +).....	\$12
Hyacinths (3 blooms).....	\$10
Daffodils (6" pot).....	\$10
Tulips (5 & 6 blooms).....	\$10

Final flower orders are due Sunday, March 22.

Homemade Easter Candy will be available again this year. \$15.00 a pound, \$7.50 a half pound. Three kinds will be available:

- (Milk & Dark Chocolate)
- Peanut Butter
- Coconut Cream
- Butter Cream

There will be a sign up sheet posted in the Narthex. **Last day for orders is March 22nd. Orders will be available the week of March 29th.**

The deadline for the April Newsletter is Sunday, March 15th, please submit your information to Karen in the Church Office.

Prayer Listing: Any changes to the Prayer List, please see Linda Ritter, Pastor Gene or contact the church office, in order for the change to be made in the April Newsletter.

Trinity Hoagies: Due to the Scouts no longer ordering Hoagies, Dennis Schaeffer would like to try a “Hoogie Fundraiser” for the General Fund. 8” hoagies from Maurizio’s Pizza (formerly Pappa Bernards) cost \$8.00. The hoagies will be ham, Italian and turkey (onion, no onion). There is a sign up sheet posted on the bulletin board, **orders are due today Sunday, March 1st and pick up on March 11th 11:00AM-11:30AM. Any questions, please see Dennis Schaeffer.**

You may sponsor Altar Flowers, the cost is \$32.00 for one vase and \$64.00 for 2 vases. Please Note: As of April 1st, the cost of the flowers will increase for (1) vase \$34.00 and (2) vases \$68.00, please contact Mary Snyder. **If you wish to sponsor flowers and that date is not available, you can always sponsor an extra bouquet of flowers for \$40.00. When sponsoring flowers, please use a flower envelope found in the rack in the narthex or clearly mark the envelope “Flowers”. If you sponsored flowers in the past but no longer wish to, please let Mary Snyder 610-473-8885 or the church office know. You may also sponsor the bulletins for \$15.00 to offset the cost of printing them.**

Trinity's Gift Card Program - Gift card orders are accepted before and after the church service the first Sunday of each month and distributed the second Sunday. Order forms for Redners, Giant and Raise Right (for other retail gift cards) are available in the narthex. The Raise Right order form is also available for download on Trinity's website. Payment must be submitted with your order. **Please make checks payable to Trinity Lutheran Church and include your phone number on your order form.** If you have any questions regarding this fund raising program please see Sharon Kemp, Kathy Kuser or Kurt Yescavage.

WAWA Hoogie Coupons Available 1st Sunday of the month at the Scrip Table. Coupons are also available in the church office Monday—Thursday, 9:00AM-2:00PM. Tickets are \$5.00. This project benefits the Social Ministry.

Coffee Hour - Volunteers are needed to host Coffee Hour for March & April. Please sign up for this time of Fellowship. The sign up sheet is posted on the bulletin board in the Narthex.

Bibles are available in the rack in the Narthex for you to reference during worship. You may also take home to reference, please return when you are finished.

Winter Weather In the event of inclement winter weather, news of cancellations or postponements of church activities will be posted on the following: 1) Channel 69 2) Online at WFMZ.com, or log on to the Trinity's website: www.trinitybech.com

Devotionals are available in the rack in the Narthex. If you enjoy the devotionals, please give a donation to help offset the cost. Thank You.

HOSPITAL INPATIENT STAY: Please contact Pastor Gene if you are admitted to the hospital and would like a visit, due to privacy laws, the hospital no longer contacts the church.

Need a ride? We have volunteers in the congregation who are willing to provide transportation to medical appointments, etc., for those who can't find a ride. Please contact Pastor Gene 610-322-0901 if you need a ride or would like to volunteer as a driver.

Trinity's events for the upcoming week:

Sunday, March 1st-	8:00	Cont. Worship Service w/Communion
	9:15	Sunday School
	10:30	Worship Service w/Communion
Monday, March 2nd-	6:30	Scouts
Tuesday, March 3rd-	6:30	Scouts
Wednesday, March 4th-	6:00	Soup Supper
	6:15	First Comm. Class
	7:00	Prayer Service Sr. Choir Practice
Thursday, March 5th-	6:30	TLC Stitchers
Sunday, March 8th-	9:15	Sunday School
	10:30	Worship Service

**Next Week's Worship Assistants:
Sunday, March 8th**

Ushers: Randy Kehl* & Cathy Yoder
 Lector: Kathy Farrington
 Acolyte: Mark Sheetz

ASH WEDNESDAY STATISTICS: 02/18/2026

<u>Attendance</u>	<u>Offerings</u>	
<u>Worship</u>	<u>General</u>	<u>Hunger</u>
42	\$1,041.00	0
	<u>Benevolence</u>	<u>Bldg. Maint.</u>
	0	0

LAST WEEK'S STATISTICS: 02/22/2026

<u>Attendance</u>	<u>Offerings</u>	
<u>Worship/S.S</u>	<u>General</u>	<u>Hunger</u>
60/13	\$2,395.92	0
	<u>Benevolence</u>	<u>Bldg. Maint.</u>
	0	\$50.00

January Update on Church Financial Status From The Finance Committee:

The latest monthly report from the Treasurers shows:

- The General Fund has a Positive Balance.
- During December 2025, the General Fund increased \$9364 from -\$1583 to +\$7781.

Please see the report and additional details including suggested action items from the Finance Committee in the Newsletter which is available by mail or on the church website.

Questions or input? Kindly reach out to a Finance Committee member as listed in the monthly newsletter, or chairperson Kurt Yescavage.

Monthly Free-will Offerings 2026

A free-will offering is scheduled for the third Sunday of each month. They are as follows:

March 15 – Boyertown Area Multi-Service

April 19 – Lutheran Disaster Relief

May 17 – geraniums for Pentecost

June 21 – Save the Children

July 19 – Samaritan’s Purse Shoe Boxes

August 16 – American Foundation for Suicide
Prevention

September 20 – Boyertown Area Multi Service

October 18 – Eastern Berks Fire Dept.

November 15 – Elf Bags (Multi-Service)

December – No free-will offering. Thank you for supporting the various Christmas giving opportunities.

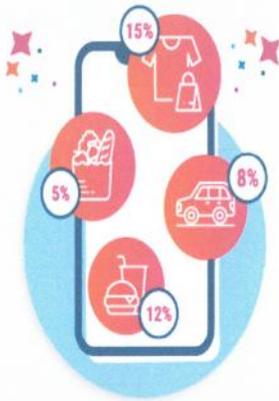
Thank you for your contributions to these special causes!

**Boyertown Area Multi-Service
Non-Perishable Items Needed:**

1. Paper Towels
2. Tissues
3. Laundry Detergent
4. Shampoo and Conditioner
5. Syrup
6. Pancake Mix
7. Instant Mashed Potatoes
8. Stuffing Mix
9. Hamburger Helper
10. Chef Boyardee Meals
11. Cake/Brownie Mix
12. Jelly
13. Peanut Butter
14. Canned Chicken
15. Canned Mixed Vegetables

Sodium free, sugar free, gluten free and low-fat items are also appreciated for clients with dietary restrictions.

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**The Community Clothing Rack
Schedule**

1st Wednesday
Donations Accepted

2nd, 3rd & 4th Wednesdays
Shoppers Welcome

2nd Thursday
Shoppers Welcome
6:00PM-8:00PM

5th Wednesday
CLOSED

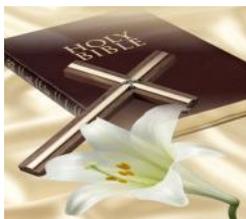
Hours
1:00PM-4:00PM

Summer Hours Only
June-August
9:00AM-12:00PM

Closed on all major holidays.
In the case of inclement weather,
Refer to Boyertown Area School district closure.
CCR is a ministry of St. Luke Lutheran Church
Our mission is to serve Jesus Christ by providing
necessary clothing to the underserved.

www.StLukeGilbertsville.org

Readings for Personal Devotion



M Isaiah 65:17-25
T Ezekiel 36:22-32
W John 8:1-11
Th Numbers 21:4-9
F Romans 4:6-13
Sa Psalm 128

Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church

The Rev. Dr. Eugene C. Zaiser, DMin.,
Pastor

Ms. LaRue Sheetz, Director of Music

Mrs. Karen J. Smith, Parish Secretary

Mrs. Catherine M. Yoder, Sexton

The Members of this Congregation are its
Ministers

Office Hours: Monday - Thursday
9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.
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I Could Sing of Your Love Forever

By Martin Smith

Over the mountains and the sea.
Your river runs with love for me
And I will open up my heart,
and let the healer set me free
I'm happy to be in the truth,
And I will daily lift my hands
For I will always sing of when your love came
down.

I could sing of Your love forever
I could sing of Your love forever
I could sing of Your love forever
I could sing of Your love forever

(repeat from top)

Oh, I feel like dancing.
It's foolishness I know
But when the world has seen the light
They will dance with joy like we're dancing now.

I could sing of Your love forever
I could sing of Your love forever
I could sing of Your love forever
I could sing of Your love forever.

That Where I Am

By Rich Mullins

In my Father's house there are many, many rooms
In my Father's house there are many, many rooms
And I'm going up there now to prepare a place for you
That where I am there you may also be.

If I go prepare a place for you I will come back again
If I go prepare a place for you I will come back again
And you know I am the Way, the Truth, the Life,
keep my command
That where I am there you may also be.

Chorus:

That where I am, there you may also be
Up where the truth, the truth will set you free
In the world you will have trouble, but I leave you my
peace
That where I am, there you may also be.

Remember you did not choose Me, no I have chosen you
Remember you did not choose Me, no I have chosen you
The world will show you hatred, the Spirit show you truth
That where I am there you may also be.

Chorus

And I've come down from the Father it's time for Me
to go back up
I've come down from the Father it's time for Me to go
back up
One command I leave you: Love as I have loved
That where I am there you may also be.

Chorus

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Meet With Me

By Lamont Hiebert

I'm here to meet with You
Come and meet with me
I'm here to find You
Reveal Yourself to me

As I wait, You make me strong
As I long, You draw me to Your arms
As I stand and sing Your praise
You come, You come and You fill this place

Won't You come, won't You come and
fill this place

Create in Me a Clean Heart

Psalm 51:1-12

Create in me a clean heart, Oh God
And renew a right spirit in me. (repeat)
Cast me not away from your presence, Oh Lord
And take not thy Holy Spirit from me.
Restore unto me the joy of my salvation
And renew a right Spirit within me.

You Are My King

by Billy Foote

I'm forgiven, because You were forsaken
I'm accepted, You were condemned
I'm alive and well
Your spirit lives within me
Because You died and rose again

Chorus:

Amazing love, how can it be
That You, my King, would die for me?
Amazing love, I know it's true
It's my joy to honor You
In all I do, I honor You
(repeat all)

You are my King
You are my King
Jesus, You are my King
Jesus, You are my King

Chorus

Shine Jesus Shine

By Graham Kendrick

Lord, the light of Your love is shining
In the midst of the darkness, shining
Jesus, Light of the world, shine upon us,
Set us free by the truth You now bring us,
Shine on me, shine on me.

Chorus:

Shine, Jesus, shine
Fill this land with the Father's glory
Blaze, Spirit, blaze
Set our hearts on fire
Flow, river, flow
Flood the nations with grace and mercy
Send forth Your word, Lord and let there be light.

Lord, I come to Your awesome presence
From the shadows into Your radiance
By the blood I may enter Your brightness
Search me, try me, consume all my darkness
Shine on me, shine on me

Chorus

As we gaze on Your kingly brightness
So our faces display Your likeness
Ever changing from glory to glory
Mirrored here may our lives tell Your story
Shine on me, shine on me

Chorus

