

*TRINITY EVANGELICAL  
LUTHERAN CHURCH*



**March 15, 2026  
4th 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, Linda Ritter, LaRue Sheetz, Sandy Schaffer and Ashley Essig.

**Friends & Family:**

Michelle Hiriak, Linda Stark, Martha Van Parys, Joyce Kemp, Linda Gilbert, Tanner Antalosky, Lillian Solar, Carole Sell and Gerry Smith.

**Families Of:**

Dennis Weller and Sandra Bucks.

**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-bornae-land.de](http://Kirche-bornae-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 normally 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!**

**This morning we share in the Sacrament of Holy Communion.** We invite everyone to the Lord's table who recognizes Christ's presence in His holy sacrament. We will be communing using the continuous method this morning. When the time comes, the usher will direct you forward—simply receive the bread from the Pastor and move to the side to the communion server to receive the wine (or grape juice). When you have received both elements, please return to your seat by the side aisle.

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**Today we will be receiving a Free Will Offering  
for the Boyertown Area Multi-Service**

**This Morning's Worship Assistants:**

Assisting Minister: Diane McElwee

Server: Erika Zaiser

Ushers: Kay McGowan\* & Heidi Yescavage

Lector: Sue Logan

Acolyte: Jenn McCarron

**The Altar Flowers** are presented to the glory of God, by Fred & Rachel Isett, in Honor of their 27th Wedding Anniversary.

**The Bulletins** – No Sponsor

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

- (those who are able may stand)

**Prelude**

"Reverie"  
R. Martin

**Announcements and Concerns**

• **Confession and Forgiveness**

P In the name of the Father, and of the + Son,  
and of the Holy Spirit.

C **Amen**

P 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.

C **Amen**

P If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. But if we confess our sins, God who is faithful and just will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

*Silence for reflection and self-examination.*

P Most merciful God,

**C we confess that we are in bondage 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 Almighty God, in his mercy, has given his Son to die for us and, for his sake, 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**

- **Processional Hymn** WOV# 742  
"Come, We That Love the Lord"

### **Greeting**

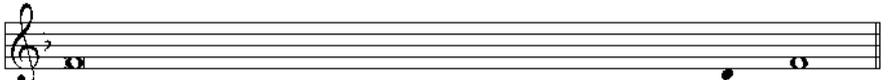
P The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

**C And also with you.**

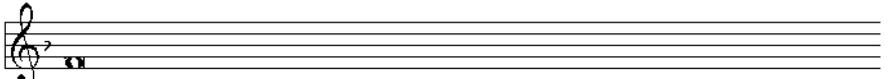


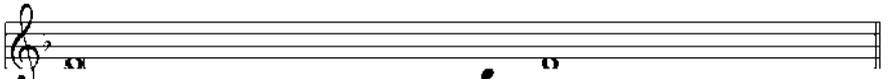
• **Kyrie**

  
A In peace, let us pray to the Lord. **☩ Lord, have mer - cy.**

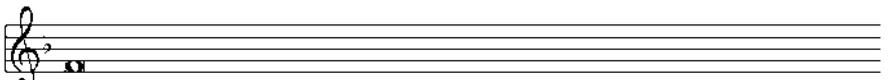
  
A For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.

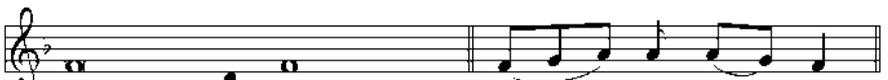
  
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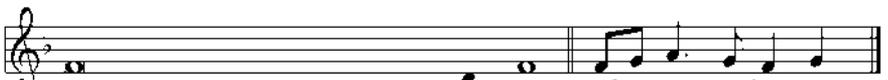
  
A For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God,

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

  
**☩ Lord, have mer - cy.**

  
A For this holy house, and for all who offer here their worship and praise,

  
let us pray to the Lord. **☩ Lord, have mer - cy.**

  
A Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gra-cious Lord. **☩ A - men**

• **Prayer of the Day**



P Let us Pray . . .

**C** **Bend your ear to our prayers, Lord Christ, and come among us. By your gracious life and death for us, bring light into the darkness of our hearts, and anoint us with your Spirit, for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen**

**FIRST READING: 1 Samuel 16:1-13**

*Samuel anointed David even though he was the eighth-oldest son of Jesse and did not match his brothers in height or other physical characteristics. With the anointing came endowment with the Spirit of the LORD, designating David as the LORD's chosen successor to Saul.*

The Lord said to Samuel, “How long will you grieve over Saul? I have rejected him from being king over Israel. Fill your horn with oil and set out; I will send you to Jesse the Bethlehemite, for I have provided for myself a king among his sons.”<sup>2</sup> Samuel said, “How can I go? If Saul hears of it, he will kill me.” And the Lord said, “Take a heifer with you and say, ‘I have come to sacrifice to the Lord.’<sup>3</sup> Invite Jesse to the sacrifice, and I will show you what you shall do, and you shall anoint for me the one whom I name to you.”<sup>4</sup> Samuel did what the Lord commanded and came to Bethlehem. The elders of the city came to meet him trembling and said, “Do you come peaceably?”<sup>5</sup> He said, “Peaceably. I have come to sacrifice to the Lord; sanctify yourselves and come with me to the sacrifice.” And he sanctified Jesse and his sons and invited them to the sacrifice.

<sup>6</sup>When they came, he looked on Eliab and thought, “Surely his anointed is now before the Lord.”<sup>7</sup> But the Lord said to Samuel, “Do not look on his appearance or on the height of his stature, because I have rejected him, for the Lord does not see as mortals see; they look on the outward appearance, but the Lord looks on the heart.”<sup>8</sup> Then Jesse called Abinadab and made him pass before Samuel. He said, “Neither has the Lord chosen this one.”<sup>9</sup> Then Jesse made Shammah pass by. And he said, “Neither has the Lord chosen this one.”<sup>10</sup> Jesse made seven of his sons pass before Samuel, and Samuel said to Jesse, “The Lord has not chosen any of these.”<sup>11</sup> Samuel said to Jesse, “Are all your sons here?” And he said,

“There remains yet the youngest, but he is keeping the sheep.” And Samuel said to Jesse, “Send and bring him, for we will not sit down until he comes here.”<sup>12</sup> He sent and brought him in. Now he was ruddy and had beautiful eyes and was handsome. The Lord said, “Rise and anoint him, for this is the one.”<sup>13</sup> Then Samuel took the horn of oil and anointed him in the presence of his brothers, and the spirit of the Lord came mightily upon David from that day forward. Samuel then set out and went to Ramah.

### PSALM: Psalm 23

<sup>1</sup> The LORD<sup>|</sup> is my shepherd;

I shall not<sup>|</sup> be in want.

<sup>2</sup> **The LORD makes me lie down<sup>|</sup> in green pastures  
and leads me be-<sup>|</sup>side still waters.**

<sup>3</sup> You restore my<sup>|</sup> soul, O LORD,  
and guide me along right pathways<sup>|</sup> for your name’s sake.

<sup>4</sup> **Though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I  
shall<sup>|</sup> fear no evil;  
for you are with me; your rod and your staff, they<sup>|</sup> comfort me.**

<sup>5</sup> You prepare a table before me in the presence<sup>|</sup> of my enemies;  
you anoint my head with oil, and my cup is<sup>|</sup> running over.

<sup>6</sup> **Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days<sup>|</sup> of my life,  
and I will dwell in the house of the<sup>|</sup> LORD forever.**

### SECOND READING: Ephesians 5:8-14

*Because we now live in the divine light which is Jesus Christ, we conduct our lives in ways that reflect the light of Christ, so that our activity is truly pleasing to God.*

<sup>8</sup> Once you were darkness, but now in the Lord you are light. Walk as children of light,<sup>9</sup> for the fruit of the light is found in all that is good and right and true.<sup>10</sup> Try to find out what is pleasing to the Lord.<sup>11</sup> Take no part in the unfruitful works of darkness; rather, expose them.<sup>12</sup> For it is shameful even to mention what such people do secretly,<sup>13</sup> but everything exposed by the light becomes visible,<sup>14</sup> for everything that becomes visible is light. Therefore it says,

“Sleeper, awake!

Rise from the dead,  
and Christ will shine on you.”

**GOSPEL: John 9:1-41**

*Jesus heals a man born blind, provoking a hostile reaction that he regards as spiritual blindness to the things of God.*

**I Called to My God for Help**

CANTICLES

9

*Lent*

I called to my God for help;  
 he heard me from his tem - ple. His  
 arm reached down to save and res - cue me  
 from my foes. The man - na from heav - en for  
 Is - ra - el is his Son, the bread of life!

P The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the ninth chapter

Glo - ry to you, O Lord.

**Presentation of the Gospel by Heart**

<sup>1</sup> As [Jesus] walked along, he saw a man blind from birth. <sup>2</sup> His disciples asked him, “Rabbi, who sinned, this man or his parents, that he was born blind?” <sup>3</sup> Jesus answered, “Neither this man nor his parents sinned; he was born blind so that God’s works might be revealed in him. <sup>4</sup> We must work the works of him who sent me while it is day; night is coming, when no one can work. <sup>5</sup> As long as I am in the world, I am the light of the world.” <sup>6</sup> When he had said this, he spat on the ground and made mud with the saliva and spread the mud on the man’s eyes, <sup>7</sup> saying to him, “Go, wash in the pool of Siloam” (which means Sent). Then he went and washed and came back able to see. <sup>8</sup> The neighbors and those who had seen him before as a beggar began to ask, “Is this not the man who used to sit and beg?” <sup>9</sup> Some were saying, “It is he.” Others were saying, “No, but it is someone like him.” He kept saying, “I am he.” <sup>10</sup> But they kept

asking him, "Then how were your eyes opened?"<sup>11</sup> He answered, "The man called Jesus made mud, spread it on my eyes, and said to me, 'Go to Siloam and wash.' Then I went and washed and received my sight."<sup>12</sup> They said to him, "Where is he?" He said, "I do not know."

<sup>13</sup> They brought to the Pharisees the man who had formerly been blind. Now it was a Sabbath day when Jesus made the mud and opened his eyes.<sup>15</sup> Then the Pharisees also began to ask him how he had received his sight. He said to them, "He put mud on my eyes. Then I washed, and now I see."<sup>16</sup> Some of the Pharisees said, "This man is not from God, for he does not observe the Sabbath." Others said, "How can a man who is a sinner perform such signs?" And they were divided.<sup>17</sup> So they said again to the blind man, "What do you say about him? It was your eyes he opened." He said, "He is a prophet."

<sup>18</sup> The Jews did not believe that he had been blind and had received his sight until they called the parents of the man who had received his sight<sup>19</sup> and asked them, "Is this your son, who you say was born blind? How then does he now see?"<sup>20</sup> His parents answered, "We know that this is our son and that he was born blind,<sup>21</sup> but we do not know how it is that now he sees, nor do we know who opened his eyes. Ask him; he is of age. He will speak for himself."<sup>22</sup> His parents said this because they were afraid of the Jews, for the Jews had already agreed that anyone who confessed Jesus to be the Messiah would be put out of the synagogue.<sup>23</sup> Therefore his parents said, "He is of age; ask him."

<sup>24</sup> So for the second time they called the man who had been blind, and they said to him, "Give glory to God! We know that this man is a sinner."<sup>25</sup> He answered, "I do not know whether he is a sinner. One thing I do know, that though I was blind, now I see."<sup>26</sup> They said to him, "What did he do to you? How did he open your eyes?"<sup>27</sup> He answered them, "I have told you already, and you would not listen. Why do you want to hear it again? Do you also want to become his disciples?"<sup>28</sup> Then they reviled him, saying, "You are his disciple, but we are disciples of Moses.<sup>29</sup> We know that God has spoken to Moses, but as for this man, we do not know where he comes from."<sup>30</sup> The man answered, "Here is an astonishing thing! You do not know where he comes from, yet he opened my eyes.<sup>31</sup> We know that God does not listen to sinners, but he does listen to one who worships him and obeys his will.<sup>32</sup> Never since the world began has it been heard that anyone opened the eyes of a person born blind.<sup>33</sup> If this man were not from God, he could do nothing."<sup>34</sup> They answered him, "You were born entirely in sins, and are you trying to teach us?" And they drove him out.

<sup>35</sup> Jesus heard that they had driven him out, and when he found him he said, "Do you believe in the Son of Man?" <sup>36</sup> He answered, "And who is he, sir? Tell me, so that I may believe in him." <sup>37</sup> Jesus said to him, "You have seen him, and the one speaking with you is he." <sup>38</sup> He said, "Lord, I believe." And he worshiped him. <sup>39</sup> Jesus said, "I came into this world for judgment, so that those who do not see may see and those who do see may become blind." <sup>40</sup> Some of the Pharisees who were with him heard this and said to him, "Surely we are not blind, are we?" <sup>41</sup> Jesus said to them, "If you were blind, you would not have sin. But now that you say, 'We see,' your sin remains."

P The Gospel of the Lord.



Senior Choir Anthem

"The Old Rugged Cross"  
G. Bennard

Sermon

• Hymn of the Day

WOV# 776

"Be Thou My Vision"

• Nicene Creed

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth, of all that is,  
seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,  
the only Son of God, eternally begotten of  
the Father, God from God, Light from Light,  
true God from true God, begotten, not made,  
of one Being with the Father;  
through him all things were made.

For us and for our salvation he came down from  
heaven, by the power of the Holy Spirit  
he became incarnate from the virgin Mary,  
and was made man.

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius  
Pilate; he suffered death and was buried.

On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son.

With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified. He has spoken through the prophets.

We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.

We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.

We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen

- **The Prayer of the Church**

P Let us pray for the whole people of God, in Christ Jesus, and for all people according to their needs.

*A brief silence.*

*After each portion of prayers:*

P Lord, in your mercy.

**C hear our prayer**

The prayers conclude:

**P** Into your hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your mercy; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

**C** Amen.

• **Sharing of the Peace**

**P:** The peace of the Lord be with you always.

**C:** And also with you.

• **The Great Thanksgiving**

**P** The Lord be with you. **☩** And al - so with you.

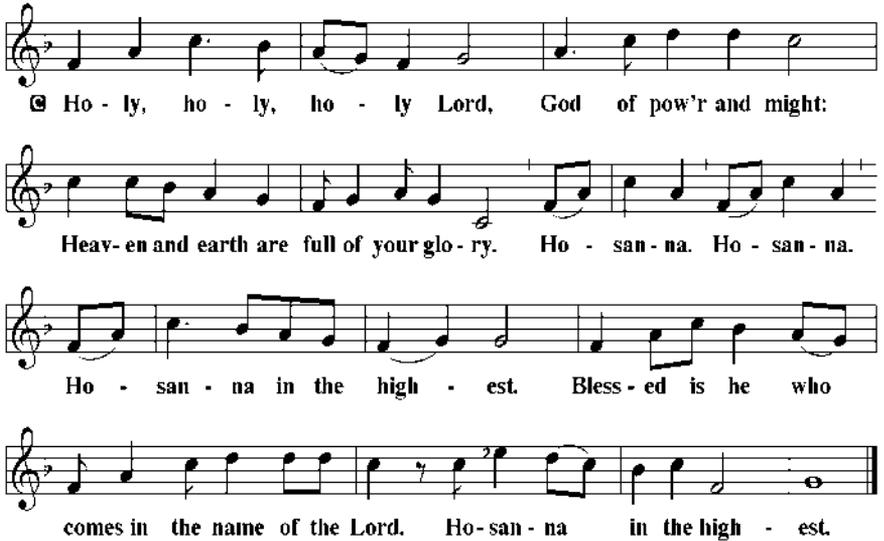
**P** Lift up your hearts. **☩** We lift them to the Lord.

**P** Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**☩** It is right to give him thanks and praise.

**The Proper Preface**

**P** It is indeed right and salutary...  
 (Here the minister continues with the preface appropriate to the day or season, concluding) ...we praise your name and join their unending hymn:



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might:  
 Heav - en and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na. Ho - san - na.  
 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

P 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 for all people for the forgiveness of sin.

Do this for the remembrance of me.

• The Lord's Prayer

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

③ 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

Communion Hymn

LBW# 265

"Christ, Whose Glory Fills the Skies"

• **Post-communion Blessing**

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

C **Amen**

• **Post-communion Canticle**



• **Post-communion Prayer**

P Compassionate God, your Son welcomed sinners and ate with them. We give you thanks for the forgiveness and grace we have received in this meal. Make us signs of your love, that all the world may know your mercy and blessing; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

C **Amen**

- **Our Mission Statement**

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.

- **Benediction**

P The Lord bless you and keep you.  
The Lord make his face to shine upon you  
and be gracious unto you. The Lord look  
upon you with favor and give you peace.

C **Amen, Amen, Amen.**

- **Recessional Hymn** WOV# 734  
"Softly and Tenderly, Jesus Is Calling"

- **Dismissal**

P Go in peace, serve the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

**Postlude** "Triumphal March"  
E. Grieg

**Today is the deadline for the April Newsletter, 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.

**Bread, Bowl & Bible** will be held **Today, Sunday, 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.

**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** will continue each Wednesday evening at 6:15 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.

**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.

**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 is 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 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, April 19th for the Lutheran Disaster Relief. Thank you for your support.

**Trinity Hoagies:** “Hoagie 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 by Sunday, April 12th and pick up on Friday, April 17th, here at Trinity 11:00AM-11:30AM. Please make checks payable to Dennis Schaeffer. Any questions, please see Dennis Schaeffer. Thank You for your support.**

**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 Hoagie 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 April. Please sign up for this time of Fellowship. The sign up sheet is posted on the bulletin board in the Narthex.

**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.

**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.

**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.

**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.

**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](http://www.trinitybech.com)

**Trinity's events for the upcoming week:**

Sunday, March 15th- 8:00 Cont. Worship Service  
 9:15 Sunday School  
 10:30 Worship Service  
 w/Communion

Monday, March 16th- 6:30 Scouts

Tuesday, March 17th- 6:30 Worship & Music Mtg.  
 Scouts

Wednesday, March 18th-6:00 Soup Supper  
 6:15 First Communion Class  
 7:00 Holden Evening Prayer  
 Service  
 Sr. Choir Practice

Thursday, March 19th- 6:30 TLC Stitchers

Sunday, March 22nd- 9:15 Sunday School  
 10:30 Worship Service

**Next Week's Worship Assistants:  
 Sunday, March 22nd**

Ushers: Janice Sheetz\* & Karen Irej  
 Lector: Sheila Eddinger  
 Acolyte: Uta Hahn

**Simply Giving February 2026:****February - 4 Sundays:**

	Total	Weekly Avg
General Fund	\$3,665	\$916.25
Building	\$ 155	\$ 38.75
World Hunger	\$ 40	\$ 10
Benevolence	\$ 245	\$ 61.25
Organ	\$ 15	\$ 3.75

**Grand Total for February 2026: \$4120**

**LAST WEEK'S STATISTICS: 03/08/2026**

<u>Attendance</u>	<u>Offerings</u>	
<u>Worship/S.S</u>	<u>General</u>	<u>Hunger</u>
75/15	\$2,498.00	\$70.00
	<u>Benevolence</u>	<u>Bldg. Maint.</u>
	\$50.00	\$14.00

**Updates on Church Financial Status From The Finance Committee:**

The January monthly report from the Treasurers showed:

- The General Fund has a Negative Balance.
- During January 2026, the General Fund decreased \$13,326 from \$7,781 to -\$5,545.

The February monthly report from the Treasurers showed:

- The General Fund has a Negative Balance.
- During February 2026, the General Fund increased \$883 from \$-5545 to -\$4,661.

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:

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.

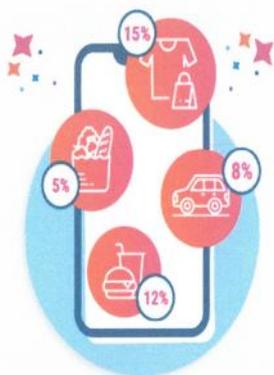
**Thank you for your contributions to these special causes!**

**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.

**THANK YOU FOR HELPING THOSE IN NEED.**



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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.

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## Readings for Personal Devotion



M	Isaiah 59:9-19
T	Isaiah 42:14-21
W	Matthew 9:27-34
Th	Isaiah 60:17-22
F	Acts 9:1-20
Sa	Psalm 146:3-9

## **Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church**

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Mrs. Karen J. Smith, Parish Secretary

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## Come, We That Love the Lord

1 Come, we that love the Lord, and let our joys be known;  
 2 Let those re - fuse to sing who nev - er knew our God;  
 3 The hill of Zi - on yields a thou - sand sa - cred sweets  
 4 Then let our songs a - bound, and ev - 'ry tear be dry;

join in a song with sweet ac - cord, join in a song with  
 but chil - dren of the heav'n - ly King, but chil - dren of the  
 be - fore we reach the heav'n - ly fields, be - fore we reach the  
 we're march - ing through Em - man - uel's ground, we're march - ing through Em -

sweet ac - cord and thus sur-round the throne, and thus sur-round the throne.  
 heav'n - ly King may speak their joys a - broad, may speak their joys a - broad.  
 heav'n - ly fields, or walk the gold - en streets, or walk the gold - en streets.  
 man - uel's ground, to fair - er worlds on high, to fair - er worlds on high.

*Refrain*

We're march - ing to Zi - on, beau - ti - ful, beau - ti - ful Zi - on;

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Text: Isaac Wa  
 Music: Robert

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we're march-ing up-ward to Zi - on, the beau-ti-ful cit-y of God.

Text: Isaac Watts, 1674-1748, stanzas: Robert Lowry, 1826-1899, refrain  
Music: Robert Lowry, 1826-1899

MARCHING TO ZION  
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## Stay with Us

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1 Stay with us, till night has come: our praise to  
2 Walk with us, our spir - its sigh: hear when our  
3 Walk with us, the road will bend: make all our  
4 Talk with us, till we be - hold a joy - ful  
5 Stay with us, till day is done: no tears nor

you this day be sung. Bless our bread, o - pen our  
wear - y spir - its cry. feel a - gain our loss, our  
weep-ing, wail-ing end. Wipe our tears, for - give our  
life you will un - fold: heal our eyes to see the  
dark shall dim the sun. Cheer the heart, your grace im -

eyes: Je - sus, be our great sur - rise.  
pain: Je - sus, take us to your side.  
fears: Je - sus, lift the heav - y cross.  
prize: Je - sus, take us to the light.  
part: Je - sus, bring e - ter - nal life.

Text: Herbert F. Brokering, b. 1926  
Music: Walter L. Pelz, b. 1926  
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STAY WITH US  
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1 Be thou my vi - sion, O Lord of my heart;  
2 Be thou my wis - dom, and thou my true word;  
3 Rich - es I heed not, nor vain, emp - ty praise,  
4 Light of my soul, af - ter vic - to - ry won,

naught be all else to me, save that thou art:  
I ev - er with thee and thou with me, Lord.  
thou mine in - her - i - tance, now and al - ways:  
may I reach heav - en's joys, O heav - en's Sun!

thou my best thought . . . by day and by night,  
Thou my soul's shel - ter, thou my high tower,  
thou, and thou on - ly, first in my heart,  
Heart of my own heart, what - ev - er be - fall,

wak - ing or sleep - ing, thy pres - ence my light.  
raise thou me heav'n - ward, O Pow'r of my pow'r.  
great God of heav - en, my trea - sure thou art.  
still be my vi - sion, O Rul - er of all.

Trans- port - ed with the view, I'm lost In won - der, love, and praise.  
Nor is the least a cheer - ful heart That tastes those gifts with joy.  
And af - ter death, in dis - tant worlds, The glo - rious theme re - new.  
But, oh, e - ter - ni - ty's too short To ut - ter all your praise!

Text: Joseph Addison, 1672-1719  
Tune: attr. George Kirbye, c. 1560-1634

WINCHESTER OLD  
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## Christ, Whose Glory Fills the Skies 265

1 Christ, whose glo - ry fills the skies, Christ, the true and on - ly light,  
2 Dark and cheer - less is the morn Un - ac - com - pa - nied by thee;  
3 Vis - it then this soul of mine, Pierce the gloom of sin and grief;

Sun of righ - teous - ness, a - rise, Tri - umph o'er the shades of night;  
Joy - less is the day's re - turn, Till thy mer - cy's beams I see,  
Fill me, ra - dian - cy di - vine, Scat - ter all my un - be - lief;

Day - spring from on high, be near; Day - star, in my heart ap - pear.  
Till they in - ward light im - part, Glad my eyes, and warm my heart.  
More and more thy - self dis - play, Shin - ing to the per - fect day.

Text: Charles Wesley, 1707-1788  
Tune: J. G. Werner, Choral-Buch, 1815

RATISBON  
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## Softly and Tenderly Jesus Is Calling

1 Soft - ly and ten - der - ly Je - sus is call - ing,  
 2 Why should we tar - ry when Je - sus is plead - ing,  
 3 Oh, for the won - der - ful love he has prom - ised,

call - ing for you and for me. See, on the por - tals he's  
 plead - ing for you and for me? Why should we lin - ger and  
 prom - ised for you and for me! Though we have sinned, he has

wait - ing and watch - ing, watch - ing for you and for me.  
 heed not his mer - cies, mer - cies for you and for me?  
 mer - cy and par - don, par - don for you and for me.

*Refrain*  
 "Come home, come home!  
 Come home, come home!  
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Text: Fred  
 Music: W  
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wea-ry, come home." Ear - nest - ly, ten - der - ly,

Je - sus is call - ing, call - ing, "O sin - ner, come home!"

Text: Will Thompson, 1847-1909  
 Music: Will Thompson, 1847-1909

THOMPSON  
 117 117 and refrain

## God! When Human Bonds Are Broken 735

- 1 God! When hu-man bonds are bro-ken and we lack the love or skill
- 2 Through that still-ness, with your Spir-it come in - to our world of stress,
- 3 You in us are bruised and bro-ken: hear us as we seek re-lease
- 4 Send us, God of new be - gin-nings, hum-bly hope-ful in - to life.
- 5 Give us faith to be more faith-ful, give us hope to be more true,

to re-store the hope of heal-ing, give us grace and make us still.  
 for the sake of Christ for-giv-ing all the fail-ures we con-fess.  
 from the pain of ear-lier liv-ing; set us free and grant us peace.  
 Use us as a means of bless-ing: make us stron-ger, give us faith.  
 give us love to go on learn-ing: God! En-cour-age and re-new!

Text: Fred Kaan, b. 1929  
 Music: William H. Monk, 1823-1889  
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