

*TRINITY EVANGELICAL
LUTHERAN CHURCH*



March 8, 2026
3rd 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, Jo Garber, Helene Kushnir, John McCarron, Tanner Antalosky, Lillian Solar and Carole Sell.

Families Of:

Fay Bauman, David Freed, Jerry Parsons, Joan Gonzales, 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-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 normally be kept on the newsletter prayer list for one year if needed. If you wish for names to remain longer, please speak to the Pastor Gene, Linda Ritter, or contact the Church Office. Thank you for helping us keep the prayer list current!

This morning we welcome Nadine Lydic, as our organist!

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Today's Worship Assistants:

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

The Altar Flowers are presented to the glory of God by Sandy & Mark Yarnall, to the Honor & Glory of God.

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

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** LBW# 250
"Open Now Thy Gates of Beauty"

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.

• **Prayer of the Day**

♩ The Lord be with you. ♩ And al - so with you.

P Let us Pray . . .

C Merciful God, the fountain of living water, you quench our thirst and wash away our sin. Give us this water always. Bring us to drink from the well that flows with the beauty of your truth through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen

FIRST READING: Exodus 17:1-7

Because the thirsty Israelites quarreled with Moses and put God to the test, Moses cried out in desperation to God. God commanded Moses to strike the rock to provide water for the people. The doubt-filled question—“Is the LORD among us or not?”—received a very positive answer.

¹ From the wilderness of Sin the whole congregation of the Israelites journeyed by stages, as the Lord commanded. They camped at Rephidim, but there was no water for the people to drink. ² The people quarreled with Moses and said, “Give us water to drink.” Moses said to them, “Why do you quarrel with me? Why do you test the Lord?” ³ But the people thirsted there for water, and the people complained against Moses and said, “Why did you bring us out of Egypt, to kill us and our children and livestock with thirst?” ⁴ So Moses cried out to the Lord, “What shall I do for this people? They are almost ready to stone me.” ⁵ The Lord said to Moses, “Go on ahead of the people and take some of the elders of Israel with you; take in your hand the staff with which you struck the Nile and go. ⁶ I will be standing there in front of you on the rock at Horeb. Strike the rock, and water will come out of it, so that the people may drink.” Moses did so, in the sight of the elders of Israel. ⁷ He called the place Massah and Meribah, because the Israelites quarreled and tested the Lord, saying, “Is the Lord among us or not?”

PSALM: Psalm 95

- ¹ Come, let us sing¹ to the LORD;
let us shout for joy to the rock of¹ our salvation.
- ² **Let us come before God's presence¹ with thanksgiving
and raise a loud shout to the¹ LORD with psalms.**
- ³ For you, LORD,¹ are a great God,
and a great ruler a-¹bove all gods.
- ⁴ **In your hand are the caverns¹ of the earth;
the heights of the hills are¹ also yours.**
- ⁵ The sea is yours,¹ for you made it,
and your hands have molded¹ the dry land.
- ⁶ **Come, let us worship¹ and bow down,
let us kneel before the¹ LORD our maker.**
- ⁷ For the LORD is our God, and we are the people of God's pasture and
the sheep¹ of God's hand.
Oh, that today you would¹ hear God's voice!
- ⁸ **“Harden¹ not your hearts,
as at Meribah, as on that day at Massah¹ in the desert.**
- ⁹ There your ancestors¹ tested me,
they put me to the test, though they had¹ seen my works.
- ¹⁰ **Forty years I loathed that gener-¹ation, saying,
‘The heart of this people goes astray; they do not¹ know my ways.’**
- ¹¹ Indeed I swore¹ in my anger,
‘They shall never come¹ to my rest.’”

SECOND READING: Romans 5:1-11

Though we often hear that God helps those who help themselves, here Paul tells us that through Jesus' death God helps utterly helpless sinners. Since we who had been enemies are reconciled to God in the cross, we now live in hope for our final salvation.

¹ Since we are justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ,² through whom we have obtained access to this grace in which we stand, and we boast in our hope of sharing the glory of God.³ And not only that, but we also boast in our afflictions, knowing that affliction produces endurance,⁴ and endurance produces character, and character produces hope,⁵ and hope does not put us to shame, because God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit that has been given to us.

⁶ For while we were still weak, at the right time Christ died for the ungodly.⁷ Indeed, rarely will anyone die for a righteous person—though perhaps for a good person someone might actually dare to die.⁸ But God

proves his love for us in that while we still were sinners Christ died for us. ⁹ Much more surely, therefore, since we have now been justified by his blood, will we be saved through him from the wrath of God. ¹⁰ For if while we were enemies we were reconciled to God through the death of his Son, much more surely, having been reconciled, will we be saved by his life. ¹¹ But more than that, we even boast in God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have now received reconciliation.

GOSPEL: John 4:5-42

Jesus defies convention to engage a Samaritan woman in conversation. Her testimony, in turn, leads many others to faith.

CANTICLES

I Called to My God for Help

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Lent

The musical score is written on five staves in a single system. It begins with a treble clef and a key signature of one flat (B-flat). The tempo/mood is marked 'Lent'. The lyrics are: 'I called to my God for help; he heard me from his temple. His arm reached down to save and rescue me from my foes. The man - na from heav - en for Is - ra - el is his Son, the bread of life!' The score ends with a double bar line.

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

The musical score is written on a single staff in a single system. It begins with a treble clef and a key signature of one flat (B-flat). The lyrics are: 'Glo - ry to you, O Lord.' The score ends with a double bar line.

Presentation of the Gospel by Heart

⁵ [Jesus] came to a Samaritan city called Sychar, near the plot of ground that Jacob had given to his son Joseph. ⁶ Jacob's well was there, and Jesus, tired out by his journey, was sitting by the well. It was about noon.

⁷ A Samaritan woman came to draw water, and Jesus said to her, “Give me a drink.”⁸ (His disciples had gone to the city to buy food.)⁹ The Samaritan woman said to him, “How is it that you, a Jew, ask a drink of me, a woman of Samaria?” (Jews do not share things in common with Samaritans.)¹⁰ Jesus answered her, “If you knew the gift of God and who it is that is saying to you, ‘Give me a drink,’ you would have asked him, and he would have given you living water.”¹¹ The woman said to him, “Sir, you have no bucket, and the well is deep. Where do you get that living water?¹² Are you greater than our ancestor Jacob, who gave us the well and with his sons and his flocks drank from it?”¹³ Jesus said to her, “Everyone who drinks of this water will be thirsty again,¹⁴ but those who drink of the water that I will give them will never be thirsty. The water that I will give will become in them a spring of water gushing up to eternal life.”¹⁵ The woman said to him, “Sir, give me this water, so that I may never be thirsty or have to keep coming here to draw water.”

¹⁶ Jesus said to her, “Go, call your husband, and come back.”¹⁷ The woman answered him, “I have no husband.” Jesus said to her, “You are right in saying, ‘I have no husband,’¹⁸ for you have had five husbands, and the one you have now is not your husband. What you have said is true!”¹⁹ The woman said to him, “Sir, I see that you are a prophet.²⁰ Our ancestors worshiped on this mountain, but you say that the place where people must worship is in Jerusalem.”²¹ Jesus said to her, “Woman, believe me, the hour is coming when you will worship the Father neither on this mountain nor in Jerusalem.²² You worship what you do not know; we worship what we know, for salvation is from the Jews.²³ But the hour is coming and is now here when the true worshipers will worship the Father in spirit and truth, for the Father seeks such as these to worship him.²⁴ God is spirit, and those who worship him must worship in spirit and truth.”²⁵ The woman said to him, “I know that Messiah is coming” (who is called Christ). “When he comes, he will proclaim all things to us.”²⁶ Jesus said to her, “I am he, the one who is speaking to you.”

²⁷ Just then his disciples came. They were astonished that he was speaking with a woman, but no one said, “What do you want?” or, “Why are you speaking with her?”²⁸ Then the woman left her water jar and went back to the city. She said to the people,²⁹ “Come and see a man who told me everything I have ever done! He cannot be the Messiah, can he?”³⁰ They left the city and were on their way to him.

³¹ Meanwhile the disciples were urging him, “Rabbi, eat something.”³² But he said to them, “I have food to eat that you do not know about.”³³ So the disciples said to one another, “Surely no one has brought him something to eat?”³⁴ Jesus said to them, “My food is to do the will of him

who sent me and to complete his work. ³⁵ Do you not say, ‘Four months more, then comes the harvest’? But I tell you, look around you, and see how the fields are ripe for harvesting. ³⁶ The reaper is already receiving wages and is gathering fruit for eternal life, so that sower and reaper may rejoice together. ³⁷ For here the saying holds true, ‘One sows and another reaps.’ ³⁸ I sent you to reap that for which you did not labor. Others have labored, and you have entered into their labor.”

³⁹ Many Samaritans from that city believed in him because of the woman’s testimony, “He told me everything I have ever done.” ⁴⁰ So when the Samaritans came to him, they asked him to stay with them, and he stayed there two days. ⁴¹ And many more believed because of his word. ⁴² They said to the woman, “It is no longer because of what you said that we believe, for we have heard for ourselves, and we know that this is truly the Savior of the world.”

P The Gospel of the Lord.



Senior Choir Anthem

“God So Loved the World”
L. Larson

Sermon

• **Hymn of the Day**

LBW# 501

“He Leadeth Me”

• **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.

- **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

- **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**

LBW# 327

“Rock of Ages”

Postlude

Reprinted from Sundays & Seasons 2026

Pastor Gene will be on vacation Monday, March 9th & Tuesday, March 10th, in case of a pastoral emergency, please contact Pastor Rich Moore at 610-401-5602.

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.

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.

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:

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| 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, March 15th for the Boyertown Area Multi-Service. Thank you for your support.

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: “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. **Pick up here at Trinity on March 11th 11:00AM-11:30AM. Please make checks payable to Dennis Schaeffer. 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 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.

Found: Ladies Watch & Bracelet, please find on table in the Narthex.

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.

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.

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.

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 8th- 9:15 Sunday School
 10:30 Worship Service

Monday, March 9th- 6:30 Scouts

Tuesday, March 10th- 6:30 Scouts
 7:00 Church Council Mtg.

Wednesday, March 11th-6:00 Soup Supper
 6:15 First Comm. Class
 7:00 Holden Evening Prayer
 Service
 Sr. Choir Practice

Thursday, March 12th- 6:30 TLC Stitchers

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

**Next Week's Worship Assistants:
 Sunday, March 15th**

Assisting Minister: Diane McElwee
 Server: Erika Zaiser
 Ushers: Kay McGowan* & Heidi Yescavage
 Lector: Sue Logan
 Acolyte: Jenn McCarron

LAST WEEK'S STATISTICS: 03/01/2026

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| <u>Attendance</u> | <u>Offerings</u> | | |
| <u>Worship/S.S</u> | <u>General</u> | <u>Hunger</u> | <u>Scrip</u> |
| 74/15 | \$3,110.00 | 0 | \$10,245.00 |
| | <u>Benevolence</u> | <u>Bldg. Maint.</u> | |
| | 0 | \$210.00 | |

CONTEMPORARY WORSHIP SERVICE

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| <u>Attendance</u> | <u>Offerings</u> | |
| <u>Worship</u> | <u>General</u> | <u>Benevolence</u> |
| 18 | \$580.00 | 0 |
| | <u>Build. Maint.</u> | |
| | \$25.00 | |
| <u>Total Attendance</u> | <u>Total Offering</u> | |
| 92 | \$3,690.00 | |

**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.

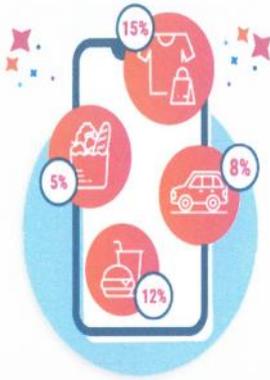
Thank you for your contributions to these special causes!

**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



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| M | Genesis 24:1-27 |
| T | Genesis 29:1-14 |
| W | John 7:14-31, 37-39 |
| Th | Jeremiah 2:4-13 |
| F | 2 John 1-13 |
| Sa | Psalm 81 |

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

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(Or by Appointment)

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Open Now Thy Gates of Beauty

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1 O - pen now thy gates of beau - ty, Zi - on, let me en - ter there,
 2 Gra - cious God, I come be - fore thee; Come thou al - so un - to me;
 3 Here thy praise is glad - ly chant - ed, Here thy seed is du - ly sown;
 4 Thou my faith in - crease and quick - en, Let me keep thy gift di - vine;

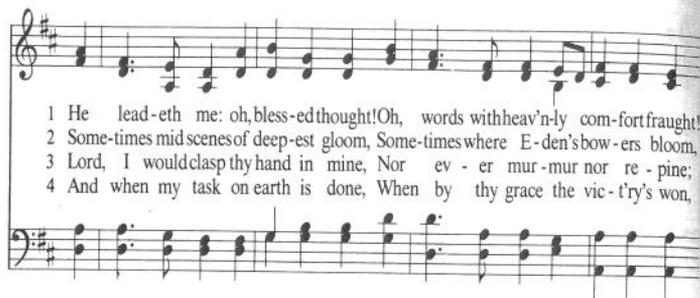
Where my soul in joy - ful du - ty Waits for God who an - swers prayer.
 Where we find thee and a - dore thee, There a heav'n on earth must be.
 Let my soul, where it is plant - ed, Bring forth pre - cious sheaves a - lone,
 How - so - e'er temp - ta - tions thick - en, May thy Word still o'er me shine

Oh, how bless - ed is this place, Filled with so - lace, light, and grace!
 To my heart, oh, en - ter thou, Let it be thy tem - ple now!
 So that all I hear may be Fruit - ful un - to life in me.
 As my guid - ing star through life, As my com - fort in all strife.

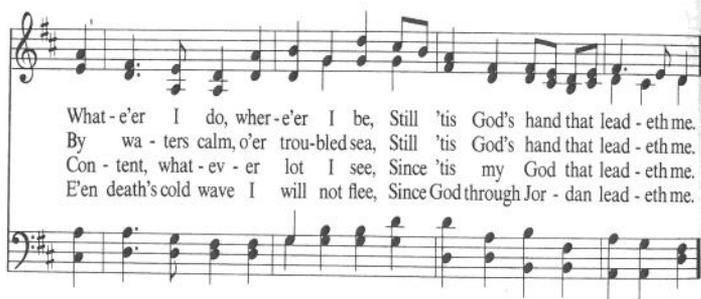
5 Speak, O God, and I will hear thee,
 Let thy will be done indeed;
 May I undisturbed draw near thee
 While thou dost thy people feed.
 Here of life the fountain flows;
 Here is balm for all our woes.

Text: Benjamin Schmolck, 1672-1737; tr. Catherine Winkworth, 1829-1878, alt.
 Tune: Joachim Neander, 1650-1680

501 He Leadeth Me: Oh, Blessed Thought!

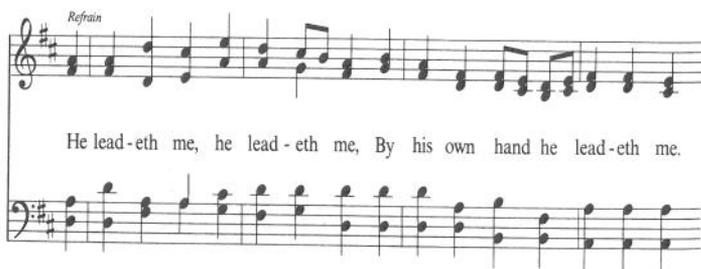


1 He lead-eth me: oh, bless-ed thought! Oh, words with heav'n-ly com-fort fraught!
 2 Some-times mid scenes of deep-est gloom, Some-times where E-den's bow-ers bloom,
 3 Lord, I would clasp thy hand in mine, Nor ev-er mur-mur nor re-pine;
 4 And when my task on earth is done, When by thy grace the vic-t'ry's won,

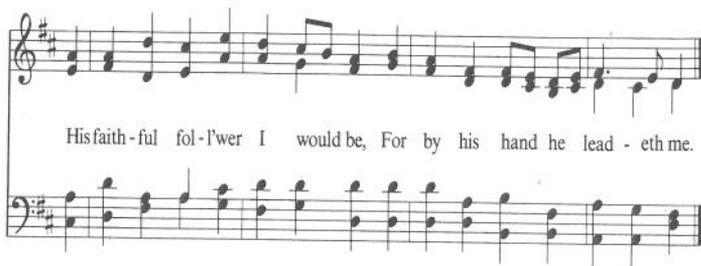


What-e'er I do, wher-e'er I be, Still 'tis God's hand that lead-eth me.
 By wa-ters calm, o'er trou-bled sea, Still 'tis God's hand that lead-eth me.
 Con-tent, what-ev-er lot I see, Since 'tis my God that lead-eth me.
 E'en death's cold wave I will not flee, Since God through Jor-dan lead-eth me.

Refrain



He lead-eth me, he lead-eth me, By his own hand he lead-eth me.



His faith-ful fol-l'wer I would be, For by his hand he lead-eth me.

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5 To you, O Savior, our adoration
Shall rise forever for your precious blood
Which blotted out all the accusation
Of sin and guilt which once against us stood.

6 What blessed joy overflows my spirit,
Because your wondrous grace to me was giv'n!
Complete your work, that I may inherit
Eternal life at last with you in heav'n!

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Tune: Norwegian folk tune

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Rock of Ages, Cleft for Me

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1 Rock of A - ges, cleft for me, Let me hide my - self in thee;
2 Not the la - bors of my hands Can ful - fill thy law's de - mands;
3 Noth - ing in my hand I bring; Sim - ply to thy cross I cling.
4 While I draw this fleet - ing breath, When mine eye - lids close in death,

Let the wa - ter and the blood, From thy riv - en side which flowed,
Could my zeal no res - pite know, Could my tears for - ev - er flow,
Na - ked, come to thee for dress; Help - less, look to thee for grace;
When I soar to worlds un - known, See thee on thy judg - ment throne,

Be of sin the dou - ble cure: Cleanse me from its guilt and pow'r.
All for sin could not a - tone; Thou must save, and thou a - lone.
Foul, I to the foun - tain fly; Wash me, Sav - ior, or I die.
Rock of A - ges, cleft for me, Let me hide my - self in thee.

Text: Augustus M. Toplady, 1740-1778
Tune: Thomas Hastings, 1784-1812

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