

Sunday, February 25, 2024 Second Sunday in Lent

Our mission, as God's people, is to **gather** in worship, **grow** in faith, and **go** in service in the name of our Risen Lord. **Our vision** – Sharing God's love, hope and healing.

Prelude: "Lamb of God" arr. by Lloyd Larson

Welcome to Worship and Announcements

*Confession and Forgiveness:

P Blessed be the holy Trinity, + one God, who writes the law on our hearts, who draws all people together through Jesus.

C Amen.

P Held in God's mercy, let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

Silence is kept for reflection.

- P Holy God,
- We confess that we are caught in snares of sin and cannot break free. We hoard resources while our neighbors are hungry and cold. We speak in ways that silence others. We are silent when we should speak up. We keep score in our hearts. We let hurts grow into hatred. For all these things and for sins only you know, forgive us, Lord. Amen.
- P Here is a flood of grace:

Out of love for the whole world, God draws near to us, breaks every snare of sin, washes away our wrongs, and restores the promise of life through + Jesus Christ.

C Amen.



- in car nate, O Wis dom from on 0 Word of God 1 high,
- dear Mas ter, re-ceived the The church from you, gift di - vine;
- Oh, make your church, dear Sav - ior, a lamp of bur-nished gold



Truth un-changed, un - chang - ing, 0 Light of dark sky: our still that light the shine. and is lift - ed o'er all earth to bear be - fore to the na - tions your true light, as of old:



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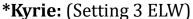
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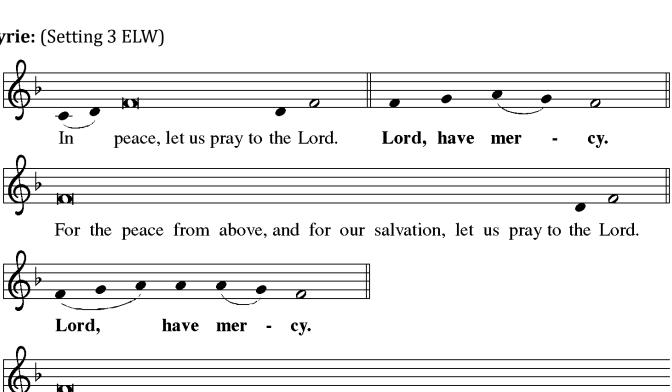
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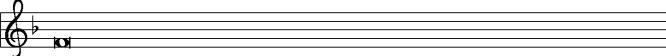
Music: MUNICH, Neuvermehrtes Gesangbuch, Meiningen, 1693

*Greeting:

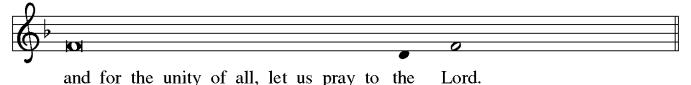
- The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.
- And also with you. C



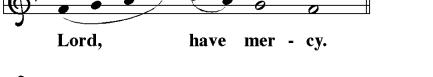




For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God,









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





^{*}Please stand as you are able.

*Canticle of Praise: (Setting 3 ELW)



^{*}Please stand as you are able.

*The Prayer of the Day:

P O God, by the passion of your blessed Son you made an instrument of shameful death to be for us the means of life. Grant us so to glory in the cross of Christ that we may gladly suffer shame and loss for the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Sav ior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

Kids Word: Pr. Jerry O'Neal

Our first reading is from Genesis 17:1-7, 15-16

As with Noah, God makes an everlasting covenant with Abraham and Sarah. God promises this old couple that they will be the ancestors of nations, though they have no child together. God will miraculously bring forth new life from Sarah's womb. The name changes emphasize the firmness of God's promise.

¹When Abram was ninety-nine years old, the LORD appeared to Abram, and said to him, "I am God Almighty; walk before me, and be blameless. ²And I will make my covenant between me and you, and will make you exceedingly numerous." ³Then Abram fell on his face; and God said to him, ⁴"As for me, this is my covenant with you: You shall be the ancestor of a multitude of nations. ⁵No longer shall your name be Abram, but your name shall be Abraham; for I have made you the ancestor of a multitude of nations. ⁶I will make you exceedingly fruitful; and I will make nations of you, and kings shall come from you. ⁷I will establish my covenant between me and you, and your offspring after you throughout their generations, for an everlasting covenant, to be God to you and to your offspring after you."

¹⁵God said to Abraham, "As for Sarai your wife, you shall not call her Sarai, but Sarah shall be her name. ¹⁶I will bless her, and moreover I will give you a son by her. I will bless her, and she shall give rise to nations; kings of peoples shall come from her."

L Word of God. Word of life. C Thanks be to God.

Psalm 22:23-31: (Read responsively between Lector and Congregation.)

²³You who fear the LORD, give praise! All you of Jacob's line, give glory. Stand in awe of the LORD, all you offspring of Israel.

²⁴For the LORD does not despise nor abhor the poor in their poverty; neither is the LORD's face hidden from them; but when they cry out, the LORD hears them.

²⁵From you comes my praise in the great assembly; I will perform my vows in the sight of those who fear the LORD.

²⁶The poor shall eat and be satisfied, Let those who seek the LORD give praise! May your hearts live forever!

²⁷All the ends of the earth shall remember and turn to the LORD; all the families of nations shall bow before God.

²⁸For dominion belongs to the LORD, who rules over the nations.

²⁹Indeed, all who sleep in the earth shall bow down in worship; all who go down to the dust, though they be dead, shall kneel before the LORD.

³⁰Their descendants shall serve the LORD, whom they shall proclaim to generations to come.

³¹They shall proclaim God's deliverance to a people yet unborn, saying to them, "The LORD has acted!"

Our second reading is from Romans 4:13-25

Paul presents Abraham as the example for how a person comes into a right relationship with God not through works of the law but through faith. Though Abraham and Sarah were far too old for bearing children, Abraham trusted that God would accomplish what God had promised to accomplish.

¹³The 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. ¹⁸Hoping against hope, he believed that he would become "the father of many nations," according to what was said, "So numerous shall your descendants be." ¹⁹He did not weaken in faith when he considered his own body, which was already as good as dead (for he was about a hundred years old), or when he considered the barrenness of Sarah's womb. ²⁰No distrust made him waver concerning the promise of God, but he grew strong in his faith as he gave glory to God, ²¹being fully convinced that God was able to do what he had promised. ²²Therefore his faith "was reckoned to him as righteousness." ²³Now the words, "it was reckoned to him," were written not for his sake alone, ²⁴but for ours also. It will be reckoned to us who believe in him who raised Jesus our Lord from the dead, ²⁵who was handed over to death for our trespasses and was raised for our justification.

L Word of God. Word of life. C Thanks be to God.

*Gospel Acclamation: (Setting 3 ELW)



*Gospel Reading: Mark 8:31-38

After Peter confesses his belief that Jesus is the Messiah, Jesus tells his disciples for the first time what is to come. Peter's response indicates that he does not yet understand the way of the cross that Jesus will travel.

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in stead - fast

love.

P The holy gospel according to Mark beginning with the 8th chapter.

and

love,

C Glory to you, O Lord.

stead - fast

³¹[Jesus] began to teach them that the Son of Man must undergo great suffering, and be rejected by the elders, the chief priests, and the scribes, and be killed, and after three days rise again.³²He said all this quite openly. And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him. ³³But turning and looking at his disciples, he rebuked Peter and said, "Get behind me, Satan! For you are setting your mind not on divine things but on human things."

³⁴He called the crowd with his disciples, and said to them, "If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. ³⁵For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake, and for the sake of the gospel, will save it. ³⁶For what will it profit them to gain the whole world and forfeit their life? ³⁷Indeed, what can they give in return for their life? ³⁸Those who are ashamed of me and of my words in this adulterous and sinful generation, of them the Son of Man will also be ashamed when he comes in the glory of his Father with the holy angels."

- P The Gospel of the Lord.
- C Praise to you, O Christ.

Sermon - Pr. Jerry O'Neal

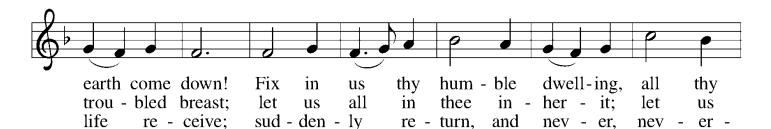
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- 1 Love di-vine, all loves ex cel ling, Joy of heav'n, to
- 2 Breathe, oh, breathe thy lov ing Spir it in to ev 'ry
- 3 Come, Al-might y, to de liv er; let us all thy
- 4 Fin ish then thy new cre a tion, pure and spot less





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Text: Charles Wesley, 1707–1788

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Music: HYFRYDOL, Rowland H. Prichard, 1811–1887

*Apostles' Creed:

P&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.

*Prayers: (Congregation's response in bold type.)

L For our prayers today, I will conclude each petition with "Hear us, O God." and your response is, "**Your mercy is great.**"

Trusting in God's promise to reconcile all things, let us pray for the church, the well-being of creation, and a world in need.

A brief silence.

We turn to you for meaning, holy God. Nurture in your children the gifts of the Spirit poured out in baptism and let the mind of Christ guide the church. Give wisdom and discernment to our bishops, pastors, deacons, teachers, and leaders. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

We turn to you for renewal. Save lives and ecosystems threatened by pollution and a changing climate. Cleanse the earth's waters and restore the soil. Preserve rainforests, deserts, and wildlife, that generations to come may cherish your creation. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

We turn to you for justice. Uphold the worth and dignity of every person, especially any who experience hatred and rejection because of gender, ability, sexual orientation, color, ethnicity, or religion. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

We turn to you for healing. Send compassionate helpers to any who suffer because of war and violence. Shelter unhoused people, befriend those who are lonely, bring hope to any in despair, and console the bereaved, especially those we now name either aloud or in the silence of our hearts (pause). Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

We turn to you for purpose. Remind us of your faithfulness to this congregation. Increase our trust in your guidance and keep us near the cross. Grant that our acts of service will express Christ's sacrificial love. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

We turn to you in gratitude. We are grateful for the many blessings of Holy Trinity's faithful volunteers, especially our Building Team; John, Larry, Becki, Nancy, Dawn-Marie, Neal, and Pr. Jerry. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

We turn to you for peace. We honor the saints who lived in service to others. Inspire us by their example until you gather us into your kingdom. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

Accompany us on our journey, God of grace, and receive the prayers of our hearts, through Jesus Christ, our Savior.

Amen.

*Sharing the Peace:

- The peace of Christ be with you always. P
- And also with you. C

Offering:

If you would like to give electronically, you may

- 1. Download the ELCA Giving App from Google Store or Apple Play, or
- 2. Go to our website www.holytrinitylutheranchurch.com and click on the green "Give" button.
- 3. Using your bank's online BillPay features.

Thank you for your support of Holy Trinity and our ministries!

Offertory Music: "By the Waters of Babylon" - Holy Trinity Choir

Offertory Presentation: "Let the Vineyards Be Fruitful" ELW 182

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Let the vine - yards be fruit-ful, Lord, and fill to the brim our cup of



bless-ing. Gath - er a har-vest from the seeds that were sown, that we may be



fed with the bread of life. Gath - er the hopes and the dreams of all; u -



nite them with the prayers of - fer now. Grace our ta-ble with your we



pres-ence, and give us fore-taste of the feast to

Text: John W. Arthur, 1922-1980 Music: Richard W. Hillert, b. 1923

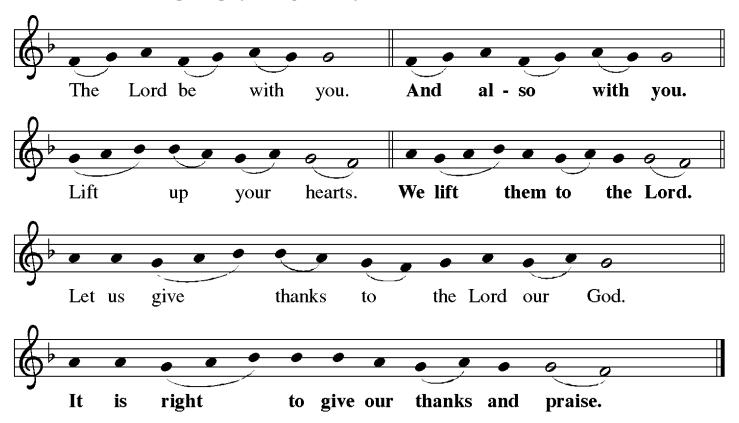
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*Offering Prayer:

L Jesus, you are the bread of life and the host of this meal. Bless these gifts that we have gathered that all people may know your goodness. Feed us not only with this holy food but with hunger for justice and peace. We pray this in your name.

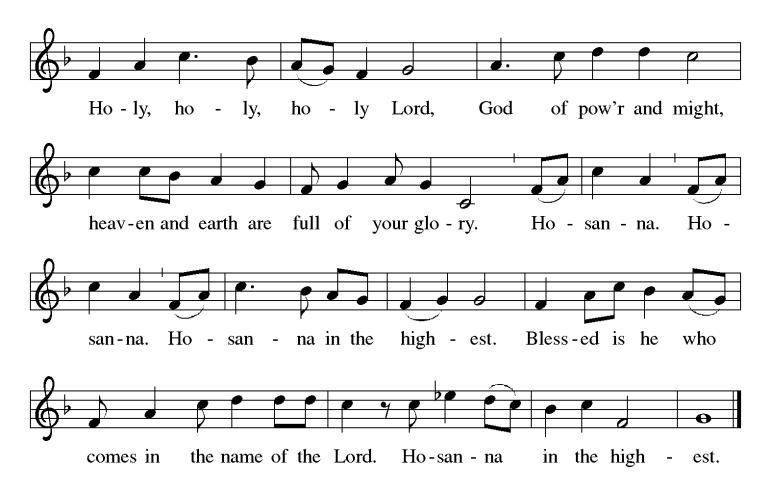
C Amen.

*The Great Thanksgiving: (Setting 3 ELW)



P It is indeed right, our duty and our joy,
that we should at all times and in all places
give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God,
through our Savior Jesus Christ.
You call your people to cleanse their hearts
and prepare with joy for the paschal feast,
that, renewed in the gift of baptism,
we may come to the fullness of your grace.
And so, with all the choirs of angels,
with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven,
we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

^{*}Please stand as you are able.



P Blessed are you, O God of the universe. Your mercy is everlasting and your faithfulness endures from age to age.

Praise to you for creating the heavens and the earth.

Praise to you for saving the earth from the waters of the flood.

Praise to you for bringing the Israelites safely through the sea.

Praise to you for leading your people through the wilderness to the land of milk and honey.

Praise to you for the words and deeds of Jesus, your anointed one.

Praise to you for the death and resurrection of Christ.

Praise to you for your Spirit poured out on all nations.

(The Words of Institution will be said in Spanish, then English.)

P La noche en que fue entregado,

nuestro Señor Jesús tomó pan y dio gracias;

lo partió y lo dio a sus discípulos, diciendo:

Tomen y coman; esto es mi cuerpo, dado por ustedes.

Hagan esto en memoria mía.

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.

^{*}Please stand as you are able.

De igual manera, después de haber cenado, tomó la copa, dio gracias y la dio a beber a todos, diciendo: Esta copa es el nuevo pacto en mi sangre, derramada por ustedes y por todo el mundo para el perdón del pecado. Hagan esto en memoria mía.

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.

- P With this bread and cup we remember our Lord's passover from death to life as we proclaim the mystery of faith:
- C Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.
- P O God of resurrection and new life: Pour out your Holy Spirit on us and on these gifts of bread and wine. Bless this feast. Grace our table with your presence.
- C Come, Holy Spirit.
- P Reveal yourself to us in the breaking of the bread. Raise us up as the body of Christ for the world. Breathe new life into us. Send us forth, burning with justice, peace, and love.
- C Come, Holy Spirit.
- P With your holy ones of all times and places, with the earth and all its creatures, with sun and moon and stars, we praise you, O God, blessed and holy Trinity, now and forever.
- C Amen.

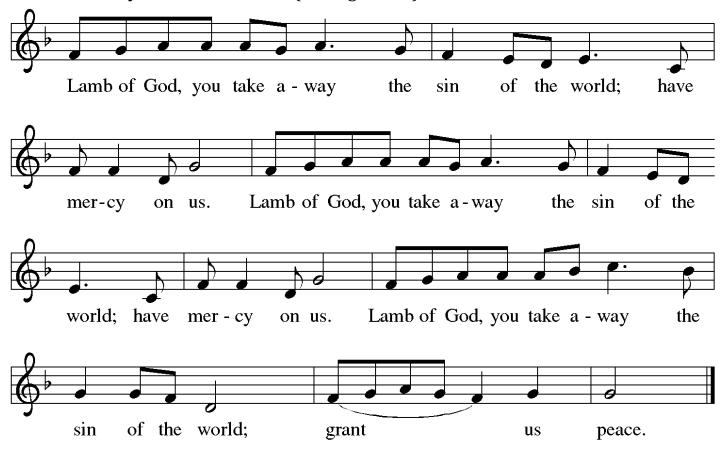
*Lord's Prayer:

- P Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us. (Lord's Prayer)
- All 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 Bread for the journey. A feast for hungry hearts. Come!

Communion Hymn: "Lamb of God" (Setting 3 ELW)



Distribution:

This is the Table of Grace for all who belong to Christ and seek his gifts of forgiveness, life and salvation. We extend to you all that we have in the Lord Jesus and invite you to his Holy Supper. Those communing with us who haven't been baptized and desire God's gifts of forgiveness, life and salvation in Holy Baptism are invited to talk to the Pastor. Communion is continuous as we kneel at the altar. White grape juice is offered as an alternative to wine. Communicants come to the altar down the center aisle, fill in the communion rail from left to right and return by the side aisles.

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Text: Argentine traditional

Music: ARGENTINE SANTO, Argentine traditional

*Post Communion Blessing:

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

All Amen.

*Post Communion Prayer:

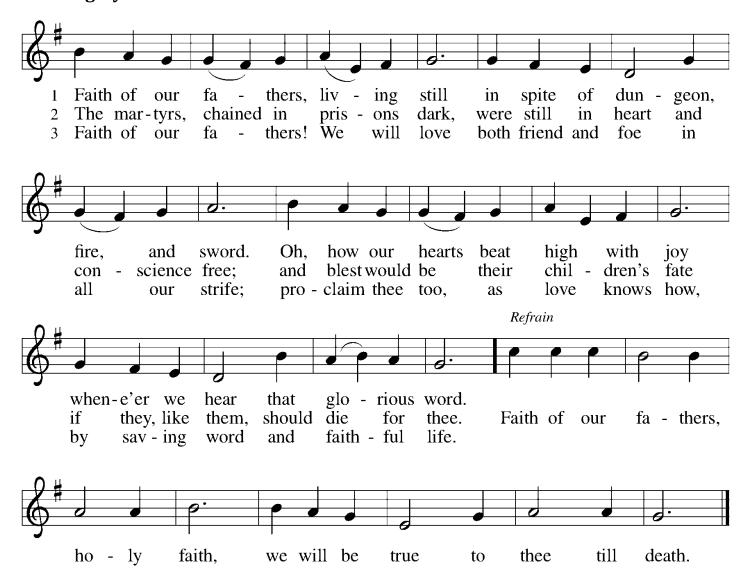
- L Generous God, at this table we have tasted your immeasurable grace. As grains of wheat are gathered into one bread, now make us one loaf to feed the world; in the name of Jesus, the Bread of life.
- C Amen

*Sending Call and Response:

- L God's work!
- C Our hands!
- L God's love!
- C Our hearts!
- L God's story!
- C Our voices!

*Benediction:

- P "Barocha" Michael Card
- C Amen.



Text: Frederick W. Faber, 1814-1863, alt.

Music: ST. CATHERINE, Henri F. Hemy, 1818-1888; James G. Walton, 1821-1905, refrain

*Dismissal:

- L Go in peace. Share your bread.
- C Thanks be to God.

Announcements for February 25, 2024

This week's Prayers: Please keep the following people in your prayers:

Solom and Mary Miller

Shelle Richardson

Bonnie and Mitchell Eldridge

Carol O'Neal

Christa DelSorbo

Karen Wenger

Kent Windmiller, Karen Wenger's brother

David and Jensy Engle, Susie Peterson's parents

Liz Collins

Helen Merz

Angie Kidd and her son, Evan

Janis Foster, Shirley Foster's daughter-in-law

Jenni Sanderfer's aunt, Sandy Morrison

Matthew Santoni

Roberta Debolt

Chuck Cook

Stephanie and Rich Thompson

Maria and her family in Ukraine

Dan Haynes

John Paul Metzcar

Mary Broughton

For all who are sick and suffering

Serving in Worship Today:

Acolyte: Micah Smith

Usher: John Huff and Larry Ahlersmeyer

Greeter: Larry Wood

Lay Worship Leader, Lector, and Communion Assistant: Becki Bergs

Altar Guild: Diane Calvin

Birthdays and Anniversaries for February 25-March 2, 2024:

Birthdays:

February 26 - Kendra Summers

Anniversaries:

March 1 - Paul and Laura Adamson

Calendar of Events for the Week of February 25:

Sunday, February 25 - Bible Study/Sunday School (9am) and Worship (10am) and Meeting re: Hispanic Ministry

Monday, February 26 - Bible Study (10am), and Choir Practice (4pm)

Tuesday, February 27 - Walking Group meets (9am), Staff Meeting (9:30am), Binding Ties Group (10am)

Wednesday, February 28 - Better Together Wellness (6pm) and Midweek Lenten Meal and Program at St. Andrew Presbyterian (6pm/Meal and 7pm/Program), Riverside/Normal City Neighborhood Assoc. (7pm)

Friday, March 1 - Better Together Wellness (8:30am & 10am)

Saturday, March 2 – Stephen Ministry Training (9am) and Step Aerobics (9:30am)

Flowers at the Altar:

(If you would like to purchase a \$10 flower arrangement to decorate the altar, please fill out the flower chart on the closet door in the lobby/narthex and make sure to fill out a slip and put the slip in the envelope with your check or money and put it in the offering plate or send it to the church office. Thank you.)

From Outreach:

A sign-up sheet is now available for our next volunteer days at the Christian Ministries Food Pantry on March 5, 6, 7 and 8. Thank you.

Lenten Outreach Opportunity:

The Lenten non-food collection of baby items has begun. Our friends at Christian Ministries advise us that the greatest diaper needs at present are for larger sizes, especially size 5. Any other size is welcome also, of course. This will continue through the season of Lent. Thank you for your support of this traditional activity of outreach at Holy Trinity.

Midweek Ecumenical Lenten Gathering

When:

6:00pm - Dinner 7:00pm - Program

Where:

Feb. 28 - Saint Andrew Presbyterian Church, 2700 West Moore Rd, Muncie, 47304

Mar. 6 - Grace Episcopal Church, 300 South Madison St, Muncie, 47305

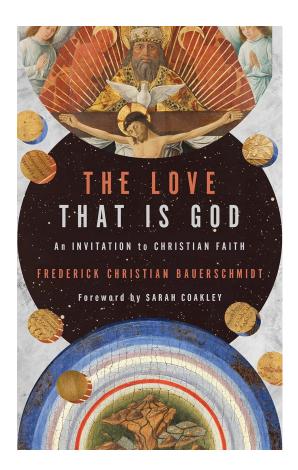
Mar. 13 - Hazelwood Christian Church, 1400 West University Ave, Muncie, 47303

Mar. 20 - First Presbyterian Church, 1400 West Riverside Ave, Muncie, 47303

What:

The book that we are reading for the midweek Lenten study is:

"The Love That is God: An Invitation to Christian Faith" by Frederick Christian Bauerschmidt



Phase 2/Part 1 of the Building Renovation is about to Begin!

Demolition of the lounge will begin on Monday, March 4. A dust barrier will be put up on Monday, February 26. The lift will be available for use until the front outdoor project begins, we will let you know that date when it is known.

During the construction time we ask that you watch for signs for directions and safety cautions. During the week if you come to the church we ask you to avoid the construction area as much as you can for your safety and the safety of the construction crew.

Volunteers needed:

During the next couple of weeks we will be moving items to ready for the construction, there will be a list of odd jobs that need to be done this next week posted in the lounge area. We will also need help in moving furniture and other items out of the lounge on Sunday, February 25 following worship.

Patience and Prayers:

As we begin this next phase of the renovation, we ask for your patience and prayers. It is never easy to go through a renovation and there will be a lot going on at the church during these two parts of the renovation, that will, at times, interrupt our regular schedule. Please keep the construction crews, building team and all who are involved in the renovation in your prayers.

If you have any questions or comments, please talk with Larry Wood or John Scholl.

EASTER FLOWERS

Please help us decorate the church for Easter. If you would like to order Easter Flowers for your loved ones and friends, please fill in the form below and bring or mail it to the church office along with your payment of \$12.75 per flower by Sunday, March 24. You may take the flowers home after the Worship Service on Easter Sunday.

In Memory of:			
In Thanksgiving for:			
Given By:			
Flower Choices: Lily	_ Hyacinth	Tulip	
Amount enclosed: \$		-	
For flowers			

*Please note that payment needs to be made a the time of placing the order. We will not order the flower(s) if payment is not received. Thank you.







*Please stand as you are able.