



the good news is..

great love for  
God & neighbor

*2nd Sunday in Lent*  
FEBRUARY 28—MARCH 1, 2026

SERVING IN WORSHIP THIS WEEKEND

***Pastors***

Dan Gerrietts, Daniel Hanson, Beverly Butler

***Preacher***

Pastor Dan Gerrietts

***Organist***

Colby Gochanour

***Cantor***

Saturday: Julia Hines      Sunday: Kylie Hansen

***Special Music***

**Trinity Choir**

Dennis Lee, Director and Camille Lee, Accompanist

***Acolytes***

Ginny Lindsay, Clairre Hardy

***Ushers***

Saturday: Chris Suntken, Jace Suntken  
Sunday: Jake Rockman, Tracy Farland, Joseph Blanchard, John Rodriguez

***Scripture Readers***

Saturday: Amy Dodge      Sunday: Kay Larson

***Communion Assistants***

Saturday: Amy Dodge, Roz Barron

***Technical Support***

Brody Bolinger

***Greeters***

Randy and Kathy Dedor

***Coffee Fellowship***

Joann Johnson

***Worship Transportation***

Travis Hesley, Kay Larson

***Custodian***

Dave Smith

# ***Second Sunday in Lent***

## *Holy Communion*

Saturday, February 28, 2026 at 5:00 PM

Sunday, March 1, 2026 at 9:00 AM with Livestream / KCMR 97.9 FM

### **The Good News is....great love for God & neighbor.**

Lent was originally a season for new converts to Christianity to learn and prepare for their baptism on Easter. During that time, they would study what was central to Jesus' life and ministry: God's mercy, radical welcome, love for neighbor, care for the vulnerable, nourishment for the hungry, and nonviolence in the face of injustice. At the heart of Jesus' teachings, we find liberation, love, mercy, and grace—good news for us and for all people.

This week we hear how Simon and some Pharisees host a dinner for Jesus. An unexpected guest arrives: a woman from the city who kneels at Jesus' feet and washes him with expensive perfume. Simon scoffs, but Jesus reorients his focus, recognizing her extravagant love. When we care for the hungry, the naked, the imprisoned—each of whom are created in the image of God—we are showing love for God, too.

### **ALTAR FLOWERS**

are given in memory of

*Loved Ones*

by Sam and Deb Hunt

### **COLOR BULLETINS**

are given in honor of

*Sandra Willis' 70th Birthday*

***Welcome to Trinity- We are glad you are here!***

***If you are new to Trinity*** please complete the Welcome Card located in the pews so we can follow-up with you.

***Large print bulletins and listening devices*** are available from the ushers.

***Seating for People with Limited Mobility*** is reserved throughout the Sanctuary. Just look for the blue accessibility signs or ask your Usher.

***We love having small children in worship!***

- 1) ***Activity Bags*** are available for children during worship. They are located in the narthex and at the front of the church. Please return them at the end of services.
- 2) ***The Child Care Room*** is available for those needing a space to change or feed little ones, located next to the nursery. Nursery space is available but won't be staffed. The nursery is located on the 2nd floor of the education wing and just outside the north sanctuary door. Ushers are available to direct you if needed.

# GATHERING

## Prelude

## Welcome

## Confession and Forgiveness

P Family of faith,  
we long to love others as God loves us,  
but that work is easier said than done.  
We lose our way. We become distracted.  
We grow fearful. We need God's grace.  
Fortunately for us, God's grace is freely and abundantly given.  
So join me in the Prayer of Confession.  
Join me in being transformed.

*(silence is kept)*

Merciful God,  
C **did we see you hungry and give you something to eat?  
Did we see you thirsty and give you something to drink?  
Did we see you alone and offer you compassion?  
Or did we cross the street?  
Did we avert our eyes?  
Did we come up with every excuse in the book?  
God, we long to be people who love our neighbors  
with the same overwhelming love that you have for them.  
But we must admit, we have a long way to go.  
Forgive us for the times when we let bias, scarcity, or fear  
get in the way of love. Wash us clean and give us the courage to try again.  
With hope for a better tomorrow we pray, Amen.**

P Faith family,  
even when we act with judgment,  
even when we are guided by fear,  
even when we turn our back on a neighbor in need,  
God does not turn God's back on us.  
So join me in this good-news declaration:

C **We are seen.  
We are forgiven.  
We are invited to try again.  
Thanks be to God for this unending love.**

**\*Greeting**

P The peace of Christ be with you always.

C **And also with you.**

**\*Prayer of the Day**

P Good news God,  
speak louder than the news updates.  
Speak louder than our mental distractions.  
Speak louder than our anger and louder than our fear.  
God, speak loudly to us today,  
because we long to hear your good news once more.  
With hope we pray,

C **Amen.**

**Children's Message (Sunday)****Pastor Dan Gerriets****First Reading: Luke 7:36-50**

<sup>36</sup> One of the Pharisees asked Jesus to eat with him, and when he went into the Pharisee's house he reclined to dine. <sup>37</sup> And a woman in the city who was a sinner, having learned that he was eating in the Pharisee's house, brought an alabaster jar of ointment. <sup>38</sup> She stood behind him at his feet, weeping, and began to bathe his feet with her tears and to dry them with her hair, kissing his feet and anointing them with the ointment. <sup>39</sup> Now when the Pharisee who had invited him saw it, he said to himself, "If this man were a prophet, he would have known who and what kind of woman this is who is touching him, that she is a sinner." <sup>40</sup> Jesus spoke up and said to him, "Simon, I have something to say to you." "Teacher," he replied, "speak." <sup>41</sup> "A certain moneylender had two debtors; one owed five hundred denarii, and the other fifty. <sup>42</sup> When they could not pay, he canceled the debts for both of them. Now which of them will love him more?" <sup>43</sup> Simon answered, "I suppose the one for whom he canceled the greater debt." And Jesus said to him, "You have judged rightly." <sup>44</sup> Then turning toward the woman, he said to Simon, "Do you see this woman? I entered your house; you gave me no water for my feet, but she has bathed my feet with her tears and dried them with her hair. <sup>45</sup> You gave me no kiss, but from the time I came in she has not stopped kissing my feet. <sup>46</sup> You did not anoint my head with oil, but she has anointed my feet with ointment. <sup>47</sup> Therefore, I tell you, her many sins have been forgiven; hence she has shown great love. But the one to whom little is forgiven loves little." <sup>48</sup> Then he said to her, "Your sins are forgiven." <sup>49</sup> But those who were at the table with him began to say among themselves, "Who is this who even forgives sins?" <sup>50</sup> But he said to the woman, "Your faith has saved you; go in peace."

L The word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

**\*Gospel Acclamation**

ELW pg. 142



Re - turn to the Lord, your God, for he is gra - cious and



mer - ci - ful, slow to an - ger, and a - bound - ing in



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

**\*Gospel: Matthew 25:35-40**

P The Holy Gospel according to Matthew, the twenty-fifth chapter.

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

<sup>35</sup> [Jesus said,] For I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me, <sup>36</sup> I was naked and you gave me clothing, I was sick and you took care of me, I was in prison and you visited me.<sup>37</sup> Then the righteous will answer him, 'Lord, when was it that we saw you hungry and gave you food or thirsty and gave you something to drink?' <sup>38</sup> And when was it that we saw you a stranger and welcomed you or naked and gave you clothing?' <sup>39</sup> And when was it that we saw you sick or in prison and visited you?' <sup>40</sup> And the king will answer them, 'Truly I tell you, just as you did it to one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did it to me.'

P The Gospel of the Lord.

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

Sermon

Pastor Dan Gerrietts

Hymn of the Day

*Lift High the Cross*

ELW 660

**\*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,  
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary  
and became truly human.  
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,  
who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified,  
who 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.**

### **\*Prayers of Intercession**

**P** Hear us, O God

**C** Your mercy is great.

### **\*Peace**

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

**C** And also with you.

### **Announcements**

### **MEAL**

### **Offering**

Text to Give is available at Trinity!  
Simply text the amount you wish to give to 833-412-0093.  
Or scan the QR code with your smartphone.  
Please note where your gifts should be directed towards.



**Anthem** (*Sunday*)

***What Wondrous Love Is This***

Evelyn Larteri

Trinity Choir

**Offertory**

***Doxology***

Praise God, whose blessing gives us life,  
Like morning's gentle dew.  
We will trust you through the wilderness  
And walk the way with you.  
To the God who calls us servants  
Neighbor, stranger, friend made fair;  
Christ is present in the water,  
In the fire, the earth, the air.  
May we live to love in all we do,  
And grant our neighbor rest;  
All creation praises God on high,  
Now may these gifts be blest.

Sung to the tune "Thaxted" ELW 880

Written by Colby Gochanour

**\*Offering Prayer**

P God of light, you reveal your love through Christ and through your people.  
Receive these gifts as signs of our lives offered to you, and use them to make your  
light and mercy known in the world, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**C Amen.**

**\*Great Thanksgiving**

P The Lord be with you.

**C And also with you.**

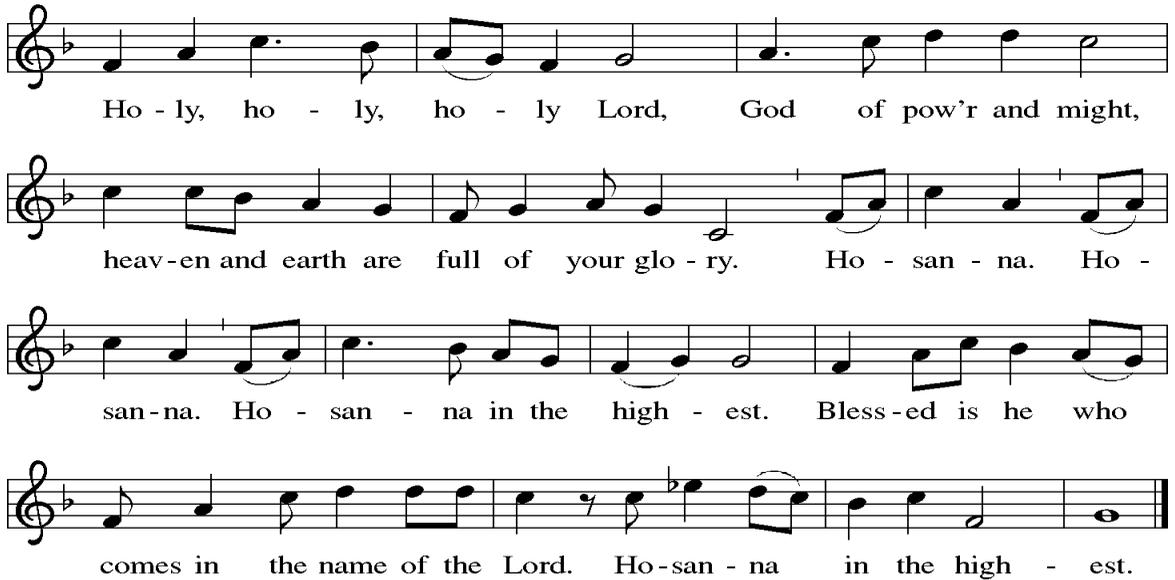
P Lift up your hearts.

**C We lift them to the Lord.**

P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**C It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

P It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places  
give thanks and praise...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.

### \*Words of Institution

#### \*Lord's Prayer

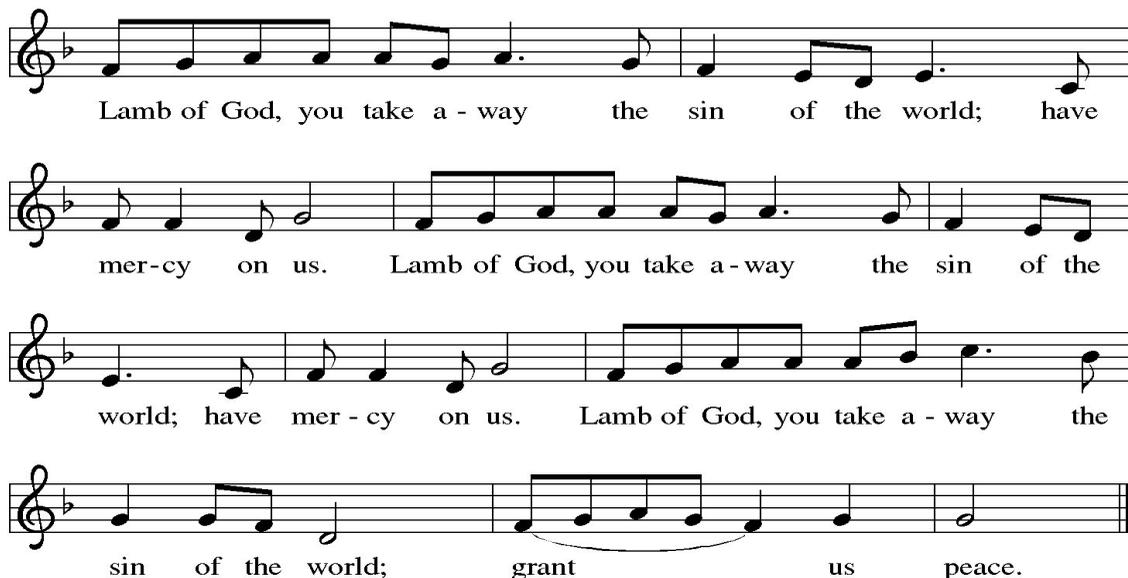
C Our Father, who art in heaven,  
 hallowed be thy name,  
 thy kingdom come,  
 thy will be done,  
 on earth as it is in heaven.  
 Give us this day our daily bread;  
 and forgive us our trespasses,  
 as we forgive those  
 who trespass against us;  
 and lead us not into temptation,  
 but deliver us from evil.  
 For thine is the kingdom,  
 and the power,  
 and the glory,  
 forever and ever. Amen.

## Communion

All who desire the presence and forgiveness of Christ that comes in the sharing of this bread and wine are welcome to commune with us today. Ushers will direct you from the outside aisles to one of the stations in the front of the sanctuary, where you may kneel at the rail. You will return to your seat by the center aisle. Gluten-free wafers and grape juice are also available. If for any reason you are not comfortable participating in communion today, we invite you to come forward with your arms crossed over your chest to receive a blessing.

### Lamb of God

ELW pg. 146



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 Hymns

*Jesus, Keep Me Near the Cross*  
*God Loved the World*

ELW 335  
ELW 323

### \*Prayer after Communion

P God of radiant love, in this meal you have revealed Christ to us and filled us with his light. Send us out to reflect your grace, that your love may be made manifest in the world, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

C Amen.

## SENDING

### **\*Blessing**

P As you leave this place,  
when you meet anger, speak with love.  
When you meet fear, speak with hope.  
When you meet pain, speak with gentleness.  
But no matter what, speak the good news of the gospel:  
God became human in Jesus for us,  
to bring love and justice for all,  
and joy that surprises.  
Thanks be to God  
for this good news!

C Amen.

**\*Sending Hymn**     *When I Survey the Wondrous Cross*

ELW 803

### **\*Sending**

P Go in peace. Share God's Blessing.

C Thanks be to God.

### **Postlude**



This Lent at Trinity, we want to remember that the good news really is *good news*. It is joyful—like fine wine saved for celebration. It grows like a mustard seed and smells like perfume poured from an alabaster jar. It tastes like bread passed endlessly through a hungry crowd. It sounds like laughter and feels like mercy. The good news is alive in the world.

**JOURNEY WITH JESUS: Mondays in Lent, Monday, March 2 | 12Noon | Fellowship Hall**

The season of Lent is a great time to commit to spending time with God and tending our spiritual life. We invite everyone at Trinity to read Scripture together as a spiritual discipline, using the devotional Journey with Jesus, as we read the Gospel of John. Journal questions are provided to dig deeper and to reflect on the daily readings. We encourage you to form a group to reflect weekly on the readings and questions or join the gathering at noon on Mondays in the Fellowship Hall to discuss and process the Scripture in community. You are encouraged to bring a lunch and stay for as long as you are able.

**BROWN BAG BACH Wednesdays in Lent | Wednesday, March 4 | 12:15pm to 12:45pm**

Join us for a series of Wednesday Noon-hour concerts during Lent. Music begins in the Sanctuary at 12:15 for 30 minutes. This week's organist will be Cyndy Johnson from Thompson. You are welcome to bring your lunch and enjoy it in the pew during the concert.

**WALKING THE JOURNEY WITH JESUS Thursdays in Lent | Thursday, March 5 | 4:15pm**

Join us to walk and talk about the Gospel of John from 4:15 to 4:45pm. We'll walk the halls and stairways of Trinity Church as we discuss and process the Scripture for the week in the Lenten devotional. Meet at the East Entry.

**LET US PRAY TOGETHER *Gathering in prayer to hold space for peace and unity.***

Thursdays in Lent | Thursday, March 5 | 2pm—2:45pm | St. Paul's Lutheran Church

Join us in a time to gather as Christians as we offer Prayer petitions for our community, our country and our world. Opportunities to add individual prayer petitions either silently or aloud will be included. We'll gather at a different church every week. Our March 5 location is St. Paul's Lutheran.

**WELCOME TO THE TABLE CLASS Wednesdays, March 18 and 25 | 5:15pm**

Wednesdays, March 18 & 25, 2026 5:15 PM The Education Committee and church staff recommend 4th grade as a good time to receive instruction on Holy Communion. Our two-part Communion class, Welcome to the Table, is being offered for Grade 4 students accompanied by at least one parent. The class is designed for those youth who have already taken Communion and those who are preparing for their first Communion. We welcome older or younger students who have not yet had Communion instruction or desire to have Communion instruction before 4th grade to participate. Students who complete the class will be recognized on Maundy Thursday at 6:30 PM with a reception following in the Gathering Space.

RSVP to participate: <https://www.trinity-mc.org/first-communion/>

## WEDNESDAYS in LENT: March 4th

**COMMUNITY MEAL THIS WEEK:** 6:00pm to 6:30pm | Fellowship Hall

**Menu:** Pasta Bakes, Salad Cookes & Bars

Hosted by the Youth as a fundraiser for their summer trip to CA for the Western States Gathering.

### \*Lenten Mid-Week Services

1:00 PM (Chapel) & 6:30 PM (Sanctuary)

*Shorter traditional service with a creative liturgy and message*

\*Confirmation | Fellowship Hall | 6:30pm

\*Choir Rehearsal | Choir Room | approx. 7:10pm (After Lenten Service)

Trinity's Choir is open to all vocalists, high school age & older. Please join us!

\*Nursery | 6:30pm—7:30pm | The Nursery is located on 2nd floor, just outside the Sanctuary.

The Nursery is unstaffed but is available for preschoolers and their parents during this time.

\*Campfire Kids, Grades 1-6 | Rm 208 | 6:30pm—7:10pm

Campfire Kids is our elementary programming here at Trinity on Wednesday nights. Students embark on fun Bible adventures with their leader Nate Ruge, and other wilderness guides, as they experiment with Bible Stories and Faith Traditions. This week we are learning about "Lent".

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**BOOK DISCUSSION Monday, March 9, 2026** 1pm | The Gathering Space

*River Sing Me Home* by Eleanor Shearer is a historical novel about Rachel, an enslaved woman in Barbados who escapes after the 1834 Emancipation Act to find her five children sold away in slavery.

**WELCA Bible Study, Thursday, March 12** | 9:30am | Room 208

"Living with Forgiving" will be the topic of the WELCA (Woman of the ELCA) study. Led by the Rev. Norma Cook Everist, using Luther's Large Catechism we shall discuss the meaning of the 5th Petition of the Lord's Prayer. We will reflect on our lives of complex relationships today.

Bring a friend with you for good conversation.

**FELLOWSHIP COFFEE Tuesday, March 17** | 9:30am | Fellowship Hall

Join us to enjoy time in fellowship with coffee and treats. Kim Pang will join us to share Part 2 of his very interesting life story!

**NEW TRINITY PICTURE DIRECTORY April 2026**

Trinity will be making a new pictorial directory in April! We want everyone to have their picture taken at church so that our new directory will be complete. ***It won't be complete without you!***

You can make your appointment online— just go to the home page on our website.

Please go ahead and do that now. Photo dates are: April 13-18 and April 20-22.

You will have a photography session, see your proofs, get a free 8x10 picture, be included in this great connection tool, and have the opportunity to purchase extra portraits if you like.

You may also sign up in person with scheduling volunteers who will be at a table in the Gathering Space after the Saturday service and between the Sunday services.

Questions? Contact [carol.dettmer@trinity-mc.org](mailto:carol.dettmer@trinity-mc.org) Thank you!

# EASTER AT TRINITY

## **BAPTISMS AT THE EASTER VIGIL SERVICE**

Are you, or someone you know, interested in being baptized? We would love to talk with you about our opportunity for baptism at the Easter Vigil Service on Saturday, April 4th at 5:00 pm. People of all ages are baptized each year at the Vigil, following a centuries old tradition in the Christian church. Please contact the office or one of the Pastors to learn more.

## **2026 EASTER BAG FOOD PROJECT** *All deadlines are Tuesday, March 10th*

The Ministries Committee is coordinating the Easter Bag Food Project and asking for your help! Monetary donations are needed to provide local, less fortunate individuals and families with a healthy Easter meal to enjoy. A donation of \$35 will feed a household of up to four people, \$70 will feed a household of eight people, and so forth.

Contact the church by calling (641) 423-0536 or email at [denise.lind@trinity-mc.org](mailto:denise.lind@trinity-mc.org)

### Donations

- \*donate by mailing your donation to the church, noting “Easter Bag Food Project”.
- \*donate with your offering envelope, noting for the “Easter Bag Food Project”.
- \*donate online- there will be a special selection available during Lent under the “Give” tab.
- \*donate at the office Monday thru Friday.

### Recipients

If you know of someone who could benefit from receiving an Easter Bag of food, please call or email the church office.

### Delivery Drivers

You can help by signing up to deliver food bags to recipients on Saturday March 28 in the morning. Please call or email the church office by March 10th to sign up.

## **EASTER GARDEN & MEMORIALS**

Easter Plants for our Easter Garden can be purchased for \$15 each to honor or remember a loved one. There is a limit of 30 to be designated. You can also honor or remember a loved one with an Easter Memorial, which is money given to a specific ministry. Sign up boards are posted outside the church office or you can call the church office with your request. The Easter garden and memorials sign-ups need to be received by Sunday, March 29.

## **TRINITY COMMUNITY EASTER EGG HUNT Saturday, March 28 | 10am - 11am**

Trinity will be hosting the annual Community Easter Egg Hunt for infants through 6th grade. All children from the surrounding area are welcome to join us!

## **EASTER EGG CANDY & TOY COLLECTION**

We are looking to fill 2000 eggs this Easter season for our Community Easter Egg Hunt! Your donation of candy and toys helps to off-set the cost. Donations should be dropped off to the office by March 20th. Please bring wrapped candy, and small toys/stickers/tattoos to fit into plastic Easter eggs.

## WEEKLY CALENDAR

### MONDAY, MARCH 2

- 9:00 AM Centering Prayer (Rm 322 and on Zoom)  
12Noon Lenten Scripture Discussion (Fellowship Hall)  
5:30 PM Bronze Bell Choir Rehearsal (Sanctuary)

### TUESDAY, MARCH 3

- 8:00 AM BASES Exercise Class (Gathering Space)

### WEDNESDAY, MARCH 4

- 7:00 AM Men's Bible Study  
8:30 AM Women's Bible Study  
12:15 PM Brown Bag Bach Organ Concert (Sanctuary)  
**1:00 PM Lenten Mid-Week Service (Chapel)**  
6:00 PM Community Meal (Fellowship Hall)  
**6:30 PM Lenten Mid-Week Service (Sanctuary)**  
6:30 PM Campfire Kids (Rm 208)  
6:30 PM Confirmation Class (Fellowship Hall)  
7:10 PM Choir Practice (After Service in Choir Room)

### THURSDAY, MARCH 5

- 8:00 AM BASES Exercise Class (Gathering Space)  
10:30 AM Coffee and Clapper Bell Choir (Rm 307)  
2:00 PM Let Us Pray Gathering (St. Paul's Lutheran)  
4:15 PM Walking the Journey with Jesus (East Entrance)

### SATURDAY, MARCH 7

- 5:00 PM WORSHIP SERVICE**

### SUNDAY, MARCH 8

- 9:00 AM WORSHIP SERVICE** - Livestream, KCMR  
**10:30 AM WORSHIP SERVICE** (Contemporary)  
11:30 AM Youth Group (Fellowship Hall)

### DAYLIGHT SAVINGS

#### TIME: Next Weekend

Daylight saving time will begin next weekend on Sunday, March 8, when we "spring forward".

### COLLEGE SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATIONS

#### *Due on Sunday, March 1st*

College scholarship applications for the 2026-2027 school year are available to pick up on the ledge outside the church office. Forms are available on Trinity's website at [trinity-mc.org/scholarships/](http://trinity-mc.org/scholarships/)

### YOUTH LENTEN MEALS

The Trinity Youth will be serving two (2) more Lenten Wednesday Meals at 6:00pm. Join us to support their Youth Trip to California this summer with a free-will offering.  
March 4: Pasta Bakes  
March 24: "Ball Park Menu" with Hot Dogs, Nachos and Ice Cream.

**PAM FIKE TO RETIRE** Pam Fike, our Parish Administrator, will be retiring at the end of April. Pam has been a steady, caring presence in the life of our church, and her behind-the-scenes work has meant more than most of us will ever know. We are deeply thankful for her many years of faithful service and wish her joy, rest, and many blessings as she begins this next chapter.

### NOW HIRING: PARISH ADMINISTRATOR

Trinity Lutheran Church is seeking a Parish Administrator to provide leadership for church finances, operations, and facilities, and to partner with staff and lay leaders in supporting our ministry. This role includes supervising administrative and facilities staff and supporting the work of the Church Council and committees. Strong organizational and accounting skills, attention to detail, and a collaborative spirit are essential. Search "Trinity Mason City Administrator." at [Indeed.com](https://www.indeed.com).