

*Transfiguration of Our Lord*  
FEBRUARY 14 AND 15, 2026



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SERVING IN WORSHIP THIS WEEKEND

***Pastors***

Dan Gerriets, Daniel Hanson, Beverly Butler

***Preacher***

Pastor Dan Gerriets

***Organist***

Deb Nielsen

***Cantor***

Saturday: Colby Gochanour      Sunday: Kylie Hansen

***Special Music***

***Waldorf Choir***

Dr. Emily Bertram, Director and Melissa Phillips, Accompanist

***Acolytes***

Ginny Lindsay, Peyton Wickerling

***Ushers***

Saturday: Chris Suntken, Jace Suntken

Sunday: Brad Baalson, Kevin Hendrikson, Phil Lee, Burton TeKippe

***Scripture Readers***

Saturday: Sam Hunt      Sunday: Danny Miller

***Communion Assistants***

Saturday: Sam and Deb Hunt      Sunday: Janet Schmitz, Judy Miller

***Technical Support***

Addison Koob, Leah Gerriets, Evelynn Hunt

***Greeters***

Jon and Mary Wicks

***Coffee Fellowship***

Kevin Hendrikson, John and Roz Barron

***Worship Transportation***

Randy Elsbernd

***Custodian***

Dave Smith

## ***Fourth Sunday after Epiphany***

### ***Holy Communion***

**Saturday, February 14, 2026 at 5:00 PM**

**Sunday, February 15, 2026 at 9:00 AM with Livestream / KCMR 97.9 FM**

This weekend we celebrate the Transfiguration of our Lord, when Jesus went up a mountain and showed himself to be divine. Then next Wednesday we observe Ash Wednesday, the beginning of Lent, as Jesus walks up another mountain and shows himself to be human. Come to worship, to praise this Jesus Christ, to hear him speak, and to partake of his body.

### **ALTAR FLOWERS**

are given in honor of

*Marilyn Lind's 90th Birthday on February 19th*  
by her Family

### **COLOR BULLETINS**

are given by Harlan and Marge Baack in honor of  
*Doris Weber's and Marilyn Lind's Birthdays*

### **SPECIAL FLOWER BOUQUET**

is given in honor of

*Doris Weber's 96th Birthday on February 18th*  
by her Family

***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) Those needing a space to change or feed little ones are welcome to use the ***Child Care Room*** 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

Waldorf Choir (*Sunday*)

*O bone Jesu  
Peace I Leave with You*

Ingeneri  
Knut Nystedt

## Welcome

### Confession and Forgiveness

P On the mountain, Jesus is revealed in glory.

**C Yet we often seek glory without the way of the cross.**

P Jesus walks the path of humility and suffering.

**C We confess that we resist repentance and self-giving love.**

P God calls us to listen to God's beloved Son.

**C Forgive us when we fail to hear and follow.**

P As we approach the season of Lent,

**C Turn our hearts toward Christ, who is both divine and human.**

P Hear the good news! The same Jesus who shines in glory, also walks with us in our weakness. In him, God's mercy is made known.

**C In him, we are forgiven and made new.**

P In Jesus Christ  $\dagger$  you are forgiven.

**C Thanks be to God. Amen.**

\*Gathering Hymn      *Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise*      ELW 834

### \*Greeting

P The peace of Christ be with you always.

**C And also with you.**

## **\*Prayer of the Day**

P God of radiant light, you reveal your love to the world in Jesus Christ and make your glory known among us. Shine in our hearts and through our lives, that we may reflect your light and bear your love to all whom we meet, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

C **Amen.**

**Children's Message** (Sunday)

**Pastor Dan Gerriets**

## **First Reading: Exodus 24:12-18**

<sup>12</sup> The Lord said to Moses, “Come up to me on the mountain and wait there; I will give you the tablets of stone, with the law and the commandment, which I have written for their instruction.” <sup>13</sup> So Moses set out with his assistant Joshua, and Moses went up onto the mountain of God. <sup>14</sup> To the elders he had said, “Wait here for us, until we come back to you. Look, Aaron and Hur are with you; whoever has a dispute may go to them.”

<sup>15</sup> Then Moses went up on the mountain, and the cloud covered the mountain. <sup>16</sup> The glory of the Lord settled on Mount Sinai, and the cloud covered it for six days; on the seventh day he called to Moses out of the cloud. <sup>17</sup> Now the appearance of the glory of the Lord was like a devouring fire on the top of the mountain in the sight of the Israelites. <sup>18</sup> Moses entered the cloud and went up on the mountain. Moses was on the mountain for forty days and forty nights.

L The word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

## Second Reading: 2 Peter 1:16-21

<sup>16</sup> For we did not follow cleverly devised myths when we made known to you the power and coming of our Lord Jesus Christ, but we had been eyewitnesses of his majesty. <sup>17</sup> For he received honor and glory from God the Father when that voice was conveyed to him by the Majestic Glory, saying, “This is my Son, my Beloved, with whom I am well pleased.” <sup>18</sup> We ourselves heard this voice come from heaven, while we were with him on the holy mountain.

<sup>19</sup> So we have the prophetic message more fully confirmed. You will do well to be attentive to this as to a lamp shining in a dark place, until the day dawns and the morning star rises in your hearts. <sup>20</sup> First of all you must understand this, that no prophecy of scripture is a matter of one’s own interpretation, <sup>21</sup> because no prophecy ever came by human will, but men and women moved by the Holy Spirit spoke from God.

L The word of the Lord.

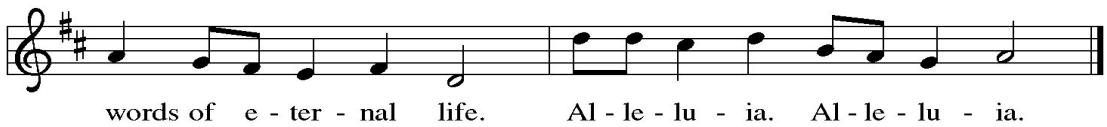
C Thanks be to God.

### \*Gospel Acclamation

ELW pg. 142



Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the



words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.

## \*Gospel: Matthew 17:1-9

P The Holy Gospel according to Matthew, the seventeenth chapter.

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

<sup>1</sup> Six days later, Jesus took with him Peter and James and his brother John and led them up a high mountain, by themselves. <sup>2</sup> And he was transfigured before them, and his face shone like the sun, and his clothes became bright as light. <sup>3</sup> Suddenly there appeared to them Moses and Elijah, talking with him. <sup>4</sup> Then Peter said to Jesus, “Lord, it is good for us to be here; if you wish, I will set up three tents here, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah.” <sup>5</sup> While he was still speaking, suddenly a bright cloud overshadowed them, and a voice from the cloud said, “This is my Son, the Beloved; with him I am well pleased; listen to him!” <sup>6</sup> When the disciples heard this, they fell to the ground and were overcome by fear. <sup>7</sup> But Jesus came and touched them, saying, “Get up and do not be afraid.” <sup>8</sup> And when they raised their eyes, they saw no one except Jesus himself alone.

<sup>9</sup> As they were coming down the mountain, Jesus ordered them, “Tell no one about the vision until after the Son of Man has been raised from the dead.”

P The Gospel of the Lord.

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

**Sermon**

**Pastor Dan Gerriets**

**Hymn of the Day**

***How Good, Lord, to Be Here!***

ELW 315

## \*Prayers of Intercession

P Merciful God,

**C Receive our prayer.**

## \*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)

### *Climb to the Top of the Highest Mountain*

Waldorf Choir with NordKor

## 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  
Composed by Colby Gochanour

## \*Offering Prayer

P Generous God, as you have given us your Son in glory and in humility, we now offer back to you our gifts and our lives. Receive them and use them for your purposes, that others may come to see and know Jesus Christ.

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

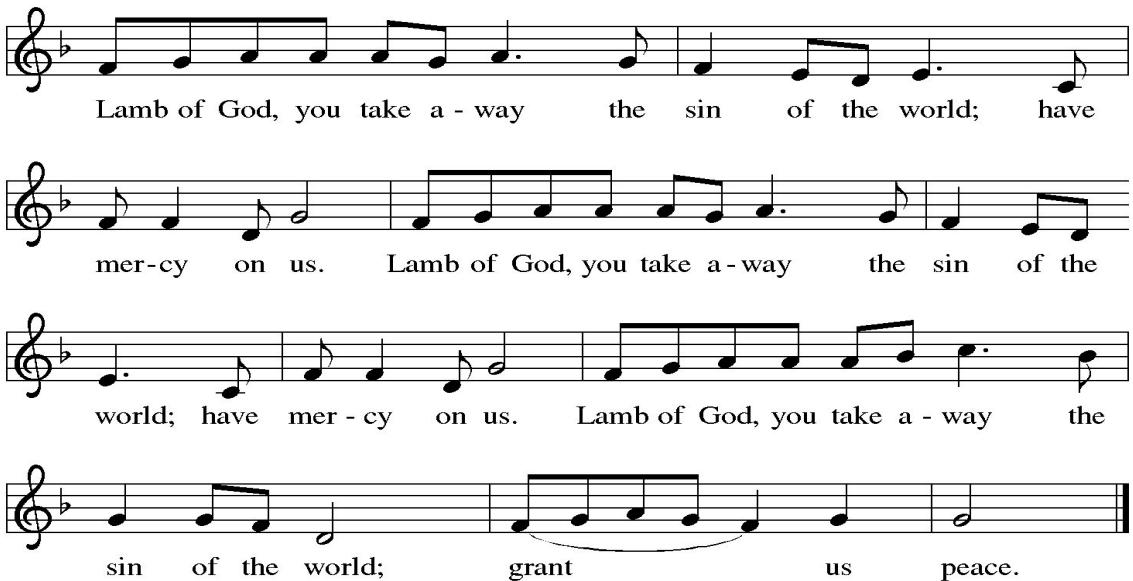
C Our Father, who art in heaven,  
 hallowed be thy name,  
 thy kingdom come,  
 thy will be done,  
 on earth as it is in heaven.  
 Give us this day our daily bread;  
 and forgive us our trespasses,  
 as we forgive those  
 who trespass against us;  
 and lead us not into temptation,  
 but deliver 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 *(Saturday)*

*Beautiful Savior*

ELW 838

*I Love to Tell the Story*

ELW 661

### Waldorf Choir *(Sunday)*

*Light Everlasting*

Olaf C. Christiansen

*Pilgram's Hymn*

Stephen Paulus

### \*Prayer after Communion

P Lord Jesus, you have fed us with your body, the One who is revealed in divine glory and who walks with us in human weakness. Strengthen us now to follow you from the mountain into the world, living in repentance, faith, and love.

C Amen.

## SENDING

### \*Blessing

P May the light of Christ, made manifest among us, shine in your hearts and through your lives.  
May you go forth bearing God's love for the world, in the name of the Father, <sup>†</sup> and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

C Amen.

\***Sending Hymn** (*Saturday*)  
Waldorf Choir (*Sunday*)

*In Thee Is Gladness*  
*Fairest Lord Jesus*

ELW 867

### \*Sending

P Go in peace and follow Christ.  
C **Thanks be to God.**

### Postlude

Waldorf Choir (*Sunday*)

*I Believe This Is Jesus*

Undine Smith Moore

## WALDORF CHOIR AT TRINITY

We welcome the Waldorf Choir, under the direction of Dr. Emily Bertram, to Trinity this weekend! A special donation will be collected in the wooden boxes located in the narthex and front-left table in the sanctuary. Checks should be written to the Waldorf University Music Department.



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.

The good news of Jesus brings us back to our roots. Emulating Jesus and embodying his teachings grounds us in who God created us to be. But can we be “good news” people in a world so full of bad news?

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. We begin the first Weekend, February 21-22, with ***So Good it Catches us by Surprise***.

**Ash Wednesday | February 18 | 1:00 PM & 6:30 PM | Sanctuary**  
*Imposition of Ashes and Holy Communion*

**Lent Wednesdays Worship | February 25—March 25 |**  
1:00 PM (Chapel) & 6:30 PM (Sanctuary)  
*Shorter traditional service with a creative liturgy and message*

**Wednesday Dinners | February 25—March 25 | 6:00 PM– 6:30 PM | Fellowship Hall**

## **JOURNEY WITH JESUS: *Reading John Through Lent***

The season of Lent is a great time to commit to spending time with God and tending our spiritual life. This Lenten season, we invite everyone at Trinity to read Scripture together as a spiritual discipline. Using the devotional Journey with Jesus, we will read the Gospel of John together. Journal questions are provided to dig deeper and to reflect on the daily readings. We encourage you to form a group or find a friend and meet weekly (or when you can) during Lent to reflect on the readings and questions. For those interested, there will be a gathering at noon on Mondays during Lent in the Fellowship Hall to discuss and process the Scripture for the past week in community. People are encouraged to bring a lunch and to stay for whatever time their schedule allows.

## **WALKING THE JOURNEY WITH JESUS: Thursdays in Lent | 4:00 pm**

Join us, starting Thursday, February 26th to walk and talk about the Gospel of John. 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 Entrance.

# ANNOUNCEMENTS

**BLOOD PRESSURE CHECKS** Today, Sunday February 15 | between services | Gathering Space  
Stop by for a check at your convenience, taking by a member or of our Health Cabinet.

## **JAMS Backpack Food Drive ends Monday, February 16**

Drop Off Boxes at both Entrances

The John Adams Middle School (JAMS) Backpack Food Drive will begin February 1 will end on Monday. This is the last chance to drop off needed items at the box at the Entrance. Thank you!

## **REJOICING SPIRITS Wednesday, February 18 | 5:00 pm | Fellowship Hall**

Rejoicing Spirits is inclusive of all ages and abilities as we connect with God and one another. Join us for a special Ash Wednesday Worship Service that will include communion, distribution of ashes, camp style music, interactive skit and prayer. Following the worship service, enjoy pizza and root beer floats for a free-will donation.

## **NO WEDNESDAY NIGHT ALIVE ADULT PROGRAMS THIS WEEK**

This is due to Ash Wednesday Services

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

Thursdays during Lent | February 19-April 2 | 2pm—2:45pm

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. The first one on February 19 is scheduled at Trinity Lutheran Church, meeting at the East Entrance.

## **BROWN BAG BACH Wednesdays through Lent Starting February 25 | 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 Charles Sukup from Sheffield. You are welcome to bring your lunch and enjoy it in the pew during the concert.

## **LUTHERAN DAY ON THE HILL | Thursday, February 26 | 9 AM - 3 PM | Des Moines**

Join Lutheran Services in Iowa for the annual Lutheran Day on the Hill. This event is open to anyone who wants to advocate and help spread the word about the work that Lutheran Services in Iowa does.

*Please sign up on the office clipboard by Monday, Feb. 16.*

## **LUNCH AND LEARN Thursday, February 26 | 12Noon—1:00 pm | Fellowship Hall**

Our Guest Speaker is Sue Stone, Parish Administrator at St. John's Episcopal Church and coordinator of the Hygiene Pantry since its creation. She will be sharing stories of the lives that have been touched by the Pantry over the years. A light soup and sandwich Lunch will be provided by the Trinity Woman's Cabinet for a free-will donation. Please call the church to reserve your spot or sign up on the clipboard outside the office.

## **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. The book follows her perilous journey across the Caribbean as she searches for her children, exploring themes of motherhood, freedom, and the lasting trauma of being enslaved.

# ANNOUNCEMENTS

## 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 [dene.lind@trinity-mc.org](mailto:dene.lind@trinity-mc.org)

### Donations

- \*donate by mailing your donation to the church, noting “Easter Bag Food Project”.
- \*donate with your offering envelope, noting the amount and that it is for the “Easter Bag Food Project”.
- \*donate online- there will be a special selection available during Lent
- \*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.

## COLLECTING CANDY AND TOYS FOR OUR EASTER EGG HUNT

We are beginning our collection time for candy and toys for our Easter Egg hunt. All donations should be dropped off to the office no later than March 20th. Please bring wrapped candy, and small toys/stickers/tattoos that can fit inside of an easter egg. Your donations help us offset the cost of our community egg hunt. We are looking to fill 2000 eggs this Easter season!

## SPORTSBALL SUNDAY RESULTS

This year Team Jesus won again, sweeping both the Patriots and Seahawks. We raised an amazing \$1,656 this year, with an amount equaling 5 scholarships for camp. We are blessed by everyone who contributed to our camp scholarship fund by participating in Sportsball Sunday.

## COLLEGE SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATIONS: *Applications are due on Sunday, March 1st*

College scholarship applications and reapplications 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/). *Applications must be turned in to the church office by March 1.*

## WEEKLY CALENDAR

### MONDAY, FEBRUARY 16TH

9:00 AM Quilting  
9:00 AM Centering Prayer (Rm 322 and on Zoom)  
5:30 PM Bronze Bell Choir Rehearsal (Sanctuary)

### TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 17TH

8:00 AM BASES Exercise Class (Gathering Space)  
10:30 AM Prayer Shawl Ministry (Rm 307)  
12:00 PM Staff Meeting

### WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 18TH

7:00 AM Men's Bible Study (Fellowship Hall)  
8:30 AM Women's Bible Study (Library)  
**1:00 PM ASH WEDNESDAY SERVICE (Sanctuary)**  
2:00 PM Cancer Support Group (Rm 300 and Zoom)  
5:00 PM Rejoicing Spirits (Fellowship Hall)  
**6:30 PM ASH WEDNESDAY SERVICE (Sanctuary)**  
6:45 PM Choir Rehearsal after Ash Wednesday Service

### THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 19TH

**8:00 AM** BASES Exercise Class (Gathering Space)  
**10:30 AM** Clappers & Coffee Bell Choir (Rm 307, Sanctuary)

### SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 21ST

**5:00 PM** WORSHIP SERVICE

### SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 22ND

**9:00 AM** WORSHIP SERVICE - Livestream, 97.9 FM  
**10:30 AM** WORSHIP SERVICE  
**11:30 AM** NO Youth Group Today

### 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. Interested? Go to Indeed.com and search "Trinity Mason City Administrator."

### IMPORTANT NOTE

There have been a lot of email scams going around again. Our pastors or Trinity staff will NEVER ask you to purchase something (usually gift cards) for them via email or via phone. These are SCAMS. These emails often look like they come from one of our Pastors; primarily Pastor Dan Gerriets. Please delete these messages.

### **YOUTH LENTEN MEALS**

Help support the Trinity Youth Trip to California by attending one of our Lenten Meal fundraiser events.

We will be serving the following nights:

- \*Feb 25- Soup, salad, and breadstick night
- \*March 4- Pasta Bakes
- \*March 25- "Take me Out to the Ballgame" Night- Hot dogs, nachos, and ice cream.