

Trinity Lutheran Church  
Sunday, February 22, 2026  
1st Week of Lent  
Jesus Raises Lazarus

\*Indicates please stand as you are able

**WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**PRELUDE**

*"Poor, Wayfaring Stranger"*

Joseph Martin

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**\*CONFSSION AND FORGIVENESS\***

*All may make the sign of the cross, the sign that is marked at baptism, as the presiding minister begins.*

P: Blessed be the holy Trinity, **†** one God, who forgives all our sin, whose mercy endures forever.

C: **Amen.**

P: Let us confess our sin before God, who removes our guilt and blots out all offenses.  
*Silence is kept for reflection.*

P: Gracious God,

C: **have mercy on us according to your steadfast love.**

P: For seeking worldly delights that deceive us and dishonor you: Gracious God,

C: **have mercy on us according to your steadfast love.**

P: For desiring self-reliance instead of hungering for your word: Gracious God,

C: **have mercy on us according to your steadfast love.**

P: For failing to recognize your coming reign, and for hindering the work of the Spirit: Gracious God,

C: **have mercy on us according to your steadfast love.**

P: For drawing from the well of self-serving ambition, and for disdaining the living water Christ offers: Gracious God,

C: **have mercy on us according to your steadfast love.**

P: For disregarding voices from the margin, and for distrusting signs of your healing and hope in the world: Gracious God,

C: **have mercy on us according to your steadfast love.**

P: For dwelling in tombs of self-pity and discontent, and for disregarding Christ's call to come forth to life: Gracious God,

C: **have mercy on us according to your steadfast love.**

P: God's steadfast love, grace, and forgiveness abound. Through faith, the free gift of God, you have been clothed in the righteousness of Christ. In the name of **†** Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven. The Spirit of the One who raised Christ from the dead dwells in you, pours God's love into your hearts, and gives you life and peace.

C: **Amen.**

**\*GATHERING HYMN\*****"When We Are Tested"**

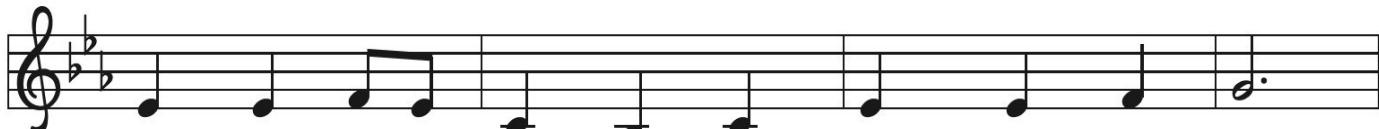
vs. 1, 3 &amp; 4

**ACS #922**

Ruth Duck

M: Irish traditional

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1 When we are test - ed and wres - tle a - lone,

3 When we are tempt - ed to bar - ter our souls,

4 When we have strug - gled and searched through the night,



fam - ished for bread when the world of - fers stone,

trad - ing the truth for the pow'r to con - trol,  
sort - ing and sift - ing the wrong from the right,

nour - ish us, God, by your word and your way,

teach us to wor - ship and praise on - ly you,  
Sav - ior, sur - round us with cir - cles of care,

food that sus - tains us by night and by day.

seek - ing your will in the work that we do.  
an - gels of heal - ing, of hope, and of prayer.**\*INVOCATION\***

P: May the grace of Jesus Christ, the love, mercy, and justice of God, and wisdom of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C: **And also with you.**



In peace, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



For the peace from a - bove, and for our sal - vation, let us pray to the Lord.



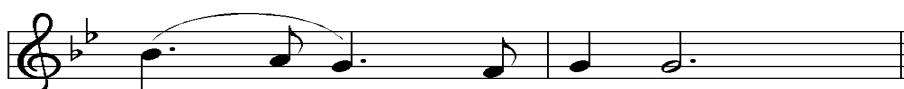
Lord, have mer - cy.



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



God, and for the u - ni - ty of all, let us pray to the Lord.



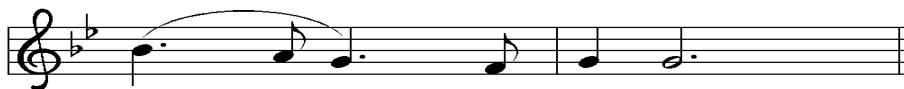
Lord, have mer - cy.



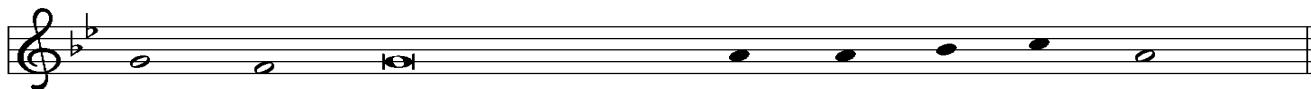
For this ho - ly house, and for all who offer here their wor - ship and



praise, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



Help, save, comfort, and de - fend us, gra - cious Lord.



A - men.

**\*SONG OF PRAISE\***

ELW pgs. 195-196

*Refrain*

Glo - ry to God in the high - est, and peace to God's peo-ple on earth.

1 Lord God, heav'n-ly King, al - might-y God and Fa - ther, we

wor-ship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glo-ry.

*Refrain*

Glo - ry to God in the high - est, and peace to God's peo-ple on earth.

3 For you a - lone are the Ho - ly One, you a - lone are the

Lord, you a - lone are the Most High, Je - sus Christ, with the

Ho - ly Spir - it, in the glo - ry of God the Fa - ther.

A - men, a - men.

**\*PRAYER OF THE DAY\***

God of new life, As Jesus raised Lazarus from the dead, renew and restore us to new life, leaving in the grave all that prevents us from loving you fully. Amen.

**CHILDREN'S SERMON & OFFERING**

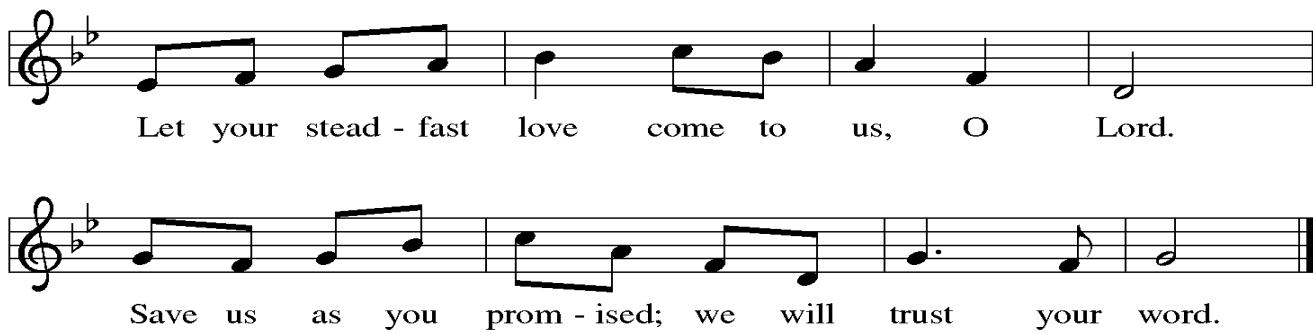
Pastor Rick

**MUSICAL OFFERING**

*"Breaking of the Bread"*  
Trinity Chancel Choir

Austin Lovelace

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Let your steadfast love come to us, O Lord.

Save us as you promised; we will trust your word.

**\*GOSPEL READING\*****JOHN 11:1-44**

L: The good news according to John 11

<sup>1</sup> Now a certain man was ill, Lazarus of Bethany, the village of Mary and her sister Martha. <sup>2</sup> Mary was the one who anointed the Lord with perfume and wiped his feet with her hair; her brother Lazarus was ill. <sup>3</sup> So the sisters sent a message to Jesus, "Lord, he whom you love is ill." <sup>4</sup> But when Jesus heard it, he said, "This illness does not lead to death; rather, it is for God's glory, so that the Son of God may be glorified through it." <sup>5</sup> Accordingly, though Jesus loved Martha and her sister and Lazarus, <sup>6</sup> after having heard that Lazarus was ill, he stayed two days longer in the place where he was. <sup>7</sup> Then after this he said to the disciples, "Let us go to Judea again." <sup>8</sup> The disciples said to him, "Rabbi, the Jews were just now trying to stone you, and are you going there again?" <sup>9</sup> Jesus answered, "Are there not twelve hours of daylight? Those who walk during the day do not stumble because they see the light of this world. <sup>10</sup> But those who walk at night stumble because the light is not in them." <sup>11</sup> After saying this, he told them, "Our friend Lazarus has fallen asleep, but I am going there to awaken him." <sup>12</sup> The disciples said to him, "Lord, if he has fallen asleep, he will be all right." <sup>13</sup> Jesus, however, had been speaking about his death, but they thought that he was referring merely to sleep. <sup>14</sup> Then Jesus told them plainly, "Lazarus is dead. <sup>15</sup> For your sake I am glad I was not there, so that you may believe. But let us go to him." <sup>16</sup> Thomas, who was called the Twin, said to his fellow disciples, "Let us also go, that we may die with him." <sup>17</sup> When Jesus arrived, he found that Lazarus had already been in the tomb four days. <sup>18</sup> Now Bethany was near Jerusalem, some two miles away, <sup>19</sup> and many of the Jews had come to Martha and Mary to console them about their brother. <sup>20</sup> When Martha heard that Jesus was coming, she went and met him, while Mary stayed at home. <sup>21</sup> Martha said to Jesus, "Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died. <sup>22</sup> But even now I know that God will give you whatever you ask of him." <sup>23</sup> Jesus said to her, "Your brother will rise again." <sup>24</sup> Martha said to him, "I know that he will rise again in the resurrection on the last day." <sup>25</sup> Jesus said to her, "I am the resurrection and the life. Those who believe in me, even though they die, will live, <sup>26</sup> and everyone who lives and believes in me will never die. Do you believe this?" <sup>27</sup> She said to him, "Yes, Lord, I believe that you are the Messiah, the Son of God, the one coming into the world." <sup>28</sup> When she had said this, she went back and called her sister Mary and told her privately, "The Teacher is here and is calling for you."

<sup>29</sup> And when she heard it, she got up quickly and went to him. <sup>30</sup> Now Jesus had not yet come to the village but was still at the place where Martha had met him. <sup>31</sup> The Jews who were with her in the house consoling her saw Mary get up quickly and go out. They followed her because they thought that she was going to the tomb to weep there. <sup>32</sup> When Mary came where Jesus was and saw him, she knelt at his feet and said to him, "Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died." <sup>33</sup> When Jesus saw her weeping and the Jews who came with her also weeping, he was greatly disturbed in spirit and deeply moved. <sup>34</sup> He said, "Where have you laid him?" They said to him, "Lord, come and see." <sup>35</sup> Jesus began to weep. <sup>36</sup> So the Jews said, "See how he loved him!" <sup>37</sup> But some of them said, "Could not he who opened the eyes of the blind man have kept this man from dying?" <sup>38</sup> Then Jesus, again greatly disturbed, came to the tomb. It was a cave, and a stone was lying against it. <sup>39</sup> Jesus said, "Take away the stone." Martha, the sister of the dead man, said to him, "Lord, already there is a stench because he has been dead four days." <sup>40</sup> Jesus said to her, "Did I not tell you that if you believed you would see the glory of God?" <sup>41</sup> So they took away the stone. And Jesus looked upward and said, "Father, I thank you for having heard me. <sup>42</sup> I knew that you always hear me, but I have said this for the sake of the crowd standing here, so that they may believe that you sent me." <sup>43</sup> When he had said this, he cried with a loud voice, "Lazarus, come out!" <sup>44</sup> The dead man came out, his hands and feet bound with strips of cloth and his face wrapped in a cloth. Jesus said to them, "Unbind him, and let him go."

L: The gospel of God.

**C: Praise be to God.**

## SERMON

## Pastor Rick

## \*HYMN OF DAY\*

## *“I Am the Bread of Life”*

## ELW #485

Suzanne Toolan

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Leader or All

The musical score consists of a treble clef staff with a key signature of two sharps (F major) and a common time signature. The piano accompaniment is in common time with a key signature of one sharp (G major). The lyrics are as follows:

1 "I am the Bread of life. You who  
 2 "The bread that I will give is my  
 3 "Un - less you eat of the  
 4 "I am the res - ur - tion, . . . .

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come to me shall not the hun - ger, and who be -  
flesh for the life of the world, . . . . and if you  
flesh of the Son of Man . . . . and . . . .  
I . . . . am the life. . . . . If you be -



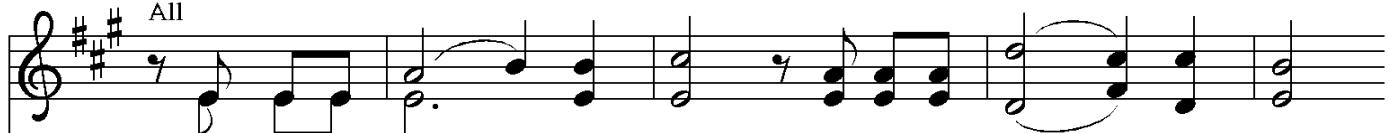
lieve in me shall not thirst. No one can come to  
eat . . . of this bread, you shall . . . live for -  
drink . . . of his blood, and drink . . . of his  
lieve . . . in . . . me, e - ven . . . though you



me un - less the Fa - ther beck - ons.”  
ev - er, . . . . you shall live for - ev - er.”  
blood, you shall not have life with - in you.”  
die, . . . . . you shall live for - ev - er.”

*Refrain*

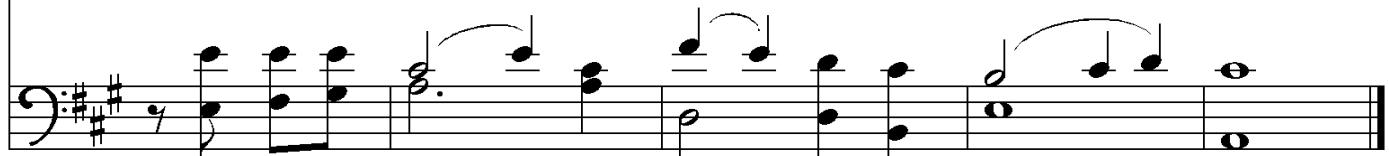
All



“And I will raise you up, and I will raise you up,



and I will raise you up on the last day.”



**\*APOSTLES CREED\***

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\***

P: Hear us, O God.

C: Your mercy is great.

**\*PEACE\***

P: The peace of Christ be with you all.

C: And also with you.

**OFFERING**

*If you have a monetary offering, please place in the plate as you leave worship today,  
or use this code to give electronically.*



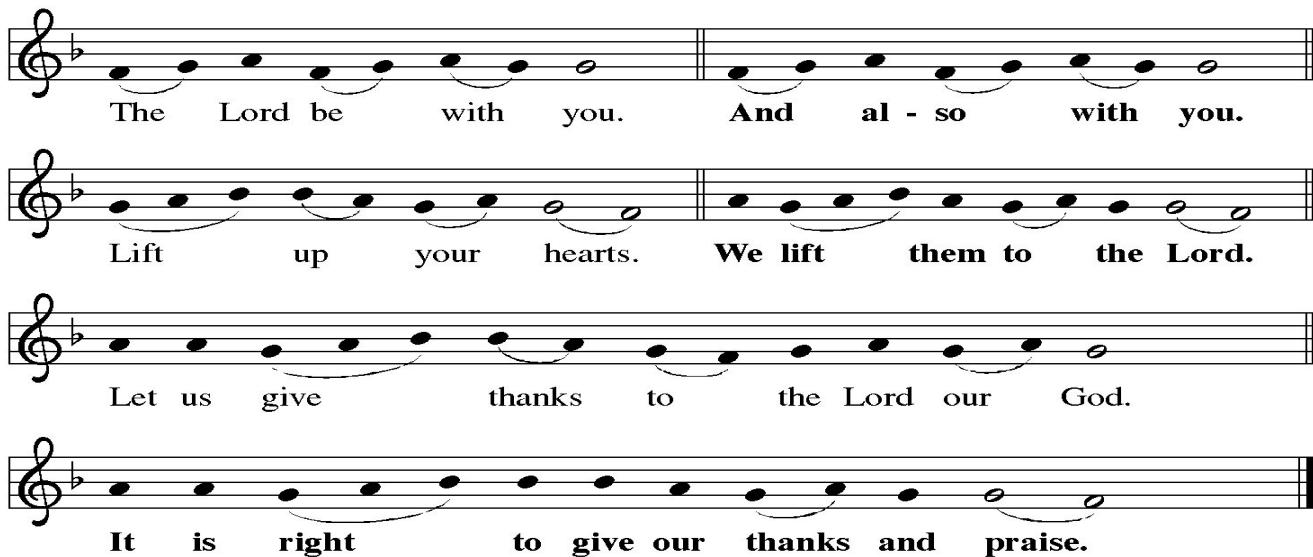
**\*OFFERTORY PRAYER\***

P: O God, maker of heaven and earth, your steadfast love embraces all creation. You send rain  
    and sunshine to nourish the earth and bring forth its bounty. Through these gifts of bread and  
    wine, draw us into the death and life of your Son, who calls us to bear witness to his saving  
    work. We ask this in Jesus' name.

C: Amen.

**\*GREAT THANKSGIVING\***

ELW pg. 199



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

Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

**\*PREFACE\***

**\*HOLY, HOLY, HOLY\***

ELW pg. 200



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and

might, heav-en and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho -

san - na in the high-est, 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, ho - san - na in the high - est.

### \*WORDS OF INSTITUTION\*

P: In the night...  
...gave it to the disciples, saying:

C: **Take and eat, this is my body given for you. Do this in remembrance of me.**

P: ...gave it for all to drink, saying:

C: **This cup is the new promise in my blood, shed for you and for all people, for the forgiveness of sin. Do this in remembrance of me.**

### \*THE LORD'S PRAYER\*

ELW pg. 112

Our Father in heaven, holy be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins, as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and forever. Amen.

### \*INVITATION TO COMMUNION\*

#### \*COMMUNION HYMN\*

*"Lamb of God"*

ELW pg. 201



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, grant us peace.

### COMMUNION

*"My Jesus, I Love Thee"*

Anna Laura Page  
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**\*COMMUNION BLESSING\***

P: The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in God's grace.

C: Amen.

**\*PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION\***

God of our salvation, we give you thanks for this meal that restores our souls, reconciles us to you, and strengthens us for the journey. Through the body and blood of your Son, may we become Christ's body in the world, bearing witness to your love for all creation, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

**\*BLESSING\***

P: Receive the blessing of the holy Trinity: God, who calls all things into existence, Jesus Christ, who redeems us, and the Holy Spirit, whose breath sustains creation, **†** bless you now and always.

C: Amen.

**\*SENDING HYMN\***

*“Jesus is a Rock in a Weary Land”*

**ELW #333**

African American spiritual

Arr. © Wyatt Tee Walker

OL#94916

*Refrain – All*

Je - sus is a rock in a wea - ry land, a wea - ry land, a wea - ry land; my Je - sus is a rock in a wea - ry land, a shel - ter in the time of storm.

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Leader or All

1 No one can do like Je - sus, not a  
 2 When Je - sus was on earth, . . . . . the . . .  
 3 Yon - der comes my Sav - ior, him . . .

mum-bling word he said; he went walk-ing down to Laz-  
 flesh was ver - y weak; . . . he took a towel and gird-  
 whom I love so well; . . . he has the palm of vic -

*Refrain*

- a - rus' grave, and he raised him from the dead.  
 ed him - self and he washed his dis-ci - ples' feet.  
 - to - ry and the keys of death and hell.

**\*SENDING\***

P: Go in peace. Believe the good news.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

**\*POSTLUDE\***

*"Voluntary in A Minor"*

Henry Purcell

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## Prayer List

### Members

Jill Rose  
Pastor Paul Schairer  
Mary Ann Armstrong  
Marilyn Hartig  
Polly Sersen  
Tim Anderson  
Eric Biedermann  
Jean Purath  
Mary Ann Miller  
Barb Klaman  
Shirley Garvin  
Madyson Hopkins

### Friends & Family

**Mourning for Rev. Jesse Jackson**  
Tae, family of Clinton Ellerbe  
Amy Oduor, daughter of Clinton Ellerbe  
Joe Burt, brother-in-law of Clinton Ellerbe  
Deborah Stinnett, friend of Dan Merz  
Steve Eulberg, friend of Jim & Margaret Frye  
Jules Webb, daughter of Martha Webb  
Marilu Ritzman, friend of Rob & Aida Schmidt  
Douglas Hardie, friend of Rob & Aida Schmidt  
Jennifer & Dale Barnett, friends of Marilyn Morrissey  
Susie Kragmeier, daughter of Kate Stieben  
Beth Barnett, daughter of Carolyn & Eric Biedermann  
Erin Slocum, daughter of Patty & Don Heyse

**To all who gather:** We are Reconciling in Christ, which means we strive to ensure the welcome, inclusion, celebration, and advocacy for people of all sexual orientations, gender identities, and gender expressions; and to work for racial equity and to commit to anti-racist work.

We welcome believers, seekers, and the curious, regardless of religious background. God makes no distinction based on race; ethnicity; immigration status; economic status; physical, mental, or developmental circumstances; or other life circumstances. God loves and welcomes all people. Therefore, we welcome all people to the life of Christ at Trinity.

*From Pastor Rick:* This community affirms its welcome by accepting me in this place. Diagnosed with Huntington's (HD), my progressing symptoms and neurodiversity are displayed publicly. The uncontrolled movements (chorea) may limit my functionality, or appear in other ways; yet, it is an opportunity to learn and love alongside one another. HD is part of me, but I am not defined by the diagnosis. As for all of us, I am defined as child of God.

**Guests and Visitors:** All are invited to receive the gluten free bread and wine of Holy Communion (juice is also available). Your offering is your presence in worship. Please fill out a welcome card and place it in the offering plate as you leave. Don't forget your 'Sweet Treat' plate from the welcome desk!

**Worship Note:** The red hymnal *Evangelical Lutheran Worship* (ELW) page numbers are found in the front while song numbers are in the back. If you have any questions about worship or Trinity, our clergy or welcome table hosts are happy to help.

**Parents and Caregivers:** God's children of all ages are welcome in worship. If helpful, please use the Family Break Room outside the worship space or a "Worship Activity Bag" - available near the welcome table. On Sunday, if needed, we offer a fully trained Nursery; staffed by Tiffany K. and Zoe K.

**Special needs:** Hearing-assistance devices are available during our services. Holy Communion can also be brought to the seats of those who are unable to come forward. Our Welcome Table Hosts can help with any of these special needs.

## THIS WEEK'S CALENDAR:

### **Monday (February 23)**

12 pm Sermon Discussion-Fireside  
12p JOY Luncheon  
6:30 pm (5) NoCo Male Spirituality

### **Tuesday (February 24)**

5:30 pm JET Eco/Justice-Room 2

### **Wednesday (February 25)**

5:15 pm Bells of Trinity-Room 1  
6 pm Lenten Taize Service  
6:30 Lenten Soup Supper  
6:45 pm Chancel Choir-Choir Room

### **Thursday (February 26)**

9:30 pm Bible Study-Room Room 2  
3-5 pm Spanish Class-Room 2  
6 pm Chapter 2 Readers-Fireside  
7 pm Immigration Soc Justice-Zoom

### **Friday (February 27)**

10 am Quilting-Room 2

### **Saturday (February 28)**

5 pm Saturday Worship

### **Sunday (March 1) 2nd Week of Lent**

9 am Adult Forum-Room 2  
9 am Confirmation-Room 8  
9 am Sunday School-Room 3  
9 am Youth Group-Room 6  
10:30 am Worship & Baptism of Arden Dickson  
11:30 am Fellowship  
11:35 am Faith Formation-Fireside  
3 pm Installation of Pastor Kaari Nieuwlandt

## In Ministry Today

**Worship Assistant:** Shelley Aust

**Welcome Table Host:** Cheryl & Ron Smith

**Fellowship Host:** Soren Nicholson

**Bread Baker:** Dan Merz

**Prayer Writer:** Ronda Simmons

**Communion Team:** Rick & Shelley Aust

**Flower Arrangement:** Volunteers of St Paul's Episcopal

## Trinity's Clergy Leader:

Pastor Rick Reiten & Pastor Kaari Nieuwlandt

## Trinity's Staff:

Carrie Hansen	<b>Music Coord. &amp; Organist</b>
Tessa Espinosa	<b>Chancel Choir Director</b>
Clinton Ellerbe	<b>Saturday Worship Leader</b>
Austin Naylor	<b>Bells of Trinity Director</b>
Brenda Harju	<b>TLC Preschool Director</b>
Brenda Moore	<b>Financial Manager</b>
Deana Andrist	<b>Office Administrator</b>
Amanda Backsen	<b>Director of Communications/ Volunteer Coord.</b>
Claire Pickerel	<b>AV Technician</b>
Jennifer Reeve	<b>Shared Children's Minister</b>
Tiffany Klijewski	<b>Nursery Coord.</b>
Zoe Klamann	<b>Nursery Attendant</b>

*\*Staff Emails are available on our website\**

## Coming Up:

### **Wednesdays, Mar 4,11,18 & 25**

**6 pm Lenten Service & 6:30 pm Soup Suppers**

### **Sunday, March 8**

**Daylight Savings Starts**

**Annual Congregational Meeting & Potluck**

Trinity is a welcoming faith community living together in God's love to share the joy of Jesus Christ.



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