

# March 13, 2022 9:30 AM – Second Sunday in Lent



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# WELCOME

# to Holy Trinity

## **Reconciling in Christ**

At Holy Trinity, we welcome and affirm everyone—because God welcomes and affirms everyone—



regardless of age, race, ability, ethnicity, gender identity, sexual orientation, or other life circumstance.

You are welcome. Your family, children, friends, spouses, and partners are welcome.

*You are welcome, whether you are a believer, a doubter, or a seeker.* 

Your diversity and uniqueness are welcomed and affirmed into the full life of Holy Trinity.

You are wanted here.

A Warm Welcome as you worship with us today! Whether you are here for the first time or a long time member, know that you are welcomed in Christ's Name, joined to be with us, Christ's Body the Church, as we worship God.

Your presence at worship is a gift!

We love having children worship with us! At this moment, our Nursery is not staffed. You may find Children's bulletins and activities on tables inside the sanctuary.

**Prayer Requests:** Prayer Request Cards are available indoors on the Usher's Table. Simply fill one out and hand it to the Pastor, or place it in the Offering Basket.

**Emergency Pastoral Contact:** If you need a Pastoral Visit, or you're experiencing a Pastoral Emergency, pastoral care is available for home or hospital visits, emotional support, and church ceremonies. Please contact Mark in the Church office and he will provide you with the Contact Pastor information during daytime and after work (emergencies) hours. Email office@htelc.com or call (603)436-1704.

**Donate to Holy Trinity:** You can place your offering in the offering plate by the entrance of the sanctuary. We appreciate what you are able to give to help support our church and our ministries. Thank you. To give online, visit www.elexiogiving.com/App/Giving/htelc OR scan this QR code with the camera app on your phone.



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All Worship Services are livestreamed and available to watch on YouTube after the service ends.

#### **PRAYER CONCERNS**

*Health Issues*: Franklyn Vosburg, Jerry Schock, Pastor Linn Opderbecke, Alice Peterson, George Parseghian, Sarah Meier, Judy Hollister, Byrl Short, Judy Hollister, Marilee Clark.

Homebound: Carol Saufley, Edith Rowan, Barbara Werdelin.

*Military*: Josh Bretz, Matthew Hanrahan, Brendan Podszus, Jacob Schankis, Jessica Chabot.

#### Friends

Stephanie & Chuck Pelesky (Jill & Jerry Schock's friend), Casey Lavoie (Stephanie Goupil's friend), Estelle Lewis (Paulette Sirois' sister), Tony Marques (Paulette Sirois' friend), Sue Fischer (Lois Kfoury's cousin), Sherry & Lauren (Shirley Jackson's sister and daughter), Bill Casale (Jessica Feeley's friend), Stephanie Vocell (Jeremy & Krystal Small's friend), Martha LaPerle (Betty King's friend), Cinda DeWerff (Rich Wilcox's sister), Evertt Thorne (Rich Wilcox's friend), Sage Pirnie (Jessica Feeley's friend's grandchild).

Prayers will be listed for 6 weeks unless told otherwise. If you would like a prayer concern listed in the bulletin, please fill out a Prayer Request at the Usher's table or contact the Church Office at office@htelc.com.

#### NOTES ON TODAY'S SERVICE

Though we sometimes doubt and often resist God's desire to protect and save us, our God persists. In holy baptism, God's people have been called and gathered into a God-initiated relationship that will endure. Lent provides the church with a time and a tradition in which to seek God's face again.

#### LECTIONARY (Readings)

**This Week:** Genesis 15:1-12, 17-18; Psalm 27; Philippians 3:17--4:1; Luke 13:31-35

**Next Week:** Isaiah 55:1-9; Psalm 63:1-8; 1 Corinthians 10:1-13; Luke 13:1-9

#### WORSHIP ASSISTANTS

Musician(s): Jon Bock, Jon Koelker, and Dick Topping Sound System: Mark Donahue & Rey Bororing Altar Guild: Julie Moore Chalice Bearer: Kurt Kasik

#### THIS WEEK AT HOLY TRINITY

WEDNESDAY, March 16 9:30 AM: Bible Study 12:30 PM: Mid-Day Lenten Worship 7:00 PM: Holden Evening Prayer

**THURSDAY, March 17** 8:00 AM: Property Team

SUNDAY, March 20 9:30 AM: Sunday Worship

#### LAST WEEK AT HOLY TRINITY

Attendance for Ash Wednesday, March 2: 30 (12:00) + 30(7:00) + 20 (Online) = 80 Attendance for Sunday, March 6: 84 (In-Person) + 17 (Online) = 101 Offering: \$6,662.95

#### Announcements

**The Transition Team** will host three Adult Forums in the coming months. More details on each event will come shortly, but these dates and events are:

- March 17: Present CAT results to the congregation
- April 24: Why Us workshop
- May 22: MSP workshop

**Good News Garage** recently reached out to our congregation, as they are in dire need of donated cars. Their Marketing Manager, Tom Kupfer, has written a short article about how you can help. Please look at the back of the bulletin for more information.

**New Member Classes:** Holy Trinity is planning on holding New Member Classes after Easter. If you are interesting in joining the New Member Class when it starts up again, please speak to the Church Office.

**Holden Evening Prayer:** Please join us on Wednesday evenings at 7:00 pm during Lent for our beautiful Holden Vespers worship, with hymns written by Marty Haugen. This service will be led by Franklyn Vosburg. These services will be livestreamed on htelc.com every Wednesday night.

**Midday Lenten Devotional Worship:** Every Wednesday at 12:30 PM, *(beginning Wednesday, March 16)* Pastor Luther will hold a special 20-minute Lenten service in the chapel. These services will be recorded and available on htelc.com.

**Isimani Scholarships:** During Lent, we will be collecting donations to help fulfill our commitment to the Isimani students who receive our scholarships to help them complete their education beyond primary school.

**Pop-Up Pantry:** For the month of March, the Pop-Up Pantry will be collecting Pancake Mix, either a small box or a soft packaging. Thank you so much for your donations keeping this ministry going. – *Paulette Sirois* 

**Reconciling in Christ celebration has been officially rescheduled for Sunday, April 3 at 9:30 AM.** The Sunday morning service will feature special liturgy and the dedication of an RIC pastoral stole. Stay following the service for a free concert by the New Hampshire Gay Men's Chorus. A special offering will be split between Seacoast Outright (supporting LGBTQ+ youth) and Ascentria Care Alliance's Afghan Evacuee Resettlement Program (helping to support Afghan families we are welcoming to New Hampshire).

**Graduation Sunday** will be celebrated in June. If you know someone from Holy Trinity who will graduate from High School, College, Grad School, or another school this year and would like to be recognized, please speak with the Church Office or Helen Goransson. Any graduating Seniors who wish to apply for our annual Faith and Service Award, please contact Helen Goransson at <u>heleng@Bondgarden.net</u>.

**Easter Lily order forms** can be found in the Church Office. These forms will be included as inserts starting March 27, but you can submit your order early if you wish.

# Holy Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church

Second Sunday in Lent – Sunday, March 13, 2022 — 9:30 a.m.

## Welcome

#### **Confession & Forgiveness**

- Please stand as able-

- C: Amen.
- P: In these forty days, let us be honest, confess our sin, and receive God's promise of forgiveness.

#### -A brief silence-

- P: God of mercy,
- C: We have wandered far from your home; again and again, we lose our way. We turn inward, afraid of the world around us. We forget that you have saved your people before and promise to do so again. Do not remember the deeds of our past, but turn our faces toward the future, where your forgiveness is sure, your welcome is clear, and your love overflows.

#### Amen.

- C: Amen.

**Gathering Song** 

ELW 733 — Please remain standing—

Great Is Thy Faithfulness



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Music: FAITHFULNESS, William M. Runyan, 1870-1957

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## Greeting

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

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## Kyrie:



## **Prayer of the Day**

- P: Let us pray.
- C: God of the covenant, in the mystery of the cross you promise everlasting life to the world. Gather all peoples into your arms, and shelter us with your mercy, that we may rejoice in the life we share in your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

#### Amen.

# WORD

The remaining lessons appointed for use on this Sunday are located in the announcements of this worship booklet. You are invited to read them during the collection of offerings or Communion. You are also invited to take this booklet home with you and read the lessons and prayers as part of family worship or individual devotions.

## **First Reading**

-Please be seated-

- L: A reading from Philippians 3:17--4:1
- <sup>17</sup>Brothers and sisters, join in imitating me, and observe those who live according to the example you have in us. <sup>18</sup>For many live as enemies of the cross of Christ; I have often told you of them, and now I tell you even with tears. <sup>19</sup>Their end is destruction; their god is the belly; and their glory is in their shame; their minds are set on earthly things. <sup>20</sup>But our citizenship is in heaven, and it is from there that we are expecting a Savior, the Lord Jesus Christ. <sup>21</sup>He will transform the body of our humiliation that it may be conformed to the body of his glory, by the power that also enables him to make all things subject to himself. <sup>4:1</sup>Therefore, my brothers and sisters, whom I love and long for, my joy and crown, stand firm in the Lord in this way, my beloved.
- L: Word of God, word of life.

## C: Thanks be to God.

## Second Reading

- L: A responsive reading from Psalm 27
- L: <sup>1</sup>The Lord is my light and my salvation; whom then shall I fear? The Lord is the stronghold of my life; of whom shall I be afraid?
- C: <sup>2</sup>When evildoers close in against me to devour my flesh, they, my foes and my enemies, will stumble and fall.
- L: <sup>3</sup>Though an army encamp against me, my heart will not fear. Though war rise up against me, my trust will not be shaken.
- C: <sup>4</sup>One thing I ask of the Lord; one thing I seek; that I may dwell in the house of the Lord all the days of my life; to gaze upon the beauty of the Lord and to seek God in the temple.
- L: <sup>5</sup>For in the day of trouble God will give me shelter, hide me in the hidden places of the sanctuary, and raise me high upon a rock.
- C: <sup>6</sup>Even now my head is lifted up above my enemies who surround me. Therefore I will offer sacrifice in the sanctuary, sacrifices of rejoicing; I will sing and make music to the Lord.
- L: <sup>7</sup>Hear my voice, O Lord, when I call; have mercy on me and answer me.
- C: <sup>8</sup>My heart speaks your message— "Seek my face." Your face, O Lord, I will seek.
- <sup>9</sup>Hide not your face from me, turn not away from your servant in anger.
  Cast me not away—you have been my helper; forsake me not, O God of my salvation.
- C: <sup>10</sup>Though my father and my mother forsake me, the Lord will take me in.

L: <sup>11</sup>Teach me your way, O Lord; lead me on a level path, because of my oppressors.

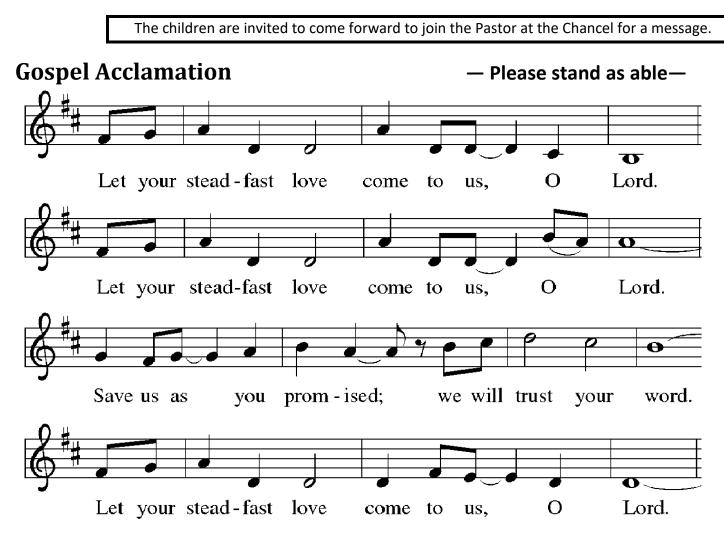
## C: <sup>12</sup>Subject me not to the will of my foes, for they rise up against me, false witnesses breathing violence.

L: <sup>13</sup>This I believe—that I will see the goodness of the Lord in the land of the living!

## C: <sup>14</sup>Wait for the Lord and be strong. Take heart and wait for the Lord!

- L: Word of God, word of life.
- C: Thanks be to God.

## **Children's Message**



# Gospel

P: The holy gospel according to St. Luke, Chapter 13:31-35

## C: Glory to you, O Lord.

- <sup>31</sup>At that very hour some Pharisees came and said to [Jesus,] "Get away from here, for Herod wants to kill you." <sup>32</sup>He said to them, "Go and tell that fox for me, 'Listen, I am casting out demons and performing cures today and tomorrow, and on the third day I finish my work. <sup>33</sup>Yet today, tomorrow, and the next day I must be on my way, because it is impossible for a prophet to be killed outside of Jerusalem.' <sup>34</sup>Jerusalem, Jerusalem, the city that kills the prophets and stones those who are sent to it! How often have I desired to gather your children together as a hen gathers her brood under her wings, and you were not willing! <sup>35</sup>See, your house is left to you. And I tell you, you will not see me until the time comes when you say, 'Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.'"
- P: The gospel of the Lord.
- C: Praise to you, O Christ.

Sermon"The Good Pharisees - an Oxymoron?" —Please be seated—Supply Pastor, Rev. Dr. George Koch

There's a Wideness in God's Mercy



Text: Frederick W. Faber, 1814–1863, alt. Music: LORD, REVIVE US, North American, 19th cent.

## **Apostles Creed**

- P: Let us confess our faith using the Apostles Creed.
- 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 into hell. 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 of the People**

P: Drawn close to the heart of God, we offer these prayers for the church, the world, and all who are in need.

#### -A brief silence-

P: You gather the church into a community of mercy and grace. Unify Christians around the globe in efforts to proclaim good news even in the face of opposition and to protect those whose lives are imperiled by the gospel. Merciful God,

#### C: receive our prayer.

P: You create the entire universe and call it good. Hinder those who would cause further destruction to our planet's fragile ecosystems, and augment the calls of those who advocate for thoughtful stewardship of the earth's resources. Merciful God,

#### C: receive our prayer.

P: We lift before you all those whose work puts them in harm's way for the sake of others, especially first responders and servicewomen and men who are stationed around the world. Allow all people to return home safely and keep them close to you. Merciful God,

#### C: receive our prayer.

P: You hear us when we cry to you. Attend to those expecting a child, and console those who have experienced miscarriage. Comfort veterans enduring post-traumatic stress. Shield those endangered by domestic violence. Uphold those who are ill or grieving. We pray especially for those whose names we say out loud or silently. —A brief silence—Merciful God,

#### C: receive our prayer.

P: We pray for our partners in mission and ministry: Presiding Bishop Elizabeth Eaton and the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America, Bishop James Hazelwood and the New England Synod, Pastor Livingstone Msungu and the Isimani congregation in Tanzania, Fundaninos Orphanage in Guatemala, the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Jordan and the Holy Land and Imanuel Indonesian Lutheran Congregation, Ascentria Care Alliance and Camp Calumet. Merciful God,

#### C: receive our prayer.

- P: Accept the prayers we bring, O God, on behalf of a world in need, for the sake of Jesus Christ.
- C: Amen.

#### The Sharing of God's Peace

- P: May the peace of Christ be with you all.
- C: And also with you.

The congregation is invited to exchange expressions of peace with those near them. Please remain seated and avoid physical touch in the interests of everyone's health and safety.

## MEAL

## Offering

An offering is gathered for the mission of the church, including the care of those in need. Our offering plate is located at the entrance of the Sanctuary. After the service, please make your offering there.

## **Offertory Hymn**

## **Church Choir**

## **Offertory Prayer**

- P: Let us Pray.
- C: Extravagant God, you have blessed us with the fullness of creation. Now we gather at your feast where you offer us the food that satisfies. Take and use what we offer here, come among us, and feed us with the body and blood of Christ, in whose name we pray.

#### Amen.

## **The Celebration of Holy Communion**

As you come to the Lord's Table, know that it is Christ who invites you to receive the bread and wine, the body and blood. There will be a single communion station around the altar. You will receive a wafer (gluten free wafers are available). Next you may take a pre-filled glass of wine. Please put the glass in the basket by the baptismal font or the lectern. Pre-filled Communion Cups are still available for anyone uncomfortable coming forward to the altar. If you would like to receive communion from the Pastor, but you are unable to come forward, please ask someone to talk to the ushers and we will bring communion to you.

## Dialogue

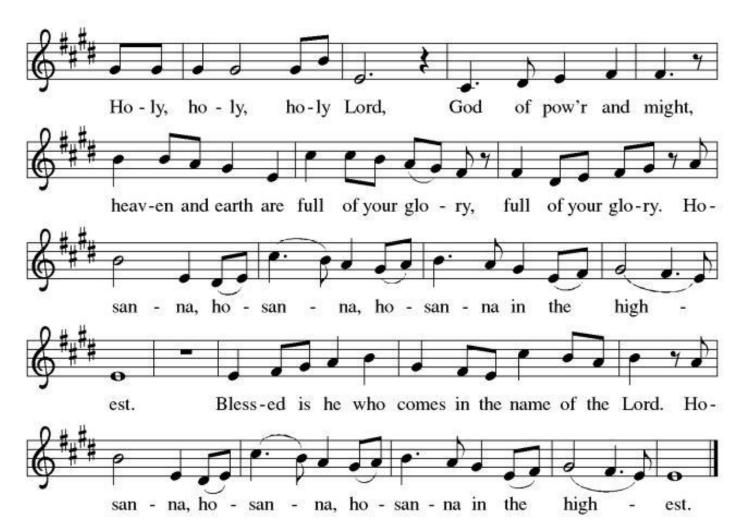
- P: The Lord be with you.
- C: And also with you.
- P: Lift up your hearts.
- C: We lift them to the Lord.
- P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
- C: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

## Preface

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:

Holy, Holy, Holy

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## Words of Institution

## (Sung; response by congregation)

P: In the night that Jesus was betrayed, by one of his own, He took the bread and blessed it as He said, "here's my body broken for you."

He took the cup and raised it up on high, bowed His head and prayed. And then He said, "My blood for you is shed. A cleansing stream to wash your sins away."

C: Come and see the glory of the Lord, come behold the Lamb. Come and taste the mercy of the King, bowing down before Him. For He is Lord above the heavens. Lord in all the earth. Lord of all the angels. Worthy to be served. Alleluia. Alleluia. Lord.

#### Lord's Prayer

Feel free to use the version of the Lord's Prayer you are most comfortable with.

- P: Now, as our Lord taught us, we are bold to pray:
- 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: Taste and See that the Lord is good.

## Communion

The assembly may be seated. The bread may be broken for the communion.

## **Communion Hymns:**

While others are communing, you are invited to sing a communion hymn or to meditate on the readings and prayers for the day. **Communion Hymn #1:** 

## Our Father, We Have Wandered



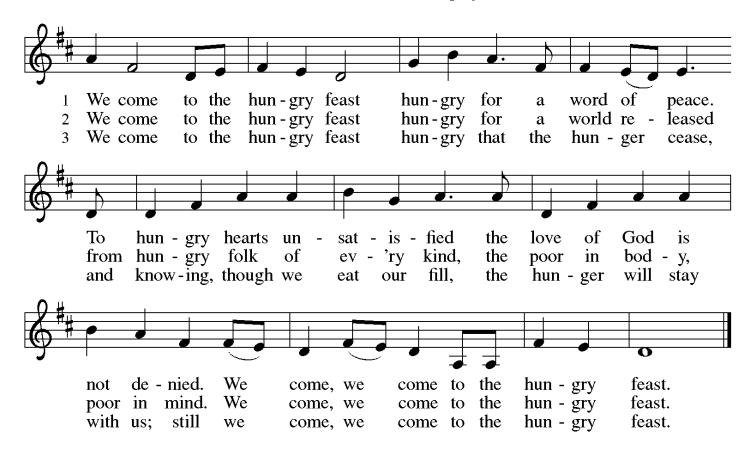
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Communion Hymn #2: ELW 479

## We Come to the Hungry Feast



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# SENDING

## The Prayer after Communion

- P: God of abundance, with this bread of life and cup of salvation you have united us with Christ, making us one with all your people. Now send us forth in the power of your Spirit, that we may proclaim your redeeming love to the world and continue forever in the risen life of Jesus Christ, our Lord.
- C: Amen.

# Announcements, Birthdays and Anniversaries

The congregation is invited to share birthdays, anniversaries, and other significant events in the life of its members. Subsequently, brief announcements may be made, especially those related to the congregation's participation in God's mission in the world.

## Benediction

- C: Amen.

**Sending Hymn** 

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- Please stand as able-



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#### Dismissal

P: Go in peace, serve the Lord.

## C: Thanks be to God.

#### Good News Garage "Pass Your Keys to a Neighbor in Need"

The following article was written by Tom Kupfer, Marketing Manager for Good News Garage. Holy Trinity is a proud supporter of Good News Garage. Please read the following article, as Good News Garage is currently in dire need for extra support.

The pandemic has driven prices of used cars to record highs, leaving many of our neighbors unable to afford safe and reliable vehicles. Without a car, these families are literally stuck at a standstill in their lives. Fortunately, a local nonprofit is able help those in need. Good News Garage was founded in 1996 with the help of its parent organization, Ascentria Care Alliance, and our Lutheran community. The nonprofit provides refurbished donated cars to individuals and families in need. Over the last 25 years, they've awarded over



5,500 cars to our neighbors with the help of generous car donors.

There is currently an urgent need for vehicles! Car donors receive free towing, qualify for generous tax deductions, and can feel good about putting a neighbor in the driver's seat towards a better life. Let Good News Garage help you pass your keys. For more information and to donate, visit www.goodnewsgarage.org or call 603.669.6937. You can also "like" GNG's Facebook page to hear stories from car recipients and other news at https://www.facebook.com/goodnewsgarage.

