



THIRD SUNDAY IN LENT

MARCH 3, 2024

HOLY TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH
MINNEAPOLIS

WELCOME TO ALL

*The people of Holy Trinity Lutheran Church wish to extend a special welcome to all visitors!
Please leave your name and phone number on the visitor card found in the pew.*

*We are committed to the inclusion of all people, with no exception. Therefore, we practice **open communion**, welcoming all to the table to receive the sacrament of Holy Communion.*

Children are full participants in this congregation's worship, educational, and community life! The Mary Martha Room is a quiet space for infants needing to nurse or to nap. For active toddlers, the Community Room has a Children's Corner with books and a table at which to play. Our ushers are ready to assist you in finding the place that best fits your family's needs.

***Accessible and all-gender restrooms** are located in the basement.*

***Single-use, all-gender restrooms** are located on the 1st floor.*

*For over forty years, this congregation has advocated for the **full welcome, inclusion, and equity** of lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, queer, intersex, and asexual (LGBTQIA+) Lutherans in all aspects of the church and the community. We invite all people into lives of authenticity, integrity, and wholeness.*

***Hearing assist devices and large-print bulletins** are available. Ask an usher if you are interested.*

*Our **services are livestreamed** on Vimeo and Facebook every week. The live shot includes the main floor of the sanctuary. Our members who watch from home love to see their friends at church! If for privacy reasons you prefer not to be on camera, the balcony is outside of the camera's range.*

*If you are seeking **pastoral care**, please speak to a pastor today.*

Today's bulletin cover art is provided by Solveig Rasmussen. Thank you, Solveig!

+invites the congregation to stand

GATHER

PRELUDE

Lord, Keep Us Steadfast in Your Word

setting, Jacob B. Weber

+GATHERING HYMN

Christ Is Made the Sure Foundation



- 1 Christ is made the sure foun - da - tion, Christ, our head and
- 2 To this tem - ple, where we call you, come, O Lord of
- 3 Here be - stow on all your ser - vants what they seek from
- 4 Praise and hon - or to the Fa - ther, praise and hon - or



cor - ner - stone, cho - sen of the Lord and pre - cious,
hosts, and stay; come with all your lov - ing - kind - ness,
you to gain; what they gain from you, for - ev - er
to the Son, praise and hon - or to the Spir - it,



bind - ing all the church in one; ho - ly Zi - on's
hear your peo - ple as they pray; and your full - est
with the bless - ed to re - tain; and here - af - ter
ev - er three and ev - er one: one in might and



help for - ev - er and our con - fi - dence a - lone.
ben - e - dic - tion shed with - in these walls to - day.
in your glo - ry ev - er - more with you to reign.
one in glo - ry while un - end - ing a - ges run!

+GREETING

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

+KYRIE



For jealousies that divide families and nations, and for rivalries that create strife and warfare:

Refrain

For reluctance in sharing the gifts of God, and for carelessness with the fruits of creations:

Refrain

For hurtful words that condemn, and for angry deeds that harm: **Refrain**

For idleness in witnessing to Jesus Christ, and for squandering the gifts of love and grace:

Refrain

+PRAYER OF THE DAY

Lord, we meditate on you.

This is no easy prayer. There is much going on within and around us that puts real demands on our time and attention – but you are more real, and more gracious, and more deserving than anything else.

We meditate on you.

We center ourselves in your goodness, not forgetting the many places where you have traveled with us and spaces you have delivered us from. We remember that your commandments are not meant to oppress us or others, but are meant to revive and redeem. And we know that you have created us for the same purpose. In the midst of other gods swirling, we meditate on you. May the words of our mouths and the meditations of our hearts be acceptable in your sight.

Amen.

Please be seated.

WELCOME

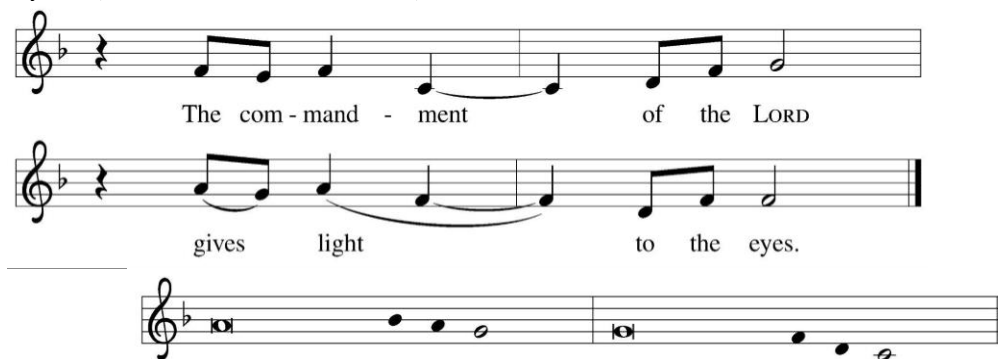
WORD

FIRST READING

Exodus 20:1-17

Word of God; word of life. **Thanks be to God.**

Refrain (first time: Cantor, then **All**):



¹The heavens declare the glo-¹ ry of God,
and the sky proclaims its¹ maker's handiwork.

²**One day tells its tale¹ to another,
and one night imparts knowledge¹ to another.**

³Although they have no¹ words or language,
and their voices¹ are not heard,

⁴**their sound has gone out into all lands,
and their message to the ends¹ of the world,
where God has pitched a tent¹ for the sun.**

⁵It comes forth like a bridegroom out¹ of his chamber;
it rejoices like a champion to¹ run its course.

⁶**It goes forth from the uttermost edge of the heavens
and runs about to the end of¹ it again;
nothing is hidden from its¹ burning heat. Refrain**

⁷The teaching of the LORD is perfect and re-¹ vives the soul;
the testimony of the LORD is sure and gives wisdom¹ to the simple.

⁸**The statutes of the LORD are just and re-¹ joice the heart;
the commandment of the LORD is clear and gives light¹ to the eyes.**

⁹The fear of the LORD is clean and en-¹dures forever;
the judgments of the LORD are true and righteous¹ altogether.

¹⁰**More to be desired are they than gold, more than¹ much fine gold,
sweeter far than honey, than honey¹ in the comb. Refrain**

¹¹By them also is your ser-¹vant enlightened,
and in keeping them there is¹ great reward.

¹²**Who can detect one's¹ own offenses?**

Cleanse me from my¹ secret faults.

¹³Above all, keep your servant from presumptuous sins;
let them not get dominion¹ over me;
then shall I be whole and sound, and innocent of a¹ great offense.

¹⁴**Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart
be acceptable¹ in your sight,
O LORD, my strength and¹ my redeemer. Refrain**

SECOND READING

1 Corinthians 1:18-25

Word of God; word of life. **Thanks be to God.**

+GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Steadfast Love



+GOSPEL READING

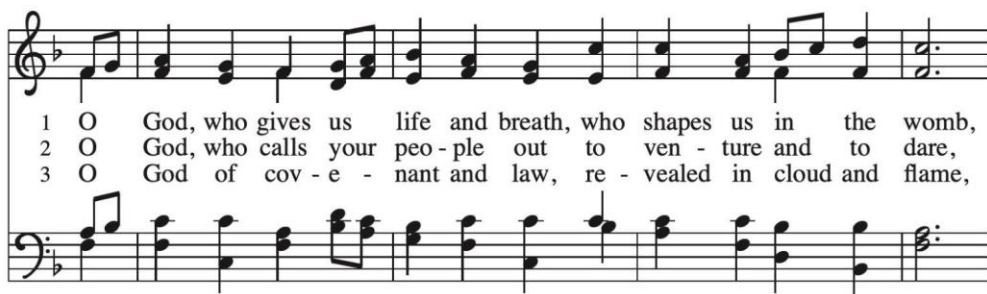
John 2:13-22

Word of God; word of life. **Thanks be to God.**

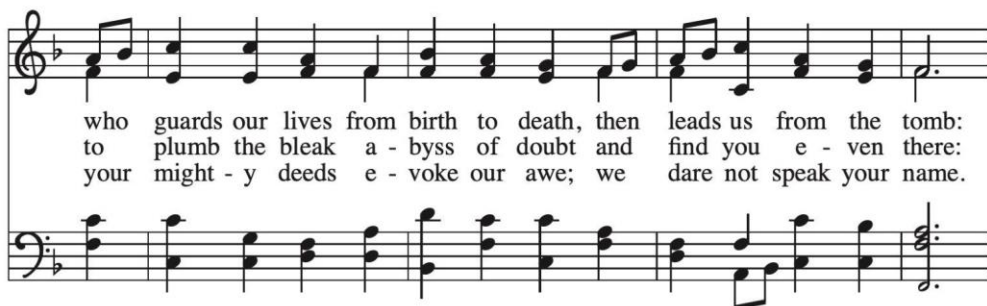
SERMON

+HYMN OF THE DAY

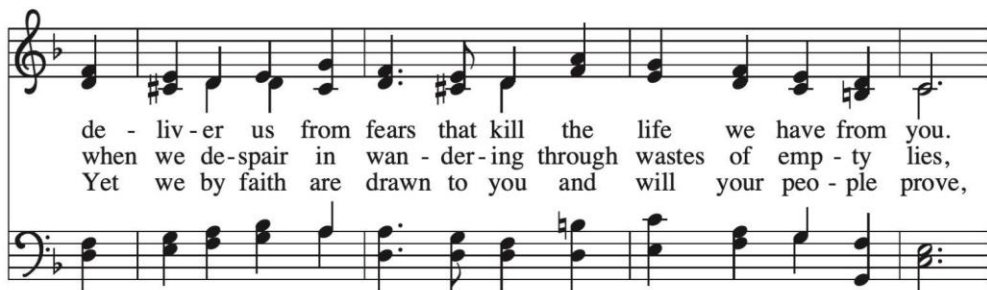
O God, Who Gives Us Life



1 O God, who gives us life and breath, who shapes us in the womb,
 2 O God, who calls your peo - ple out to ven - ture and to dare,
 3 O God of cov - e - nant and law, re - vealed in cloud and flame,



who guards our lives from birth to death, then leads us from the tomb:
 to plumb the bleak a - byss of doubt and find you e - ven there:
 your might - y deeds e - voke our awe; we dare not speak your name.



de - liv - er us from fears that kill the life we have from you.
 when we de - spair in wan - der - ing through wastes of emp - ty lies,
 Yet we by faith are drawn to you and will your peo - ple prove,



Help us to know your Spir - it still is mak - ing all things new.
 re - fresh us with the liv - ing spring of hope that nev - er dies.
 as on our hearts you write a - new the cov - e - nant of love.

With the whole people of God in Christ Jesus, let us pray for the church, those in need, and all of God's creation.

(silence)

God of Lovingkindness, you have shown us how to flourish as a community by embracing your word. Help us to uphold your commandments as we strive to live in love and peace with our neighbors. In your mercy,

Hear our prayer.

God of Lovingkindness, you continue to amaze us with the beauty of this world you have given us. Quicken our leaders to take bold actions to protect our planet. Help us to not despair and lose hope in protecting the natural world you have given us. In your mercy,

Hear our prayer.

God of Lovingkindness, during these very troubling times of many wars and so much deception, draw us closer to you and your Word. Remind us that your wisdom and strength are beyond our comprehension. Hear our laments for our siblings and neighbors in this world who are suffering and come quickly to their aid. In your mercy,

Hear our prayer.

God of Lovingkindness, during this time of Lent, we are reminded of your human body and suffering. We know that you tenderly understand our weaknesses, struggles, and limitations. We especially raise up in prayer to you today Mihai Miu; Deanna Thompson; Rev. Lynne Morrow; Rick Letto; Marie Failing; Katie Murray's mom, Pat Wilson; Mary Ann Sheets's sister, Lorrie Blain; Jeff Olsen Biebighauser's mom Jo; Annie Hines's son, Nick; Joyce Hanson; Dorothy Kelly; Cori Gershon; Juliet Williamson; Arnie Johanson; Joanne Chadwick, in hospice; Jan Mehlhoff's friend Margie Guelker, in hospice; and those we name now, either silently or aloud (*the congregation may name loved ones in need of God's care*). In your mercy,

Hear our prayer.

God of Lovingkindness, today we are reminded of the time when the zeal for your Father's house consumed you. We know that there are many systems of injustice that need to be dismantled. Help us to have your clear vision to do the work that must be done to remove unjust and oppressive systems in our midst. In your mercy,

Hear our prayer.

You are invited to offer spoken petitions. At the conclusion of your petition, please close with "In your mercy," to which the congregation will respond, "Hear our prayer."

Receive these prayers, O God, and those in our hearts known only to you; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. **Amen.**

MEAL

OFFERING	8:45	<i>God Bless Families</i> Children's Choir	Natalie Sleeth ed. Katie Houts
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God bless families everywhere, thoughtful people who truly care,
kind and giving in all they do: they let the love shine through!

God bless families great and small, fathers, mothers, and children all,
daily offering thanks anew: they let the love shine through!

Joy or sorrowing, come what may, faithful families find the way,
help the ones who would go astray, bring the Kingdom day by day!

God bless families far and near, homes of happiness, hearts of cheer,
like the family Jesus knew: they let the love shine through!

God bless families old, God bless families new,
made of people like me and you!

11:00	<i>Grant Peace, We Pray</i> Adult Choir	Felix Mendelssohn Carl Schalk
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Grant peace, we pray, in mercy, Lord, In our time peace, oh, send us!
For there is none on earth but Thee, None other to defend us.
Thou only, Lord, canst fight for us.

+OFFERTORY HYMN

Tree of Life and Awesome Mystery

Communion servers are invited to come forward at this time.

1 Tree of Life and awe - some mys - t'ry, in your
2 We re - mem - ber truth once spo - ken, love passed
3 Liv - ing Wa - ter of sal - va - tion, be the

death we are re - born; though you die in all of
on through act and word; ev - 'ry per - son lost and
fount - ain of each soul; spring - ing up in new cre -

his - t'ry, still you rise with ev - 'ry morn, still you
bro - ken wears the bod - y of our Lord, wears the
a - tion, flow in us and make us whole, flow in

rise with ev - 'ry morn.
bo - dy of our Lord.
us and make us whole.

+OFFERING PRAYER

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

+GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you. **And also 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.**

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 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:

+SANCTUS



San-to, san - to, san - to Dios de glo - ria y po - der,
Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly God of pow - er and might,



cie - los y tie - rra pro - cla - man tu glo - ria.
heav - en and earth . . . are full of your glo - ry.



Ho - san - na, ho - san - na, ho - san-na en los cie - los.
Ho - san - na, ho - san - na, ho - san-na in the high - est.



Ho - san - na, ho - san - na, ho - san-na en los cie - los.
Ho - san - na, ho - san - na, ho - san-na in the high - est.



Ben - di - to a - quel que vie - ne en el nom - bre de Dios.
Bless - ed is the one who comes in the name of our God.



Ho - san - na, ho - san - na, ho - san-na en los cie - los.
Ho - san - na, ho - san - na, ho - san-na in the high - est.



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+WORDS OF INSTITUTION

+LORD'S PRAYER

We pray together:

**Our Creator, Our Mother, Our Father in heaven, hallowed 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.

+LAMB OF GOD



Cor - de - ro de Dios, tú que qui - tas el pe - ca - do del mun - do: ten pie -
O Lamb . . of God, you . . take a - way the sin of the world; . . . have . .

dad de no - so - tros. Cor - de - ro de Dios, tú que qui - tas el pe - ca - do del
mer - cy up - on us. O Lamb . . of God, you . . take a - way the sin of the

mun - do: ten pie - dad de no - so - tros. Cor - de - ro de Dios, tú que
world; . . . have . . mer - cy up - on us. O Lamb . . of God, you . .

qui - tas el pe - ca - do del mun - do: ten pie - dad de no - so - tros, ten pie -
take a - way the sin of the world; . . . have . . mer - cy up - on us, have . .

dad de no - so - tros. Da - nos tu paz. A - mén.
mer - cy up - on us. Grant us your peace. A - men.

Please be seated.

COMMUNION INVITATION

All are welcome at the table. This is Christ's table where no one is a stranger.

(11:00) For those worshipping at home, hear these words spoken for you: The body of Christ given for you. The blood of Christ shed for you.

These are the gifts of God for the people of God.

Thanks be to God.

All are welcome at the table.

Grape juice and gluten-free wafers are available upon request to the server.

An usher will direct you down the center aisle, where you can pick up a communion cup. You are invited to stand or kneel in front of the table, beginning from the middle and moving toward the outside. After you have received the bread and the wine, please return to your seat by way of the side aisle, where an usher will receive your communion cup.

If you wish to receive communion from your pew, please let an usher know.

DISTRIBUTION HYMN

Give Us, Lord, a New Heart



Give us, Lord, a new heart; re-cre - ate your spir-it with - in us.

DISTRIBUTION HYMN

Christ Is the Life

1 Christ is the life of all that is, God's pure cre - a - tive
 2 Christ is the death of all that is; a broad and beck - 'ning
 3 Christ is the death of all that is, a bright, con - sum - ing
 4 Christ is the life of all that is, Be - gin - ning and the



Word, whose pow'r be - yond and through all space the
 tomb, who wel - comes us from well - worn ways to
 fire, whose flames re - quire our pri - or self as
 End; cre - a - tive force, most peace - ful death, trans -



worlds to Be - ing stirred. Christ is the life be - yond all
 dark - ness of the womb. Christ is the death, the sink - ing
 kin - dling for the pyre. Christ is the death of dust - y
 form - ing burn - ing brand. Christ is the life, in whose wise



time, cre - a - tion's birth and breath, whose la - bor
 down past all de - sire and fear, whose prom - ise
 days of un - cre - a - tive strife, for out from
 love cre - a - tion lives and dies and thus for -



brings all things to be and brings all things to death.
 in the gen - tle dark bids new - ness to ap - pear.
 fire we tread up - on the thresh - old of new life.
 ev - er - more shall bless the Source, the liv - ing Christ.

+BLESSING

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

Amen.

+POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

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

Amen.

SENDING

+SENDING HYMN

God of Grace and God of Glory

*Children and youth are invited to join the worship leaders as they recess
and gather at the rear of the sanctuary to share the dismissal.*

The musical score is written for a four-part choir (Soprano, Alto, Tenor, Bass) in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. It consists of eight staves, each with a vocal line and corresponding lyrics. The lyrics are arranged in four systems, each with four lines of text corresponding to the four voices. The first system of lyrics is: 1 God of grace and God of glo - ry, on your peo - ple; 2 Lo! The hosts of e - vil round us scorn the Christ, as -; 3 Cure your chil - dren's war - ring mad - ness; bend our pride to; 4 Save us from weak res - ig - na - tion to the e - vils. The second system is: pour your pow'r; crown your an - cient chur - ch's sto - ry; sail his ways! From the fears that long have bound us; your con - trol; shame our wan - ton, self - ish glad - ness; we de - plore; let the gift of your sal - va - tion. The third system is: bring its bud to glo - rious flow'r. Grant us wis - dom, grant us cour - age; free our hearts to faith and praise. Grant us wis - dom, grant us cour - age; rich in things and poor in soul. Grant us wis - dom, grant us cour - age; be our glo - ry ev - er - more. Grant us wis - dom, grant us cour - age;. The fourth system is: for the fac - ing of this hour, for the fac - ing of this hour. for the liv - ing of these days, for the liv - ing of these days. lest we miss your king - dom's goal, lest we miss your king - dom's goal. serv - ing you whom we a - dore, serv - ing you whom we a - dore.

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for the liv - ing of these days, for the liv - ing of these days.
lest we miss your king - dom's goal, lest we miss your king - dom's goal.
serv - ing you whom we a - dore, serv - ing you whom we a - dore.

+BENEDICTION

Beloved, we are God's own people, holy, washed, renewed.
God bless you and keep you, shower you with mercy, fill you with courage,
and ✠ give you peace.
Amen.

+DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Love your neighbors.
Thanks be to God.

Please share a sign of peace with others as you leave the worship space.

*You are invited to the Community Room
(located at the rear of the worship area) for a time of conversation and refreshments.*

"Christ Is Made the Sure Foundation" Text: Latin hymn, b. 7th cent.; tr. John Mason Neale, 1818-1866, alt.

Music: WESTMINSTER ABBEY, Henry Purcell, 1659, 1695; arr. Ernest Hawkins, 1802-1868

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"Holy God" Text: Traditional, Music: CHICAGO TRISAGION, Daniel Schwandt, b. 1977

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"God of Grace and God of Glory" Text: Harry E. Fosdick, 1878-1969. Music: CWM RHONDDA, John Hughes, 1873-1932

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We acknowledge that we gather on the Dakota Homeland.

LITURGY: ACS SETTING ELEVEN

WORSHIP PARTICIPANTS

8:45 AM		11:00 AM
Doug Mork	Preacher	Doug Mork
David Larson-Martínez	Presiding Minister	David Larson-Martínez
James Nysse	Cantor	James Nysse
Ginny Jordan, Mary Engen	Altar Guild	Vicki Bergman
Karen Batdorf	Assisting Minister	Tom Skold
Julie and Tom Cahoy	Ushers	Kathy Hollander, Rod Johnson
Amy Froiland-Parada	Communion	Roberta Shaw
Coffee Servers		
Chris Engen, Chuck Jordan	Counters	John Sulzbach
	Closer	John Sulzbach

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C O M M U N I T Y I N F O R M A T I O N

LENT SOUP SUPPERS AND EVENING PRAYER SERVICES

Lent is a time of renewal, regeneration, and growth. Please join us on Wednesdays during Lent for the following opportunities:

- Lenten supper from 6:00-6:50 p.m. in the Community Room.
- Open gym time with adult supervision from 5:30 to 6:30 p.m.
- Evening Prayer Service at 7:00 p.m. in the Bartsch Room; people of all ages are invited to worship.

NEW MEMBER ORIENTATION TODAY FROM 12:00 TO 1:30 P.M.

We invite interested persons to consider membership in this congregation. The orientation will be held from 12:00 to 1:30 p.m. in the library Today. Lunch will be served. There are no prerequisites; all are welcome. Please speak with Pastor David or Pastor Ingrid if you intend to come.

BOOK GROUP WITH PASTOR INGRID

In *The Art of Gathering*, Priya Parker argues that the gatherings in our lives are lackluster and unproductive—which they don't have to be. We rely too much on routine and the conventions of gatherings when we should focus on distinctiveness and the people involved. At a time when coming together is more important than ever, Parker sets forth a human-centered approach to gathering that will help everyone create meaningful, memorable experiences, large and small, for work and for play. Copies of the book are available in the Community Room. Plan to gather on the evening of April 15 for an informal discussion. Sign up by March 3.

HOLY COMMUNION INTERGENERATIONAL EVENT SUNDAY, MARCH 10

If you would like to serve as a leader in worship, this training is for you. Join us in the sanctuary from 10:00-10:45 a.m. We'll offer training for ushers, crucifers, assisting ministers, communion servers, altar guild, and coffee servers. Veterans and novices are welcome!

YOGA CLASSES AT HOLY TRINITY

Join us weekly, Wednesdays at noon or Thursdays at 7:30 p.m. Sign up in the Community Room to be a host of one of these classes and offer a warm welcome to those who come.

C H U R C H S C H E D U L E

Monday, March 4	5:30-6:20 PM 6:30-8:00 PM	Trinity Ringers Rehearsal Adult Choir Rehearsal
Tuesday, March 5	11:00 AM 2:00 PM	Worship Readings Discussion Knitting Group
Wednesday, March 6	12:00 PM 5:30-6:30 PM 5:45 PM 6:00 PM 7:00 PM	Yoga Playtime in the Gym Children's Choir Rehearsal Soup Supper Lenten Evening Prayer Service
Thursday, March 7	6:30 PM 7:30 PM	Big Meeting Night Yoga
Sunday, March 10	8:45 AM 10:00 AM 11:00 AM 11:00 AM 2:00 PM	DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME BEGINS Worship Service of Holy Communion Holy Communion Intergenerational Event Worship Service of Holy Communion Confirmation Bowling Outing Swahili Service

ADULT FORUM

10:00 a.m. each Sunday in the Library

TODAY "Seward Longfellow Restorative Justice"

Michele Braley, Executive Director

Seward Longfellow Restorative Justice was created by neighborhood volunteers almost 20 years ago. The murder of George Floyd and the unrest made a lasting impact on the role of restorative justice and SLRJ in your community. Michele Braley, who has led SLRJ for more than 15 years, will share some of the successes, challenges, and opportunities for restorative justice and SLRJ as we work together to reimagine public safety and community care.

March 10 Holy Communion Intergenerational Event

In place of our regular Sunday School, Confirmation, and Adult Forum offerings, we'll gather between services for some large and small group activities exploring Holy Communion. Join us at 10:00 a.m. in the Community Room.

A GUIDE TO HOLY WEEK

SUNDAY, MARCH 24—PALM SUNDAY

Worship services of Holy Communion at 8:45 a.m. and 11:00 a.m. begin with shouts of Hosanna! as we recall Jesus' entry into Jerusalem to disrupt powers of violence and oppression. Our 11:00 procession will begin outside near the Rain Garden.

THURSDAY, MARCH 28—MAUNDY THURSDAY

All are welcome to gather for Dinner Church at 6:00 p.m. as we begin our observance of the Three Days. The meal and worship will be interwoven. The liturgy on this day contains the elements that define Christianity: the church announces that sins are forgiven; we approach one another and God in vulnerability through foot washing; money is collected for the care of the neighbor; and we share Holy Communion, the meal that celebrates the living presence of Jesus among us. Children's Choir will help lead music for the service.

FRIDAY, MARCH 29—GOOD FRIDAY

The night's liturgy tells the story of Jesus' Passion. Tonight we meet Jesus at the foot of the cross. As we grieve his death, we voice our lives' laments. Even in the sorrow of this day, we trust in the resurrection promises given to us. We leave tonight's service in silence. The service begins at 7:00 p.m. in the Bartsch Room. The Adult Choir will lead our singing, and Andrew Winfield will grace us with music on cello.

SATURDAY, MARCH 30—VIGIL OF EASTER

Gathered together in the womb of night, we retell the stories of our faith, celebrate Christ's resurrection, and are renewed in the gift of baptism. A small group ensemble and soloists will lead the Easter Vigil, which will begin in the Bartsch Room this year at 5:00 p.m. so that families with young children can participate!

SUNDAY, MARCH 31—EASTER SUNDAY

Jesus is alive and with us! We gather for festival worship services of Holy Communion at 8:45 and 11:00 a.m. to celebrate this good news. The adult choirs, along with brass instruments, will help to lead worship. Christ is risen! Let us rejoice!