

Trinity Lutheran Church

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**Second
Sunday
In Lent**

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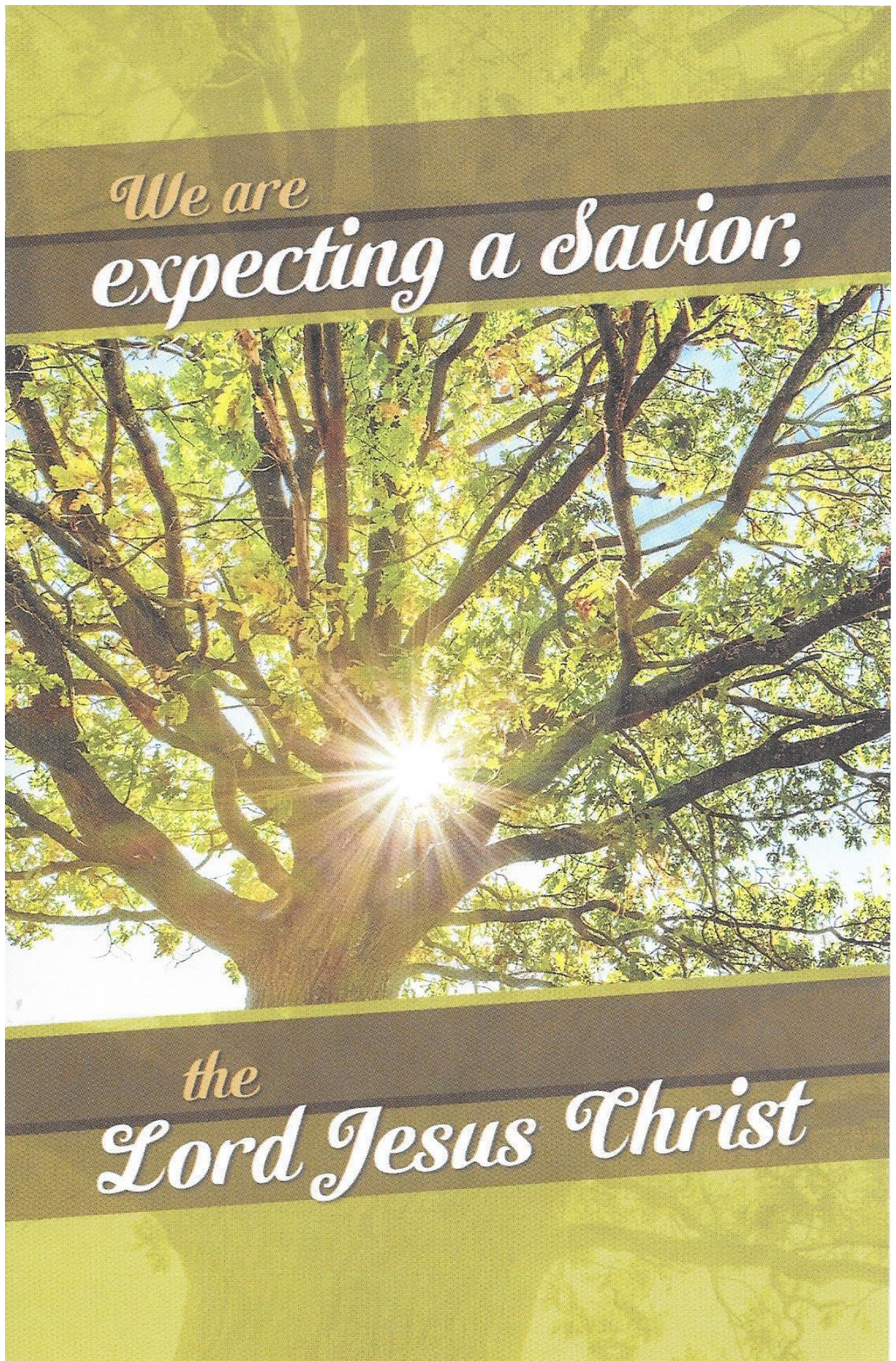
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*We are
expecting a Savior,*

*the
Lord Jesus Christ*

SECOND SUNDAY IN LENT SETTING THREE

9:00 A.M. ~ Sunday, March 13th, 2022



***THE LORD JESUS CHRIST WELCOMES ALL** who enter this house of worship! Today, we all gather 'round the risen Christ to receive his promises of forgiveness & life given in through the bread and cup. Children, not yet communing, are always invited to come and receive a personal blessing. During the time of offering, please sign the Friendship Pad as it is passed to you. If you are visiting today, we pray our service of worship together will be a special blessing to you as you are to us.*

GATHERING

WE PREPARE... *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 the face of the Lord again. Lent provides another occasion to behold the God of our salvation in the face of the Blessed One who "comes in the name of the Lord."*

RINGING OF THE BELL / PARISH NOTICES

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Blessed be the ✠ holy Trinity, the one who fashions us, the one who heals us, the one who reforms us again and again. **Amen.**

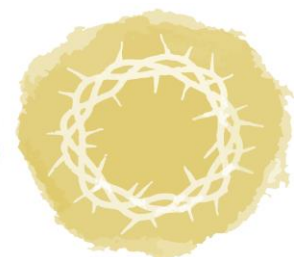
Let us confess our sin, calling for God's transforming power.

Silence is kept for reflection.

Source of all life,

we confess that we have not allowed your grace to set us free. We fear that we are not good enough. We hear your word of love freely given to us, yet we expect others to earn it. We turn the church inward, rather than moving it outward. Forgive us. Stir us. Reform us to be a church powered by love, willing to speak for what is right, act for what is just, and seek the healing of your whole creation. Amen.

God hears our cry and sends the Spirit to change us and to empower our lives in the world. Our sins are forgiven, ✠ God's love is unconditional, and we are raised up as God's people who will always be made new, in the name of Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

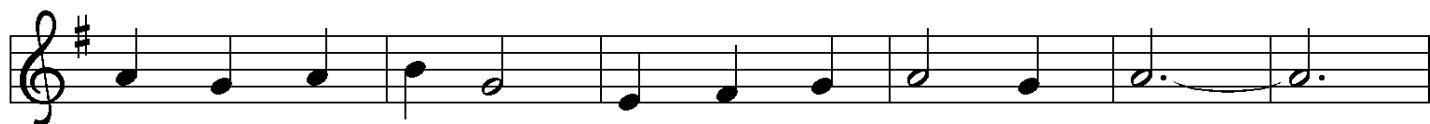




1 Long - ing for light, we wait in dark - ness. Long - ing for
 2 Long - ing for peace, our world is trou - bled. Long - ing for
 3 Long - ing for food, man - y are hun - gry. Long - ing for
 4 Long - ing for shel - ter, man - y are home - less. Long - ing for
 5 Man - y the gifts, man - y the peo - ple, man - y the



truth, we turn to you. Make us your own,
 hope, man - y de - spair. Your word a - lone
 wa - ter, man - y still thirst. Make us your bread,
 warmth, man - y are cold. Make us your build - ing,
 hearts that yearn to be - long. Let us be ser - vants



your ho - ly peo - ple, light for the world to see.
 has pow'r to save us. Make us your liv - ing voice.
 bro - ken for oth - ers, shared un - til all are fed.
 shel - ter - ing oth - ers, walls made of liv - ing stone.
 to one an - oth - er, signs of your king - dom come.



Refrain
 Christ, be our light! Shine in our hearts. Shine through the



dark - ness. Christ, be our light! Shine in your



church gath - ered to - day.

GREETING

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

PRAYER OF THE DAY

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

FIRST READING

Genesis 15:1-12, 17-18

The first reading is in Genesis chapter 15, verses 1–12, 17–18.

After these things the word of the LORD came to Abram in a vision, "Do not be afraid, Abram, I am your shield; your reward shall be very great." But Abram said, "O Lord GOD, what will you give me, for I continue childless, and the heir of my house is Eliezer of Damascus?" And Abram said, "You have given me no offspring, and so a slave born in my house is to be my heir." But the word of the LORD came to him, "This man shall not be your heir; no one but your very own issue shall be your heir." He brought him outside and said, "Look toward heaven and count the stars, if you are able to count them." Then he said to him, "So shall your descendants be." And he believed the LORD; and the LORD reckoned it to him as righteousness.

Then he said to him, "I am the LORD who brought you from Ur of the Chaldeans, to give you this land to possess." But he said, "O Lord GOD, how am I to know that I shall possess it?" He said to him, "Bring me a heifer three years old, a female goat three years old, a ram three years old, a turtledove, and a young pigeon." He brought him all these and cut them in two, laying each half over against the other; but he did not cut the birds in two. And when birds of prey came down on the carcasses, Abram drove them away.

As the sun was going down, a deep sleep fell upon Abram, and a deep and terrifying darkness descended upon him. When the sun had gone down and it was dark, a smoking fire pot and a flaming torch passed between these pieces. On that day the LORD made a covenant with Abram, saying, "To your descendants I give this land, from the river of Egypt to the great river, the river Euphrates."



The Word of the Lord **Thanks be to God**

SECOND READING

Philippians 3:17 - 4:1

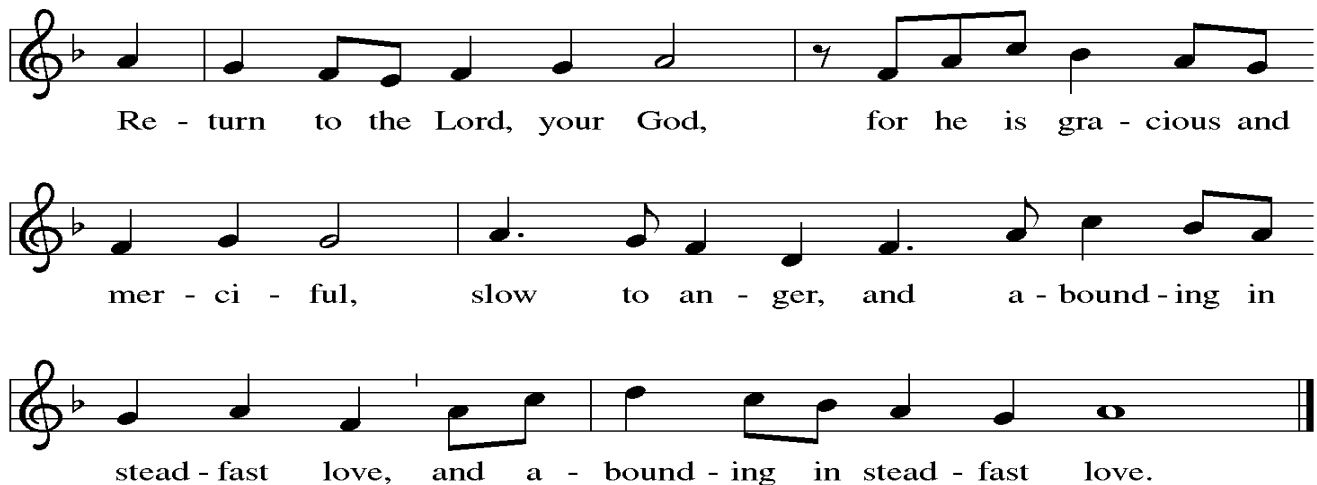
The second reading is in Philippians chapter 3, verse 17 through chapter 4, verse 1.

Brothers and sisters, join in imitating me, and observe those who live according to the example you have in us. 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. Their end is destruction; their god is the belly; and their glory is in their shame; their minds are set on earthly things. But our citizenship is in heaven, and it is from there that we are expecting a Savior, the Lord Jesus Christ. 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.

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.

The Word of the Lord **Thanks be to God.**

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



GOSPEL READING

Luke 13:31-35

The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke the 13th chapter. **Glory to you, O Lord.**

At that very hour some Pharisees came and said to him, "Get away from here, for Herod wants to kill you." 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. 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.' 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! 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.'"



**"Blessed is the one
who comes in the name
of the Lord."**

LUKE 13:35

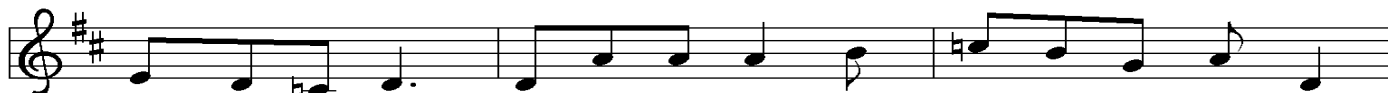
The Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

MESSAGE

Pastor Tim Mason



1 Here in this place the new light is stream-ing, now is the dark - ness
 2 We are the young, our lives are a mys - t'ry, we are the old who
 3 Here we will take the wine and the wa - ter, here we will take the
 4 Not in the dark of build-ings con - fin - ing, not in some heav - en,



van - ished a - way; see in this space our fears and our dream-ings
 yearn for your face; we have been sung through - out all of his - t'ry,
 bread of new birth, here you shall call your sons and your daugh - ters,
 light years a - way— here in this place the new light is shin - ing,



brought here to you in the light of this day.
 called to be light to the whole hu - man race.
 call us a - new to be salt for the earth.
 now is the king - dom, and now is the day.



Gath-er us in, the lost and for - sak - en, gath-er us in, the
 Gath-er us in, the rich and the haugh-ty, gath-er us in, the
 Give us to drink the wine of com-pas - sion, give us to eat the
 Gath-er us in and hold us for - ev - er, gath-er us in and



blind and the lame; call to us now, and we shall a - wak - en,
 proud and the strong; give us a heart, so meek and so low - ly,
 bread that is you; nour-ish us well, and teach us to fash - ion
 make us your own; gath - er us in, all peo - ples to - geth - er,



we shall a - rise at the sound of our name.
 give us the cour - age to en - ter the song.
 lives that are ho - ly and hearts that are true.
 fire . . of love in our flesh and our bone.

HOLY BAPTISM

In baptism our gracious heavenly Father frees us from sin and death by joining us to the death and resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ. We are born children of a fallen humanity; by water and the Holy Spirit we are reborn children of God and made members of the church, the body of Christ. Living with Christ and in the communion of saints, we grow in faith, love, and obedience to the will of God.

I present **Levi Benjamin and Declan Christopher Johnson** for baptism.

As you bring Levi and Declan to receive the gift of baptism, you are entrusted with responsibilities: to live with them among God's faithful people, bring them to the word of God and the holy supper, teach Levi and Declan the Lord's Prayer, the Creed, and the Ten Commandments, place in their hands the holy scriptures, and nurture them in faith and prayer, so that Levi and Declan may learn to trust God, proclaim Christ through word and deed, care for others and the world God made, and work for justice and peace.

Do you promise to help Levi and Declan grow in the Christian faith and life? **I do.**

Sponsors, do you promise to nurture Levi and Declan in the Christian faith as you are empowered by God's Spirit, and to help them live in the covenant of baptism and in communion with the church? **I do.**

People of God, do you promise to support Levi and Declan and pray for them in their new life in Christ?

We do.

PROFESSION OF FAITH

I ask you to profess your faith in Christ Jesus, reject sin, and confess the faith of the church.

Do you renounce the devil and all the forces that defy God? **I renounce them.**

Do you renounce the powers of this world that rebel against God? **I renounce them.**

Do you renounce the ways of sin that draw you from God? **I renounce them.**

Do you believe in God the Father?

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

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.

Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

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.

THANKSGIVING AT THE FONT

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

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

We give you thanks, O God, for in the beginning your Spirit moved over the waters and by your Word you created the world, calling forth life in which you took delight. Through the waters of the flood you delivered Noah and his family, and through the sea you led your people Israel from slavery into freedom. At the river your Son was baptized by John and anointed with the Holy Spirit. By the baptism of Jesus' death and resurrection you set us free from the power of sin and death and raise us up to live in you.

Pour out your Holy Spirit, the power of your living Word, that those who are washed in the waters of baptism may be given new life. To you be given honor and praise through Jesus Christ our Lord, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, now and forever. **Amen.**

Levi Benjamin Johnson, I baptize you in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

Declan Christopher Johnson, I baptize you in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

Let us pray. We give you thanks, O God, that through water and the Holy Spirit you give your daughters and sons new birth, cleanse them from sin, and raise them to eternal life. Sustain Levi and Declan with the gift of your Holy Spirit: the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the Lord, the spirit of joy in your presence, both now and forever. **Amen.**

Levi Benjamin and Declan Christopher, children of God, you have been sealed by the Holy Spirit and marked with the cross of Christ forever. **Amen.**

Let us welcome the newly baptized.

We welcome you into the body of Christ and into the mission we share: join us in giving thanks and praise to God and bearing God's creative and redeeming word to all the world.

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH God in your mercy....**Hear our prayer.**

PEACE The peace of Christ be with you always. **And also with you.**

SENDING

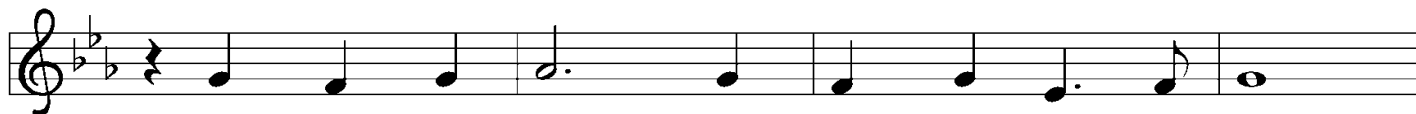
SENDING SONG

This is Our Song

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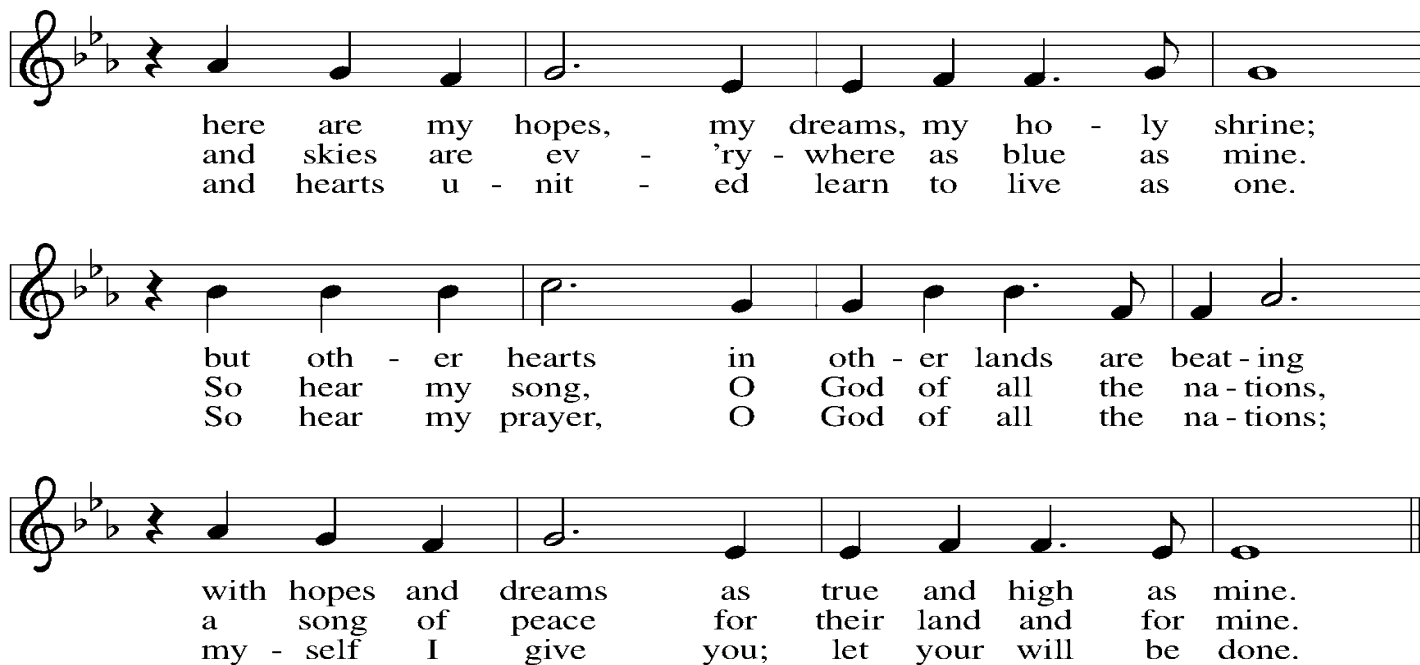
1 This is my song, O God of all the na - tions,
2 My coun - try's skies are blu - er than the o - cean,
3 This is my prayer, O God of all earth's king - doms,



a song of peace for lands a - far and mine.
and sun - light beams on clo - ver - leaf and pine.
your king - dom come; on earth your will be done.



This is my home, the coun - try where my heart is;
But oth - er lands have sun - light too, and clo - ver,
O God, be lift - ed up till all shall serve you,



DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Christ is with you. **Thanks be to God.**

Our Thanks To All Who Serve The Body Of Christ

| SUNDAY | 9:00 am Worship | Wednesday 7:00 pm Worship |
|-------------|-----------------------------|---------------------------|
| Accompanist | Mary Mulry | Mary Mulry |
| Acolyte | Paige Haala | Kayden Klein |
| Readers | Eric Wahlborg | *** |
| Sound Techs | Russ Sorensen | Russ Sorensen |
| Greeters | Rose Wall & Connie Johnson | *** |
| Ushers | Mike Peterson & Mark Miller | Jon Hansen |
| Altar Guild | Sara Sellner and Beth Klein | |



WE WELCOME into the Trinity family **Levi & Declan**, Children of Rose Wall. They are sponsored by Timothy, Darcy, and Gregory Wall, Blaine and Brady Anderson. May God give them the servant faith to fulfill the promises made before God and this congregation today, bringing Levi & Declan to share eternally in the Kingdom of God.
God bless Levi & Declan in their life of faith!

**Lenten Devotionals are available on the tables for all.
Please use them to ready yourself for this Holy Season.**

SOUP SUPPERS ARE BACK FOR LENT! Four choices of Soup along with bread will be served from 5:30-6:30. Lenten Worship will begin at 7:00pm. The Boards will serve the meal. Please join us for fellowship and Worship!

Many thanks to those supplying the soup!



MEALS THAT MATTER Remember! Prepared frozen meals are in the freezer for you to deliver to a friend or neighbor who have had a life changing event- illness, birth of a baby, death in the family, etc... *Be the hands of Jesus!*



OUR 2022 MEMBERSHIP DRIVE IS UNDERWAY. Membership is \$5 and greatly appreciated. Envelopes are available in the narthex. Please put your name on an envelope with donation inside, and place the envelope in the offering plate or leave it in the office.

This year Trinity is hosting Bingo on the fifth Friday of the months of April, July, September and December. The Home asks for two volunteers to assist. We will also be hosting the May 12th Birthday Party. We are asked to provide entertainment, two volunteers, and \$25 for cake and ice cream.

Thank you from St John's Home!

EASTER PLANTS ARE AVAILABLE FOR ORDER: If you would like a plant in memory or in honor of a loved one(s) you may now place your order by signing-up in the church office. There is a nice variety of plants to choose from to brighten our sanctuary on Easter morning, which you are welcomed to take home with you after the 9:00 am Easter service. The deadline for your order is *April 1st*.



The Board of Christian Education and Board of Young People's Work is excited to announce Jaclyn "Jackie" Nessett has been hired as our Faith Formation and Youth Ministry Coordinator. Jackie is a graduate of Sleepy

Eye Public School and a confirmed member of Trinity Lutheran Church. She was very involved in youth events and activities while in high school and she brings a lot of first hand knowledge and experience to us.

Jackie's main focuses will be Sunday School, Confirmation, Vacation Bible School. Summer/Youth activities such as trips and Green Lake Bible Camp. We believe Jackie will lead our children, youth and families with her strong faith and love for Jesus. Please welcome Jackie when you see her.

LUTHERAN DISASTER RESPONSE UKRAINE CONFLICT

FEBRUARY 2015

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Ongoing conflict in eastern Ukraine has forced millions of people to flee their homes. Currently, nearly 1 million people are displaced within Ukraine and approximately 650,000 people have fled to neighboring countries. Many are living in overcrowded, underground shelters with limited access to basic necessities.

As a church, we are called to respond. Lutheran Disaster Response is committed to walking with our brothers and sisters in Ukraine who are fleeing from the conflict. We are working with our partners from ACT Alliance,

Hungarian Interchurch Aid and the Russian Orthodox Church, to provide food, diapers, blankets, water, health kits, hygiene kits and psychosocial services to assist those who have fled their homes.

But we can't do this alone. Your gifts are needed for the Ukraine Conflict and will be used in full (100 percent) to assist those directly impacted. Working with our partners who are on the ground, your gifts will provide life-saving essentials. Thank you for your prayers, your partnership and your gifts.

Yes, I want to help!

- ☐ Lutheran Disaster Response: *Ukraine Conflict* \$ _____ IDG0091
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Make your check out to Lutheran Disaster Response and give through your congregation or send your check directly to:

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P.O. Box 1809, Merrifield, VA 22116-8009 and write "Ukraine Conflict" or
"Where needed most" on your check's memo line.



Evangelical Lutheran Church in America
God's work. Our hands.

March 13th, 2022

God protect us in troubled times.

DAILY BIBLE READINGS

These readings are related to the Lectionary readings for this Sunday.

We invite you to take time each day to read the assigned Bible passages.

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| Sunday | Luke 13:31-35 | Jesus' sorrow over Jerusalem |
| Monday | Zechariah 8:1-8, 14-23 | The Lord is jealous for Zion |
| Tuesday | Hosea 11:1-11 | God's love for Israel |
| Wednesday | Jeremiah 31:1-14 | The Lord will rebuild Israel |
| Thursday | Romans 11:25-32 | All Israel will be saved |
| Friday | Revelation 21:1-14, 22-27 | The new Jerusalem |
| Saturday | Psalms 105:1-11, 37-45 | God remembers his covenant |
| Sunday | Luke 13:1-9 | Parable of the fig tree |



SCRIPTURE VERSE FOR THIS WEEK

In times of trouble, you will protect me. You will hide me in your tent and keep me safe on top of a mighty rock.

Psalm 27:5

SAY, PRAY AND BLESS:

A Prayer for the Week: O God, help us to look beyond earthly things, and focus us on the greater things you have in mind. Amen. (Philippians 3:18- 21)

Mealttime Prayer: All things below, all things above, are gifts of your amazing love. Thanks be to you, O God. Amen.

A Blessing to Give: May God gather you into loving arms. May God hear your prayers for help and answer you with kindness. Amen.

CARING CONVERSATION

Discuss in your household or small group:

- Share about a time when you felt sad. In his life on earth, what caused Jesus to feel sad? (read Luke 13:34).
- What do we do and say that makes Jesus sad?
- Jesus longed to gather the people of Jerusalem to himself like a mother hen gathers her chicks.
What does this tell us about him?
- Have you ever felt Jesus "gather" you close to him? When and how?

DEVOTIONS

To distinguish Lent from "ordinary" time, call the household to meals in a new way. Have family members take turns ringing a small bell as the call to meals. Light a candle and have a few moments of silence before saying grace.

SERVICE

This week, commit to one "daily deed" of service to one another. Think about small acts of service that show love and care. Is there laundry to sort or dishes to be washed? Is there a floor that needs sweeping or a room that needs dusting? Put up a list of the "daily deeds" you commit to perform.

RITUALS AND TRADITIONS

During Lent, we refrain from singing or saying "Alleluia" during worship (a Hebrew word meaning "praise to God"). This is a way to highlight the serious and reflective nature of the Lenten season. Symbolize the silencing of "Alleluia" at home by making a banner with the word on it, rolling it up and putting it away in a cupboard until Easter Sunday. On Easter morning, bring out the banner and celebrate the resurrection of Jesus with your spoken or sung Alleluia's.

Your home observance of Lent can be enhanced by the use of symbols. Consider using each of these four symbols in the coming weeks:

- **Crucifix:** put it in a prominent place as a powerful, stirring reminder of God's love
- **Bowl of Water:** as a reminder of baptism, mark one another with the sign of the cross
- **Bowl of Sand:** reminds us of Jesus' forty days of temptation in the desert, and our own call to resist temptation
- **Bible:** read one or more verses for your household each day

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Please take your bulletin home for weekly devotions



Trinity's Mission Statement

*We are a community where Jesus is
Lord: our mission is to invite,
welcome, nurture, and equip all
people to be disciples in His name.*

TRINITY'S PRAYER CHAIN Send an email to secretary@trinitysleepyeve.org or call the office at 507 794-5051. Leave a message.

TRINITY'S WEBPAGE Send an email to the church office at secretary@trinitysleepyeve.org and let Darlene know you want your newsletter via email!

**TRINITY IS NOW ON FACEBOOK
CHECK IT OUT!!**

"Trinity Lutheran (ELCA) Sleepy Eye MN"

The Trinity Tidings newsletter is now also posted on www.sleepyeveonline.com watch this site for community news and events.



If you haven't already, please consider *Simply Giving*, an automated giving program for your offering. You determine the frequency of your offering which is deposited into Trinity's account the same day it is withdrawn from your account. It's a "hassle-free" way to give.

Talk to Pat or Darlene if you are interested. Thank You. *Please pick up your statements and envelopes in your mailbox. Thank You!*

This Week's Prayer Concerns

Pray for the Church...that the Holy Spirit would empower us to live in the image of God so that we would speak and act in every way bringing glory to God before all the nations and peoples with what we have been given...

Pray for our World...that pain of this Covid-19 pandemic, which has penetrated so many lives that your light Lord would help us to see your presence and that the Spirit would lead us to seek the truth and practice grace for all who are hurting...

Pray for all who are ill, afflicted, or recovering...that the Holy Spirit would give comfort and daily strength to **Judy, Beth, Sue, Joan, Lois, Joyce, Dylan, Emma, Ed, Story, Tina, Tammy, Ethan, Robyn, David, Carmen, Julia Ann, Linette, Tammy, John, Sandy, Tony, Ted, Connor, Sue, Ed, Kimora, and Mary Jo.**

Pray for the beloved... who now rest from their labors in God's mercy and for all who mourn the personal loss of loved ones.... that God would fill each one with the hope of our Lord's promise to bring us to a new heaven and earth where suffering, crying, pain and death will be no more....

Pray for all families...that the Holy Spirit would bring compassion and mercy to all who are separated from one another and each would give way to mercy, love and reconciliation...

Pray for those preparing for marriage and those newly married...that God would be glorified in their union, filling every couple with the light and truth of God's grace and power throughout their lives ...

Pray for the men and women serving in the Armed Forces and those far from home...for **Brady Augustin** and his wife (Donna Augustin's son stationed in Italy)...and for all of our military Veterans that the Holy Spirit would guard them in safety and keep their hearts stayed in Christ...

Pray for the missionaries of our church (ELCA)...that they proclaim their witness of the Gospel throughout the world.

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