

Third Sunday in Lent

March 3, 2024



**TRINITY EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH
EAST BERLIN, PENNSYLVANIA**

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Refugees
Ukraine and its people
Those with private
concerns
Recent shooting
victims & their families
Hurricane/Flood
Victims
People of Israel
Innocent Victims in
Gaza

WELCOME & INTRODUCTION TO THE DAY

The third covenant in this year's Lenten readings is the central one of Israel's history: the gift of the law to those God freed from slavery. The commandments begin with the statement that because God alone has freed us from the powers that oppressed us, we are to let nothing else claim first place in our lives. When Jesus throws the merchants out of the temple, he is defending the worship of God alone and rejecting the ways commerce and profit-making can become our gods. The Ten Commandments are essential to our baptismal call: centered first in God's liberating love, we strive to live out justice and mercy in our communities and the world.

PRELUDE

"There is a Balm in Gilead"

Robert J. Powell

A TIME FOR CHILDREN

Rev. Susan McCarthy

Children are invited to come to the front of the nave for a time of worship and learning.

*GATHERING HYMN

"Canticle of the Turning"

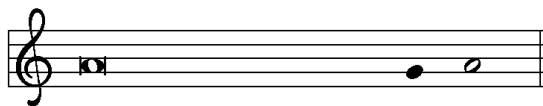
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*APOSTOLIC GREETING

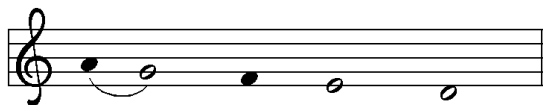
The healing power of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

And also with you.

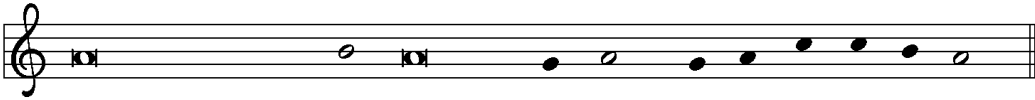
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In peace, let us pray to the Lord.



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.



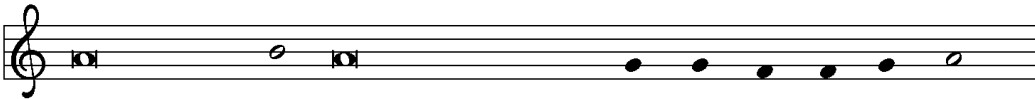
For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God,



and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



For this holy 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.

***SALUTATION AND PRAYER OF THE DAY**

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Let us pray.

Holy God, through your Son you have called us to live faithfully and act courageously. Keep us steadfast in your covenant of grace, and teach us the wisdom that comes only through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

HEBREW BIBLE LESSON: Exodus 20:1-17

After escaping from slavery, the Israelites come to Mount Sinai, where God teaches them how to live in community. The Ten Commandments proclaim that God alone is worthy of worship. Flowing from God, the life of the community flourishes when based on honesty, trust, fidelity, and respect for life, family, and property.

¹God spoke all these words:

²I am the LORD your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery; ³you shall have no other gods before me.

⁴You shall not make for yourself an idol, whether in the form of anything that is in heaven above, or that is on the earth beneath, or that is in the water under the earth. ⁵You shall not bow down to them or worship them; for I the LORD your God am a jealous God, punishing children for the iniquity of parents, to the third and the fourth generation of those who reject me, ⁶but showing steadfast love to the thousandth generation of those who love me and keep my commandments.

⁷You shall not make wrongful use of the name of the LORD your God, for the LORD will not acquit anyone who misuses his name.

⁸Remember the sabbath day, and keep it holy. ⁹Six days you shall labor and do all your work. ¹⁰But the seventh day is a sabbath to the LORD your God; you shall not do any work—you, your son or your daughter, your male or female slave, your livestock, or the alien resident in your towns. ¹¹For in six days the LORD made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that is in them, but rested the

seventh day; therefore the LORD blessed the sabbath day and consecrated it.

¹²Honor your father and your mother, so that your days may be long in the land that the LORD your God is giving you.

¹³You shall not murder.

¹⁴You shall not commit adultery.

¹⁵You shall not steal.

¹⁶You shall not bear false witness against your neighbor.

¹⁷You shall not covet your neighbor's house; you shall not covet your neighbor's wife, or male or female slave, or ox, or donkey, or anything that belongs to your neighbor.

Word of God, word of life

Thanks be to God

***GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**



Re - turn to the Lord, your God, for he is gra - cious and mer - ci - ful,



slow to an - ger, and a - bound - ing in stead - fast love.

***HOLY GOSPEL: John 2:13-22**

The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the 2nd chapter.

Glory to you, O Lord.

Jesus attacks the commercialization of religion by driving merchants out of the temple. When challenged, he responds mysteriously, with the first prediction of his own death and resurrection. In the midst of a seemingly stable religious center, Jesus suggests that the center itself has changed.

¹³The Passover of the Jews was near, and Jesus went up to Jerusalem. ¹⁴In the temple he found people selling cattle, sheep, and doves, and the money changers seated at their tables. ¹⁵Making a whip of cords, he drove all of them

out of the temple, both the sheep and the cattle. He also poured out the coins of the money changers and overturned their tables. ¹⁶He told those who were selling the doves, “Take these things out of here! Stop making my Father’s house a marketplace!” ¹⁷His disciples remembered that it was written, “Zeal for your house will consume me.” ¹⁸The Jews then said to him, “What sign can you show us for doing this?” ¹⁹Jesus answered them, “Destroy this temple, and in three days I will raise it up.” ²⁰The Jews then said, “This temple has been under construction for forty-six years, and will you raise it up in three days?” ²¹But he was speaking of the temple of his body. ²²After he was raised from the dead, his disciples remembered that he had said this; and they believed the scripture and the word that Jesus had spoken.

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON

Rev. Susan J. McCarthy

***HYMN OF THE DAY**

“There Is a Balm in Gilead”

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HEALING LITURGY

***INTRODUCTION**

Our Lord Jesus healed many as a sign of the reign of God come near and sent the disciples to continue this work of healing -- with prayer, the laying on of hands, and anointing. In the name of Christ, the great healer and reconciler of the world, we now entrust to God all who are in need of healing.

***PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION**

Let us pray for the whole people of God in Christ Jesus, and especially for all who are suffering or are in any affliction.

Silent prayer may follow.

Merciful God, you sent your Son to be our peace. Help all those who suffer any pain or grief, hopelessness or anxiety. In your great mercy,
hear us, O God.

Mighty God, mercifully grant strength to the weak and comfort to those who suffer, that their sickness and pain may be turned into health. In your great mercy,

hear us, O God.

God of peace and reconciliation, bring an end to the sickness of the world, especially violence, terrorism, war, and their causes. In your great mercy,

hear us, O God.

Holy God, Holy One, your Son prayed that your people may be one. May the gift of baptism be a power for healing the church's brokenness, and bless all efforts for renewal and Christian unity. In your great mercy,

hear us, O God.

Loving God, mend broken relationships and bring peace to our families, our congregation, this community, and the world. In your great mercy,

hear us, O God.

Other petitions may be offered.

Holy One, your presence never leaves us. Be with those in our hearts and on our minds who are in need of care. We lift before you especially those names and concerns on our prayer list. In your great mercy,

hear us, O God.

Eternal God, we thank you for all the faithful departed. Heal the pain of all who grieve. In your great mercy,

hear us, O God.

O God, we bring these intercessions before you, knowing that you will hear us as you have promised, and will answer according to the mercy shown in Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.



Please be seated.

LAYING ON OF HANDS and PERSONAL PRAYER

P Sisters and brothers, I invite you to come and receive a sign of healing and wholeness in the name of the triune God.

(Those who wish to receive prayer, laying on of hands and anointing may approach a minister at the front of the sanctuary. You may come forward on behalf of yourself or another person and may return for more than one intention/anointing.)

P In the name of Jesus Christ, be strengthened and filled with God's grace, that you may know the healing power of the Spirit. Amen.

After all have returned to their places, the presiding minister continues.

Let us pray. Living God, grant comfort in suffering to all who are in need of healing. When they are afraid, give them courage; when afflicted, give them patience; when dejected, give them hope; and when alone, assure them of the support of your holy people. We ask this through Christ our Lord.

Amen.

***PEACE**

The peace of Christ be with you always.

And also with you.

Those gathered offer a sign of Christ's peace with those around them. This may be a handshake, a hug, a wave, a smile, etc.

OFFERING

The season of Lent invites us to deeper discipleship and closer relationships with the Lord and with each other. Thank you for dedicating your life to Christ's work and to our neighbors here in East Berlin and around the world. This Lent, let us renew our focus on giving of ourselves in the name of Love.

OFFERING

“A Lenten Prayer”

Robert J. Powell

*OFFERTORY



What shall I ren-der to the Lord for all his ben - e - fits to me?



I will of-fer the sac-ri- fice of thanks- giv - ing and will call on the



name of the Lord. I will take the cup of sal - va - tion and will



call on the name of the Lord. I will pay my vows to the Lord now in the



pres-ence of all his peo - ple, in the courts of the Lord's house,



in the midst of you, O Je - ru - sa - lem.

***OFFERING PRAYER**

Let us pray.

Jesus, you are the bread of life and the host of this meal. Bless these gifts that we have gathered so 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.

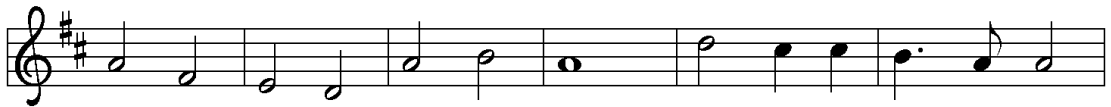
Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give God 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, 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:



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, Lord God of pow'r and might,



heav'n and earth are full of your glo - ry.



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.

***EUCHARISTIC PRAYER**

In the night in which he was betrayed,

our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks;

broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying:

Take and eat; this is my body, given for you.

Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks,

and gave it for all to drink, saying:

This cup is the new covenant in my blood,

shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin.

Do this for the remembrance of me.



*LORD'S PRAYER

Lord, remember us in your kingdom, and teach us 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

Bread for the journey. A feast for hungry hearts. Come!

Thanks be to God!

DISTRIBUTION OF COMMUNION

We believe Christ himself invites you to this holy meal. All believers are welcome to receive the sacrament at his table. Holy Communion will be served in a continuous flow. Please come forward to receive the bread and wine from the ministers. Also available are gluten free wafers, grape juice, and sealed pre-consecrated wafer/juice packets.

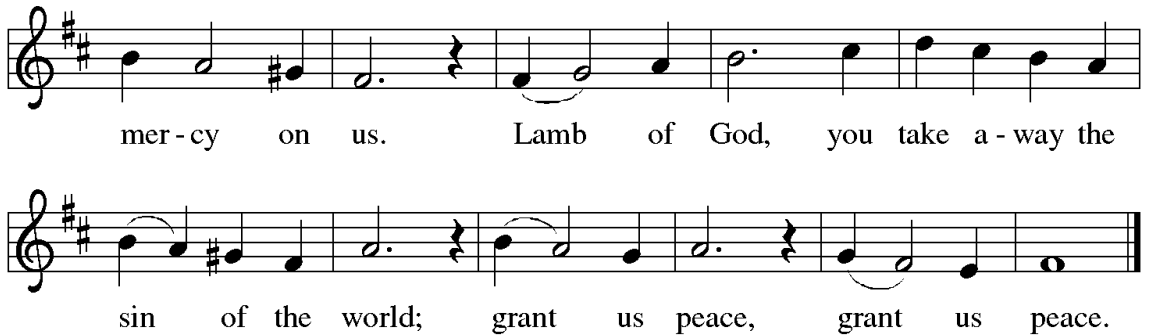
*LAMB OF GOD



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 HYMNS

“How Great Thou Art”

ELW 856

“When I Survey the Wondrous Cross”

ELW 803

“O God, My Faithful God”

ELW 806

*POST COMMUNION BLESSING

The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.

Amen.

*POST COMMUNION PRAYER

Let us pray.

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.

*ANNOUNCEMENTS

*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. Share your bread.

Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

“O God, My Faithful God”

Michael Burkhardt



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Announcements

*To Serve God And His Church
During The Coming Week*

Sunday.....	10:30a.m.	Christian Education
Sunday.....	10:30a.m.	Drive-Through Communion
Sunday.....	6:00p.m.	East Berlin Singers Rehearse
Sunday.....	6:30p.m.	AA Meeting
Monday.....	6:00p.m.	Bible Study
Monday.....	6:30p.m.	Girl Scouts
Tuesday.....	7:00p.m.	WELCA
Wednesday.....	8:30a.m.	Fellowship @ Graybill's
Wednesday.....	10:00a.m.	Prayer Service
Wednesday.....	12:00p.m.	Lenten Lunch (St Johns)
Wednesday.....	3:00p.m.	Fellowship Time
Wednesday.....	4:00-6:00p.m.	Food Pantry
Wednesday.....	7:00p.m.	Handbell Rehearsal
Thursday.....	8:30a.m.	Cleaning Crew #1
Thursday.....	9:00a.m.	Worship & Music
Thursday.....	6:30p.m.	AA Meeting
Sunday.....	8:15a.m.	Choir Rehearsal
Sunday.....	9:00a.m.	Word & Sacrament

Assisting in the Service Today: Assisting Minister: Sue Clauser; Lector: Bob King; Communion Assistant: Violet Chidester; Ushers: Bob & Deb King, Sandy Emig; Altar Guild: Janet McMaster; Hymn Leader: Chris Long; Kid's Cookie Break: Erin Hermansen; Acolyte: Konner Hermansen.

We welcome visitors – If you have questions during worship, feel free to ask the ushers in the back or anyone around you. We believe Christ himself invites us to His Table; all believers are invited to share in Holy Communion. If you'd like to join our mailing list, please fill out a visitors' slip and place it in the offering plate or scan the QR code here. We're glad to have you with us!



Thanks to Sami Kurtz & Katie McCully for our special music!

A Service of Healing will be held this morning during our worship. Everyone is welcome to come forward.

Offering Plates are located in the rear of the sanctuary and in the narthex (lobby) near the front entrance. Please make your giving your first or last act of worship today. Thank you for participating in Christ's ministry here!

Kids' Cookie Break: Kids 6th grade & younger are invited to take a break after the Gospel to GO to the Social Hall for a snack & activity. They'll return in time for Holy Communion.

Bible Study: Join us for Bible Study Monday evenings at 6:00pm via zoom. The link will be sent in Monday's announcement email.

Drive-Through Communion will be held this morning, Sunday, March 3 at 10:30am. If you prefer to receive communion from your vehicle, stop by after worship in the parking lot this Sunday. Call the church office if you have questions.

Easter Flowers order forms are available at the back entrance and also in the Narthex. Last Day to order is March 10. The cost is \$9 each for tulips & lilies.

Filling Easter Eggs: We need help filling Easter eggs with goodies for the kiddos! Please take home some empty eggs (from the basket in the downstairs vestibule) and return the filled eggs by Sunday, March 24. The children will have an egg hunt after rehearsal on Saturday, Mar 30. If your child would like to take part in the Children's Easter Program on Sunday, March 31, please contact Joshlyn Sharrer (or the church office) so she can provide your child with a part in the program. The rehearsal/lunch/egg hunt will be held Saturday, March 30 at 4pm.

WELCA: The women of ELCA will meet Tuesday, March 5 at 7 PM in the social hall at Trinity. We will be assembling boxes and planting fresh lettuce seeds. We are hoping to have them growing in time to pass out to the April Food Pantry families. We may ask you for your help by taking boxes home to nurse them along in your own windowsills.

Trinity's Retreat (March 15-17) is for having lots of fun and fellowship while growing in Christian faith. Camp Nawakwa is 30 minutes away and carpooling will be available. Come for the weekend and stay in a room that sleeps up to 2 adults and 3 kids and enjoy 5 meals. (\$75 per room for first night; second night free.) Or, come for the days and sleep at home each night. \$25 per adult for the weekend, which includes all activities and 5 meals.

Ruth's Harvest packing will be held on Wednesday, March 20 (beginning at 1:15pm). Trinity was asked to donate tuna/chicken salad packs and individual cereal boxes.

Lenten Mid-week Services & Luncheons continue this Wednesday, March 6 at 12:00 noon at St. John's Lutheran Church in Abbottstown.

Thrivent Members: In 2023, Trinity received \$1,770 in Thrivent Choice Dollars grant funding. As a reminder, eligible Thrivent members with remaining 2023 Choice Dollars® have until March 31, 2024, to designate any undirected funds. For more information, visit Thrivent.com/thriventchoice or call 800-847-4836 and say "Thrivent Choice" after the prompt. Through Thrivent Choice®, clients with membership can contribute to organizations and causes they care about—and influence how Thrivent distributes some of its charitable grant funding through Choice Dollars®. Together, we make a difference Through Thrivent's Generosity Programs. A heartfelt thanks to all of you who have used Thrivent's generosity programs to support our church. Once again you showed us how, together, we can make a difference by helping to strengthen communities and change lives. Go to Thrivent.com/generosity to learn more.

Each of you must give as you have made up your mind, not regretfully or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver. --2Corinthians 9:7
MANY THANKS to you for your generous support of our general operating expenses and ministries here at Trinity! Your prayerful participation in giving time, talent and treasure make Christ's work possible here. Thank You!

2024 Weekly Contributions			
Budget vs. Actual			
Through February 26, 2024			
Month	Amount	YTD 2024	%
February Budgeted Income	17,744	39,923	
February Actual income	20,115	40,701	
Over/(Under)Budgeted Income	2,372	777	1.9

February 25, 2024 Worship Totals

Church Service.....69
 Online Livestream *Views.....*48/96

*Our church attendance record is maintained for both in-person attendance and online views through Trinity's YouTube page. The ELCA offers guidance for tracking online worship attendance. The number of online views is counted for seven days following the service. Each view is multiplied by 2 (as an average household).



***Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church
East Berlin, Pennsylvania***

Our Mission: We are a family of Christian disciples committed to making Christ known while loving and serving God and neighbors.

Our Vision: To fulfill our mission, we will:

Worship through liturgy, music, prayer & Sacraments;

Teach God's Word and nurture spiritual growth;

Serve and provide for those in need;

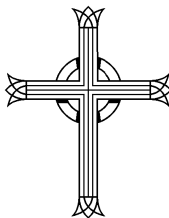
Witness to others by sharing the Gospel;

Celebrate with fellowship;

Return with joy what God has given;

Be active in our community and the Church.

Worship, Serve, Celebrate!



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