

Fifth Sunday in Lent

March 17, 2024



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

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

WELCOME & INTRODUCTION TO THE DAY

God promises Jeremiah that a “new covenant” will be made in the future: a covenant that will allow all the people to know God by heart. The church sees this promise fulfilled in Christ, who draws all people to himself when he is lifted up on the cross. Our baptismal covenant draws us to God’s heart through Christ and draws God’s love and truth into our hearts. We join together in worship, sharing in word, song, and meal, and leave strengthened to share God’s love with all the world.

PRELUDE

“All Things Bright & Beautiful”

Keith Kolander

A TIME FOR CHILDREN

Rev. Dan Biles

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

*CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

The assembly stands. The sign of the cross may be made by all in remembrance of their Baptism.

In the name of the Father, and of the ✚ Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen

If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. But if we confess our sins, God who is faithful and just will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

Silence for reflection and self-examination.

Most merciful God,

we confess that we are in bondage to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name. Amen

The minister stands and addresses the congregation.

Almighty God, in his mercy, has given his Son to die for us and, for his sake, forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained minister of the Church of Christ, and by his authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the **+** Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen

***GATHERING HYMN**

“The Lord’s My Shepherd”

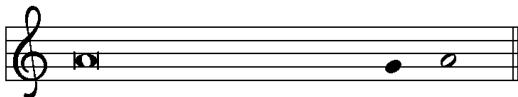
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***APOSTOLIC GREETING**

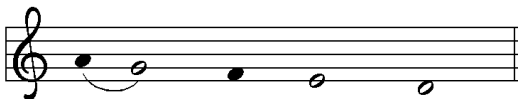
The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

And also with you.

***KYRIE**



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.



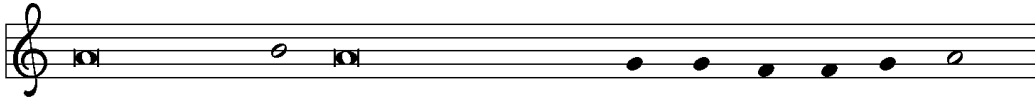
For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God,



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.

O God, with steadfast love you draw us to yourself, and in mercy you receive our prayers. Strengthen us to bring forth the fruits of the Spirit, that through life and death we may live 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.

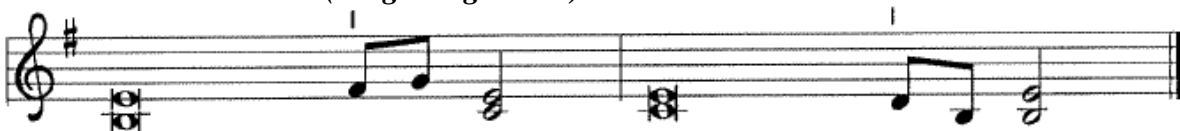
FIRST READING: Jeremiah 31:31-34

The Judeans in Babylon blamed their exile on their ancestors, who had broken the covenant established at Sinai. Here the prophet looks to a day when God will make a new covenant with the people. There will be no need to teach the law, because God will write it on their hearts.

³¹The days are surely coming, says the LORD, when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and the house of Judah. ³²It will not be like the covenant that I made with their ancestors when I took them by the hand to bring them out of the land of Egypt—a covenant that they broke, though I was their husband, says the LORD. ³³But this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, says the LORD: I will put my law within them, and I will write it on their hearts; and I will be their God, and they shall be my people. ³⁴No longer shall they teach one another, or say to each other, “Know the LORD,” for they shall all know me, from the least of them to the greatest, says the LORD; for I will forgive their iniquity, and remember their sin no more.
Word of God, word of life.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM: Psalm 51:1-12 (sung using tone 8)



¹Have mercy on me, O God, according to your | steadfast love;
in your great compassion blot out | my offenses.

²**Wash me through and through | from my wickedness,
and cleanse me | from my sin.**

³For I know | my offenses,
and my sin is ev- | er before me.

⁴**Against you only have I sinned and done what is evil | in your sight;
so you are justified when you speak and right | in your judgment.**

⁵Indeed, I was born | steeped in wickedness,
a sinner from my | mother's womb.

⁶**Indeed, you delight in truth | deep within me,
and would have me know wisdom | deep within.**

⁷Remove my sins with hyssop, and I | shall be clean;
wash me, and I shall be pur- | er than snow.

⁸**Let me hear | joy and gladness;
that the body you have broken | may rejoice.**

⁹Hide your face | from my sins,
and blot out | all my wickedness.

¹⁰**Create in me a clean | heart, O God,
and renew a right spir- | it within me.**

¹¹Cast me not away | from your presence,
and take not your Holy Spir- | it from me.

¹²**Restore to me the joy of | your salvation
and sustain me with your boun- | tiful Spirit.**

This ends the Psalm.

SECOND READING: Hebrews 5:5-10

Using priestly imagery and references to the Old Testament, the author explains how Christ lived in trusting obedience to God, and so God has made Christ the source of our eternal salvation.

⁵Christ did not glorify himself in becoming a high priest, but was appointed by the one who said to him,

“You are my Son,
today I have begotten you”;

⁶as he says also in another place,

“You are a priest forever,
according to the order of Melchizedek.”

⁷In the days of his flesh, Jesus offered up prayers and supplications, with loud cries and tears, to the one who was able to save him from death, and he was heard because of his reverent submission. ⁸Although he was a Son, he learned obedience through what he suffered; ⁹and having been made perfect, he became the source of eternal salvation for all who obey him, ¹⁰having been designated by God a high priest according to the order of Melchizedek.

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 12:20-33**

The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the 12th chapter.

Glory to you, O Lord.

Jesus entered Jerusalem for the last time to celebrate the Passover festival. Here Jesus' words about seeds planted in the ground turn the disaster of his death into the promise of a harvest in which everyone will be gathered.

²⁰Now among those who went up to worship at the festival were some Greeks. ²¹They came to Philip, who was from Bethsaida in Galilee, and said to him, "Sir, we wish to see Jesus." ²²Philip went and told Andrew; then Andrew and Philip went and told Jesus. ²³Jesus answered them, "The hour has come for the Son of Man to be glorified. ²⁴Very truly, I tell you, unless a grain of wheat falls into the earth and dies, it remains just a single grain; but if it dies, it bears much fruit. ²⁵Those who love their life lose it, and those who hate their life in this world will keep it for eternal life. ²⁶Whoever serves me must follow me, and where I am, there will my servant be also. Whoever serves me, the Father will honor.

²⁷"Now my soul is troubled. And what should I say—'Father, save me from this hour'? No, it is for this reason that I have come to this hour. ²⁸Father, glorify your name." Then a voice came from heaven, "I have glorified it, and I will glorify it again." ²⁹The crowd standing there heard it and said that it was thunder. Others said, "An angel has spoken to him." ³⁰Jesus answered, "This voice has come for your sake, not for mine. ³¹Now is the judgment of this world; now the ruler of this world will be driven out. ³²And I, when I am lifted up from the earth, will draw all people to myself." ³³He said this to indicate the kind of death he was to die.

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

KIDS' COOKIE BREAK

Children are invited to the social hall for an activity and a snack.

SERMON

Rev. Dan Biles

***HYMN OF THE DAY**

"Now the Green Blade Rises"

ELW 379

***NICENE CREED**

Let us confess our faith, using the words of the Nicene Creed.

**We believe in one God,
the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,
the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God,
begotten, not made,
of one Being with the Father.
Through him all things were made.**

**For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven;
by the power of the Holy Spirit
he became incarnate from the virgin Mary,
and was made man.**

**For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered death and was buried.
On the third day he rose again
in accordance with the Scriptures;
he ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.**

**He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son.
With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified.
He has spoken through the prophets.
We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.
We acknowledge one Baptism for the forgiveness of sins.
We look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come. Amen**

***PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE**

We begin our prayer together in worship each week. Please continue our prayer Monday-Saturday by praying each day for the concerns of the church, the world, and all those in need. Please pray for those on our prayer list daily.

Trusting in God's promise to reconcile all things, let us pray for the church, the well-being of creation, and a world in need.

A brief silence.

God of the covenant, through the church you draw us into community. We give thanks for the means of grace around which we gather. Inspire writers, musicians, and artists whose creative gifts adorn our worship. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

God of all that exists, you lavish the earth with extravagant beauty. Preserve the rich and complex diversity of living things. Support local, national, and international efforts to protect the environment for future generations. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

God of the nations, you desire peace and plenty for all people. Defend those who challenge oppression and expose corruption. Support advocates for human rights, social justice, and the welfare of children. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

God of good will, you restore what is broken. We pray for any experiencing estrangement, conflict, or abuse in families and intimate relationships. Protect and comfort all who are vulnerable, especially those living in institutions, those we name before you now, *pause for individual prayer*, and those on our prayer list. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

God of every time and place, you are with us. Support ministries of prayer and presence in this congregation. Move us to reach out to any who are homebound, lonely, grieving, in treatment, or ill. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

Here other intercessions may be offered.

God of promise, we give thanks for the saints whose faith inspires us *especially* Patrick, missionary to Ireland, whom we commemorate today. Grant us faith to trust in your everlasting love. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

Accompany us on our journey, God of grace, and receive the prayers of our hearts, through Jesus Christ, our Savior.

Amen.

***PEACE**

The peace of the Lord 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

"Christ Within Me"

Benjamin Harlen

***OFFERTORY**



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



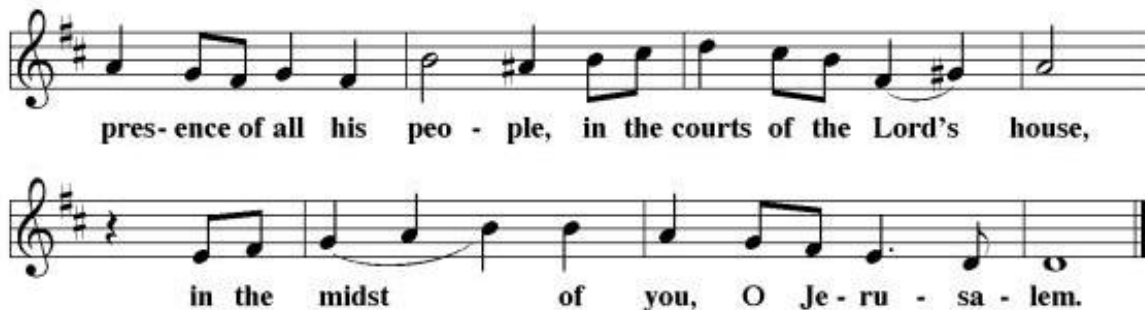
I will of- fer the sac-ri - fice of thanks- giv - ing and will call on the



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. Blessed are you,

O Lord our God, maker of all things. Through your goodness you have blessed us with these gifts. With them we offer ourselves to your service and dedicate our lives to the care and redemption of all that you have made, for the sake of him who gave himself for us, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

***GREAT THANKSGIVING**

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

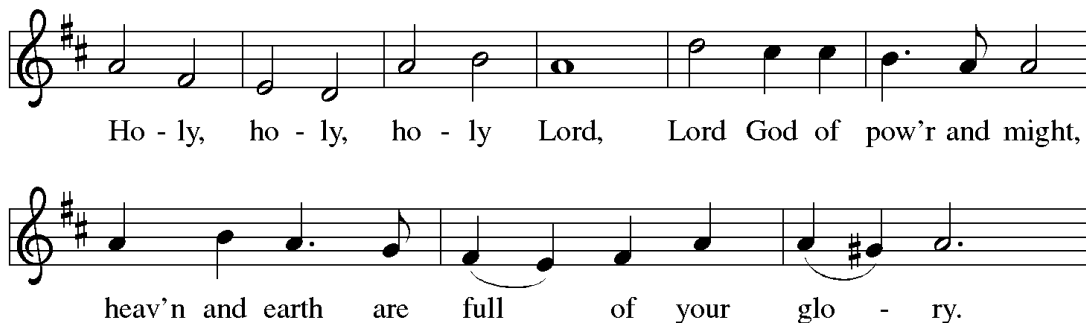
Lift up your hearts.

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 and salutary that we should at all times and in all places offer thanks and praise to you, O Lord, holy Father, through Christ our Lord. You bid your people cleanse their hearts and prepare with joy for the paschal feast. Renew our zeal in faith and life, and bring us to the fullness of grace that belongs to the children of God. And so, 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**

Blessed are you, Lord of heaven and earth.

In mercy for our fallen world you gave your only Son,
that all those who believe in him should not perish,
but have eternal life.

We give thanks to you

for the salvation you have prepared for us through Jesus Christ.

Send now your Holy Spirit into our hearts,
that we may receive our Lord with a living faith
as he comes to us in his holy supper.

Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.

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

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.

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

“Lord of All Hopefulness”

ELW 765

“The King of Love My Shepherd Is”

ELW 502

“As the Grains of Wheat”

ELW 465

*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.

Almighty God, you gave your Son both as a sacrifice for sin and a model of the godly life. Enable us to receive him always with thanksgiving, and to conform our lives to his; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

Silence for reflection.

*ANNOUNCEMENTS

*BENEDICTION

The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you.

The Lord look upon you with favor and ☩ give you peace.

Amen

*DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

“Now Thank We All Our God”

Eric H. Thiman

Announcements

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

Sunday.....	10:30a.m.	Christian Education
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
Wednesday.....	8:30a.m.	Fellowship @ Graybill's
Wednesday.....	10:00a.m.	Prayer Service
Wednesday.....	12:00p.m.	Lenten Lunch (Trinity)
Wednesday.....	12:45p.m.	Ruth's Harvest Packing
Wednesday.....	7:00p.m.	Handbell Rehearsal
Thursday.....	8:30a.m.	Cleaning Crew #2
Thursday.....	10:00a.m.	Property Committee
Thursday.....	10:00a.m.	Caregivers' Meeting
Thursday.....	6:30p.m.	AA Meeting
Sunday.....	8:15a.m.	Choir Rehearsal
Sunday.....	9:00a.m.	Word & Sacrament

Welcome Rev. Dan Biles serving as our supply pastor this morning!

Assisting in the Service Today: Assisting Minister: Bob King; Lector: Sandy Emig; Communion Assistant: Jim Kline; Ushers: Rick & Anita Madsen, Mark Boyer; Altar Guild: Deb King; Hymn Leaders: Tristan Biles, Barry Bowdoin; Kid's Cookie Break: Anita Madsen; Acolyte: Jack Biles.

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!



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.

Coffee Hour will be held next Sunday, March 24 after worship in honor of Josh Sweetser to wish him well as he prepares for his upcoming deployment.

Caregivers' Group will meet on Thursday, March 21 at 10:00am in the chapel. All caregivers are welcome to join us for this informal group meeting.

Prayer Chain Update: Trinity's Prayer Chain is maintained by Bonnie Boyer (717-259-0879) and is an email chain dedicated to prayer for

those in immediate need, and those on our prayer list. If you'd like to join the Prayer Chain, let Jen (717-259-9125) or Bonnie know. Every lifted prayer is important. Won't you add your voice?

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 20 at 12:00 noon here at Trinity Lutheran.

Save Your Palms! Next Sunday, March 24 is Palm Sunday. Please save your palms and return them to church to use for next year's Ash Wednesday.

Thrivent Members: 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

No Teen Time Class Today as Pr. Susan is at the Retreat.

We Love You, Andie! Andrea Guiher, our longtime videographer, has resigned her position at Trinity effective Easter Sunday following the 10:15 a.m. worship service. We cannot, as a congregation, ever thank Andie enough for her leadership, vision, and dedication these past four years. We wish her well as she continues her collegiate studies and other pursuits and hope she visits us often! Thank you, Andie, for EVERYTHING! In the meantime, the job Andie wrote for us is available. Applications should be made through the office.

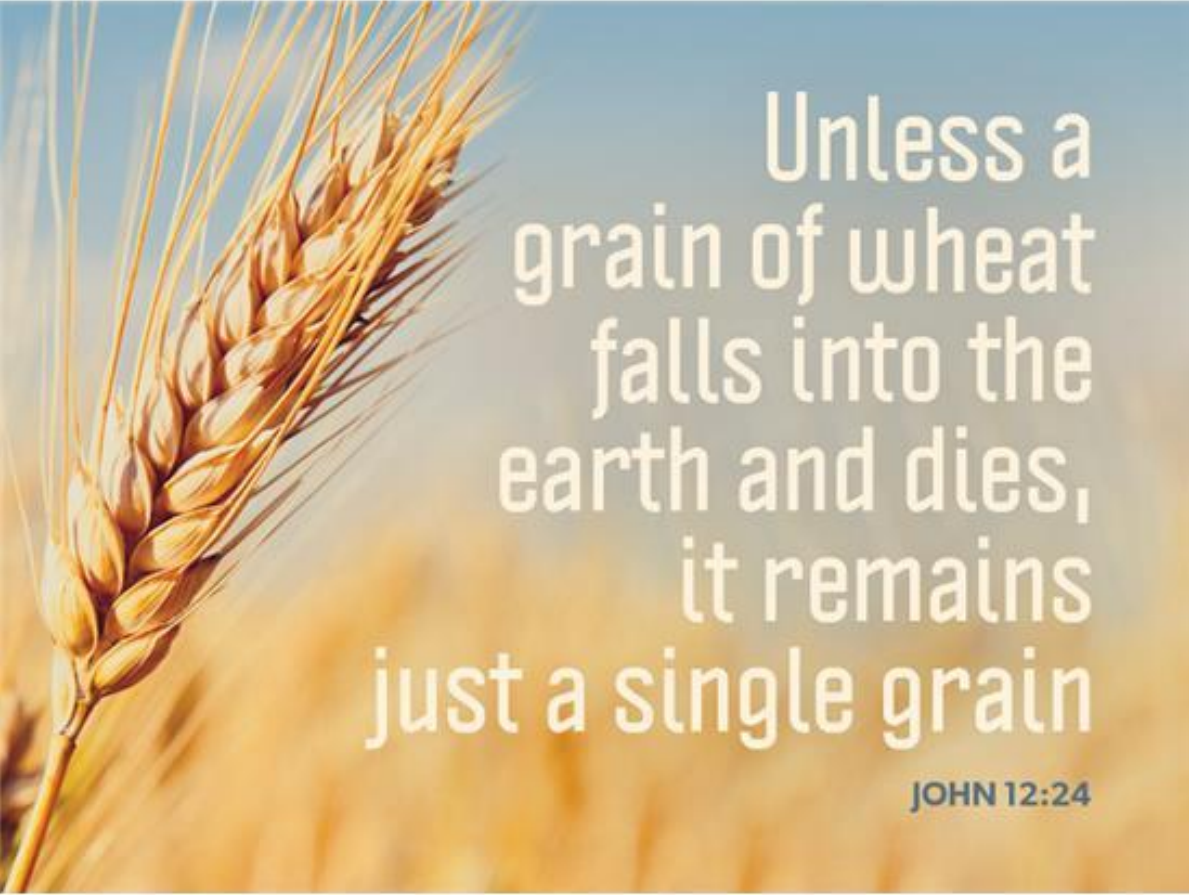
Your generous support of our ministries not only keeps the lights on but empowers Trinity to contribute to and fully fund MANY ministries. Want a full report? Ask us in the office and/or check out all the info on our website. Thank you!

2024 Weekly Contributions			
Budget vs. Actual			
Through March 11, 2024			
Month	Amount	YTD 2024	%
March Budgeted Income	8,872	48,795	
March Actual income	9,366	50,067	
Over/(Under)Budgeted Income	494	1,272	2.6

March 10, 2024 Worship Totals

Church Service.....97
 Online Livestream *Views.....*35/70

*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).



Unless a
grain of wheat
falls into the
earth and dies,
it remains
just a single grain

JOHN 12:24

***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;

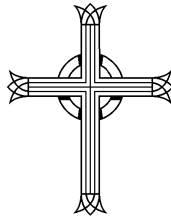
Witness to others by sharing the Gospel;

Celebrate with fellowship;

Return with joy what God has given;

Be active in our community and the Church.

Worship, Serve, Celebrate!



Worship: Sunday, 9:00 a.m., Wednesday, 10:00 a.m.

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