

*The First Sunday in Lent*  
*The Preparatory Service*  
*February 21, 2021*



PRAYER FOR THE  
FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT

GOD OF THE DESERT,  
FILL OUR HUNGRY HEARTS  
WITH FAITH IN YOU.

WHEN WE FEEL ALONE,  
HELP US SEE YOU THERE WITH US.

GIVE US THE COURAGE  
TO CRY OUT TO YOU.

AMEN.

Prayer from [www.cccb.ca](http://www.cccb.ca)  
[www.archtoronto.org](http://www.archtoronto.org)

**Trinity United Church of Christ, Berlin, PA**

## **Welcome to Trinity. . .**

*If you are spiritually weary  
and in search of rest,  
if you are mourning and you long for comfort,  
if you are struggling and you desire victory,  
if you recognize that you are a sinner  
and need a Savior,  
God welcomes you here in the name of Christ.  
To the stranger in need of fellowship,  
to those who hunger and thirst for righteousness,  
and to whoever will come,  
this congregation opens wide its doors  
and welcomes all in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ.*

Today is the First Sunday in Lent – Lent is a season of 40 days not including Sundays which are “little feasts of the resurrection.” Today as a preparation for Lenten Holy Communion to be celebrated next Sunday, we will be using The Preparatory Service from “The Hymnal.” This historical service of the Evangelical and Reformed Church was a mainstay of the Trinity Church in its history as the congregation prepared to celebrate the Lord’s Table.

The service begins with the recitation of God’s Law: The Ten Commandments and then moves to The Great Litany, which is a prayer of call and response. Following a hymn, scripture and message, the pastor delivers an exhortation and then leads the congregation in a Confession of Sin. The confession ends with questions from the catechism, an assurance of pardon, the singing of a hymn and benediction.

We will be using the old “The Hymnal” this morning for the service which begins on page 14.

Next Sunday we will celebrate the sacrament of Holy Communion.

## The Preparatory Service

Music of Preparation	<i>Nimrod</i> – Elgar
*The Invitation and God’s Law	Page 14
The Litany [you may be seated or kneel]	Page 15
*Hymn: No. 198	<i>holy, Holy, Holy Lord!</i>
*Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ	<i>St. Mark 1:9-15</i>
Homily	“PD”
	<i>Repent and Believe</i>
Exhortation	Page 18
Confession of Sin [seated or kneel]	Page 19
*Hymn: No. 254	<i>Jesus, I Live to Thee</i>
*Dismissal with Blessing	
*Going Forth	

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### **Penn West Conference Lenten Benevolence Mission –**

The Conference Board of Directors has endorsed a Benevolence Mission of retiring medical debt for those in financial need in our region. The request is for every church of the Conference to provide a gift of \$250.00 at the least with a total of \$15,000 being raised which will retire \$1.5 million dollars of medical debt through a program that purchases debt from hospitals and assists those in need. You may mark on your Giving Envelope “Penn West” and your gift will be credited to this request. We will receive gifts through Easter Sunday here at Trinity.

**The Annual One Great Hour of Sharing** Offering will be received during March. Offering Envelopes will be available at the end of February.

**Sunday School** – Christian Education Committee will be meeting to discuss the return of Sunday School to the Sunday schedule.

## **Holy Week 2021**

**Maundy Thursday – April 1: *Service of Holy Communion and Stripping of the Altar*** at 7 p.m. Zion Lutheran Church, Meyersdale.

**Good Friday – April 2: *Service of Shadows and Darkness*** at 7 p.m. Trinity Church.

The Consistory has decided to share Holy Week with our Friends at Zion. We hope you will share in the services of Holy Week.

## **Special Committees:**

If any member has interest in serving on a special committee, please contact Tom Calvert, Larry Hay or call the church office.

### **Standing Committee (Meets as Needed)**

Christian Education	Communion
Fellowship & Funerals	Hugs & Kisses
Music	Nursery
Property	

### **Special Committee (Meets as Needed)**

- Child Clearance Committee
- Social Media Committee
- Trinity Youth Fellowship
- Christmas Decoration
- Endowment

Sound  
Trinity Outreach  
Parameters

**Giving From 2/7/2021**

	Rec	Budget	Over/Under
<b>General</b>	\$3600.00	\$2,434.93	\$1165.07
<b>Ben</b>	\$801.00	\$213.46	\$587.54
<b>Maint</b>	\$137.00	\$163.46	-\$26.46
<b>Mem</b>	\$200.00		
<b>Total</b>	\$4738.00	\$2811.85	\$1726.15

Benevolence includes Food Pantry/Souper Bowl of \$525  
Memorials – includes Memorial Fund of \$100; Food Pantry  
Memorial of \$100

**Those Remembered in prayer:**

God's guidance and protection for Armed Forces.

**Shut Ins:**

Roy Bucher, Helen Diest, Mary Forespring, Fae Hetrick, Cynthia Kelly, Lois Krause, Deb Luteri, Lois Saylor, Dirkje Stellingwerf.

**Healing Concerns:**

Cassie Albright, Mark Amyot, Terry Coslic, Pam Crooks, John Durst, Susan Durst, Wilma Durst, Bryan Emerick, Tony Fertitta, Linda Gallick, Janet Gindlesperger, Kathryn Grimm, Brenda Leister, Tom Logston, Larry McCullen, Bayley Mull, Bob Murphy, Karol Saylor, Tyler Seifert, Dwight Smith, Harry Watkins, Heather Weighley, Nancy Weighley, John Will, Karen Will.

***Where You May Find. . .***

**The Nursery:** *is on the lower level for children and their parent. A big screen TV is mounted in the room so that you may watch the service.*

**At the Sanctuary Entrances. . .**

Large Print Bulletins  
Recycling Boxes for Bulletins  
*These Days* – Devotional

Hearing Amplifiers

**Assisting in Worship**

**Sound:** David Saylor, Terry Luteri

***The Flowers on the altar*** in honor of the children of our congregation by Bob & Colleen Glotfelty

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***A Place Where Life and Faith Meet!***

***The Whole Congregation in Ministry and Assisted by***

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