

*The Third Sunday in Lent
Morning Prayer and Sermon
March 7, 2021*



Trinity United Church of Christ, Berlin

*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.*

Morning Prayer and Sermon

Music of Preparation

Versicle – Joel 2:13

Rend your hearts and not your garments. Return to the Lord your God, for He is gracious and merciful, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love, and repents of evil.

Confession of Sin

Dearly beloved, we have come together in the presence of Almighty God our heavenly Father, to set forth His praise, to hear His holy Word, and too ask, for ourselves and on behalf of others, those things that are necessary for our life and our salvation. And so that we may prepare ourselves in heart and mind to worship Him, let us bow our heads in silence, and with penitent and obedient hearts confess our sins, that we may obtain forgiveness by His infinite goodness and mercy.

Most merciful God,

We confess that 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. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent. For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us; that we may delight in your will, walk in your ways, to the glory of your Name. Amen.

Lord, have mercy upon us.

Lord, have mercy upon us.

Christ, have mercy upon us.

Christ, have mercy upon us.

Lord, have mercy upon us.

Lord, have mercy upon us.

Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. Amen.

Lord, open our lips.

And our mouth shall proclaim your praise.

***Hymn of Praise: No. 29**

God Himself Is with Us!

***The Collect**

Old Testament Lesson

Malachi 3:1-3

Behold, I send my messenger, and he will prepare the way before me. And the Lord whom you seek will suddenly come to his temple; and the messenger of the covenant in whom you delight, behold, he is coming, says the LORD of hosts. ² But who can endure the day of his coming, and who can stand when he appears? For he is like a refiner's fire and like fullers' soap. ³ He will sit as a refiner and purifier of silver, and he will purify the sons of Levi and refine them like gold and silver, and they will bring offerings in righteousness to the LORD.

***The Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ**

St. John 2:13-25

¹³ The Passover of the Jews was at hand, and Jesus went up to Jerusalem. ¹⁴ In the temple he found those who were selling oxen and sheep and pigeons, and the money-changers sitting there. ¹⁵ And making a whip of cords, he drove them all out of the temple, with the sheep and oxen. And he poured out the coins of the money-changers and overturned their tables. ¹⁶ And he told those who sold the pigeons, "Take these things away; do not make my Father's house a house of trade." ¹⁷ His disciples remembered that it was written, "Zeal for your house will consume me."

¹⁸ So the Jews said to him, "What sign do you show us for doing these things?" ¹⁹ Jesus answered them, "Destroy this temple, and in three days I will raise it up." ²⁰ The Jews then

said, "It has taken forty-six years to build this temple, and will you raise it up in three days?" ²¹ But he was speaking about the temple of his body. ²² When therefore 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.

²³ Now when he was in Jerusalem at the Passover Feast, many believed in his name when they saw the signs that he was doing. ²⁴ But Jesus on his part did not entrust himself to them, because he knew all people ²⁵ and needed no one to bear witness about man, for he himself knew what was in man.

***The Nicene Creed: Page 24 – We Believe. . .**

General Prayer

The Lord be with you.

And with thy spirit.

Let us pray. . .

Sermon Hymn: No. 191 *Breathe On My, Breath of God

Sermon

“PD”

Fire and Soap!

Morning Prayer and Lord’s Prayer [debts and debtors]

Hymn: No. 161 *Beneath the Cross of Jesus

***Dismissal with Blessing**

***Going Forth**

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The Order of Worship for Lent is based on the order of “The Morning Service” from ***The Hymnal***. We will continue to use *The Hymnal* during Lent. Please place your used copy on the pew as you leave the sanctuary. Easter Sunday

the “red hymnal” will be found on the pew as you enter the sanctuary.

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 are in the information racks in the sanctuary.

This Week at Trinity

Monday 6:00 p.m. Brownies – Fellowship Hall

7:00 p.m. Consistory – Fellowship Hall

Wed. 6:30 p.m. Handbell Rehearsal

Saturday Turn Your Clocks FORWARD before you retire!

Next Sunday – Fourth Sunday in Lent

8:00 a.m. Worship

9:30 a.m. Worship

Sunday School – The Christian Education Committee is pleased to announce the resumption of Sunday School beginning, March 21 at 9:45 a.m. for Children and Youth. They will attend the start of the 9:30 a.m. service and then be dismissed to class. The adult class will meet at 9:45 in Fellowship Hall with Tom Calvert.

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.

Giving From 2/28/2021

	Rec	Budget	Over/Under
General	\$1705.00	\$2,434.93	-\$729.93
Ben	\$673.00	\$213.46	\$459.54
Maint	\$95.00	\$163.46	-\$68.46
Mem	\$25.00		
Total	\$2498.00	\$2811.85	-\$338.85

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, Kimberly Kay Roos Zimmerman.

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

Hearing Amplifiers

Recycling Boxes for Bulletins

These Days – Devotional

Assisting in Worship

Sound: Tom Croner, Alan Brick

The Flowers on the altar in memory of Richard Hittie by Nancy Hittie and Family

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A Place Where Life and Faith Meet!

The Whole Congregation in Ministry and Assisted by

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Easter Flower Order Form:

Name:

Address:

Lily \$12

Hyacinth \$13

Hyacinth \$13

Daffodil \$13

Total enclosed:

Checks should be made payable to Trinity U.C.C. (money must accompany order).

Please bring offering plate or drop off at church office.

Deadline: March 22, 2021

In Honor Of:

In Memory Of:

To the Glory of God: