

*The Fourth Sunday in Lent
Morning Prayer and Sermon
March 14, 2021*



**Our steps are slow,
Our breathing ragged,
Our burdens heavy.
This walk to the cross,
It is not easy,
Yet Christ walked it for us.
For the joy
that was set before him,
He despised the shame,
He bore our blame,
And shared our pain,
Now let us build on the rock,
That is Christ.
Let us walk the way of the cross
together,
Moving forward without fear,
Into God's eternal purposes.
For Christ himself is with us,
every step of the way.
Let us trust in God alone,
And find the joy that Christ did,
Obedience to our loving God.**

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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.

Almighty and most merciful God,

Our heavenly Father, we humble ourselves before thee, under a deep sense of our unworthiness and guilt. We have grievously sinned against thee, in thought, in word, and in deed. We have come short of thy glory, we have broken thy commandments, and turned aside every one of us from the way of life. Yet now, O most merciful Father, hear us when we call upon thee with penitent hearts, and for the sake of thy Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy upon us. Pardon our sins; take away our guilt; and grant us thy peace. Purify us, by the inspiration of thy Holy Spirit, from all inward uncleanness, and make us able and willing to serve thee in newness of life, to the glory of thy holy Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. 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.

Assurance of Pardon

Praise

Lord, open our lips.

And our mouth shall proclaim your praise.

***Hymn of Praise: No. 7**

Rejoice, Ye Pure in Heart

***The Collect**

Old Testament Lesson

Numbers 21:4-9

⁴ From Mount Hor they set out by the way to the Red Sea, to go around the land of Edom. And the people became impatient on the way. ⁵ And the people spoke against God and against Moses, "Why have you brought us up out of Egypt to die in the wilderness? For there is no food and no water, and we loathe this worthless food." ⁶ Then the LORD sent fiery serpents among the people, and they bit the people, so that many people of Israel died. ⁷ And the people came to Moses and said, "We have sinned, for we have spoken against the LORD and against you. Pray to the LORD, that he take away the serpents from us." So Moses prayed for the people. ⁸ And the LORD said to Moses, "Make a fiery serpent and set it on a pole, and everyone who is bitten, when he sees it, shall live." ⁹ So Moses made a bronze serpent and set it on a pole. And if a serpent bit anyone, he would look at the bronze serpent and live.

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

St. John 3:14-21

¹⁴ And as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, ¹⁵ that whoever believes in him may have eternal life.⁸

16 “For God so loved the world,⁹ that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life. 17 For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him. 18 Whoever believes in him is not condemned, but whoever does not believe is condemned already, because he has not believed in the name of the only Son of God. 19 And this is the judgment: the light has come into the world, and people loved the darkness rather than the light because their works were evil. 20 For everyone who does wicked things hates the light and does not come to the light, lest his works should be exposed. 21 But whoever does what is true comes to the light, so that it may be clearly seen that his works have been carried out in God.”

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

General Prayer

The Lord be with you.

And with thy spirit.

Let us pray. . .

Sermon Hymn: No. 278 *O Love That Wilt Not Let Me Go

Sermon

“PD”

Love and Fury

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

***Hymn: No. 162**

O Jesus, We Adore Thee

***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.

A member of the Berlin Community needs a live donor for a kidney replacement. If you would be willing to consider offering a kidney, you must be aged 18-69 and in good health. Speak with Pastor Dave who is able to explain the situation further.

Card Shower for Allison Zimmerman’s Niece – Kimberly.

A card shower from all 50 States. Please send cards to: Kimberly Roos, 444 Windwood Lake Dr., Cape Girardeau, MO 63701

This Week at Trinity

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

Wed. 6:30 p.m. Handbell Rehearsal

Next Sunday – Fifth Sunday in Lent

8:00 a.m. Worship

9:30 a.m. Worship

9:45 a.m. Sunday School

Sunday School begins next Sunday at 9:45 a.m. Children will begin in the sanctuary and then be dismissed to class with a blessing from Pastor.

Congregational Meeting – Sunday, March 28 at 9 a.m. The Consistory has called a “special” meeting of the congregation to deal with one item of business. A proposal to upgrade the Sound and Video system to improve sound in the sanctuary and to record and broadcast live the Sunday service via YouTube, Facebook, and our church webpage. The Music Emporium of Altoona has been selected to do this work. The cost will not exceed \$8,000.00. Funds for this project are available from the Legacy Account and Memorial Gifts.

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 3/7/2021

	Rec	Budget	Over/Under
General	\$2,818.00	\$2,434.93	\$383.07
Ben	\$306.00	\$213.46	\$92.54
Maint	\$132.00	\$163.46	\$31.46
Total	\$3,256.00	\$2811.85	\$444.15

Benevolence includes Food Pantry of \$50; Penn West Debt Relief of \$25.00; OGHS Offering of \$55.00.

2021 SOUPER BOWL RESULTS ARE IN!!!!

(Lester Would Be Proud!)

TRINITY UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST – 5,775 POINTS

(Large Church)

**TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH OF GLEN SAVAGE – 5,910
POINTS (Small Church)**

The Berlin Area Food Pantry would like to thank you. The food and money will assist us in helping those who are struggling to make ends meet. We have been blessed with volunteers to aid in the disbursement of our food commodities. Due to contributions such as yours, we may reach out to additional clients.

If any of your church members know of any people that we could help, please ask them to come to the Berlin Area Food Pantry on any Wednesday from 9:00 am to 11:00 am. If they meet the requirements, we will be happy to help them out.

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: Lori Gindlesperger, Russ Hillegas

The Flowers on the altar in memory of her parents, Virgil & Harriet Vaughan by Bob & Colleen Glotfelty

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:

Mark Amyot, Terry Coslic, Pam Crooks, John Durst, Susan Durst, Wilma Durst, Bryan Emerick, Tony Fertitta, Jane Fisher, 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.

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A Place Where Life and Faith Meet!

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