

The Evangelical Lutheran Church of the Holy Trinity Greenville, Pennsylvania

> The Frist Sunday in Lent February 20 and 21, 2021

Welcome in the name of Our Lord Jesus Christ! If you come as a visitor today, we hope you will leave as a friend. We count it a privilege and a blessing to have you with us in worship. If you are not presently a member of any congregation, please feel welcome to gather with us around Jesus in this community of his disciples at Holy Trinity. Come and worship with us again!

Invitation to Communion: Holy Communion is the body and blood of Jesus Christ by which our Lord is truly present to forgive sin and bring life and salvation. All baptized Christians who believe this promise are welcome to commune. Parents with children are encouraged to come to the altar together. Children who do not yet receive communion will receive the blessing of the Church from the Pastor.

Procedure for Communing: We will be using a form of processional communion. An usher will release each pew to come forward at a time to avoid a long line in the aisle. Pick up a communion cup on either side at the first pew. The pastor will place a host in your open palm. Turn to either the left or right side to the deacon or communion assistant to receive wine. After consuming the host and wine, pour any remaining wine into the container, then discard your cup. Children who have not yet received their First Holy Communion should come forward for a blessing. Please maintain social distance between non-family members.

Gluten-free wafers are available; let Pastor know when you come forward to receive.

Service of Holy Communion

Significance of the Day: On Ash Wednesday the church began its journey toward baptismal immersion in the death and resurrection of Christ. This year, the Sundays in Lent lead us to focus on five covenants God makes in the Hebrew Scriptures and to use them as lenses through which to view baptism. First Peter connects the way God saved Noah's family in the flood with the way God saves us through the water of baptism. The baptismal covenant is made with us individually, but the new life we are given in baptism is for the sake of the whole world.

Gathering

Prelude

Variations on Foundation

(Held)

Greeting and Announcements

(Please stand and watch the processional cross)

Great Litany

Lord, have mercy. Lord, have mercy. Christ, have mercy. Christ, have mercy. Lord, have mercy. Lord, have mercy. O Christ, hear us. In mercy hear us.

God, the Father in heaven, have mercy on us. God, the Son, redeemer of the world, have mercy on us. God, the Holy Spirit, have mercy on us. Holy Trinity, one God, have mercy on us. Be gracious to us. Spare us, good Lord. Be gracious to us. Spare us, good Lord.

From all sin, from all error, from all evil; from the cunning assaults of the devil; from an unprepared and evil death: **Good Lord, deliver us.**

From war, bloodshed, and violence; from corrupt and unjust government; from sedition and treason: **Good Lord, deliver us.**

From epidemic, drought, and famine; from fire and flood, earthquake, lightning, and storm, and from everlasting death: **Good Lord, deliver us.**

By the mystery of your incarnation; by your holy birth: **Help us, good Lord.**

By your baptism, fasting, and temptation; by your agony and bloody sweat; by your cross and suffering; by your death and burial: **Help us, good Lord.**

By your resurrection and ascension; by the gift of the Holy Spirit: **Help us, good Lord.**

In all time of our tribulation; in all time of our prosperity; in the hour of death; and in the day of judgment: **Save us, good Lord.**

Though unworthy, we implore you to hear us, Lord our God.

To rule and govern your holy catholic church; to guide all servants of your church in the love of your word and in holiness of life; to put an end to all schisms and causes of offense to those who would believe; and to bring into the way of truth all who have gone astray: **We implore you to hear us, good Lord.**

To beat down Satan under our feet; to send faithful workers into your harvest; to accompany your word with your Spirit and power; to raise up those who fall and to strengthen those who stand; and to comfort and help the fainthearted and the distressed: **We implore you to hear us, good Lord.**

To give to all nations justice and peace; to preserve our country from discord and strife; to direct and guard those who have civil authority; and to bless and guide all our people:

We implore you to hear us, good Lord.

To behold and help all who are in danger, need, or tribulation; to protect and guide all who travel; to preserve and provide for all women in childbirth; to watch over children and to guide the young; to heal the sick and to strengthen their families and friends; to bring reconciliation to families in discord; to provide for the unemployed and for all in need; to be merciful to all who are imprisoned; to support, comfort, and guide all orphans, widowers, and widows; and to have mercy on all your people: **We implore you to hear us, good Lord.** To forgive our enemies, persecutors, and slanderers, and to reconcile us to them; to help us use wisely the fruits and treasures of the earth, the sea, and the air; and graciously to hear our prayers: **We implore you to hear us, good Lord.**

Lord Jesus Christ, Son of God, we implore you to hear us. Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us. Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us. Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; give us peace. Amen.

O Christ, hear us. In mercy hear us. Lord, have mercy. Lord, have mercy. Christ, have mercy. Christ, have mercy. Lord, have mercy. Lord, have mercy.

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Opening Hymn
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Jesus, Still Lead On

(Please be seated. We will not be singing but these words are here for your reflection.)



(The assembly stands.)

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.**

Prayer of the Day

Let us pray.

Holy God, heavenly Father, in the waters of the flood you saved the chosen, and in the wilderness of temptation you protected your Son from sin. Renew us in the gift of baptism. May your holy angels be with us, that the wicked foe may have no power over us, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

(The assembly is seated.)

Word

First Reading

Genesis 9:8-17

A reading from Genesis:

8 Then God said to Noah and to his sons with him, 9 "As for me, I am establishing my covenant with you and your descendants after you, 10 and with every living creature that is with you, the birds, the domestic animals, and every animal of the earth with you, as many as came out of the ark. 11 I establish my covenant with you, that never again shall all flesh be cut off by the waters of a flood, and never again shall there be a flood to destroy the earth." 12 God said, "This is the sign of the covenant that I make between me and you and every living creature that is with you, for all future generations: 13 I have set my bow in the clouds, and it shall be a sign of the covenant between me and the earth. 14 When I bring clouds over the earth and the bow is seen in the clouds, 15 I will remember my covenant that is between me and you and every living creature of all flesh; and the waters shall never again become a flood to destroy all flesh. 16 When the bow is in the clouds, I will see it and remember the everlasting covenant between God and every living creature of all flesh that is on the earth." 17 God said to Noah, "This is the sign of the covenant that I have established between me and all flesh that is on the earth."

The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 25:1-10

(Saturday psalm will be spoken responsively, Sunday psalm will be sung by Cantor.)

1 To you, O LORD, I lift | up my soul. 2 My God, I put my | trust in you; let me not be | put to shame, nor let my enemies triumph | over me. 3 Let none who look to you be | put to shame; rather let those be put to shame | who are treacherous. 4 Show me your | ways, O LORD, and teach | me your paths. 5 Lead me in your | truth and teach me, for you are the God of my salvation; in you have I trusted all | the day long. 6 Remember, O LORD, your compas- | sion and love, for they are from | everlasting. 7 Remember not the sins of my youth and | my transgressions; remember me according to your steadfast love and for the sake of your good- | ness, O LORD. 8 You are gracious and up- | right, O LORD; therefore you teach sinners | in your way. 9 You lead the low- | ly in justice and teach the low- | ly your way. 10 All your paths, O LORD, are steadfast | love and faithfulness to those who keep your covenant and your | testimonies.

A reading from First Peter:

18 For Christ also suffered for sins once for all, the righteous for the unrighteous, in order to bring you to God. He was put to death in the flesh, but made alive in the spirit, 19 in which also he went and made a proclamation to the spirits in prison, 20 who in former times did not obey, when God waited patiently in the days of Noah, during the building of the ark, in which a few, that is, eight persons, were saved through water. 21 And baptism, which this prefigured, now saves you – not as a removal of dirt from the body, but as an appeal to God for a good conscience, through the resurrection of Jesus Christ, 22 who has gone into heaven and is at the right hand of God, with angels, authorities, and powers made subject to him.

The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Gospel Acclamation (The assembly stands.)

One does not live by bread alone, but by every word that comes from the mouth of God The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark, the first chapter. Glory to you, O Lord.

(The reading of the Gospel.)

9 In those days Jesus came from Nazareth of Galilee and was baptized by John in the Jordan. 10 And just as he was coming up out of the water, he saw the heavens torn apart and the Spirit descending like a dove on him. 11 And a voice came from heaven, "You are my Son, the Beloved; with you I am well pleased."

12 And the Spirit immediately drove him out into the wilderness. 13 He was in the wilderness forty days, tempted by Satan; and he was with the wild beasts; and the angels waited on him.

14 Now after John was arrested, Jesus came to Galilee, proclaiming the good news of God, 15 and saying, "The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God has come near; repent, and believe in the good news."

The Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

(The assembly sits.)

The Sermon

Pastor Brenda Martin

(The assembly remains seated.)

Hymn of the Day



(We will not be singing but these words are here for your reflection.)

(The assembly stands.)

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, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary and became truly human. 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, who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who 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 Intercession

A: Relying on the promises of God, we pray boldly for the church, the world, and all in need, responding, "Hear us, O God, your mercy is great."

(Brief silence)

- A: In Jesus your realm has come near to us in every place and time. Give your church throughout the world a spirit of humility and repentance; teach us to trust always in the good news of your salvation. We pray for our bishops, Elizabeth and Michael; our pastors, deacons, musicians, council members, teachers and volunteers. Hear us, O God,
- C: your mercy is great.
- A: You have made a covenant of mercy with every living creature. Protect all the earth's creatures from destruction. Empower the work of biologists, conservationists, and science educators. Hear us, O God,
- C: your mercy is great.
- A: All your paths are steadfast love and faithfulness. Direct the words and actions of leaders in our community and throughout the world, that they may maintain justice for the lowly. Hear us, O God,
- C: your mercy is great.
- A: Even in the wilderness you are with us. Walk alongside migrants and refugees crossing dangerous lands. Tend to those whose lives feel desolate. Give healing and strength to all who suffer. In the midst of pandemic, bring us healing, patience, courage. Hear us, O God,
- C: your mercy is great.
- A: In the covenant of baptism you claim us as beloved children. Nurture us in our baptismal identity and teach us to live within it for the sake of others. Strengthen this congregation's ministries of care and concern. We pray for those who are now preparing for their First Holy Communion. Hear us, O God,
- C: your mercy is great.

- A: In baptism you join us to the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ. We praise you for all those who have died trusting in your faithfulness, especially Bev, Allan, and Evelyn. Bring us with them to the fullness of your reign. Hear us, O God,
- C: your mercy is great.
- A: Are there others for whom we should pray?
- P: We entrust ourselves and all our prayers to you, O faithful God, through Jesus Christ our Lord.
- C: Amen.

Peace

The peace of Christ be with you always. And also with you.

(The assembly sits.)

Meal

Music as the meal is prepared

Interlude *Herzlich tut mich verlangen* (Pachelbel)

(The assembly stands. The deacon, on behalf of the people, prays.)

Offering Prayer

Let us pray.

Faithful God, you walk beside us in desert places, and you meet us in our hunger with bread from heaven. Accompany us in this meal, that we may pass over from death to life with Jesus Christ, our Savior and 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 our thanks and praise. Prayer of Thanksgiving

You are indeed holy, almighty and merciful God. You are most holy, and great is the majesty of your glory.

You so loved the world that you gave your only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but have eternal life.

We give you thanks for his coming into the world to fulfill for us your holy will and to accomplish all things for our salvation.

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.

For as often as we eat of this bread and drink from this cup, we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes. **Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.** Remembering, therefore, his salutary command, his life-giving passion and death, his glorious resurrection and ascension, and the promise of his coming again, we give thanks to you, O Lord God Almighty, not as we ought but as we are able; we ask you mercifully to accept our praise and thanksgiving and with your Word and Holy Spirit to bless us, your servants, and these your own gifts of bread and wine, so that we and all who share in the body and blood of Christ may be filled with heavenly blessing and grace, and, receiving the forgiveness of sin, may be formed to live as your holy people and be given our inheritance with all your saints.

To you, O God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, be all honor and glory in your holy church, now and forever. **Amen.**

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.

The Breaking of Bread

Behold the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world. Happy are those who are called to his supper.

Lord, I am not worthy to receive you, but only say the word and I shall be healed.

The gifts of God for the people of God. Come, for all is now ready.

(The assembly sits.)

Communion of the Faithful

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(Following the Communion the assembly stands for the blessing.)

Music during communion Appointed hymns

Post-Communion Blessing

The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and preserve you unto eternal life.

Amen.

Prayer after Communion

God of steadfast love, at this table you gather your people into one body for the sake of the world. Send us in the power of your Spirit, that our lives bear witness to the love that has made us new in Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

Sending

Our Prayer for These Times

O God, you have called your servants to ventures of which we cannot see the ending, by paths as yet untrodden, through perils unknown. Give us faith to go out with good courage, not knowing where we go, but only that your hand is leading us and your love supporting us; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Blessing

Almighty God, Father, + Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you now and forever. **Amen.**

Dismissal

Go in peace. Be the light of Christ. **Thanks be to God.**

Postlude	Variation on Iste Confessor	(Tallis)

(Once the pastor is at the back of the church, ushers will dismiss by row.)

Serving Tonight

Presiding Minister	Pastor Brenda Martin
Pianist	Maidene Hackett
Liturgical Deacon	Catherine Mott

Serving Today

Presiding Minister	Pastor Brenda Martin
Organist	Maidene Hackett
Cantor	Billie Hollenbaugh
Liturgical Deacon	David Lineman
Communion Assistant	Catherine Snyder
Lector	Barbara Swartz
Acolyte	Jackson Weaver
Head Usher	Linda Armstrong
Altar Guild	Bonnie Massing, Marj Stubert

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Pastors in residence:

 The Rev. Martin Roth, Pastor Emeritus, Holy Trinity Lutheran Church The Rev. Julia Fraser, chaplain at St. Paul Homes
The Rev. Brian Riddle, Thiel College Campus Pastor
The Rev. Dr. Curtis Thompson, retired, Thiel College

Attendance at the Saturday, February 13, 2021, 5:30 p.m. Service: 15. Attendance at the Sunday, February 14, 2021, 9:30 a.m. Service: 21. Total: 36.

Remember to order flowers to decorate the chancel on Easter Sunday. Order forms are on the last page of this bulletin.

Deadline to do so is Sunday, March 14, 2021.

This Week at Holy Trinity

Sunday, February 21, 2021, First Sunday in Lent

9:30 a.m. Liturgy of Holy Communion

10:45 a.m. Sunday Church School/Confirmation

7:00 p.m. AA Big Book meeting

Monday, February 22, 2021

Messenger articles due today

Tuesday, February 23, 2021

7:00 p.m. AA and AA Women's Discussion

Wednesday, February 24, 2021

6:15 p.m. Lenten Evening Prayer

7:15 p.m. Lenten Study

Thursday, February 18, 2021

10:00 a.m. Weekday Communion

7:00 p.m. Happy Hour (Zoom)

Friday, February 26, 2021

Virtual Stations of the Cross - see below for instructions

Saturday, February 27, 2021

5:30 p.m. Liturgy of Holy Communion

Upcoming Events

Sunday, February 28, 2021, Second Sunday in Lent

9:30 a.m. Liturgy of Holy Communion10:45 a.m. Sunday Church School/Confirmation7:00 p.m. AA Big Book meeting

Monday, March 1, 2021

7:00 p.m. Property Committee

Tuesday, March 2, 2021

7:00 p.m. AA and AA Women's Discussion

Wednesday, March 3, 2021

6:15 p.m. Lenten Evening Prayer

7:15 p.m. Lenten Study

Thursday, March 4, 2021

10:00 a.m. Weekday Communion

7:00 p.m. Happy Hour (Zoom)

Friday, March 5, 2021

Virtual Stations of the Cross – see below for instructions

Saturday, March 6, 2021

5:30 p.m. Liturgy of Holy Communion

Morning Prayer

We will **NOT** be gathering at the church to pray Morning Prayer on weekdays during Lent. However, one member of the congregation will pray Morning Prayer at the church each day on our behalf. Because we typically pray for every member of the congregation by name during Lent at these services, we have created a simplified order of Morning Prayer for you to pray at home every day. See that order, and the list of names for each day, in the current Messenger.

Wednesday Evening Prayer and Lenten Study

We **WILL** gather for Evening Prayer at 6:15 p.m. in the sanctuary. Because we have had a daily Eucharist scheduled for Wednesday evenings since June, a brief distribution of Holy Communion will occur at the conclusion of Evening Prayer for those who wish to remain in the church.

We will also have a Lenten study at 7:15 p.m. Pastor Brenda will hold the study in-person at the church for a small number of people who attend Evening Prayer and prefer to remain in the church. The study will also be available via Zoom for those who feel safer gathering in that way. If you would like to participate via Zoom, please contact the church office so that we can email you the Zoom link.

The study this year will be on the Luther writing, "Freedom of the Christian." Last year was the 500th anniversary of the publication of "Freedom of the Christian," and we will explore what it means for those of us who usually think about "freedom" as the freedoms we enjoy as citizens of a Western democracy, and compare that to what it means to be freed in Christ.

Stations of the Cross

We will not gather in person to pray Stations of the Cross on Friday evenings. We will, however, have Stations of the Cross available on our YouTube channel at <u>https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCamdlF705R3knw7NEksvFxg</u>. You can pray Stations on Friday evenings by using the posting on that channel.

Lenten Coin Folders

Lenten Coin Folders are available March in the narthex for anyone interested in keeping this tradition. There is a basket in the narthex where you may return your folder. They may also be placed in the offering plate on Saturday/Sunday.

Sunday Church School Lenten Project 2021 - Calling All Bunnies!

The Parish Education Committee is requesting participation from the congregation in our SCS Lenten Project.

For the Good Shepherd Center's Easter basket distribution this year, we will again be collecting chocolate bunnies. We ask that the bunnies be medium-sized, preferably 6 oz. Bunnies can be brought in, starting on Ash Wednesday (February 17) and placed on tables which will be located as usual at two spots – in the narthex, and in the administrative hall near the back alley door. We will need to have all bunnies collected by **Tuesday, March 23**, in order for GSC to have them in time for the Easter basket distribution dates.

Thank you so much in advance for any help you can provide with our Lenten Project!

Good Shepherd February Request

The Good Shepherd Center is our church community social service agency that supports the needs of many in the area. The Good Shepherd Center's request for Holy Trinity for **February is canned fruit.** Donations may be placed in the marked box in the cloister.

Donations may be dropped off at the church office or directly at the Food Pantry.

Please Pray For

Permission is necessary to add a person to the prayer list. Please ask before your call the office. Thanks.

Health and Healing:

Morris (brother-in-law of Louise Gilmore,	Jim
cousin of Jennifer Martin)	Nancy (friend of Linda Armstrong)
Lori McCann	John L (father of Catherine Mott)
Donnie (friend of Wayne and Darla Swift)	Brenda (sister-in-law of Betty K. Junk)
Chris Hansen (cousin of Betty K. Junk)	Carl
Laurie Campbell (friend of Fran Black)	Paul
Dennis (brother of Jim Martin)	
Betty K.	Dillon (friend of Ed Pitcher and Beth Harpst)
Hank (son of Henry and Ruth Heil)	Belle (granddaughter of Linda Bateman)
Kate (friend of Paul and Sue Bittler)	

Christ's comfort for those who grieve the death of:

Kelly Henderson Bradley (cousin of Jill Murrin) Allan Wilkins Beverly Richards

In Military Service

Specialist (SPC) Andrew McCall, Fort Carson, Colorado Springs, Colorado (son of Mark and Jane McCall, grandson of Karen McKay and the late Jim McKay)

- Sgt. First Class Nicholas Carman, US Army, Fredericksburg, Virginia (grandson of Nancy Ullstrom)
- Admiral Richard Childs, Assistant Surgeon General of the USA (nephew of Harvey Childs)
- CDR Ryan Leary, USN, Operation Officer, 7th Fleet, Yokosuka, Japan (son of David and Judy Leary)

Tim Ross, Navy Special Forces, (grandson of Rae Johnson, nephew of Lori McEwen) Ian McQuiston, US Air Force, Kuwait (friend of Betty K. Junk)

Easter Flower / ELCA Disaster Response Form

Help decorate the chancel for Easter by ordering potted flowers for our celebration of the Festival of the Resurrection. You may also make a donation to the ELCA Disaster Response.

Your donation may be made in celebration of, in memory of, or in honor of a person (s) or an event. (Amounts given are not listed in the bulletin.)

The deadline for ordering flowers and making a donation to Disaster Response is **Sunday, March 14, 2021.**

Please enclose payment for both Easter flowers and Disaster Response donations when you return this completed form to the church office.

Lily (\$9.75)	Tulip (\$8.75)	Hyacinth (\$8.75)
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	be picked up the Tuesday a	ne 9:30 a.m. Service on Easter after Easter if you are unable
I/we wish to have my/or	ur Easter plant(s) delivered	to a shut-in.
(Your name)		(Phone)