

*Trinity Ev. Lutheran Church  
of South Newstead  
March 8, 2026*



In today's gospel the Samaritan woman asks Jesus for water, an image of our thirst for God. Jesus offers living water, a sign of God's grace flowing from the waters of baptism. The early church used this gospel and those of the next two Sundays to deepen baptismal reflection during the final days of preparation before baptism at Easter. As we journey to the resurrection feast, Christ comes among us in word, bath, and meal—offering us the life-giving water of God's mercy and forgiveness.

**PRELUDE – WELCOME –  
ANNOUNCEMENTS – PRAYER REQUESTS**

*Please stand as you are able*

**CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**

L: Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God,  
who forgives all our sin,  
whose mercy endures forever.

**ALL: Amen.**

L: Let us confess our sins to God and one another.

**ALL: We confess to you, most loving God,  
the sins that both bind and scatter us.**

**We have knowingly believed dishonest words.**

**We have questioned your gracious power again and again.**

**We have given into temptation. We have acted out of fear, placing blame on others yet  
holding ourselves apart. In our disbelief and confusion we have hurt our neighbors and  
ourselves. Gather us back to you.**

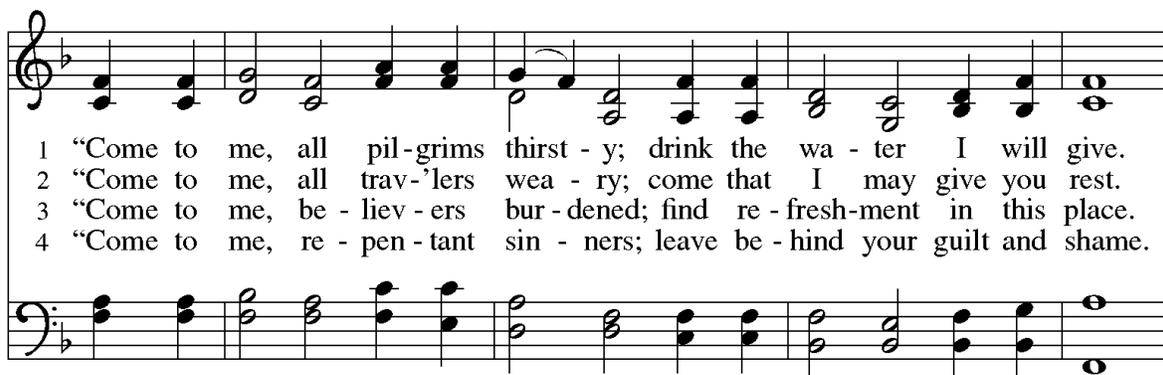
**Forgive us, free us, and make us whole for the sake of your son Jesus Christ. Amen.**

L: Friends, beloved of God,

Jesus came not to condemn the world but that all might be saved through him. In the name of †  
Christ your sins are forgiven. May God unbind your guilt and shame,  
lead you by the Spirit, and bring you to wholeness in abundant life. **ALL: Amen.**

**OPENING HYMN: Come to Me, All Pilgrims Thirsty**

# Come to Me, All Pilgrims Thirsty



1 "Come to me, all pil-grims thirst - y; drink the wa - ter I will give.  
 2 "Come to me, all trav-'lers wea - ry; come that I may give you rest.  
 3 "Come to me, be - liev - ers bur - dened; find re - fresh-ment in this place.  
 4 "Come to me, re - pen - tant sin - ners; leave be - hind your guilt and shame.

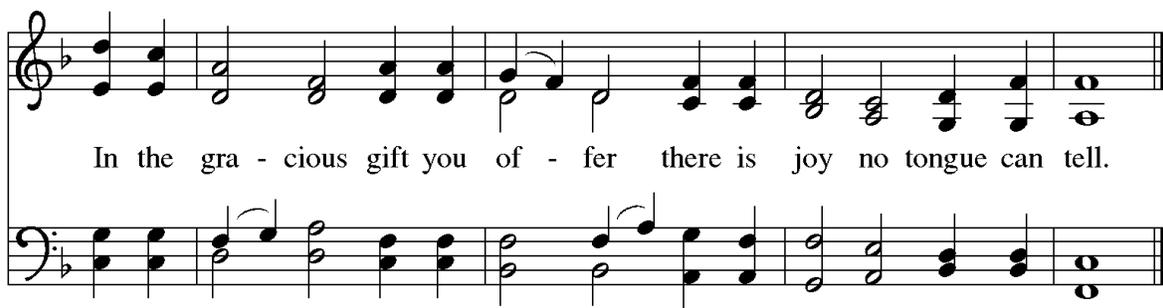


If you knew what gift I of - fer, you would come to me and live."  
 Drink the cup of life I of - fer; at this ta - ble be my guest."  
 Come, re - ceive the gift I of - fer, turn to me and seek my face."  
 Come and know di - vine com - pas - sion, turn to me, I call your name."

*Refrain*



Je - sus, ev - er - flow - ing foun - tain, give us wa - ter from your well.



In the gra - cious gift you of - fer there is joy no tongue can tell.

5 "Come to me, distressed and needy;  
 I would be your trusted friend.  
 Come and seek the gift I offer,  
 come, your open hands extend." *Refrain*

6 "Come to me, abandoned, orphaned;  
 lonely ways no longer roam.  
 Come and take the gift I offer,  
 let me make in you my home." *Refrain*

Text: Delores Dufner, OSB, b. 1939  
 Music: BEACH SPRING, *The Sacred Harp*, Philadelphia, 1844; arr. *Selected Hymns*, 1985  
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## GREETING:

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

**ALL: And also with you.**

## KYRIE



In peace, let us pray to the Lord.



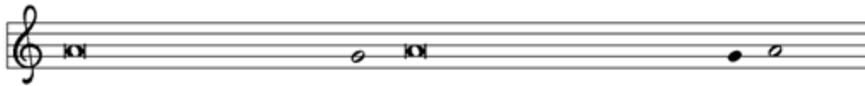
Lord, have mer - cy.



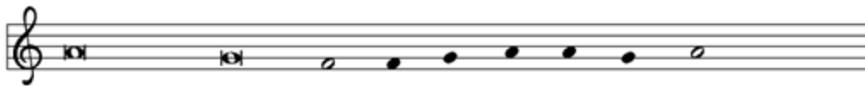
For the peace from a-bove, and for our sal - vation, let us pray to the Lord.



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.

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

L: The Lord be with you.

**ALL: And also with you.**

L: Let us pray,

God of spirit and truth, We thirst to know and to be known, no longer fragmented but whole. When we are bound by believing we cannot share anything in common, stay with us and reveal our shared longings, that we might rejoice together.

For you are the one we seek, the one we ask others to come and see. In Jesus' name we pray.

**ALL: Amen.**

*Please be seated*

### **FIRST READING: Exodus 17:1-7**

L: <sup>1</sup> From the wilderness of Sin the whole congregation of the Israelites journeyed by stages, as the Lord commanded. They camped at Rephidim, but there was no water for the people to drink. <sup>2</sup> The people quarreled with Moses and said, "Give us water to drink." Moses said to them, "Why do you quarrel with me? Why do you test the Lord?" <sup>3</sup> But the people thirsted there for water, and the people complained against Moses and said, "Why did you bring us out of Egypt, to kill us and our children and livestock with thirst?" <sup>4</sup> So Moses cried out to the Lord, "What shall I do for this people? They are almost ready to stone me." <sup>5</sup> The Lord said to Moses, "Go on ahead of the people and take some of the elders of Israel with you; take in your hand the staff with which you struck the Nile and go. <sup>6</sup> I will be standing there in front of you on the rock at Horeb. Strike the rock, and water will come out of it, so that the people may drink." Moses did so, in the sight of the elders of Israel. <sup>7</sup> He called the place Massah and Meribah, because the Israelites quarreled and tested the Lord, saying, "Is the Lord among us or not?"

L: The word of the Lord. **ALL: Thanks be to God**

### **PSALM 95**

L: <sup>1</sup> Come, let us sing to the Lord;  
let us shout for joy to the rock of our salvation.

**ALL: <sup>2</sup> Let us come before God's presence with thanksgiving and raise a loud shout to the Lord with psalms.**

L: <sup>3</sup> For you, Lord, are a great God,  
and a great ruler above all gods.

**ALL: <sup>4</sup> In your hand are the caverns of the earth;  
the heights of the hills are also yours.**

L: <sup>5</sup> The sea is yours, for you made it,  
and your hands have molded the dry land.

**ALL: <sup>6</sup> Come, let us worship and bow down,  
let us kneel before the Lord our maker.**

L: <sup>7</sup> For the Lord is our God, and we are the people of God's pasture and the sheep of God's hand.

Oh, that today you would hear God's voice!

**ALL: <sup>8</sup> "Harden not your hearts,  
as at Meribah, as on that day at Massah in the desert.**

L: <sup>9</sup> There your ancestors tested me, they put me to the test, though they had seen my works.

**ALL: <sup>10</sup> Forty years I loathed that generation, saying,  
'The heart of this people goes astray; they do not know my ways.'**

L: <sup>11</sup> Indeed I swore in my anger, 'They shall never come to my rest.'

## SECOND READING: Romans 5:1-11

L: <sup>1</sup> Since we are justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, <sup>2</sup> through whom we have obtained access to this grace in which we stand, and we boast in our hope of sharing the glory of God. <sup>3</sup> And not only that, but we also boast in our afflictions, knowing that affliction produces endurance, <sup>4</sup> and endurance produces character, and character produces hope, <sup>5</sup> and hope does not put us to shame, because God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit that has been given to us.

<sup>6</sup> For while we were still weak, at the right time Christ died for the ungodly. <sup>7</sup> Indeed, rarely will anyone die for a righteous person—though perhaps for a good person someone might actually dare to die. <sup>8</sup> But God proves his love for us in that while we still were sinners Christ died for us. <sup>9</sup> Much more surely, therefore, since we have now been justified by his blood, will we be saved through him from the wrath of God. <sup>10</sup> For if while we were enemies we were reconciled to God through the death of his Son, much more surely, having been reconciled, will we be saved by his life. <sup>11</sup> But more than that, we even boast in God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have now received reconciliation.

L: The word of the Lord. **ALL: Thanks be to God.**

*Please stand if you are able*

## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



## GOSPEL: John 4:5-42

L: The Holy Gospel according to John.

**ALL: Glory to you, O Lord.**

L: <sup>5</sup> [Jesus] came to a Samaritan city called Sychar, near the plot of ground that Jacob had given to his son Joseph. <sup>6</sup> Jacob's well was there, and Jesus, tired out by his journey, was sitting by the well. It was about noon.

<sup>7</sup> A Samaritan woman came to draw water, and Jesus said to her, "Give me a drink." <sup>8</sup> (His disciples had gone to the city to buy food.) <sup>9</sup> The Samaritan woman said to him, "How is it that you, a Jew, ask a drink of me, a woman of Samaria?" (Jews do not share things in common with Samaritans.) <sup>10</sup> Jesus answered her, "If you knew the gift of God and who it is that is saying to you, 'Give me a drink,' you would have asked him, and he would have given you living water." <sup>11</sup> The woman said to him, "Sir, you have no bucket, and the well is deep. Where do you

get that living water? <sup>12</sup> Are you greater than our ancestor Jacob, who gave us the well and with his sons and his flocks drank from it?" <sup>13</sup> Jesus said to her, "Everyone who drinks of this water will be thirsty again, <sup>14</sup> but those who drink of the water that I will give them will never be thirsty. The water that I will give will become in them a spring of water gushing up to eternal life." <sup>15</sup> The woman said to him, "Sir, give me this water, so that I may never be thirsty or have to keep coming here to draw water."

<sup>16</sup> Jesus said to her, "Go, call your husband, and come back." <sup>17</sup> The woman answered him, "I have no husband." Jesus said to her, "You are right in saying, 'I have no husband,' <sup>18</sup> for you have had five husbands, and the one you have now is not your husband. What you have said is true!" <sup>19</sup> The woman said to him, "Sir, I see that you are a prophet. <sup>20</sup> Our ancestors worshiped on this mountain, but you say that the place where people must worship is in Jerusalem." <sup>21</sup> Jesus said to her, "Woman, believe me, the hour is coming when you will worship the Father neither on this mountain nor in Jerusalem. <sup>22</sup> You worship what you do not know; we worship what we know, for salvation is from the Jews. <sup>23</sup> But the hour is coming and is now here when the true worshipers will worship the Father in spirit and truth, for the Father seeks such as these to worship him. <sup>24</sup> God is spirit, and those who worship him must worship in spirit and truth." <sup>25</sup> The woman said to him, "I know that Messiah is coming" (who is called Christ). "When he comes, he will proclaim all things to us." <sup>26</sup> Jesus said to her, "I am he, the one who is speaking to you."

<sup>27</sup> Just then his disciples came. They were astonished that he was speaking with a woman, but no one said, "What do you want?" or, "Why are you speaking with her?" <sup>28</sup> Then the woman left her water jar and went back to the city. She said to the people, <sup>29</sup> "Come and see a man who told me everything I have ever done! He cannot be the Messiah, can he?" <sup>30</sup> They left the city and were on their way to him.

<sup>31</sup> Meanwhile the disciples were urging him, "Rabbi, eat something." <sup>32</sup> But he said to them, "I have food to eat that you do not know about." <sup>33</sup> So the disciples said to one another, "Surely no one has brought him something to eat?" <sup>34</sup> Jesus said to them, "My food is to do the will of him who sent me and to complete his work. <sup>35</sup> Do you not say, 'Four months more, then comes the harvest'? But I tell you, look around you, and see how the fields are ripe for harvesting. <sup>36</sup> The reaper is already receiving wages and is gathering fruit for eternal life, so that sower and reaper may rejoice together. <sup>37</sup> For here the saying holds true, 'One sows and another reaps.' <sup>38</sup> I sent you to reap that for which you did not labor. Others have labored, and you have entered into their labor."

<sup>39</sup> Many Samaritans from that city believed in him because of the woman's testimony, "He told me everything I have ever done." <sup>40</sup> So when the Samaritans came to him, they asked him to stay with them, and he stayed there two days. <sup>41</sup> And many more believed because of his word. <sup>42</sup> They said to the woman, "It is no longer because of what you said that we believe, for we have heard for ourselves, and we know that this is truly the Savior of the world."

L: The Gospel of the Lord.

**ALL: Praise to you, O Christ.**

*Please be seated*

## CHILDREN'S TIME

## SERMON: Pastor Rick Mollenkopf-Grill

### HYMN OF THE DAY:

*Please stand as you are able*

### I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say



1 I heard the voice of Je - sus say, "Come un - to me and rest;  
2 I heard the voice of Je - sus say, "Be - hold, I free - ly give  
3 I heard the voice of Je - sus say, "I am this dark world's light;



lay down, O wea - ry one, lay down your head up - on my breast."  
the liv - ing wa - ter, thirst - y one; stoop down and drink and live."  
look un - to me, your morn shall rise, and all your day be bright."



I came to Je - sus as I was, so wea - ry, worn, and sad;  
I came to Je - sus, and I drank of that life - giv - ing stream;  
I looked to Je - sus, and I found in him my star, my sun;



I found in him a rest-ing-place, and he has made me glad.  
my thirst was quenched, my soul re - vived, and now I live in him.  
and in that light of life I'll walk till trav-'ling days are done.

Text: Horatius Bonar, 1808-1889  
Music: KINGSFOLD, English folk tune

### NICENE CREED

L: L: We are God's people. Joining together, let us confess our faith using the words of the Nicene Creed:

**ALL: 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

L: Reconciled by God's mercy and sustained by God's presence, let us pray for the world and its needs.

*A brief silence.*

When suffering arises, preserve your church. Give to pastors, deacons, bishops, and all servants of your gospel the endurance that produces character and the hope that will never disappoint. Hear us, O God.

**ALL: Your mercy is great.**

L: When the waters run dry, sustain this earth. Send water to places languishing with drought, and bring relief to places damaged by floods. Hear us, O God.

**ALL: Your mercy is great.**

L: When quarrels ensue, soften our hearts. Quell hostilities between nations and peoples, and reconcile all humans across the lines of race, class, nationality, moral conviction, religion, and all else that divides or oppresses. Hear us, O God.

**ALL: Your mercy is great.**

L: When your people thirst, satisfy their needs. Send water and food to all who need nourishment. Grant welcome to all who are excluded. Show your mercy to any in need (*especially...*). Hear us, O God.

**ALL: Your mercy is great.**

L: When we gather to worship, send us your Spirit. Renew our hearts through the joyful noise we make and bless the work of our church musicians both here at Trinity and at Zion Lutheran Church in Gasport. Hear us, O God.

**ALL: Your mercy is great.**

*Here other intercessions may be offered.*

L: When death draws near, we rejoice in the promise of life with you. We remember all who have entered eternal rest, and we pray that you bring us the hope of sharing in your glory. Hear us, O God.

**ALL: Your mercy is great.**

L: And when our sighs are too deep for words to express, hear us now as we lift up to you anything else on our hearts and minds in this time of silent prayer.

*A moment for silent prayer.*

L: Hear us, O God.

**ALL: Your mercy is great.**

L: Receive our prayers, O God, through Jesus Christ, our strength and salvation.

**ALL: Amen.**

### **THE SHARING OF THE PEACE**

L: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

**ALL: And also with you.**

*You are invited to greet your neighbors  
with a sign of Christ's peace.*

*Please be seated*

### **OFFERING**



**SCAN ME**

*Any financial gifts you wish to give towards the ministry of Trinity may be placed in the offering plate as it is passed around or at the rear of the sanctuary. You may also give your offering online using the QR code provided or go to [trinitysouthnewstead.org/give](http://trinitysouthnewstead.org/give). We give thanks for your sharing of your offerings this and every day.*

*Please stand as you are able*

## OFFERTORY



Let the vine-yards be fruit-ful, Lord, and fill to the brim our cup of



bless-ing. Gath-er a har-vest from the seeds that were sown, that



we may be fed with the bread of life. Gath-er the hopes and dreams of



all; u-nite them with the prayers we of-fer. Grace our ta-ble



with your pres-ence, and give us a fore-taste of the feast to come.

## OFFERTORY PRAYER

L: Let us pray together, O God, maker of heaven and earth,

**ALL: your steadfast love embraces all creation.**

**You send rain and sunshine to nourish the earth  
and bring forth its bounty.**

**Through these gifts of bread and wine,**

**draw us into the death and life of your Son,**

**who calls us to bear witness to his saving work.**

**We ask this in Jesus' name. Amen.**

## THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you. And al - so 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.

L: It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places, give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God, through our Savior Jesus Christ. You call your people to cleanse their hearts and prepare with joy for the paschal feast, that, renewed in the gift of baptism, we may come to the fullness of your grace. And so, with all the choirs of angels, 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.

L: 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.

## THE LORD'S PRAYER

L: Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us.

**ALL: 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.**

## INVITATION TO COMMUNION

L: Come to the table. Feast on God's goodness and mercy.

*Please be seated*

## THE DISTRIBUTION OF COMMUNION

*The minister will give instruction on the distribution of communion.*

## COMMUNION HYMN: 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 HYMN:

*To be sung during the distribution of communion*

### Jesus, Keep Me Near the Cross

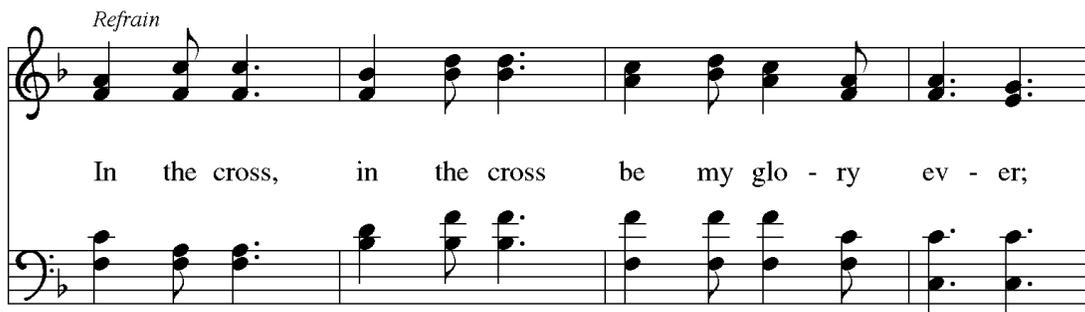


1 Je - sus, keep me near the cross, there's a pre - cious foun - tain;  
2 Near the cross, a trem - bling soul, love and mer - cy found me;  
3 Near the cross! O Lamb of God, bring its scenes be - fore me;  
4 Near the cross I'll watch and wait, hop - ing, trust - ing ev - er,



free to all, a heal - ing stream flows from Cal - v'ry's moun - tain.  
there the bright and morn - ing star sheds its beams a - round me.  
help me walk from day to day with its shad - ow o'er me.  
till I reach the gold - en strand just be - yond the riv - er.

*Refrain*



In the cross, in the cross be my glo - ry ev - er;



till my ran - somed soul shall find rest be - yond the riv - er.

**COMMUNION HYMN** – *by request, if needed*  
*Please stand as you are able*

**POST-COMMUNION BLESSING**

L: The body and blood of our Lord, Jesus Christ, strengthen and keep you in his grace. **ALL: Amen.**

**PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

L: Let us pray together, Heavenly Father,

**ALL: You have met us at this table with Christ's body and blood that we might rejoice together in the bread you provide and never be thirsty again. Send us now into the world as signs of your unbound presence, seeking the wholeness of the kingdom of God, and inviting all who hunger to come and see your glory. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.**

**BLESSING**

L: May God who seeks you by night and by day, in death and in life, open your senses to the mystery of God's grace, enfold you through water and Spirit in Christ's love, and give you confidence in the Spirit's power to unbind and grant new life. May the Holy Trinity, † Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, Mother of us all, bless you now and forever. **ALL: Amen.**

## SENDING HYMN:

### O Jesus, Joy of Loving Hearts



1 O Je - sus, joy of lov - ing hearts, the fount of  
2 Your truth un - changed has ev - er stood; you plead with  
3 We taste you, ev - er - liv - ing bread, and long to  
4 For you our rest - less spir - its yearn, wher - e'er our  
5 O Je - sus, ev - er with us stay! Make all our



life, the light of all: from ev - 'ry bliss that earth im -  
all to call on you; to those who seek you, you are  
feast up - on you still; we drink of you, the foun - tain -  
chang - ing lot is cast; glad, when your smile on us you  
mo - ments fair and bright! Oh, chase the night of sin a -



parts we turn, un - filled, to hear your call.  
good; to those who find you, life is new.  
head; our thirst - ing souls from you we fill.  
turn, blest, when by faith we hold you fast.  
way! Shed o'er the world your ho - ly light.

Text: attr. Bernard of Clairvaux, 1091–1153; tr. Ray Palmer, 1808–1887, alt.  
Music: WALTON, W. Gardiner, *Sacred Melodies*, 1815

## DISMISSAL

L: Go in peace, forgiven, whole and free.

**ALL: Thanks be to God.**

### About Today's Readings:

First Reading: Exodus 17:1-7

*Because the thirsty Israelites quarreled with Moses and put God to the test, Moses cried out in desperation to God. God commanded Moses to strike the rock to provide water for the people. The doubt-filled question—"Is the Lord among us or not?"—received a very positive answer.*

Second Reading: Romans 5:1-11

*Though we often hear that God helps those who help themselves, here Paul tells us that through Jesus' death God helps utterly helpless sinners. Since we who had been enemies are reconciled to God in the cross, we now live in hope for our final salvation.*

Gospel: John 4:5-42

*Jesus defies convention to engage a Samaritan woman in conversation. Her testimony, in turn, leads many others to faith.*

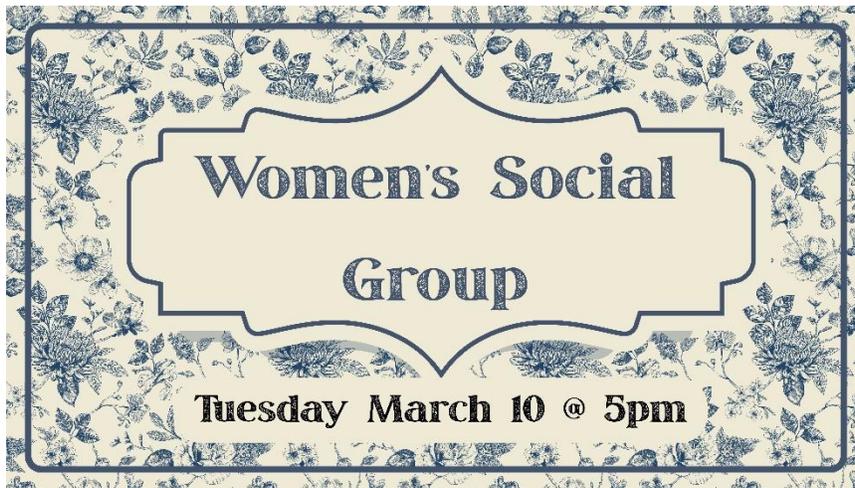
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## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

### **Please Hold in Prayer:**

*To add someone to the prayer list in the bulletin/beacon, add them to the list in the back of the Sanctuary or contact the church office. If you would like your prayer concern to be shared through our One Call system, please call Sue Kidder at 716-542-2095.*

***We pray for healing, strength and patience for those we love going through difficult times:***

Laura Pingitore  
Jane Firestone  
Lynn Aiosa  
Rosemary Doyle  
Nancy Guthrie and family  
Mike Kropelin  
Theresa (Jen's friend)  
Erin Polkowski  
Amanda Dehn  
Harold Finger  
Elizabeth Ewell

*We pray for patience, strength and support for the families and friends of:*

Ruth Folger

12-year-old Charlotte Main

Stephen Gregory

**Weekly:**

Choir rehearsal at 8:30am

Sunday Worship at 9:30

Sunday School at 10:45

Bible Study: See list below

**Food Pantry:**

First Monday of the Month: setup @ 8am

First Tuesday of the month: distribution @ 8:30am

**Council:** March 10<sup>th</sup>, 2026 at 7:00pm

**Office Info: Pastor Rick:** Tuesdays 10:00-1:00 p.m. and by appointment

**Tracy:** Tuesdays: 9:30-2:30, Thursdays: remote. Call, text or email any time.

**Bible Study**

Trinity is part of the NOEL (Niagara Orleans Ev. Lutherans) cluster of churches' Bible Study. Consider this your invitation to join, make new friends, and gain new insights into the Word and faith.

Pastor Rick, Pastor Craig, and Pastor Sohail lead this Bible Study, which is at 10 am Thursdays.

The location rotates among the NOEL churches:

3/12/26 – Here at Trinity

3/19/26 - St. Peter – 1355 West Ave, Medina 14103

3/26/26 - Trinity Wolcotsville – 6369 Wolcottsville Rd. Akron

4/2/26 – NO bible study

**First Bibles**

As a part of our baptismal promise to "place in their hands the holy scriptures," Trinity offers a first Bible program for children in grades 3 and up. Families would gather for a first Bible class, have some fun homework to do, and then Trinity would present children their new study Bible during a worship service. Please see Pastor Rick by **TODAY** if you want your child to be a part of this program. Our class will be later in March, with the presentation of Bibles happening later in April.

**Sign up for Altar Care**

We're starting a new Altar Care ministry and we need your help. Please sign up in the narthex if you're willing and able to care for our altar for a month at a time, starting with March. Responsibilities would include setup and clean up of communion each week; and as needed

filling candles with oil, changing paraments and setting up for baptisms. No experience necessary: we will train you. See Pastor or Donna if you have any questions.

**Please Take Note:**  
**Easter Flower Orders are due March 15<sup>th</sup>**

**Lenten Soup Supper**

The Lenten Soup supper at Trinity is on **March 11<sup>th</sup>**. A sign up is in the narthex – please take a look. We need 4 different soups (each on to feed 18-20 people), desserts and French or Italian bread. We are asking for your help on this – chicken noodle, vegetable, something creamy or chili. Desserts can be something simple like Timbits, brownies or cookies, or whatever you like. Thanks for all your help!

**Lent 2026  
Loving  
Responses**

*Let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father in heaven.*

Matthew 5:16

**March 11<sup>th</sup>**  
3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday in Lent  
**Foodlink  
and Pantries**



**March 18<sup>th</sup>**  
4<sup>th</sup> Wednesday in Lent  
**Upstate New York SYNOD  
and ELCA**

**March 25<sup>th</sup>**  
5<sup>th</sup> Wednesday in Lent  
**South Asian  
Worshiping Community**

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*Above all, maintain constant love for one another, for love covers a multitude of sins. Be hospitable to one another without complaining. Like good stewards of the manifold grace of God, serve one another with whatever gift each of you has received.*

1 Peter 4:8-10

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**March 11<sup>th</sup>**  
**Third Wednesday in Lent**  
**Soup Supper**  
**Presentation and Devotions**  
Trinity Lutheran Church (SN)  
4809 S Newstead Road, Akron,  
NY 14001  
6:30-8:00 pm  
Hosted by Trinity South Newstead

**March 18<sup>th</sup>**  
**Fourth Wednesday in Lent**  
**Soup Supper**  
**Presentation and Devotions**  
St. Peter Lutheran Church  
1355 Wedt Ave, Medina,  
NY 14103  
6:30-8:00 pm  
Hosted by St. John's

**March 25<sup>th</sup>**  
**Fifth Wednesday in Lent**  
**Soup Supper**  
**Presentation and Devotions**  
First English Lutheran Church  
185 Locust St. Lockport,  
NY 14094  
6:30-8:00 pm  
Hosted by First English

**April 2<sup>nd</sup>**  
**Maunday Thursday**  
**Agape Feast**  
**Pot Luck Supper & Worship**  
Zion Lutheran Church  
4447 Central Ave, Gasport,  
NY 14067  
6:30 - 8:00 pm

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