

The First Word



Pr. Rob O'Berg

He himself granted that . . . all of us come to the unity of the faith and of the knowledge of the Son of God, to maturity, to the measure of the full stature of Christ. Ephesians 4:11, 13.

This Lent March is the “interim” month, containing neither Ash Wednesday (February 18) nor Easter Sunday (April 5). All this aside, March is still an important month as it carries most of Lent and the themes and practices that come with it.

As most of you know, our mid-week emphasis is on a practical approach to spiritual disciplines. You can tune in to *Moments with Martin* (if you haven’t already) every Wednesday at noon to be given a simple primer to a different practice, week to week.

The season of Lent is a time of remembering what Christ endured for our salvation and of spiritual growth. Looking at how we can incorporate Jesus’ life into our own is a great way both to remember and to grow as we anticipate again this year Jesus’ victory over all that separates us from God.

March does end with a bang—**Palm Sunday—March 29**. Remember that we will have **one service only** on that day. More details will be forthcoming as we get nearer to the end of the month.

I don’t remember who said it, but I find wisdom in this aphorism: “Life is what happens when you’re making other plans.” Whatever your plans might be in March, I encourage you to make use of the opportunities to grow in your faith, engage one or more of the spiritual disciplines

outlined in *Moments with Martin* and deepen in your understanding of God’s great love for you in Jesus. That would make for a truly blessed Lent!

With you in Christ’s service,

Pastor Rob



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TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH

OFFICE HOURS

Monday CLOSED
 Tues-Thurs 9:00 a.m.- 2:00 p.m.
 Friday 9:00 a.m.- 12:00 p.m.
 (559) 229-8581

Check Out Our Website!

Our website is constantly being updated with new photos, sermons, event information and more! Go to tlcfresno.org and share our website with your friends and family.



Follow us on Facebook and Instagram!

PRAYER REQUESTS

Did you know that you can put in a request for prayer on Trinity’s website? It’s simple and you can do it at any time of day or night. Just go to tlcfresno.com and follow the link to put in your request. You’ll be put on our prayer list right away!

Congregation Council

A fundamental human need is to be heard. Your Congregation Council is here to listen.

- Ed Brewer.....273-6123
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- Wyatt Czeshinski.....593-5797
- Veronica Flanders.....287-8432
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- Shawn Swaim.....360-1009
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WEEKLY CALENDAR

Sundays

- 9:00 am-Contemporary Worship Service
- 9:00 am-Adult Bible Study - Conference Room
- 9:00am-Chancel Choir - Music Room
- 10:30 am-Sunday School (K-6) - Multipurpose Room
- 10:30 am-Traditional Worship Service

Mondays

- 9:00 am-Exercise Class 11am-12pm (online)
j3jordan@hotmail.com

Wednesday

- 6:00pm-Middle & High School Gathering/Worship
- 9:00 am-Exercise Class 11am-12pm (online)
j3jordan@hotmail.com

Thursday

- 7:00 am-Men's Bible Study,
- 12:00 pm-Bell Practice
- 1:00 pm-Choir Practice
- 6:00 pm-Women’s Bible Study

Trinity Lutheran Church

INVITES YOU TO OUR

2ND ANNUAL



TOURNAMENT

SUNDAY APRIL 12TH, 2026

12:30PM - 4:00PM

REGISTER WITH US NOW!

*\$60 PER TEAM - 1ST PLACE PRIZE, CUSTOM CORNHOLE BOARD SET
 FOOD AND DRINK WILL BE AVAILABLE FOR PURCHASE*

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A SPECIAL DAY FOR ALL WOMEN
is coming up on March 14th!

We invite you to share that morning with women from our neighboring Lutheran churches as we host the *Conference 9 spring event*.

This annual gathering of women reaches out to twelve congregations, including three Hispanic and one Hmong group.

The morning will include interesting announcements about Lutheran activities in our area, election of officers, always an inspiring speaker (this year Dr. Charlane Lines, Assistant to our Bishop), a time of worship and Holy Communion, good singing, interesting displays, a coffee-break mid-morning, and lunch together. The theme to be considered will be "I Have Called You By Name."

Please Consider joining us this year! Saturday, March 14th - 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. Sign-in that morning begins at 8:15 a.m.

You MUST register ahead of time. Cost is \$20. Forms for your convenience can be found in Luther Hall at the welcome center, or on the table in the narthex, or from any circle leader. Just ask!



Lutheran Campus Ministry and the Bulldog Pantry are grateful for your support! We especially want to thank the following people who have volunteered with us so far in 2026 Nancy Bird, Jan Odahl, Robert Phillips, and Jim Reddig.

Donations of food items, personal care items, and household goods all help us keep our costs down.

Please also consider joining our board. If you are concerned about the future of young adult ministry, we have a place for you. Feel free to contact Erica Bird for more information.

Your prayers mean the world to all of us!



In Our Thoughts and Prayers

Melanie Young; Troy Brown, son of Gayle Brown; Matt Fazio; Brian & Julie Lehman; Tiffany Benjamin and Brenda McLean, friends of Jennifer Jimenez; Janet Hill; Billy Person; Shirley Booloodian; Curtis Smith; Whitney, daughter of John and Barbara Hord; Jeremiah Berry; Matthew Fazio, grandson of Liz Davis; Pamela Leahy, sister of Jeri Techman; Marla Poulsen-Reisman; Elfriede Munday; Ernest Munday; James Niell; Rod Harris; Frank Collins; Norman Stahl; Lori O'Berg; Nancy Waterhouse; Scott & Sharon Rowley; John & Roni Grove; Barbara Cucuk; Sebastian Truax; Peace and comfort for Sandra Trippel, friends and family as they mourn the passing of her husband, George Trippel; Dr. Stephen & Jodi Swanson for their work in Tanzania; the people of the Holy Land; the people of Ukraine and Russia; the people of Venezuela; all victims of natural disasters; victims of violence and terror attacks; our troops, first responders, & their families.

LINKS OF LOVE

Our Links of Love ministry at Trinity reaches out to Trinity members who are homebound or in need of having one of our lay ministers come out and visit, bring Communion, or send cards. Interested or know someone in need,? If so, please call Lisa Collins, at the Church office at 229-8581, and we will make sure to contact you.

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559-907-2914

Liz Davis
Twinliz2@icloud.com
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March 2026

| Sun | Mon | Tue | Wed | Thu | Fri | Sat |
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| <p>1</p> <p>9a Chancel Choir 9a Cont. Worship 10a Coffee Hour 10:30a Trad. Wrshp. 11:30a Coffee Hour</p> | <p>2</p> <p>11a Exercise Class via Zoom Exercise class via zoom j3jor-dan@hotmail.com</p> | <p>3</p> <p>9a Layettes 12p WELCA Board Mtg.</p> | <p>4</p> <p>11a Exercise Class via Zoom</p> | <p>5</p> <p>7a MBS 9a CRTA 12p Bells 1p Choir 6p WBS</p> | <p>6</p> <p>9a Warming Fresno</p> | <p>7</p> |
| <p>8</p> <p>9a Chancel Choir 9a Cont. Worship 10a Coffee Hour 10:30a Trad. Wrshp. 11:30a Coffee Hour</p> | <p>9</p> <p>11a Exercise Class via Zoom</p> | <p>10</p> <p>1:30p Mary Martha Circle</p> | <p>11</p> <p>9a CRTA Luncheon 9:30a Pricilla Circle 11a Exercise Class via Zoom</p> | <p>12</p> <p>7a MBS 9a CRTA 12p Bells 1p Choir 6p WBS</p> | <p>13</p> | <p>14</p> |
| <p>15 ANNUAL REPORTS</p> <p>9a Chancel Choir 9a Cont. Worship 10a Coffee Hour 10:30a Trad. Wrshp. 11:30a Coffee Hour</p> | <p>16</p> <p>11a Exercise Class via Zoom 6:30p Evening Spirit</p> | <p>17</p> <p>10:30a Good Morning Circle</p> | <p>18</p> <p>9:30a Pricilla Circle 11a Exercise Class via Zoom</p> | <p>19</p> <p>7a MBS 9a CRTA 12p Bells 1p Choir 6p WBS</p> | <p>20</p> <p>9a Warming Fresno</p> | <p>21</p> |
| <p>22</p> <p>9a Chancel Choir 9a Cont. Worship 10a Coffee Hour 10:30a Trad. Wrshp. 11:30a Coffee Hour</p> | <p>23</p> <p>11a Exercise Class via Zoom</p> | <p>24</p> | <p>25</p> <p>11a Exercise Class via Zoom 1p Good News Circle</p> | <p>26</p> <p>7a MBS 9a CRTA 12p Bells 1p Choir 6p WBS</p> | <p>27</p> | <p>28</p> |
| <p>29</p> <p>Palm Sunday 10a Followed by "Christ in the Passover"</p> | <p>30</p> <p>11a Exercise Class via Zoom</p> | <p>31</p> | | | <p>MBS-Men's Bible Study WBS-Women's Bible Study Contact Pastor Rob for a link to join via Zoom!</p> | <p>Warming Fresno is open to all levels of crocheters and knitters and they are willing to teach anyone interested!</p> |

March Birthdays & Anniversaries



HAPPY ANNIVERSARY!

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| David and Kristine Guest | 3/07/1977 |
| John Chase and Kristy Hall | 3/02/2020 |
| Steve and Debbie Moe | 3/14/2019 |
| Robert and Kristen O'Berg | 3/22/1986 |
| Wyatt and Emma Czesinski | 3/22/2025 |



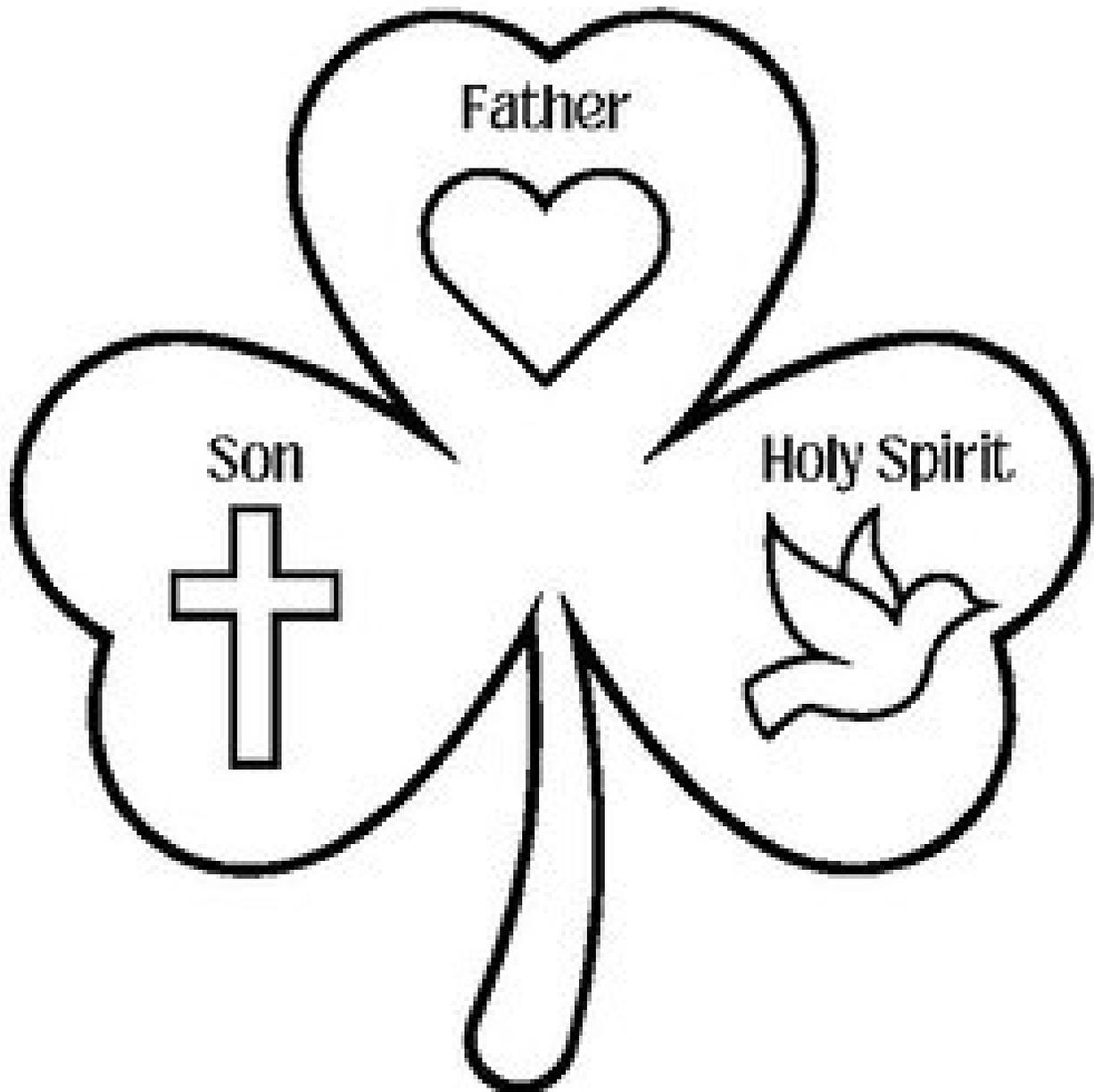
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| Charles McConnell | 3/03 |
| James Niell | 3/05 |
| Roy Bohlin | 3/06 |
| Diane Ellis | 3/06 |
| Lloyd Little | 3/07 |
| John Schomaker | 3/08 |
| Jane Ocean | 3/08 |
| Darlene Trujillo | 3/10 |
| Jeffrey Willis | 3/12 |
| Annette Tenneboe | 3/14 |
| Lila Pena | 3/14 |
| Dennis Donnelly | 3/15 |
| Judy Friesen | 3/16 |
| Max Dyer | 3/17 |
| Lois Kilbert | 3/18 |
| Jose Arreola | 3/18 |
| Ernest Munday | 3/22 |
| Ashley Carrasco | 3/22 |
| Karin Huebner | 3/23 |
| Lisa Collins | 3/24 |
| Connie Smith | 3/29 |
| Edith Schumacher | 3/30 |
| Steve Moe | 3/30 |
| Tyler Geisel | 3/30 |

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LUCKY
 simply
BLESSED
 roman 4:7-8

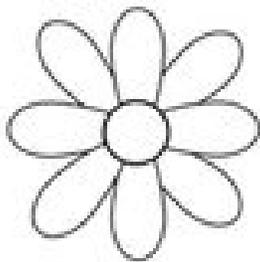
*“Blessed are those whose iniquities are forgiven,
 and whose sins are covered; blessed is the one
 against whom the Lord will not reckon sin.”*
 Romans 4:7-8

Trinity Shamrock

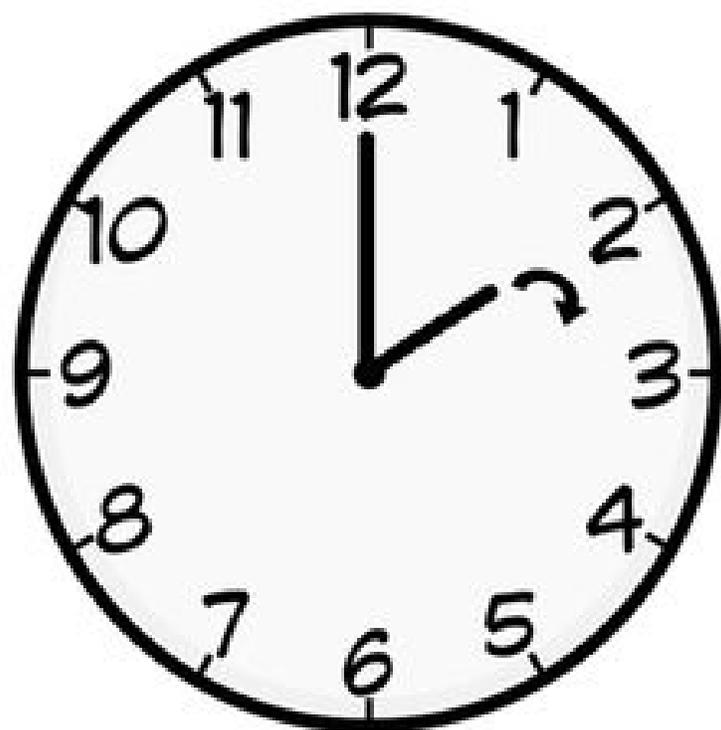
Three leaves on the shamrock, a symbol of unity,
Father, Son, and Holy Spirit in perfect community.
Three in one, Their love does shine,
A holy bond, both pure and divine.



Don't forget to...

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RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED

**Our Mission:
To Lead People Into The Life-Changing Love of Jesus Christ**