

*Trinity Ev. Lutheran Church  
of South Newstead  
March 15<sup>th</sup>, 2026*



*Baptism is sometimes called enlightenment. The gospel for this Sunday is the story of the man born blind healed by Christ. “I was blind, now I see,” declares the man. In baptism God opens our eyes to see the truth of who we are: God’s beloved children. As David was anointed king of Israel, in baptism God anoints our head with oil, and calls us to bear witness to the light of Christ in our daily lives.*

**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: There is a Balm in Gilead – Blue Book 737

There Is a Balm in Gilead

*Refrain*

There is a balm in Gil-e-ad to make the wound-ed whole;

there is a balm in Gil-e-ad to heal the sin-sick soul.

1 Some - times I feel dis - cour - aged and think my work's in vain,  
2 If you can - not preach like Pe - ter, if you can - not pray like Paul,  
3 Don't ev - er be dis - cour - aged, for Je - sus is your friend;

*Refrain*

but then the Ho - ly Spir - it re - vives my soul a - gain.  
you can tell the love of Je - sus and say, "He died for all."  
and if you lack for knowl-edge, he'll ne'er re - fuse to lend.

Text: African American spiritual  
Music: BALM IN GILEAD, African American spiritual

## 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.



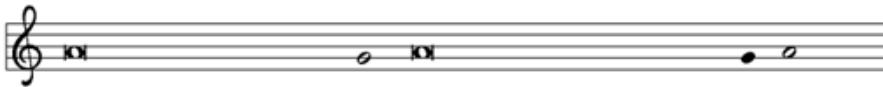
Lord, have mer - cy.



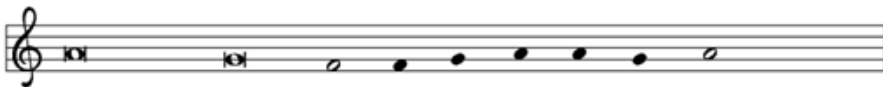
For the peace from a-bove, and for our sal - vation, let us pray to the Lord.



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,

Bend your ear to our prayers, Lord Christ, and come among us. By your gracious life and death for us, bring light into the darkness of our hearts, and anoint us with your Spirit, for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**ALL: Amen.**

*Please be seated*

### **FIRST READING: 1 Samuel 16:1-13**

L: <sup>1</sup> The Lord said to Samuel, “How long will you grieve over Saul? I have rejected him from being king over Israel. Fill your horn with oil and set out; I will send you to Jesse the Bethlehemite, for I have provided for myself a king among his sons.” <sup>2</sup> Samuel said, “How can I go? If Saul hears of it, he will kill me.” And the Lord said, “Take a heifer with you and say, ‘I have come to sacrifice to the Lord.’” <sup>3</sup> Invite Jesse to the sacrifice, and I will show you what you shall do, and you shall anoint for me the one whom I name to you.” <sup>4</sup> Samuel did what the Lord commanded and came to Bethlehem. The elders of the city came to meet him trembling and said, “Do you come peaceably?” <sup>5</sup> He said, “Peaceably. I have come to sacrifice to the Lord; sanctify yourselves and come with me to the sacrifice.” And he sanctified Jesse and his sons and invited them to the sacrifice.

<sup>6</sup> When they came, he looked on Eliab and thought, “Surely his anointed is now before the Lord.” <sup>7</sup> But the Lord said to Samuel, “Do not look on his appearance or on the height of his stature, because I have rejected him, for the Lord does not see as mortals see; they look on the outward appearance, but the Lord looks on the heart.” <sup>8</sup> Then Jesse called Abinadab and made him pass before Samuel. He said, “Neither has the Lord chosen this one.” <sup>9</sup> Then Jesse made Shammah pass by. And he said, “Neither has the Lord chosen this one.” <sup>10</sup> Jesse made seven of his sons pass before Samuel, and Samuel said to Jesse, “The Lord has not chosen any of these.” <sup>11</sup> Samuel said to Jesse, “Are all your sons here?” And he said, “There remains yet the youngest, but he is keeping the sheep.” And Samuel said to Jesse, “Send and bring him, for we will not sit down until he comes here.” <sup>12</sup> He sent and brought him in. Now he was ruddy and had beautiful eyes and was handsome. The Lord said, “Rise and anoint him, for this is the one.” <sup>13</sup> Then Samuel took the horn of oil and anointed him in the presence of his brothers, and the spirit of the Lord came mightily upon David from that day forward. Samuel then set out and went to Ramah.

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

### **PSALM 23**

L:<sup>1</sup> The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not be in want.

**ALL:<sup>2</sup> The Lord makes me lie down in green pastures and leads me beside still waters.**

L:<sup>3</sup> You restore my soul, O Lord, and guide me along right pathways for your name’s sake.

**ALL:<sup>4</sup> Though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I shall fear no evil; for you are with me; your rod and your staff, they comfort me.**

L:<sup>5</sup> You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies; you anoint my head with oil, and my cup is running over.

**ALL:**<sup>6</sup> Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life, and I will dwell in the house of the Lord forever.

**SECOND READING: Ephesians 5:8-14**

L: <sup>8</sup> Once you were darkness, but now in the Lord you are light. Walk as children of light, <sup>9</sup> for the fruit of the light is found in all that is good and right and true. <sup>10</sup> Try to find out what is pleasing to the Lord. <sup>11</sup> Take no part in the unfruitful works of darkness; rather, expose them. <sup>12</sup> For it is shameful even to mention what such people do secretly, <sup>13</sup> but everything exposed by the light becomes visible, <sup>14</sup> for everything that becomes visible is light. Therefore it says, “Sleeper, awake! Rise from the dead, and Christ will shine on you.”

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

*Please stand if you are able*

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**



**GOSPEL: John 9:1-41**

L: The Holy Gospel according to John.

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

L: <sup>1</sup> As [Jesus] walked along, he saw a man blind from birth. <sup>2</sup> His disciples asked him, “Rabbi, who sinned, this man or his parents, that he was born blind?” <sup>3</sup> Jesus answered, “Neither this man nor his parents sinned; he was born blind so that God’s works might be revealed in him. <sup>4</sup> We must work the works of him who sent me while it is day; night is coming, when no one can work. <sup>5</sup> As long as I am in the world, I am the light of the world.” <sup>6</sup> When he had said this, he spat on the ground and made mud with the saliva and spread the mud on the man’s eyes, <sup>7</sup> saying to him, “Go, wash in the pool of Siloam” (which means Sent). Then he went and washed and came back able to see. <sup>8</sup> The neighbors and those who had seen him before as a beggar began to ask, “Is this not the man who used to sit and beg?” <sup>9</sup> Some were saying, “It is he.” Others were saying, “No, but it is someone like him.” He kept saying, “I am he.” <sup>10</sup> But they kept asking him, “Then how were your eyes opened?” <sup>11</sup> He answered, “The man called Jesus made mud, spread it on my eyes, and said to me, ‘Go to Siloam and wash.’ Then I went and washed and received my sight.” <sup>12</sup> They said to him, “Where is he?” He said, “I do not know.”

<sup>13</sup> They brought to the Pharisees the man who had formerly been blind. <sup>14</sup> Now it was a Sabbath day when Jesus made the mud and opened his eyes. <sup>15</sup> Then the Pharisees also began to ask him how he had received his sight. He said to them, “He put mud on my eyes. Then I washed, and now I see.” <sup>16</sup> Some of the Pharisees said, “This man is not from God, for he does not observe the Sabbath.” Others said, “How can a man who is a sinner perform such signs?” And they were divided. <sup>17</sup> So they said again to the blind man, “What do you say about him? It was your eyes he opened.” He said, “He is a prophet.”

<sup>18</sup> The Jews did not believe that he had been blind and had received his sight until they called the parents of the man who had received his sight <sup>19</sup> and asked them, “Is this your son, who you say was born blind? How then does he now see?” <sup>20</sup> His parents answered, “We know that this is our son and that he was born blind, <sup>21</sup> but we do not know how it is that now he sees, nor do we know who opened his eyes. Ask him; he is of age. He will speak for himself.” <sup>22</sup> His parents said this because they were afraid of the Jews, for the Jews had already agreed that anyone who confessed Jesus to be the Messiah would be put out of the synagogue. <sup>23</sup> Therefore his parents said, “He is of age; ask him.”

<sup>24</sup> So for the second time they called the man who had been blind, and they said to him, “Give glory to God! We know that this man is a sinner.” <sup>25</sup> He answered, “I do not know whether he is a sinner. One thing I do know, that though I was blind, now I see.” <sup>26</sup> They said to him, “What did he do to you? How did he open your eyes?” <sup>27</sup> He answered them, “I have told you already, and you would not listen. Why do you want to hear it again? Do you also want to become his disciples?” <sup>28</sup> Then they reviled him, saying, “You are his disciple, but we are disciples of Moses. <sup>29</sup> We know that God has spoken to Moses, but as for this man, we do not know where he comes from.” <sup>30</sup> The man answered, “Here is an astonishing thing! You do not know where he comes from, yet he opened my eyes. <sup>31</sup> We know that God does not listen to sinners, but he does listen to one who worships him and obeys his will. <sup>32</sup> Never since the world began has it been heard that anyone opened the eyes of a person born blind. <sup>33</sup> If this man were not from God, he could do nothing.” <sup>34</sup> They answered him, “You were born entirely in sins, and are you trying to teach us?” And they drove him out.

<sup>35</sup> Jesus heard that they had driven him out, and when he found him he said, “Do you believe in the Son of Man?” <sup>36</sup> He answered, “And who is he, sir? Tell me, so that I may believe in him.” <sup>37</sup> Jesus said to him, “You have seen him, and the one speaking with you is he.” <sup>38</sup> He said, “Lord, I believe.” And he worshiped him. <sup>39</sup> Jesus said, “I came into this world for judgment, so that those who do not see may see and those who do see may become blind.” <sup>40</sup> Some of the Pharisees who were with him heard this and said to him, “Surely we are not blind, are we?” <sup>41</sup> Jesus said to them, “If you were blind, you would not have sin. But now that you say, ‘We see,’ your sin remains.”

L: The Gospel of the Lord.

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

*Please be seated*

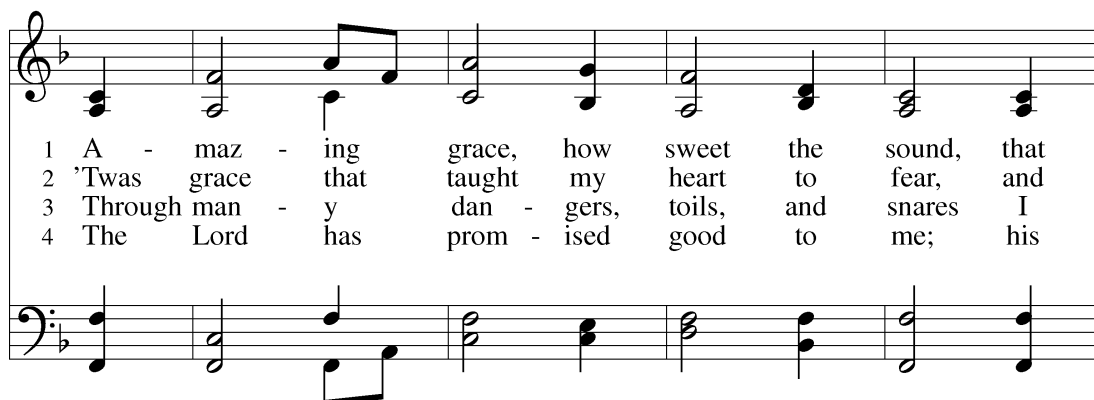
## CHILDREN’S TIME

**SERMON: Pastor Rick Mollenkopf-Grill**

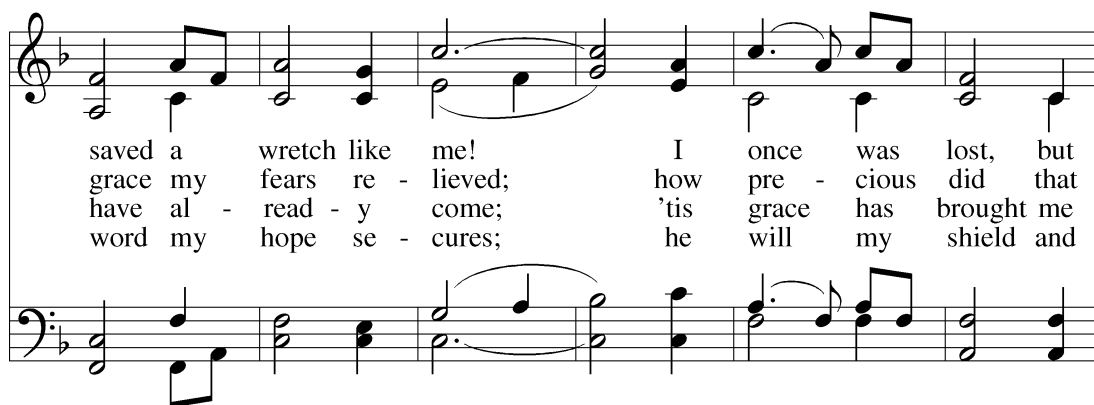
## HYMN OF THE DAY:

*Please stand as you are able*

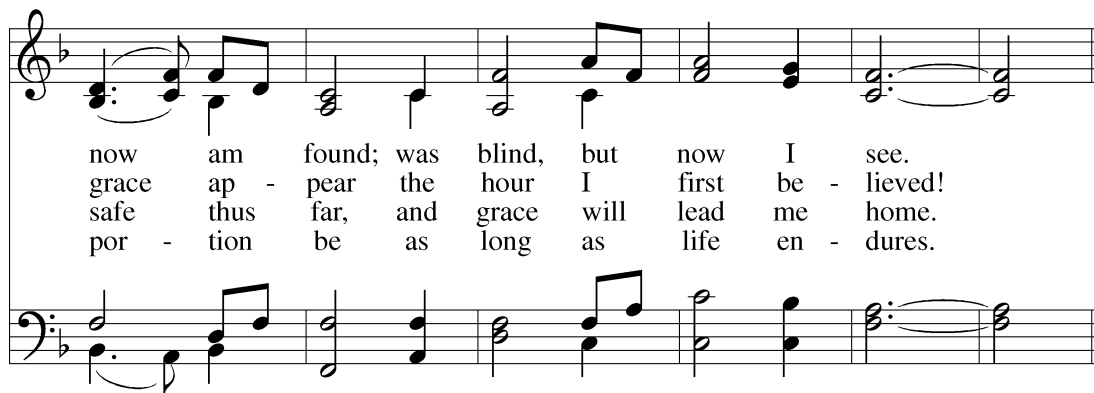
### Amazing Grace, How Sweet the Sound



1 A - maz - ing grace, how sweet the sound, that  
2 'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear, and  
3 Through man - y dan - gers, toils, and snares I  
4 The Lord has prom - ised good to me; his



saved a wretch like me! I once was lost, but  
grace my fears re - lieved; how pre - cious did that  
have al - read - y come; 'tis grace has brought me  
word my hope se - cures; he will my shield and



now am found; was blind, but now I see.  
grace ap - pear the hour I first be - lieved!  
safe thus far, and grace will lead me home.  
por - tion be as long as life en - dures.

Text: John Newton, 1725–1807

Music: NEW BRITAIN, W. Walker, *Southern Harmony*, 1835

## 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.*

God, our shepherd, we pray that you guide the church. Lead Christians in our community both here at Trinity, and at Zion in Gasport, and across the globe, in right paths for your name's sake. Hear us, O God.

**ALL: Your mercy is great.**

L: God our provider, we cry out for this planet and the life it holds. Rescue endangered animals and plants, preserve threatened ecosystems, and save creatures from natural disasters. Hear us, O God.

**ALL: Your mercy is great.**

L: God our sovereign, we plead for your peace on earth. Bring an end to war and violence, and raise up leaders in governments, courts, businesses, schools, and community organizations who seek goodness and mercy. Hear us, O God.

**ALL: Your mercy is great.**

L: God our healer, we call to you in our need. Uplift all who are made to feel unimportant, and transform the hearts of all infected by bigotry and prejudice. Care for all in special need this day (*especially those sick, injured or otherwise suffering...*). Hear us, O God.

**ALL: Your mercy is great.**

L: God our friend, we praise you for the diversity of people among us. Awaken us to share and receive the gifts we each possess, and stir up a spirit of understanding, celebration, and welcome for all. Hear us, O God.

**ALL: Your mercy is great.**

*Here other intercessions may be offered.*

L: God our home, we thank you for all who have died and completed their baptismal journeys. Grant us faith to live until we too dwell in your house forever. Hear us, O God.

**ALL: Your mercy is great.**

L: And God our all-in-all, 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**



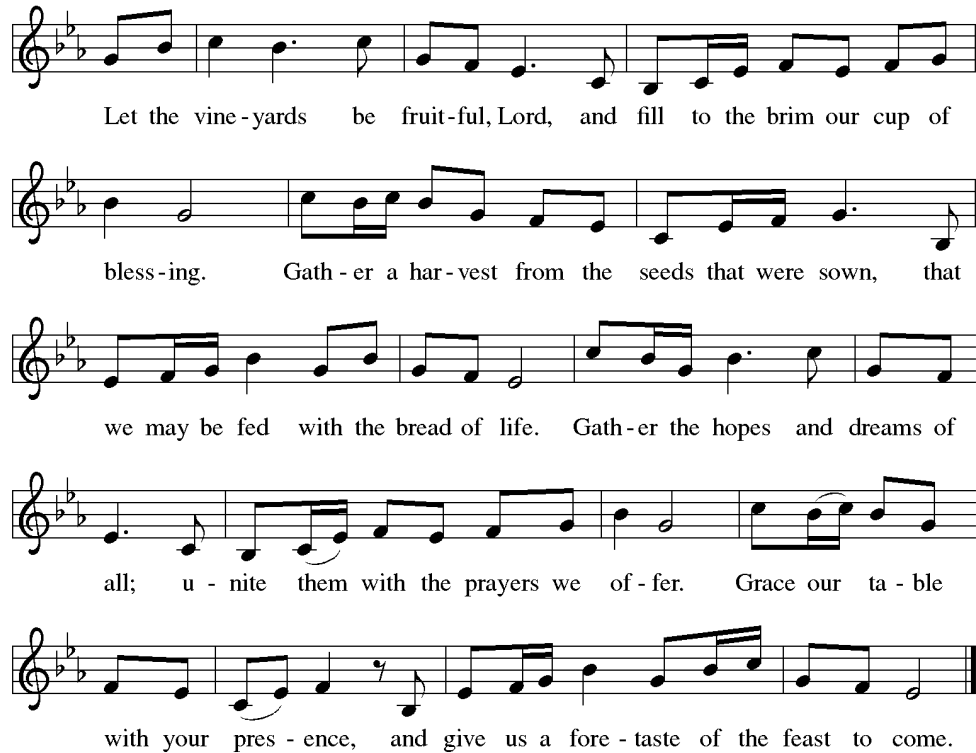
**SCAN ME**

*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.*

### **CHOIR ANTHEM: Tree of Life and Awesome Mystery**

*With musical accompaniment by Julie Conshafter*

## 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.

The image shows four staves of musical notation in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. Each staff contains a melody line with lyrics underneath. The lyrics are: '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.', and '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.

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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

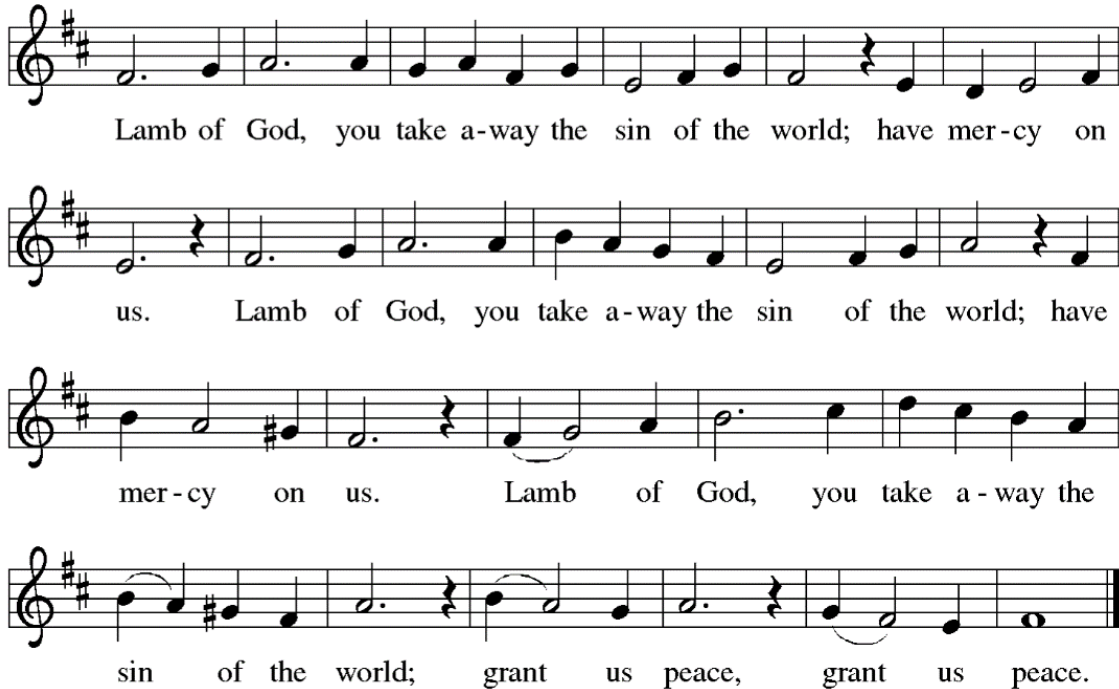
L: Come to the table. Feast on God's goodness and mercy.

*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: Rock of Ages, Cleft for Me Green Book - 327

*To be sung during the distribution of communion*

## Rock of Ages, Cleft for Me

1 Rock of A - ges, cleft for me, let me hide my - self in thee;  
2 Not the la - bors of my hands can ful - fill thy law's de - mands;  
3 Noth - ing in my hand I bring; sim - ply to thy cross I cling.  
4 While I draw this fleet - ing breath, when mine eye - lids close in death,

let the wa - ter and the blood, from thy riv - en side which flowed,  
could my zeal no res - pite know, could my tears for - ev - er flow,  
Na - ked, come to thee for dress; help - less, look to thee for grace;  
when I soar to worlds un - known, see thee on thy judg - ment throne,

be of sin the dou - ble cure; cleanse me from its guilt and pow'r.  
all for sin could not a - tone; thou must save, and thou a - lone.  
foul, I to the foun - tain fly; wash me, Sav - ior, or I die.  
Rock of A - ges, cleft for me, let me hide my - self in thee.

Text: Augustus M. Toplady, 1740–1778  
Music: TOPLADY, Thomas Hastings, 1784–1872

**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: Be Thou My Vision**  
**Blue Book – 776**

## Be Thou My Vision

1 Be thou my vi - sion, O Lord of my heart;  
 2 Be thou my wis - dom, and thou my true word;  
 3 Rich - es I heed not, nor vain, emp - ty praise,  
 4 Light of my soul, af - ter vic - to - ry won,

naught be all else to me, save that thou art:  
 I ev - er with thee and thou with me, Lord.  
 thou mine in - her - i - tance, now and al - ways:  
 may I reach heav - en's joys, O heav - en's Sun!

thou my best thought by day and by night,  
 Thou my soul's shel - ter, thou my high tow'r,  
 thou, and thou on - ly, first in my heart,  
 Heart of my own heart, what - ev - er be - fall,

wak - ing or sleep - ing, thy pres - ence my light.  
 raise thou me heav'n - ward, O Pow'r of my pow'r.  
 great God of heav - en, my trea - sure thou art.  
 still be my vi - sion, O Rul - er of all.

Text: Irish 8th–10th cent.; tr. Mary E. Byrne, 1880–1931; vers. Eleanor H. Hull, 1860–1935, alt.  
 Music: SLANE, Irish tune

## DISMISSAL

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

**ALL: Thanks be to God.**

### About Today's Readings:

#### 1 Samuel 16:1-13

*Samuel anointed David even though he was the eighth-oldest son of Jesse and did not match his brothers in height or other physical characteristics. With the anointing came endowment with the Spirit of the Lord, designating David as the Lord's chosen successor to Saul.*

#### Ephesians 5:8-14

*Because we now live in the divine light which is Jesus Christ, we conduct our lives in ways that reflect the light of Christ, so that our activity is truly pleasing to God.*

#### Gospel: John 9:1-41

*Jesus heals a man born blind, provoking a hostile reaction that he regards as spiritual blindness to the things of God.*

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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

Mike Kropelin

Theresa (Jen's friend)

Erin Polkowski

Amanda Dehn

Harold Finger

Elizabeth Ewell

Sharon (Linda Lawrie's sister)

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

Lyn Aiosa

Stephen Gregory

Irv Easton

Pam Neuroth

Joan Antonicelli

Danny Cummings

John Rogers

**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

Easter Setup: March 30<sup>th</sup> at 8am

Easter Distribution: March 31<sup>st</sup> @ 8:30am

**Council:** April 14<sup>th</sup> 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:

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

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

4/2/26 – NO bible study

**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 TODAY**

**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 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 West 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