A photograph of a brown hen with her brood of chicks. The hen is the central focus, shown in profile facing left. She has reddish-brown feathers and a prominent red comb. Several small, fluffy chicks are visible around her, some tucked under her wings. The background is a soft-focus outdoor scene with green foliage and a blue sky. On the left side of the image, there is a vertical wooden plank. The text is overlaid on the left side of the image, partially overlapping the wooden plank and the background.

How often  
have I desired  
to gather  
your children  
together  
as a hen gathers her  
brood under her wings

LUKE 13:34

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## **SECOND SUNDAY IN LENT**

**7:45 A.M. SERVICE**

**Today's Theme:** Though we sometimes doubt and often resist God's desire to protect and save us, our God persists. In holy baptism, God's people have been called and gathered into a God-initiated relationship that will endure. Lent provides the church with a time and a tradition in which to seek God's face again. Lent provides another occasion to behold the God of our salvation in the face of the Blessed One who "comes in the name of the Lord."

**Welcome all visitors!** We welcome all who worship with us. May the joy of Christ's presence and the power of the Holy Spirit fill you with peace and hope! We are honored by your presence and trust that you will join us in the praise and worship of God. Please sign our guest book in the Narthex. If you are interested in church membership, please give your name and telephone number to Pastor Rankin.

**Welcome to the Eucharist!** All who seek to follow Jesus and who seek the gifts Jesus offers us are invited to share in this sacrament of Holy Communion.

*Children are invited to receive communion at the discretion of their parents/guardians. If a child wants to receive a blessing, they are asked to fold their hands.*

**Prayer As You Enter:** *God of the covenant, in the mystery of the cross you promise everlasting life to the world. Gather all peoples into your arms, and shelter us with your mercy, that we may rejoice in the life we share in your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.*

**Why no alleluias or hymn of praise during Lent?** You may have noticed that the act of praise following the assurance of forgiveness is missing from our worship. We join other churches in omitting alleluias, glorias, and other hymns of praise as we turn again to our Lenten journey of exile and repentance. We long for the eschatological New Jerusalem "...the Jerusalem above; she is free, and she is our mother" (Galatians 4:26). We walk in darkness awaiting the city of God where... "there will be no more night; the servants of God need no light of lamp or sun, for the Lord God will be their light, and they will reign forever and ever" (Revelation 22:5). Until then, we travel with our Lord Jesus into the desert to face the devil, we join him in his triumphant procession into Jerusalem, we pray with him in the garden of Gethsemane, and we follow him to the painful cross and to the cold dark tomb. We trust that our journey with Christ does not end there. On Easter we once again join the praises of the choirs of heaven: "The Lord is risen; the Kingdom has come; our joy is complete; and, in concert with the angels and saints, we greet the risen Lord with shouts of 'Alleluia!'" ([http://catholicism.about.com/od/worship/f/No Alleluia.htm](http://catholicism.about.com/od/worship/f/No_Alleluia.htm)).

**BY YOUR SILENCE OTHERS MAY HEAR THE STILL SMALL VOICE OF GOD!**



**CATCH THE VISION & SHARE THE JOY**



**TRINITY U.C.C. VISION STATEMENT:**

All will know the love of God through the teachings of Jesus!!

**Trinity U.C.C. is called by God to:**

- Share God's love with our community*
- Serve God's children*
- Bring healing and wholeness to those in need*
- Share the Gospel in liturgy, music and study*

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**PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS**

*(PLEASE STAND IF YOU ARE ABLE)*

**CALL TO WORSHIP**

**AFFIRMATION OF BAPTISM AND INVITATION TO THE TABLE**

In the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

Put away your hesitation to come before God; quiet your fears and anxieties, for God welcomes us.

**God is our light and our salvation; whom shall we fear?**

Look to the heavens for inspiration and assurance; look around you, for God's presence is everywhere.

**God is the stronghold of our lives; of whom shall we be afraid?**

Let us watch and wait with our Creator; let us trust in the one who gives life and hope.

**Teach us your ways, O God, and lead us on a level path.**

All who are hungry, come! The feast of grace is spread.

## **CONFESSION OF SINS**

### **CALL TO CONFESSION**

During the season of Lent we are called to return to the Lord with all our heart.

**Let us confess our sin in silent prayer.**

*(SEATED OR KNEELING)*

### **SILENT CONFESSION OF SINS**

#### **CONFESSION OF SIN**

Let us return to God, confessing our sins in the assurance of God's abiding love. Compassionate One, you are slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love, but our lives do not always reflect you and your love for the world. We do not show others the tender compassion you have shown to us. We do not welcome others with the radical hospitality you grant to all people. We oppress others, even though you have set us free again and again. We squander the abundant gifts of the earth. Transform our lives and guide us again in the way of the cross; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

#### **KYRIE**

Lord, have mercy.	Lord, have mercy.
Christ, have mercy.	Christ, have mercy.
Lord, have mercy.	Lord, have mercy.

### **ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

*(PLEASE STAND IF YOU ARE ABLE)*

#### **COLLECT FOR SECOND SUNDAY IN LENT**

Let us pray the collect together.

O God, you have brought us out of the darkness of night into the brightness of morning; by your Holy Spirit, dispel the darkness of sin and doubt. In your goodness, pour such light into our hearts, that they may be yours without fear of separation, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

(PLEASE BE SEATED)

## **THE WORD OF GOD**

### **THE FIRST LESSON**

Genesis 15:1-12, 17-18

*God promises a childless and doubting Abram that he will have a child, that his descendants will be as numerous as the stars, and that the land of Canaan will be their inheritance. Abram's trust in God is sealed with a covenant-making ceremony, a sign of God's promise.*

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

### **THE PSALTER**

Psalm 27

The Lord is my light and my salvation; whom shall I fear? The Lord is the stronghold of my life; of whom shall I be afraid?

**When evildoers assail me to devour my flesh—my adversaries and foes—they shall stumble and fall.**

Though an army encamp against me, my heart shall not fear; though war rise up against me, yet I will be confident.

**One thing I asked of the Lord, that will I seek after: to live in the house of the Lord all the days of my life, to behold the beauty of the Lord, and to inquire in his temple.**

For he will hide me in his shelter in the day of trouble; he will conceal me under the cover of his tent; he will set me high on a rock.

**Now my head is lifted up above my enemies all around me, and I will offer in his tent sacrifices with shouts of joy; I will sing and make melody to the Lord.**

Hear, O Lord, when I cry aloud, be gracious to me and answer me!

**“Come,” my heart says, “seek his face!” Your face, Lord, do I seek.**

Do not hide your face from me. Do not turn your servant away in anger, you who have been my help. Do not cast me off, do not forsake me, O God of my salvation!

**If my father and mother forsake me, the Lord will take me up.**

Teach me your way, O Lord, and lead me on a level path because of my enemies. **Do not give me up to the will of my adversaries, for false witnesses have risen against me, and they are breathing out violence.**

I believe that I shall see the goodness of the Lord in the land of the living.

**Wait for the Lord; be strong, and let your heart take courage; wait for the Lord!**

## THE SECOND LESSON

Philippians 3:17-4:1

*Although Paul's devotion to Christ has caused him to be persecuted, he does not regret the course he has taken. Writing from prison, he expresses confidence in a glorious future and encourages other Christians to follow in his footsteps.*

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

*(PLEASE STAND IF YOU ARE ABLE)*

## THE HOLY GOSPEL

St. Luke 13:31-35

*Neither Herod's plotting nor Jerusalem's resistance to maternal love will deter Jesus from his sacrificial mission.*

*Glory be to You, O Lord.*

## THE GOSPEL OF OUR LORD

*Praise be to You, O Christ.*

*(PLEASE BE SEATED)*

## SERMON

**"Trusting God in the Wilderness"**

**Pastor Rankin**

*(PLEASE STAND IF YOU ARE ABLE)*

## 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 fully 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 in unity with the Father and the Son is worshipped and glorified, and 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.**

# PEOPLE'S OFFERING

## OFFERING DEDICATION

In the confidence that you will multiply our efforts, O God, we bring our offerings for the work of your church in the world. Holy God, it is a joy to present our sacrifices, for we are as blessed in our giving as we have been in receiving abundant goodness from your hand. Keep us from seeking to build permanent structures that might block spontaneous responses to your love. We pray in the name of Jesus Christ. Amen.

## THE EUCHARISTIC PRAYER

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.

**We lift them up to the Lord!**

Let us give thanks to God Most High.

**It is right to give God thanks and praise.**

Holy God, we praise and bless you for creation and the gift of life and for your abiding love which brings us close to you, the source of all blessing. We thank you for revealing your will for us in the giving of the law and in the preaching of the prophets. We thank you especially that in the fullness of time you sent Jesus, born of Mary, to live in our midst, to share in our suffering, and to accept the pain of death at the hands of those whom Jesus loved. We rejoice that in a perfect victory over the grave you raised Christ with power to become sovereign in your realm. We celebrate the coming of the Holy Spirit to gather your church by which your work may be done in the world and through which we share the gift of eternal life. Because you have come to us in Jesus Christ, enduring the Cross so that we might know eternal life, it is right that we should give you thanks and praise. With angels and archangels, saints and martyrs, the church on earth and the church in heaven we praise you with your holy name:

**Holy, holy, holy God of love and majesty, the whole universe speaks of your glory, O God, Most High. Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest!**

*(PLEASE BE SEATED)*

## WORDS OF INSTITUTION AND PRAYER OF CONSECRATION

## THE PRAYER OF OUR LORD

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 debts, as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever. Amen.

## BREAKING OF THE HOST & POURING OF THE CUP

As this grain was once scattered in the fields, and has come together in one bread, so we, with different needs and hopes, come together as one, for we share one bread.

**The Bread of Life, broken for us.**

The cup which we share is the cup of the New Covenant written in our hearts and witnessed by Jesus.

**The Cup of Blessing, poured out for us and for the many.**

## AGNUS DEI

Jesus, Lamb of God: have mercy on us.

Jesus, bearer of our sins: have mercy on us.

Jesus, redeemer of the world: give us your peace. Amen.

## RECEIVING THE GIFTS OF GOD

*(Those who wish to come forward will be invited by the pastor. The pastor will serve you the host, saying, "The Body of Christ." You reply, "Amen!" The assistant will present you with the cup, saying, "The Blood of Christ." You reply, "Amen!" Grape juice is in the chalice with the cross and wine is in the other chalice. If you do not wish to come forward, you are invited to use the packaged elements at the back of the sanctuary and commune in your pew or ask the ushers to have the pastor and assistant come to you in the pew. The pastor will offer a blessing everyone has communed. Children are invited to receive communion at the discretion of their parents/guardians. If a child wants to receive a blessing, they are asked to fold their hands.)*

*(PLEASE STAND IF YOU ARE ABLE)*

## POST COMMUNION PRAYERS

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

In peace, let us pray to the Lord.

Led by the Spirit, let us turn to God in prayer for the church, the world, and all those in need.



Holy God, you long to gather your church under your wings. Bless the churches of Jerusalem, and all persecuted churches, that your people may take heart and stand firm as they witness and minister in your name. God, in your mercy, **receive our prayer.**

Holy God, you give shelter to living things as numerous as the stars. Strengthen the voice of prophets who call humanity to faithful care for the planet, that they would not be silenced but heeded as your messengers. God, in your mercy, **receive our prayer.**

Holy God, you raised up leaders like Abram, Sarai, and Paul to show your people what it means to rely on your promises. Guide today's leaders to work for justice and safeguard the world for future generations. God, in your mercy, **receive our prayer.**

Holy God, you offer us citizenship in heaven. Unite communities of faith who are divided over earthly things, that following the way of your Son, they may set aside grudges and serve their neighbors with generosity and love. God, in your mercy, **receive our prayer.**

Holy God, you are the stronghold of our life. Care tenderly for those who are ill in body or mind, and for people living in fear or need. May all know they are not alone. God, in your mercy, **receive our prayer.**

### ***SILENT PRAYER***

Let us pray together.

**Generous Host, you have shared your feast with us and made us new. Send us now to set tables of love and grace in our communities, that your liberating love might nourish the world into freedom, in the name of the crucified one, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

## **CLOSE OF WORSHIP**

### **BENEDICTION**

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#### **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**The Chancel Flowers** are given by Rosemary Minder in memory of my father, Steve Glowa Sr., who died on March 18, 1970.

**The Worship Aids** are given by **Kayla Brennan** in honor of the birth of my nephew, Crew Andrew Sborz, on February 25, 2025.

## Ministering Today

<b>Pastor</b>	Rev. Dr. Christopher Rankin
<b>Lector</b>	Jeff Hackenberger
<b>Money Counters</b>	Ron & Donna Denlinger, Denise Pfeiffer, Steve Shenk, Sue Bowman
<b>Altar Guild</b>	Anita Rohrer, Charlene Cristy, Hedwig Hunsicker
<b>Building Trustee</b>	Steve Gold
<b>Trinity Bread</b>	Autumn Shenk
<b>Koinonia</b>	Rankin family
<b>Ministries</b>	<b>Card</b> Wired Word Sunday School Class <b>Called to Care</b> Anne Rankin <b>Visitation</b> Dottie Schadt

<b>Attendance for Sun., March 9</b>	7:45–6	10:30–77	<b>TOTAL – 83</b>
<b>Sunday School</b>	<b>19</b>		
<b>Lenten Service</b>	<b>24</b>		

## **Happy Birthday**

Today – Joann Garvin, Robert Siever, Jane Starr

Tuesday – Robert Adams

Wednesday – Stephen Gold

Thursday – Michael Minder

Friday – Kirsten Leinbach

## **This Week at Trinity Church**

**(Church Office Hours: Monday-Friday 9:00 a.m.-2 p.m.)**

Monday 7:00 PM – Choir/8:15 PM – Bells

Tuesday 1:00 PM – Prayer Shawl

7:00 PM – Consistory

Wednesday 7:00 PM – Lenten Service

Thursday 2:00 PM – CROP Walk Meeting

6:00 PM – Cub Scouts

Saturday 7:00 PM – Alanon/8:00 PM - AA

Sunday 7:45 AM – Eucharist

9:00 AM – Sunday School

10:00 AM - Koinonia

10:30 AM – Worship

3:00 PM - Concert

## PRAYERS FOR GOD'S HEALING PRESENCE

### MEMBERS

Lauren LaRouche	Pat Seachrist	Dottie Schadt
Ron & Donna Denlinger	Rev. Dr. Carrie Call	John Shelsky
Janice Jenkins	Mid Gockley	Ken & Phyllis Zimmerman
Rhonda Hartenstine	Joann Peck	Scott & Jane Owens
The Lehman family	Mary Lou Shaab	Carmen & Jerry Richards
Donna Wolf & Family	George & Ellie Latsha	Lainie Christensen
Sam Minder III	Betsy Bailey	Hank Fox
Rev. Bob Musser	Donna Zirkel	Danielle Huggins Holbein
Kathleen Sensenig Adams	Betty Tyndall & family	Michael McDonough
Denise Huggins	Erika Otthofer	Rev. Ken & Marilyn Trauger
Ron Becker	Joann & Dawn Garvin	Rev. Jere & Judy Chapman
Arlene Hoxworth	Mary Lou Sturgis	Rev. Bob & Judie Bistline
Betty Fogle	Autumn Shenk	Bob & Marlyn Wible
Andrea Paulukow	Himelwright Family	

### FAMILY & FRIENDS

The Family of Pat Miller  
The Family of Mary Kathryn Hernley (aunt of Tobe & Pete Rohrer)  
The Family of Deanna Rebuck (niece of George & Ellie Latsha)  
Matthew Davis (brother-in-law of Hillary Bossert-Davis)  
Zach Pfeiffer (son of Denise Pfeiffer)  
John Zittel (brother-in-law of Denise Pfeiffer)  
Carol Rogers (mother of Jamy Shelly)  
Jessica Clawser (daughter of Betty Tyndall)  
Bishop Nathan Baxter and family (friends of Trinity Members)  
Sharon Brown (sister of Sandy DeLong)  
Mike Dolinski (friend of George & Sandy DeLong)  
Tom Riley (friend of Bud McCarty)  
Ryan Dennes (son of Paula Dennes)  
Tom & Elaine Lichtenwalner (parents of Mike Lichtenwalner)  
John Martin (brother-in-law of Dolly & John Barr)  
Rev. Pam Illick (pastor of Zion Lutheran, East Petersburg)  
Nancy Scholl (friend of Mike & Shelley Wagner)  
David Haverstick (friend of Mike & Shelley Wagner)  
Dan Congelton (friend of Nancy Enders)  
Audria Husted (granddaughter of Chuck & Sue Husted)  
Cindy Greiman (friend of Betty Fogle)  
Carmen Sweigert (friend of Rhonda Hartenstine)  
Marianne Gible (friend of Trinity)  
Carol Hooper (sister of Rev. Dr. Rich Christensen)

**Marlene Harlow** (friend of Gail Kogut)  
**Chad Zirkel** (son of Donna Zirkel)  
**Kaitlyn, Ben, and Lucy Miller** (family of Rev. Dr. Rich & Lainie Christensen)  
**Ken Hoshauer** (husband of Dr. Cathy Hoshauer)  
**Kurt Kalbach** (brother of Dr. Cathy Hoshauer)  
**Mary Call** (mother of Rev. Dr. Carrie Call)  
**The Herr Family** (Former Trinity Preschool Family)  
**Chris Rice** (nephew of Diane Rice & Karen Olley)  
**David Brown** (nephew of Shelley & Mike Wagner)  
**Harvey Sick** (friend of Judy Chapman)  
**James Malone & family**  
**Barry Richards** (son of Jerry & Carmen Richards)  
**Tyler Miller** (grandson of Iris DeMaio)  
**Joan Kalbach** (mother of Dr. Cathy Hoshauer)  
**Jim & Kathy Long** (friends of Jerry & Carmen Richards)  
**John Siebern** (Bob Siever's brother-in-law)  
**Jo Jo Richards & family** (Carmen & Jerry's granddaughter-in-law)

### **OTHER CONCERNS**

**Donna Geisler, Jeff Reed, & others traveling to the Dominican Republic**  
**Quinn McCarty and fellow students on a school trip to Puerto Rico**  
**Victims of Fires in California**  
**World Peace**  
**Church World Service & Other Faith-Based Relief Organizations**

**THE MARCH PARISH POST** is available in the information racks on both floors of the church building.

### **LENTEN SERVICES 2025** **“SHADOWS OF THE CROSS”**

Each Wednesday we will focus on a particular event in Christ's journey to the cross. The shadow of the cross looms over every interaction, to give spiritual insight.

**March 19 (The Shadow of Servant Leadership):** Rev. Sandy Morris

**March 26 (The Shadow of Denial):** Rev. Dr. Carrie Call

**April 2 (The Shadow of False Accusations):** Dr. Randall Zachman

**April 9 (The Shadow of a Last Chance):** Rev. Dr. Joel Hummel

**April 16/Holy Wednesday Order of Healing (The Shadow of Death):** Rev. Jack Esbenshade

**April 17 (Maundy Thursday at 2 p.m. and 7 p.m.)** Rev. Dr. Chris Rankin

**April 18 (Good Friday Tenebrae Service at 7 p.m.)** Rev. Dr. Chris Rankin

**EASTER ORDER FORMS** are available on the table across from the church office. The deadline to place your orders is **TODAY!** If you have any questions, contact Dan Otthofer.



**DEVOTIONALS:** The January-March edition of These Days are available on the table across from the church office or on the lower level by the portico entrance. **There are also Lenten devotionals available on the table across from the church office!**

**PRAYER SHAWL GROUP:** The Knit in God's Love Prayer Shawl Group will be meeting on March 18 at 1:00 p.m. and will continue to meet on the third Tuesday of each month! Come and bring a friend. Hope to see many of you there! Contact Betty Tyndall for more information.

**COMMUNITY MEAL ON MARCH 27 AT ZION EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH IN LANDISVILLE:** Trinity will be cooking and serving a sit-down community meal at Zion Evangelical Lutheran Church at 85 East Brandt Blvd. in Landisville on Thursday, March 27<sup>th</sup> at 5:15 PM. **Sign-up sheets are posted in the table across from the church office for food donations and servers.** Persons helping to serve the meal must arrive at Zion Lutheran by 4:30 PM. Contact Nancy Enders or Paula Dennes with questions. Thank you for your continued support of this important mission.

**WELCOME LUNCHEON:** The Evangelism Committee is sponsoring a welcome luncheon after the 10:30 service on March 30 to welcome new members or recent visitors to Trinity Church. This is a way for us to share with our guests about Trinity's story through the DVD and conversations around the tables. Mike Lichtenwalner and Pastor Rankin have updated the DVD! We hope that Trinity members will attend the luncheon to welcome new people to the congregation! **Look for the sign-up sheet on the table across from the church office!**

**LENTEN DENIAL ENVELOPES:** The Board of Deacons decided to support the work of Church World Service (CWS) through this year's Lenten Denial offering envelope. CWS and other faith-based relief organizations have been denied government funding for the important work that they do with refugees. This lack of funding has also impacted the way these organizations put an end to hunger and poverty and respond to natural disasters in the U.S. and around the world. Our offering will be sent to both the national office and the Lancaster office of CWS. You can find that envelope in your box of offering envelopes.



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and Trinity's Music Ministry



**2025 CONCERT SPONSORS:** Forms are available on the table across from the church office for you to sponsor this year's concert series.

**KOINONIA/SUNDAYMORNING FELLOWSHIP** happens every Sunday in Isenberg Hall at 10:00 a.m. Volunteers are asked to provide light refreshments. The drinks/coffee will be taken care of for you! The sign-up sheet is on the kitchen counter. If you have any questions, contact Paula Dennes. **Coffee is always available between 7:45 service and Sunday School.**

**2025 CHANCEL FLOWERS AND WORSHIP AID SPONSORS:** Upcoming dates for worship aids are: **May 4.** Upcoming dates for Chancel Flowers are **March 30, April 6 & 27.** The price for flowers is \$60. The price for worship aids is \$26. Look for the charts on the bulletin board in the narthex or call Carol in the church office.



**March 27, 1:00 PM**  
**Sign-up sheet on table outside office**

## **Good Friday Breakfast at YMCA of the Roses**

Join us for community gathering that brings people of faith together to mark this important holy day with an inspirational message and ecumenical worship service in keeping with the Christian traditions of the YMCA.

**When:** Friday, April 18 @ 7:30 am (Doors open at 7 am)

**Where:** Farm and Home Center, 1383 Arcadia Road, Lancaster, PA

**Details:** The speaker will be Rev. Dr. John Gordon Smith, Lead Pastor from Lampeter United Methodist Church, along with live music, and a buffet-style breakfast. Tickets are \$25 per person.

Call the church office to reserve your ticket.

**CONCERT AT ZION LUTHERAN, EAST PETERSBURG**  
**Featuring the Eastern Chamber Singers**  
**TODAY AT 3 PM**

The Eastern Chamber Singers is the premiere vocal ensemble comprised of 20-25 auditioned singers from various departments throughout the University. Repertoire performed by Eastern Chamber Singers encompasses chamber music from more than four centuries. An annual Spring Tour is also part of the experience that serves to bring our music beyond the boundaries of the University, enrich the musical lives of audiences both near and far, and enhance the cultural experience for members of the ensemble while studying at Eastern. In addition to local appearances throughout Connecticut, including performing with Connecticut's professional choir CONCORA, members of Eastern Chamber Singers have experienced recent tour destinations which include Montreal, Maryland, Washington, DC., North Carolina, New York City's Carnegie Hall and San Juan, Puerto Rico!

**U.C.C. YOUTH GROUP GATHERING:** Church of the Apostles U.C.C. is organizing a “Coming Out of Hibernation Youth Group” first gathering as a pizza party and short Bible study on Sunday, March 30 from 6-8 pm in Church of the Apostles’ Youth Center in Rader Park.

This group is open to any youth in a U.C.C. church or any youth looking for a place to belong. This is a youth and lay led group with all adults having their clearances. Please talk with Pastor Chris or Anne Rankin for more information!!

**CHURCH MULCHING:** The Property Committee is looking for volunteers on **Saturday, April 5 @ 8:30 am** to mulch the church property. We will be doing this in conjunction with the Trinity Preschool families, AA Group, and the Scout troop. Look for the sign-up sheet in the hallway across from the church office!



**OPEN DATES FOR KOINONIA:** There are still two open dates for Koinonia during the month of March. The open dates are March 23 & 30. If you could volunteer for either of those dates either use the signup sheet outside the kitchen or call the church office.

**MINISTRY SERVER SCHEDULE:** We have created a serving schedule for the various volunteer ministries for January thru March. You can find them on the table in the Narthex.



## LUNCH BUNCH

### Wednesday, April 9

**Where:** Oregon Dairy - in the Meadows Room (back of the restaurant).

**When:** April 9, 2025 at 12:30

**Sign up by date:** March 30, 2025 (sign up sheet is located outside the office).

**Additional information:** We can order off the menu or you can order off the buffet. We will get separate checks for each party.

**SPEAK TO DENISE PFEIFER FOR MORE INFORMATION!!**

**Summer Church Camp:** There are copies of the camp schedule for Nawakwa and Kirchenwald (Lutheran camps) on the table across from the church office. There is also an opportunity to go back to Hartman Center (former U.C.C. camp in Milroy, PA) July 27-August 2. The Rankin family will be participating in the Lutheran camps and the Hartman Center reunion week. Remember....church camp is for all ages!

You can help send campers from Trinity by contribution to our Camp Scholarship Fund. **Place your contribution in your weekly offering envelope and mark the special designation box with "Camp Scholarship".** For more information about church camp, speak to Anne Rankin, Trinity's Certified Camp Liaison.

## WANTED: Mystery Readers For The Trinity Preschool

If you would like to come in to the preschool to be a Mystery Reader, please follow the link below, sign up for one slot, and surprise our students with your favorite children's book. If you have any questions, you can contact Amy Grube, Preschool Director, at [preschool@trinityeastpete.org](mailto:preschool@trinityeastpete.org)

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0F49A8AE23A4FBC52-54859987-mystery>

## Preschool Fundraisers Announcement

### TRINITY PRESCHOOL FUNDRAISER

March 3-14

We would like to thank you for supporting our fund raiser. When you redeem your coupon at S. Clyde Weaver you get to choose from our large variety of soups they carry.

Chicken Corn • Chicken Noodle  
Tomato Bisque • Ham & Bean  
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Redeem soup certificate at these stores:

**S. Clyde Weaver Store & Cafe**  
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#### CERTIFICATE LIMITATION

A large variety of soups, house-made and fresh-frozen. Excludes any specialty varieties with a retail price greater than \$7.00 a pint.

**Price for each certificate: \$6.00**

**Deadline to order: March 14**

**TODAY IS THE LAST DAY TO PLACE YOUR ORDER!**

**THE SIGN-UP SHEET IS ON THE TABLE ACROSS FROM THE CHURCH OFFICE & CAROL WILL CONTACT YOU TO PICK UP YOUR COUPONS!**



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**Registration fees & information:**

Registration for a new September school term opens at the beginning of January. Registration fee of \$75 and application are accepted in the order received and are non-refundable. You are invited to call or email for information. All classes are held depending upon enrollment. Registration forms are available on the website

**First tuition, due August 15.**

**Tuition for the 2025-26 term is:**

**Tiny Tots** — \$437.00 (\$48.56 per month)

**2-Day Class** — \$875.00 (\$97.22 per month)

**3-Day Class** — \$1,250.00 (\$138.89 per month)

**4-Day Class** — \$1,688.00 (\$187.56 per month)

**1-Day Enrichment Class** — \$480.00 (\$53.33 per month) Enrichment begins in October

**Our Philosophy**

Trinity U.C.C. Preschool provides a developmental approach to learning which cares for the whole child.

**FIRST READING: Genesis 15:1-12, 17-18**

After these things the word of the LORD came to Abram in a vision, “Do not be afraid, Abram, I am your shield; your reward shall be very great.”<sup>2</sup> But Abram said, “O Lord GOD, what will you give me, for I continue childless, and the heir of my house is Eliezer of Damascus?”<sup>3</sup> And Abram said, “You have given me no offspring, and so a slave born in my house is to be my heir.”<sup>4</sup> But the word of the LORD came to him, “This man shall not be your heir; no one but your very own issue shall be your heir.”<sup>5</sup> He brought him outside and said, “Look toward heaven and count the stars, if you are able to count them.” Then he said to him, “So shall your descendants be.”<sup>6</sup> And he believed the LORD; and the LORD reckoned it to him as righteousness.

<sup>7</sup> Then he said to him, “I am the LORD who brought you from Ur of the Chaldeans, to give you this land to possess.”<sup>8</sup> But he said, “O Lord GOD, how am I to know that I shall possess it?”<sup>9</sup> He said to him, “Bring me a heifer three years old, a female goat three years old, a ram three years old, a turtledove, and a young pigeon.”<sup>10</sup> He brought him all these and cut them in two, laying each half over against the other; but he did not cut the birds in two.<sup>11</sup> And when birds of prey came down on the carcasses, Abram drove them away.

<sup>12</sup> As the sun was going down, a deep sleep fell upon Abram, and a deep and terrifying darkness descended upon him.

<sup>17</sup> When the sun had gone down and it was dark, a smoking fire pot and a flaming torch passed between these pieces.<sup>18</sup> On that day the LORD made a covenant with Abram, saying, “To your descendants I give this land, from the river of Egypt to the great river, the river Euphrates.”

**Psalm 27****SECOND READING: Philippians 3:17—4:1**

Brothers and sisters, join in imitating me, and observe those who live according to the example you have in us.<sup>18</sup> For many live as enemies of the cross of Christ; I have often told you of them, and now I tell you even with tears.<sup>19</sup> Their end is destruction; their god is the belly; and their glory is in their shame; their minds are set on earthly things.<sup>20</sup> But our citizenship is in heaven, and it is from there that we are expecting a Savior, the Lord Jesus Christ.<sup>21</sup> He will transform the body of our humiliation that it may be conformed to the body of his glory, by the power that also enables him to make all things subject to himself.

<sup>4:1</sup> Therefore, my brothers and sisters, whom I love and long for, my joy and crown, stand firm in the Lord in this way, my beloved.

**GOSPEL: Luke 13:31-35**

At that very hour some Pharisees came and said to [Jesus], “Get away from here, for Herod wants to kill you.”<sup>32</sup> He said to them, “Go and tell that fox for me, ‘Listen, I am casting out demons and performing cures today and tomorrow, and on the third day I finish my work.’<sup>33</sup> Yet today, tomorrow, and the next day I must be on my way, because it is impossible for a prophet to be killed outside of Jerusalem.’<sup>34</sup> Jerusalem, Jerusalem, the city that kills the prophets and stones those who are sent to it! How often have I desired to gather your children together as a hen gathers her brood under her wings, and you were not willing!<sup>35</sup> See, your house is left to you. And I tell you, you will not see me until the time comes when you say, ‘Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.’”

**Next Sunday's Readings:** Isaiah 55:1-9; Psalm 63:1-8; 1 Corinthians 10:1-13; Luke 13:1-9.

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