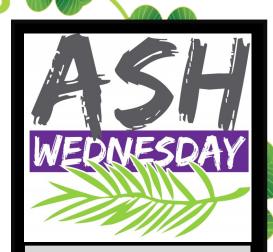
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Divine Service March 5 7:00 PM







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If you would like Pastor to visit, please contact him at 412-841-9359 or call the church office.

Pastoral Letter for February

Dear Trinity Church Family,

Lent begins on Ash Wednesday, March 5.

Lent is serious. Lent is sober. Lent is solemn. Lent is supposed to be penitential preparation for Easter. It is a time for us to contemplate our sinfulness, our failure to be the people God wants us to be, our inability to love God and others as we ought, and then to repent, to turn away from sin, to seek God's absolution.

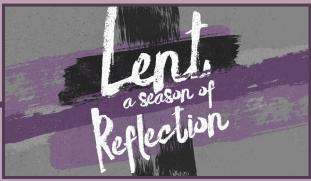
In years past, Christians would fast during Lent. In doing so we would experience in a small way what Christ sacrificed for us. There would be no parties or frivolity during Lent. We were not pretending Christ is dead during Lent, but we were mourning and lamenting our culpability in causing Jesus' Passion and death with our transgressions.

Our society no longer follows the old ways, and even modern Christian culture mostly ignores Lent. Gone is the austerity in diet. Gone is the time spent in devotional reading and prayer. Gone is earnest Lenten worship. It seems like many things, including spiritual disciplines such as Lenten observances, have been "cheered up and dumbed down." We would do well to return to the ways of the past.

Is wanting a good old-fashioned Lent morbid, morose, or maudlin? We think not. Contemplating the heinousness of our sin helps us comprehend the sublime character of forgiveness. Observing the fast serves to accentuate the feast. Knowing the depth of Jesus' suffering makes us appreciate even more Christ's triumphant victory over sin and death.

I pray you have a good Lent and are fully prepared to celebrate our Lord's Resurrection on Easter Sunday.

In His Service, Pastor Ash

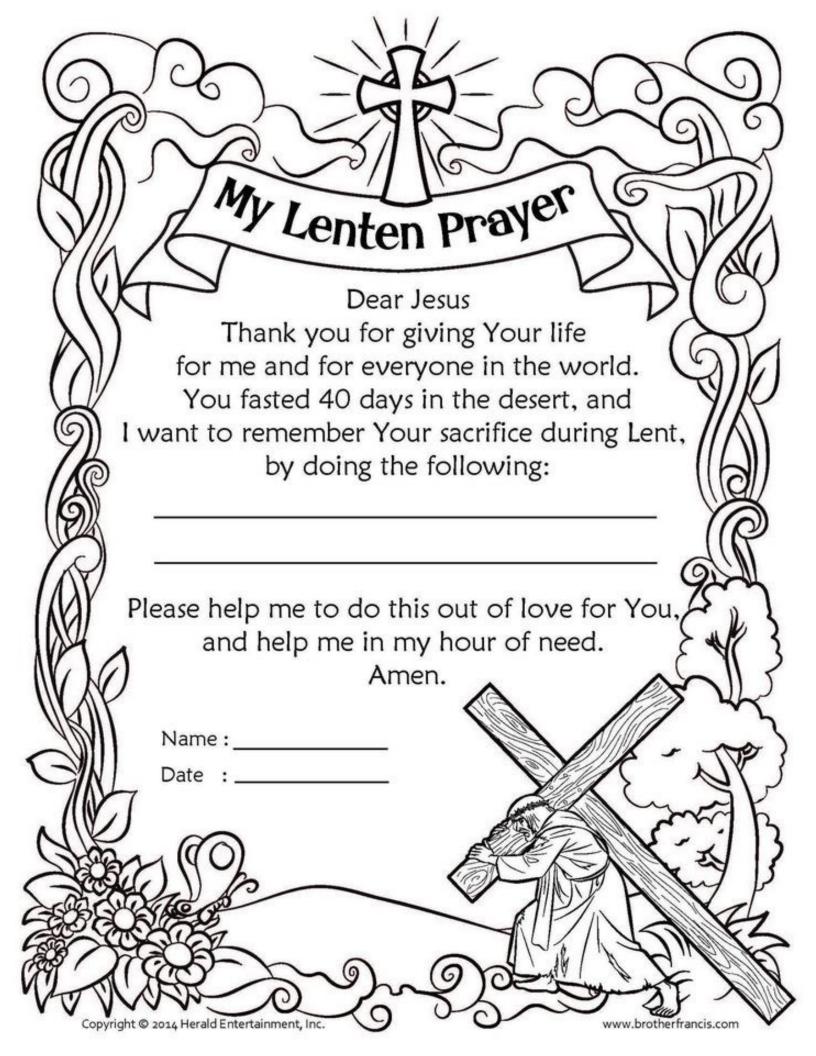






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Lenten Sermon Series 2025

Pastor Ash will be preaching a series of sermons on "Jesus' Seven Words from the Cross," beginning on Wednesday, March 5, through Good Friday, April 18. Christ's crucifixion is central to our Christian faith. Yet, Jesus' death on the cross and what he said before dying rarely gets a thorough homiletic treatment outside of Good Friday. We hope this series will be spiritually formative and inspire and deepen your faith.

Adult Sunday School: Lent 2025

Our Adult Sunday Class will begin a new series on the First Sunday in Lent, March 9. The series is titled "The Body of Christ" and the curriculum was created by Pastor Ash. For five weeks we will consider Christ's physical body as a whole and some of its parts (his head, hands, feet, and blood) and what we can from them about learn Jesus' nature, his mission, and our faith. Everyone is welcome. Bring your coffee.

Men's Club



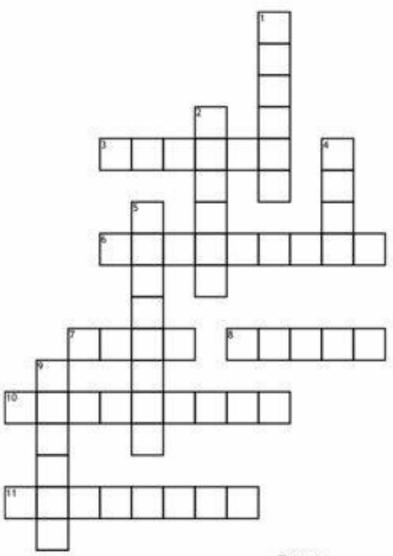
TUESDAY, MARCH 18 AT 6 PM

WE WILL HAVE A MEAL OF OUR HOMEMADE VERSION OF TEXAS HOTS WITH A SIDE OF GOOD FELLOWSHIP

THIS IS WAY MORE THAN FUN THEN YOU THOUGHT YOU WERE ALLOWED TO HAVE IN LENT!

BE THERE!

AshWednesday



Across

- 3. The day before Ash Wednesday is known as _____ Tuesday
- The ashes put on people's foreheads is to remind them of their _____
- 7. Ash Wednesday is the first day of
- Lent is never mentioned in the
- 10. This pastry means night of fasting
- Frederick, Maryland is the home of this pastry

Down

- 1. Fasting is usually combined with this
- Pennsylvanians often put this tuber in their fastnachts
- 4. Biblical figures do use____ and ashes as a sign of mourning
- The signing is done with ashes because ashes are a biblical symbol of and penance.
- Believers often give up food for spiritual purposes, which is called

Trinity Lutheran Church

ALL AGES WELCOME



FREE ENTRY



APRIL 12th 11:00AM

470 North Main St Wellsville



Meet Our New Music Director

Aaron Jacob is a dedicated musician and worship leader with a passion for helping congregations engage in meaningful worship. He is currently completing his bachelor's degree in music at Houghton University and will graduate in May 2025. With experience in both traditional and contemporary styles, Aaron values the role of music in strengthening faith and community.

Growing up as an interdenominational Christian in India. Aaron comes with a lot of experience across an array of different congregations across India and has been exposed to a variety of religious and cultural groups over time. With that said, he holds an appreciation for the Lutheran faith and beliefs, and liturgical tradition. This global expression of worship allows him to create services that are both rooted in history and welcoming to all. Whether leading hymns, arranging music for ensembles, or guiding a worship team, he approaches his work with thoughtfulness and a heart for ministry.

Outside of music, Aaron enjoys performing and collaborating with friends with the piano, photography, and exploring creative ways to connect people through the arts.





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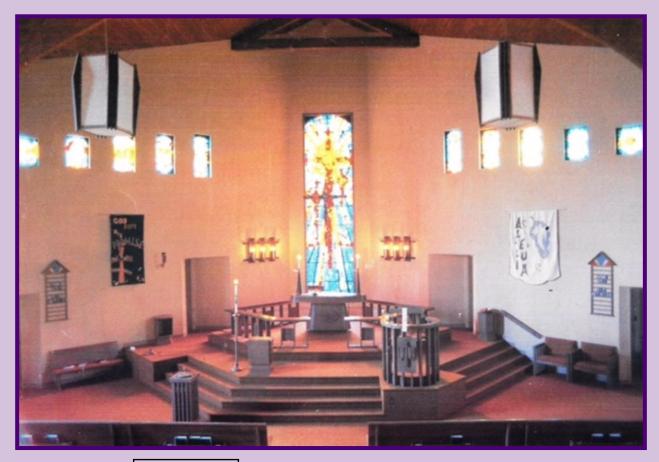


You may make your contribution in memory of a loved one to Trinity Lutheran Church. Several Easter lilies and spring flowers will be placed in the church on Easter Sunday to remember all those who have passed away. A list of donors and remembrances will be included in our Easter worship bulletin. The form below should be filled out and returned to the church office with your donation no later than: **Thursday, April 10, 2025**.

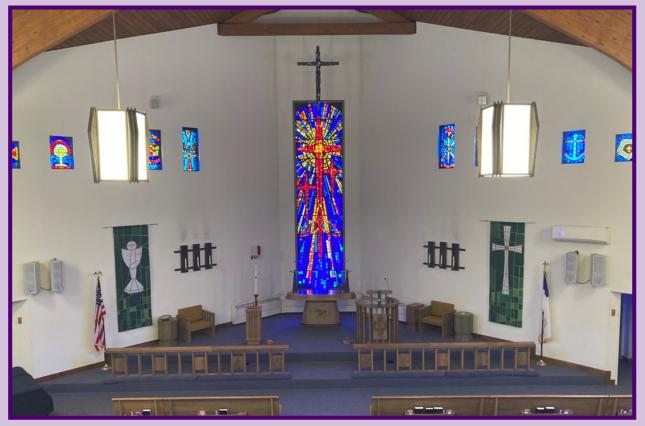
Easter Memorials

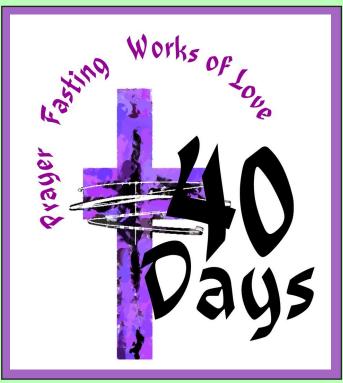


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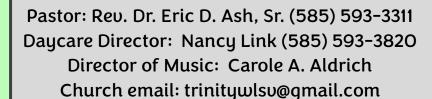
Grace is when God gives
us good things that we
don't deserve.
Mercy is when He spares
us from bad things we
deserve.
Blessings are when He is
generous with both.
Truly, we can never run out
of reasons to thank Him.
God is Good all the time.
If God has been good to

you,

praise Him, Amen

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