

*Jesus was led by the Spirit
in the wilderness* LUKE 4:1



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FIRST SUNDAY IN LENT

7:45 A.M. SERVICE

Today's Theme: These forty days called Lent are like no other. It is our opportune time to return to the God who rescues, to receive the gifts of God's grace, to believe with the heart and confess with the mouth the wonder of God's love in Jesus, and to resist temptation at every turn. This is no small pilgrimage on which we have just embarked. It is a struggle Jesus knew. It is a struggle Jesus shares. The nearness of the Lord, in bread and wine, water and word, will uphold and sustain us.

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: *O Lord God, you led your people through the wilderness and brought them to the promised land. Guide us now, so that, following your Son, we may walk safely through the wilderness of this world toward the life you alone can give, through 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*

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.**

Gather to remember and share stories of faith; rejoice in the goodness of the loving God.

Before our stories began, there was God; through all our days, God walks with us.

Worship the one who gives and sustains life; sing praises to the one who is our refuge.

There is no place we can go where God is not; amid life's terrors, God's promises hold true.

Delight in God, whose protection we enjoy; dance with the God who frees us for new possibilities.

We call out to God, expecting to be heard; we listen, knowing there is truth to be received.

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 FIRST SUNDAY IN LENT

Let us pray the collect together.

God of signs and wonders, who speaks the world into being, speak again your words of life and death. May your word be ever near us, on our lips, and in our heart. Transform us as we hear your word this day, that we may respond with faithful praise; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

(PLEASE BE SEATED)

THE WORD OF GOD

THE FIRST LESSON

Deuteronomy 26:1-11

The annual harvest festival, called the Feast of Weeks, provides the setting for this reading. This festival celebrates the first fruits of the produce of the land offered back to God in thanks. In this text, worshipers announce God's gracious acts on behalf of Israel.

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

THE PSALTER

Psalm 91:1-2, 9-16

You who live in the shelter of the Most High, who abide in the shadow of the Almighty, will say to the Lord, "My refuge and my fortress; my God, in whom I trust."

Because you have made the Lord your refuge, the Most High your dwelling place, no evil shall befall you, no scourge come near your tent.

For he will command his angels concerning you to guard you in all your ways. **On their hands they will bear you up, so that you will not dash your foot against a stone.**

You will tread on the lion and the adder, the young lion and the serpent you will trample under foot.

Those who love me, I will deliver; I will protect those who know my name.

When they call to me, I will answer them; I will be with them in trouble, I will rescue them and honor them.

With long life I will satisfy them, and show them my salvation.

THE SECOND LESSON

Romans 10:8b-13

Paul reminds the Christians at Rome of the foundation of their creed, the confession of faith in the risen Christ as Lord.

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

(PLEASE STAND IF YOU ARE ABLE)

THE HOLY GOSPEL

St. Luke 4:1-13

After being filled with the Holy Spirit at his baptism, Jesus is led in the wilderness. Through his responses to the temptations of the devil he defines what it means to be called "the Son of God."

Glory be to You, O Lord.

THE GOSPEL OF OUR LORD

Praise be to You, O Christ.

(PLEASE BE SEATED)

SERMON

"Tested 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

From the abundance entrusted to us, O God, we offer up the best we can give. Guide our use of this precious trust, that it may be spent in ways you choose, in places where you would send us, for the sake of people among whom you wish to dwell. May we bear witness to your abiding love, not only with money but with dedicated lives. Allow us to be instruments of assurance and compassion in our homes and wherever our journeys lead. 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.

Gracious God, speak your word anew among your church. Strengthen it to withstand the temptation to turn inward in fear or complacency. Embolden church institutions to turn from self-preservation toward the self-giving love of Jesus. God, in your mercy, **receive our prayer.**

Creating God, speak the word of life into wilderness places and fertile fields. Grant wisdom to your people, that we may quell the urge to strip lands of their resources and instead pre-serve first fruits for future generations. God, in your mercy, **receive our prayer.**

Almighty God, speak a word of wisdom to people in positions of power: mayors, councils, legislators, judges and juries, presidents, and monarchs. Help them discern your voice and follow your guidance, resisting the temptations of the evil one. God, in your mercy, **receive our prayer.**

Steadfast God, speak words of courage to your people in the wilderness. Protect migrants and refugees on perilous journeys, that they find safe refuge and a portion in the bounty you have given humanity to share. God, in your mercy, **receive our prayer.**

Loving God, speak gently to all who are alone. Bless lay visitors, community meal servers, and others who attend to those who are overlooked, vulnerable, or lonely, that all find belonging in your love. We pray for all who are ill 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

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Chancel Flowers are given by **Joan Cash** in memory of Mr. & Mrs. C. L. Fountain.

The Worship Aids are given by **The Reed Family** in honor of the Trinity U.C.C. Preschool.

Ministering Today

Pastor Rev. Dr. Christopher Rankin
Lector Diane Rice
Money Counters Bud & Kathy McCarty, Jeff Hackenberger, Paula Dennes
Altar Guild Karen Olley, Beth Bossert
Building Trustee Steve Gold
Koinonia Paula Dennes
Ministries **Card** Wired Word Sunday School Class
Called to Care Anne Rankin
Visitation Dottie Schadt

This Week at Trinity Church

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

Today 2:00 PM – Fulton Theatre
Monday 11:00 AM – Preschool Donuts with Grown-ups
6:00 PM – Music Committee
7:00 PM – Choir/8:15 PM – Bells
Tuesday 7:00 PM – Property Committee
Wednesday 7:00 PM – Lenten Service
Thursday 10:00 AM – Mercersburg Group
6:00 PM – Cub Scouts
7:00 PM – Executive Committee
Friday 10:00 AM – Evangelism Committee
Saturday 8:00 AM – Men’s Breakfast
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 – Eucharist

Attendance for Sun., March 2	7:45–10	10:30–73	TOTAL – 83
Sunday School	26		
Ash Wednesday	2:00-24	7:00-32	TOTAL - 56

Happy Birthday

Today – Meghan Leinbach
Tuesday – Ellie Latsha, Mike Lichtenwalner
Wednesday – Brendan Garrett, Maxwell Schuessler
Thursday – MacKenzie Harley
Friday – Noah Kauffman, Carl Spangler

PRAYERS FOR GOD'S HEALING PRESENCE

MEMBERS

Pat Seachrist	George DeLong	Rev. Bob & Judie Bistline
Ron & Donna Denlinger	Rev. Dr. Carrie Call	John Shelsky
Don & Pat Miller	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 and 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	Jodi Keller
Betty Fogle	Autumn Shenk	Bob & Marlyn Wible
Andrea Paulukow	Janice Jenkins	Himelwright Family

FAMILY & FRIENDS

The Family of Mary Kathryn Hernley (aunt of Tobe & Pete Rohrer)
The Family of Deanna Rebuck (niece of George & Ellie Latsha)
The Family of Robert Richards (brother of Jerry Richards)
Matthew Davis (brother-in-law of Hillary Bossert-Davis)
Zach Pfeifer (son of Denise Pfeifer)
John Zittel (brother-in-law of Denise Pfeifer)
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
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 12 (The Shadow of Betrayal): Rev. Ken Trauger

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

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!**

A Message from Christian Education for March

*“For I want you to know, brothers and sisters, that the gospel that was proclaimed by me is not of human origin, for I did not receive it from a human source, nor was I taught it, but I received it through a revelation of Jesus Christ.”
(Galatians 1:11-12, NRSV)*

The apostle Paul needed years to process what was revealed to him on the road to Damascus and beyond it, the reasons it happened, and for him to describe the theology that he would take to the Gentile world. Paul needed time to pray in solitude, to study and to seek out God.

During the 9:00 am Sunday School hour this month, beginning March 2nd: The Children’s Class will be continuing work with SPARK! in the downstairs Sunday School room as we explore additional opportunities in which to engage our children.

Youth and adults are invited to join The Wired Word studies with Diane Rice meeting in the Choir Room, or in a study of Adam Hamilton’s The Call – The Life and Message of the Apostle Paul led by Pastor Chris, Sue Bowman and others in Isenberg Hall. Paul’s struggle to learn what was expected of him as a person of faith has impacted people the world over. This study invites the participant to hear Paul’s story and his message, to reflect on the meaning of his life. At this time of Lenten introspection, we are invited to look within to discern how to respond to God’s call to become the people we were meant to be at this time.

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.**

MEN OF TRINITY (M.O.T.) BREAKFAST MEETING: The men will be meeting at the Family Fare Restaurant for breakfast March 15 (weather permitting) at 8:00 AM. This is open to all men of the congregation! You are encouraged to invite other men to the breakfast.

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 27th 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!**

2025 CHANCEL FLOWERS AND WORSHIP AID SPONSORS: Upcoming dates for worship aids are: **April 27.** Upcoming dates for Chancel Flowers are **March 16, 23 & 30.** 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.

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.



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.

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



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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.

Preschool Fundraiser 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
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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

Sign-up sheet on table outside office

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

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

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 and the Scout troop. Look for the sign-up sheet in the hallway across from the church office!

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.

Easter Flowers Order Form

Person(s) ordering Easter flowers:



_____ White Mums @ \$9.50 each

_____ Yellow Mums @ \$9.50 each

_____ Tulips @ \$6.25 each

_____ Lillies @ \$9.25 each



Total amount due \$ _____

Designation as you would like to have it appear in the bulletin.

Given by _____

In honor of _____

In honor of _____

In memory of _____

In memory of _____

Other _____

Give plant to a shut-in member: Yes No

or plant at church: Yes No

or pick up plant: Yes No

The last date to order is March 16, 2025. Give order forms and payment to the church office, or place in the offering plate. If paying by check, please make it payable to Trinity United Church of Christ.

Thank you

FIRST READING: Deuteronomy 26:1-11

When you have come into the land that the LORD your God is giving you as an inheritance to possess, and you possess it, and settle in it, ²you shall take some of the first of all the fruit of the ground, which you harvest from the land that the LORD your God is giving you, and you shall put it in a basket and go to the place that the LORD your God will choose as a dwelling for his name. ³You shall go to the priest who is in office at that time, and say to him, “Today I declare to the LORD your God that I have come into the land that the LORD swore to our ancestors to give us.” ⁴When the priest takes the basket from your hand and sets it down before the altar of the LORD your God, ⁵you shall make this response before the LORD your God: “A wandering Aramean was my ancestor; he went down into Egypt and lived there as an alien, few in number, and there he became a great nation, mighty and populous. ⁶When the Egyptians treated us harshly and afflicted us, by imposing hard labor on us, ⁷we cried to the LORD, the God of our ancestors; the LORD heard our voice and saw our affliction, our toil, and our oppression. ⁸The LORD brought us out of Egypt with a mighty hand and an outstretched arm, with a terrifying display of power, and with signs and wonders; ⁹and he brought us into this place and gave us this land, a land flowing with milk and honey. ¹⁰So now I bring the first of the fruit of the ground that you, O LORD, have given me.” You shall set it down before the LORD your God and bow down before the LORD your God. ¹¹Then you, together with the Levites and the aliens who reside among you, shall celebrate with all the bounty that the LORD your God has given to you and to your house.

Psalm 91:1-2, 9-16**SECOND READING: Romans 10:8b-13**

“The word is near you,
on your lips and in your heart”
(that is, the word of faith that we proclaim); ⁹because if you confess with your lips that Jesus is

Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. ¹⁰For one believes with the heart and so is justified, and one confesses with the mouth and so is saved. ¹¹The scripture says, “No one who believes in him will be put to shame.” ¹²For there is no distinction between Jew and Greek; the same Lord is Lord of all and is generous to all who call on him. ¹³For, “Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved.”

GOSPEL: Luke 4:1-13

Jesus, full of the Holy Spirit, returned from the Jordan and was led by the Spirit in the wilderness, ²where for forty days he was tempted by the devil. He ate nothing at all during those days, and when they were over, he was famished. ³The devil said to him, “If you are the Son of God, command this stone to become a loaf of bread.” ⁴Jesus answered him, “It is written, ‘One does not live by bread alone.’”

⁵Then the devil led him up and showed him in an instant all the kingdoms of the world. ⁶And the devil said to him, “To you I will give their glory and all this authority; for it has been given over to me, and I give it to anyone I please. ⁷If you, then, will worship me, it will all be yours.” ⁸Jesus answered him, “It is written,

‘Worship the Lord your God,
and serve only him.’”

⁹Then the devil took him to Jerusalem, and placed him on the pinnacle of the temple, saying to him, “If you are the Son of God, throw yourself down from here, ¹⁰for it is written,

‘He will command his angels concerning you,
to protect you,’

¹¹and

‘On their hands they will bear you up,
so that you will not dash your foot against a
stone.’”

¹²Jesus answered him, “It is said, ‘Do not put the Lord your God to the test.’” ¹³When the devil had finished every test, he departed from him until an opportune time.

Next Sunday's Readings: Genesis 15:1-12, 17-18; Psalm 27; Philippians 3:17–4:1; Luke 13:31-35.

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