

## Activities and Opportunities

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**Welcome to worship at Trinity**, a place of love, grace, and belonging where all, without exception, are loved, honored, valued, affirmed, welcomed, and celebrated. If you are new to Trinity, we are thrilled to have you here. If you would like to know more about this congregation and our ministry please share your contact information with us by filling out a Connection Card which can be obtained from the pew racks or baskets. Thank you for your presence among us.

**Contributions.** Trinity is grateful for all the prayers, contributions, and displays of support from members, friends, and guests. Financial contributions can be placed in the offering plates during worship, mailed to the church, or given electronically by going to our website [trinitylutheran.ws](http://trinitylutheran.ws) by scanning the QR code, or texting TLCGIVE to 73256.



**Children's Worship Activity.** Accompanied by Child Protection trained adults, children are invited to leave worship after the children's sermon to go hear the scripture read in ways more appropriate for their age. Using lectionary stories heard in worship each Sunday, the children not only hear scripture, but enjoy a related activity such as a game, craft, or music. Children return to worship during the sharing of the peace and in time to participate in the celebration of Holy Communion.

**Communion.** In an effort to further embrace Trinity's mission of welcome, affirmation, and hospitality, both wine and grape juice are available. The addition of grape juice enables God's beloveds for whom alcohol is problematic to participate fully. Grape juice is in the smaller section of the chalice.

### Called Meeting of the Congregation

The Congregation Council has called a meeting of the Congregation for today, March 16 at 11:30 am in the Gym to act on a three-part motion regarding the sale of the 429 Property.

**Worship Bags** are available in the Narthex or the Gym for children. Bags for preschoolers are tied with a white ribbon. Bags for elementary age children have no ribbon. After worship, used bags may be placed in the baskets next to the stands.

**Nursery for infants and toddlers.** A nursery hosted by a member of the Trinity staff, Beth Oswald, as well as a small group of rotating volunteers who have been trained in Trinity's Child Protection Policy is available each Sunday morning beginning at 9:45 am to care for infants and toddlers who would prefer enjoying play time instead of attending 10:00 am worship. The nursery is located on the first floor of the Pence Building. Please reach out to a greeter or usher if you need assistance.

**Adult Faith Formation** will discuss Trinity's Lenten devotional, *Crossing Thresholds* by Mark Tidsworth for the remaining Sundays in the Lenten season (March 16-April 13). Participants are encouraged to engage with the devotional and journal prompts throughout each week in order to discuss and share various insights and reflections during Adult Faith Formation. A leader will help facilitate open conversation while a recorder takes note of the insights gleaned from discussion that might prove helpful for the Coordination Team for Trinity's strategic planning process. Please pick up a devotional book at worship or contact the Church Office.

**Children's Faith Formation Relaunch.** Children's Faith Formation meets Sunday mornings from 9:00 - 9:50 am with three classes divided by age ranging from infant to grade 5. Children's Faith Formation will continue through Sunday May 11 with the following Sundays as weeks off: March 23, and April 20. The curriculum is interactive, fun, and rooted in the Lutheran understanding of the Christian faith. If interested in serving as a teacher or teaching assistant, please contact Jeff Rehm at [jarehm41@gmail.com](mailto:jarehm41@gmail.com).

**New Member Class.** Are you interested in learning more about Trinity? About what it means to be Lutheran? Are you considering becoming a member of this community of faith? Pastor Crowell and Intern Patrick Preacher will teach a class on two consecutive Sundays, March 30, and April 6, on Lutheran Faith and Theology. These gatherings will be held after worship on each of these Sundays and will include lunch in the Multi-Purpose Room followed by an hour-long class for youth and adults in Rooms 12 and 13. Childcare for infants, toddlers, and elementary-aged children will be provided. Please reach out to Pastor Crowell at [sjcrowell@trinitylutheran.ws](mailto:sjcrowell@trinitylutheran.ws) to register for these sessions and to share any dietary restrictions.

**New Members Joining.** Trinity will receive new members on Sunday, May 4 during worship at 10:00 am in the Gym. If interested in becoming part of this community of faith on this date, please reach out to Pastor Crowell at [sjcrowell@trinitylutheran.ws](mailto:sjcrowell@trinitylutheran.ws).

**The TLC History Reading Group** will meet today, March 16, at 1:00 pm in Rooms 12 and 13. Please note the time change from 11:30 am to 1:00 pm because of the called Congregational Meeting. The group will discuss *The Devil in the White City* by Eric Larson. Please use <https://meet.google.com/grm-zqty-srn> video link to attend remotely. Contact Bob Schirmer at [rwschirmer@gmail.com](mailto:rwschirmer@gmail.com) or Don Todd at [dk todd47@gmail.com](mailto:dk todd47@gmail.com) for more information.

**Trinity's Out to Lunch Bunch** is open to all adults who would like to enjoy fellowship and a meal together after worship. The group will gather today, March 16, immediately following the Congregation Meeting, at *Stax Original Restaurant*, 1704 Poinsett Highway, Greenville. Please reach out to Angie McCormack at 864-630-4026 this morning if you would like to attend.

**The Welcome Table.** March's meal will take place Wednesday, March 19 at 11:30 am in the Multipurpose Room. An RSVP is not required to attend. All are welcome and encouraged to come for lunch! If you would specifically like to volunteer, please reach out to Patrick Preacher via text at 864-483-2590.

**Love Wins** is a group that meets monthly to discuss a book/podcast and to enjoy some social time together. The group will meet Thursday, March 20, at 6:30 pm at *Spill the Beans*, 531 South Main Street, Greenville. The group will discuss the original book that kicked off our group—*Love Wins* by Rob Bell. Contact Angie McCormack at 864-630-4026 or [ahmccormack@trinitylutheran.ws](mailto:ahmccormack@trinitylutheran.ws) for more information or to sign up for this event.

**A mid-week Lenten Worship Series** is taking place on Wednesdays at 11:00 am in the Sanctuary and is being live-streamed. Gathering under the theme *Finding Hope*, these thirty-minute services will include prayer, word, song, and poems by Rosemerry Trommer. Following worship each Wednesday, worshippers are invited to stay and enjoy a simple lunch together of sandwiches, cookies, and fruit in either the Parlor or the Sitting Room or the Welcome Table community meal in the Multipurpose Room. Dates for these services include March 19, March 26, April 2, and April 9.

**Lenten Dinner Church.** Trinity family, neighbors, and friends are invited to enjoy table fellowship each Wednesday during the Lenten Season at 6:15 pm in the Multipurpose Room. Participants will share a meal together and also worship at table. The services will include five-minute meditations from members of the Trinity Family on the theme *Practicing Brave Faith*. The evening will conclude by 7:30 pm. Dinner will include soup, sandwiches, and a simple dessert. Vegetarian and low sodium soups will be provided.

### EASTER LILIES

Lilies will be used to decorate the Sanctuary Easter Sunday. If you would like to give a lily in honor or memory of someone, complete the form below no later than Monday, April 14. The cost of the lilies is \$15.00 each. You may pick up your lily immediately following the 10:00 am service on Easter Sunday, April 20, or on Tuesday, April 22 through Friday, April 25 between 8:30 am and 4:30 pm. Any remaining lilies will be shared with our friends at Towers East.

Enclosed is my \$15.00 for each lily given. You may also use the *Online Giving* link on the homepage of our website.

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