

# The Way Home

A Lenten journey

Fourth Sunday  
in Lent

Traditional Worship  
11:00 am  
March 14, 2021



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## ==Weekly News & Announcements==

### **Beautiful Wednesday evening prayer service**

Seeking meaningful Lenten messaging? This service combines prayers, readings, and music. Online at 7 pm or anytime after on our website, YouTube, or Facebook.

### **Give generously as part of your Lenten discipline**

To all givers: 10 percent of your Lenten offering will be divided between Christ Lutheran Medical Mission and Hope Academy in Guatemala. Use the envelopes sent to you; or give online at [www.trinitycamphill.org/donate](http://www.trinitycamphill.org/donate).

### **Good Things Come In Threes! Next podcast episode is March 17**

Pastoral wisdom with humor. Listen on our website or wherever you get your podcasts.

### **Can you paint? Do property work? Help with spring clean-up?**

- Can you paint interior building spaces where needed? Call the office and we'll put you in touch with Dan Reed or Joe Hunter.
- Can you do other church property work? Call the office and we'll connect you with Dave Rupnik, Property Committee Chair.
- Will you help with outside spring clean-up on Sat., Mar. 27, at 9 am? Or mow during the growing season? Email Bruce Bigelow at [nbbigs@comcast.net](mailto:nbbigs@comcast.net).

### **Flowers! Beautiful flowers!**

- ✓ Order Easter flowers at \$10 each for our services. Take them home Easter Sunday after noon OR donate them to church gardens. Call Kathy Powers at 717-761-2907.
- ✓ Also buy flowers from our Trinity-sponsored Boy Scout Troop in our parking lot: Thurs., Apr. 1, noon to 8 pm • Fri., Apr. 2, 8 am-8 pm • Sat., Apr. 3, 8 am-noon.

### **General Fund/Budget Report Feb. 2021**

	Jan. - Feb.	Jan. - Feb.	2021
	Actual	Budget	Total Budget
Contributions	220,636	209,792	1,175,300
Other Receipts	3,948	5,120	204,167
<b>Total Receipts</b>	<b>224,584</b>	<b>214,912</b>	<b>1,379,467</b>
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>186,442</b>	<b>200,709</b>	<b>1,379,467</b>
<b>Budget Balance</b>	<b>38,142</b>	<b>14,203</b>	<b>0</b>

Members age 70+ got us off to a good start by instructing their IRA administrator to send offerings directly from the Required Minimum Distributions that would otherwise be subject to income tax. You too can help the church AND avoid taxes in this way! Contact Paul Hensel in the office.

**Welcome to Trinity Lutheran Church!** We're so glad you're here. Hearing assistance devices and large print bulletins are available from an usher.

We would like to know you were here worshipping with us. Using a QR reader or camera on your mobile device, please scan this QR code to check you and your family into today's worship service. Or go to the following link: [trinitycamphill.org/checkin](http://trinitycamphill.org/checkin)



## about today's service

The fourth of the Old Testament promises providing a baptismal lens this Lent is the promise God makes to Moses: those who look on the bronze serpent will live. In today's gospel Jesus says he will be lifted up on the cross like the serpent, so that those who look to him in faith will live. When we receive the sign of the cross in baptism, that cross becomes the sign we can look to in faith for healing, for restored relationship to God, for hope when we are dying.

In Lent we focus our attention on the mystery of the cross, that is God's willingness to offer his Son for the salvation of the world through his passion and death. We signify his holy mystery by veiling our crosses with light fabric, either completely covering or draping over the beams. The fullness of God's purposes is revealed when on Easter the veils are removed or changed to white, the color of Easter. We also omit the use of "alleluia", altar flowers and postludes as the solemnity of this Lenten season is observed.

**P: Presiding Minister L: Lector C: Congregation**

***As part of our COVID-19 response, the congregation is reminded to refrain from singing during this worship service.***

## + Gathering +

*We gather together to praise God and receive God's love.*

Prelude: "Remembrance"

Chris DiSilva

Welcome and Announcements

[Stand]

Confession and Forgiveness

P: Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God, the keeper of the covenant, the source of steadfast love, our rock and our redeemer.

**C: Amen.**

P: God hears us when we cry and draws us close in Jesus Christ. Let us return to the one who is full of compassion.

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

P: Most merciful God,

**C: we confess that we are captive to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name. Amen.**

P: Beloved, God's word never fails. The promise rests on grace: by the saving love of Jesus Christ, the wisdom and power of God, your sins are † forgiven, and God remembers them no more. Journey in the way of Jesus.

**C: Amen.**

[Sit]

Hymn: "God Loved the World"

ROCKINGHAM OLD

*Pre-recorded (congregation may follow and hum along with the text)*

- 1 God loved the world so that he gave  
his only Son the lost to save,  
that all who would in him believe  
should everlasting life receive.
- 2 Christ Jesus is the ground of faith,  
who was made flesh and suffered death;  
all who confide in Christ alone  
are built on this chief cornerstone.
- 3 If you are ill, if death draws near,  
this truth your troubled heart can cheer:  
Christ Jesus rescues us from death;  
that is the firmest ground of faith.
- 4 Be of good cheer, for God's own Son  
forgives all sins that you have done,  
and justified by Jesus' blood,  
your baptism grants the highest good.
- 5 All glory to the Father, Son,  
and Holy Spirit, Three in One!  
To you, O blessed Trinity,  
be praise now and eternally!

Text: *Gesangbuch*, Bollhagen, 1791; tr. August Crull, 1846-1923, alt.

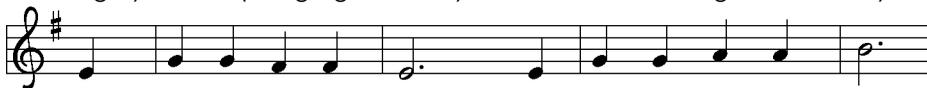
Greeting

P: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

**C: And also with you.**

## Kyrie

*Sung by Cantor (congregation may follow and hum along with the text)*



1 Have mer - cy on us, Lord, and hear our sol - emn prayer.  
2 Have mer - cy on us, Christ, and wash a - way our sin.  
3 Have mer - cy on us, Lord; make sin and shame de - part.



We come to hear your liv - ing word; it saves us from de - spair.  
Pour out your grace and make us whole that new life may be - gin.  
Re - new us with your sav - ing pow'r; cre - ate in us new hearts!

### Prayer of the Day

P: The Lord be with you.

**C: And also with you.**

P: Let us pray. O God, rich in mercy, by the humiliation of your Son you lifted up this fallen world and rescued us from the hopelessness of death. Lead us into your light, that all our deeds may reflect your love, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C: Amen.**

### + Word +

*We listen to the story of God's mighty acts for the sake of God's people.*

First Reading:

Numbers 21:4-9

*Though God provides food and water for the Israelites in the wilderness, they whine and grumble. They forget about the salvation they experienced in the exodus. God punishes them for their sin, but when they repent God also provides a means of healing: a bronze serpent lifted up on a pole.*

<sup>4</sup>From Mount Hor [the Israelites] set out by the way to the Red Sea, to go around the land of Edom; but the people became impatient on the way. <sup>5</sup>The people spoke against God and against Moses, "Why have you brought us up out of Egypt to die in the wilderness? For there is no food and no water, and we detest this miserable food." <sup>6</sup>Then the Lord sent poisonous serpents among the people, and they bit the people, so that many Israelites died. <sup>7</sup>The people came to Moses and said, "We have sinned by speaking against the Lord and against you; pray to the Lord to take away the serpents from us." So Moses prayed for the people. <sup>8</sup>And the Lord said to Moses, "Make a poisonous serpent, and set it on a pole; and everyone who is bitten shall look at it and live." <sup>9</sup>So Moses made a serpent of bronze, and put it upon a pole; and

whenever a serpent bit someone, that person would look at the serpent of bronze and live.

L: The word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm of the Day

Psalm 107:1-3, 17-22

*Sung responsively by Cantors (congregation may follow and hum along with the text)*



<sup>1</sup>Give thanks to the LORD, for the | LORD is good,  
for God's mercy en- | dures forever.

<sup>2</sup>**Let the redeemed of the | LORD proclaim  
that God redeemed them from the hand | of the foe,**

<sup>3</sup>gathering them in | from the lands;  
from the east and from the west, from the north and | from the south.

<sup>17</sup>**Some were fools and took re- | bellious paths;  
through their sins they | were afflicted.**

<sup>18</sup>They loathed all man- | ner of food  
and drew near | to death's door.

<sup>19</sup>**Then in their trouble they cried | to the LORD  
and you delivered them from | their distress.**

<sup>20</sup>You sent forth your | word and healed them  
and rescued them | from the grave.

<sup>21</sup>**Let them give thanks to you, LORD, for your | steadfast love  
and your wonderful works | for all people.**

<sup>22</sup>Let them offer sacrifices | of thanksgiving  
and tell of your deeds with | shouts of joy.

Second Reading:

Ephesians 2:1-10

*While we were dead in our sinfulness, God acted to make us alive as a gift of grace in Christ Jesus. We are saved not by what we do but by grace through faith. Thus our good works are really a reflection of God's grace at work in our lives.*

<sup>1</sup>You were dead through the trespasses and sins <sup>2</sup>in which you once lived, following the course of this world, following the ruler of the power of the air, the spirit that is now at work among those who are disobedient. <sup>3</sup>All of us once lived among them in the passions of our flesh, following the desires of flesh and senses, and we were by nature children of wrath, like everyone else. <sup>4</sup>But God, who is rich in mercy, out of the great

love with which he loved us <sup>5</sup>even when we were dead through our trespasses, made us alive together with Christ—by grace you have been saved—<sup>6</sup>and raised us up with him and seated us with him in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus, <sup>7</sup>so that in the ages to come he might show the immeasurable riches of his grace in kindness toward us in Christ Jesus. <sup>8</sup>For by grace you have been saved through faith, and this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God—<sup>9</sup>not the result of works, so that no one may boast. <sup>10</sup>For we are what he has made us, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand to be our way of life.

L: The word of the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

Children's Message

Pastor Liz

Piano Duet: "The Lord's My Shepherd (Brother James' Air)  
Ryan Hannigan and Tim Koch

Nielson/Young

[Stand]

Apostles' Creed

P: Let us profess our faith in the words of the Apostles' Creed.

**I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the + resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.**

Prayers of the Church

*A brief silence.*

*Each petition ends:*

P: Hear us, O God.

**C: Your mercy is great.**

Prayer Response:

*Sung by Cantor (congregation may follow and hum along with the text)*

*Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom.*

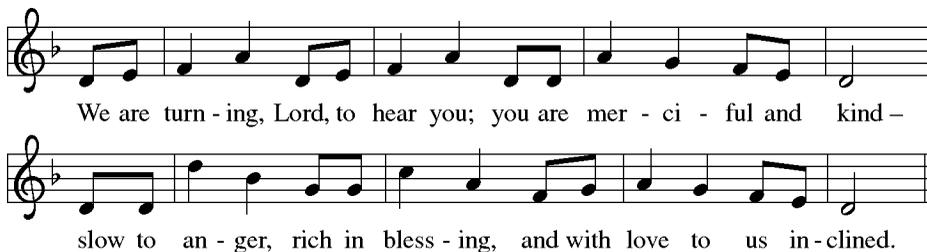
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## Lenten Acclamation

*Sung by Cantor (congregation may follow and hum along with the text)*



We are turn - ing, Lord, to hear you; you are mer - ci - ful and kind -  
slow to an - ger, rich in bless - ing, and with love to us in - clined.

## Gospel Acclamation

P: The holy gospel according to John, the 3<sup>rd</sup> chapter.

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

## Gospel Reading

John 3:14-21

*To explain the salvation of God to the religious leader, Nicodemus, Jesus refers to the scripture passage quoted in today's first reading. Just as those who looked upon the bronze serpent were healed, so people will be saved when they behold Christ lifted up on the cross.*

[Jesus said:] <sup>14</sup>“Just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, <sup>15</sup>that whoever believes in him may have eternal life. <sup>16</sup>“For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life. <sup>17</sup>“Indeed, God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him. <sup>18</sup>Those who believe in him are not condemned; but those who do not believe are condemned already, because they have not believed in the name of the only Son of God. <sup>19</sup>And this is the judgment, that the light has come into the world, and people loved darkness rather than light because their deeds were evil. <sup>20</sup>For all who do evil hate the light and do not come to the light, so that their deeds may not be exposed. <sup>21</sup>But those who do what is true come to the light, so that it may be clearly seen that their deeds have been done in God.”

P: The gospel of the Lord.

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

[Sit]

Sermon: “*The Way: Are we There Yet?*”

Pastor John Brock

## + Meal +

*When we celebrate communion, we remember that Jesus died for us and we experience His love and forgiveness. As we eat the bread and wine Christ is present with us.*

## Sharing of the Peace

P: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

**C: And also with you.**

## Offering

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Your offerings may also be placed in the white offering boxes at the back of the worship space as you exit.

[Stand]

## Offering Prayer

P: Faithful God, you walk beside us in desert places, and you meet us in our hunger with bread from heaven. Accompany us in this meal, that we may pass over from death to life with Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

**C: Amen.**

## Great Thanksgiving

P: The Lord be with you.

**C: And also with you.**

P: Lift up your hearts.

**C: We lift them to the Lord.**

P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**C: It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

## Preface

P: 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 comforted your people with the promise of the Redeemer, through whom you will also make all things new in the day when he comes to judge the world in righteousness. 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:

## Sanctus (Holy, Holy, Holy)

**C: Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might. Heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.**

## Eucharistic Prayer

P: Holy God, our living Water and our merciful Guide, together with rivers and seas, wells and springs we bless and magnify you. You led your people Israel through the desert, and provided them water from the rock. We praise you for Christ, our Rock and our Water, who joined us in our desert, pouring out his life for the world.

*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.

P: Remembering, therefore, his life, death, and resurrection, we await your salvation for all this thirsty world. Pour out your Spirit on this holy food and on all the baptized gathered for this feast: wash away our sin, that we may be revived for our journey by the love of Christ. Through him all glory and honor is yours, Almighty Father, with the Holy Spirit, in your holy Church, both now and forever.

**C: Amen**

Lord's Prayer

**C: 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

P: Jesus draws the whole world to himself.  
Come to this meal and be fed.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

[Sit]

Agnus Dei [Lamb of God]

*Sung by Cantor (congregation may follow and hum along with the text)*



1 O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world a - way;  
2 O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world a - way;  
3 O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world a - way;



you suf-fered death our lives to save: have mer-cy now, we pray.  
you set us free from guilt and grave: have mer-cy now, we pray.  
e - ter-nal peace with God you made: give us your peace, we pray.

Sharing our Lord's Supper

*All Christians are welcome to celebrate the real presence of Jesus Christ in our Lord's Supper. You will remain at your seat and at the direction of the pastor, you will be invited to commune, at which time, you will open the individual wrapped, prepackage communion elements, you received when you arrived. The bread is in the bottom and wine in the top. If you did not receive communion when you arrived, please see an usher.*

Open the bread:

P: The Body of Christ given for you

Open the wine:

P: The Blood of Christ shed for you.

[Stand]

Post-communion Blessing and Prayer

P: The Body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.

**C: Amen.**

P: God of steadfast love, at this table you gather your people into one body for the sake of the world. Send us in the power of your Spirit, that our lives bear witness to the love that has made us new in Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

**C: Amen.**

### + Sending +

*We have heard the Word of God, offered our gifts, and been fed at the table.  
Now we are sent out, strengthened by the Holy Spirit to be God's people in the world.*

Blessing

P: You are what God made you to be: created in Christ Jesus for good works, chosen as holy and beloved, freed to serve your neighbor. God bless you ☩ that you may be a blessing, in the name of the holy and life-giving Trinity.

**C: Amen.**

Dismissal

P: Go in peace. Share the good news.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

(Sit)

**Please have a seat and wait for the ushers to dismiss your row.**

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**Musician:** H. Timothy Koch

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**Altar Care:** Barbara Kriebel

**Bulletin Artwork:** Trinity Staff



## **Join us next week!**

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Fifth Sunday in Lent

**Sermon Series Theme:**

"The Way Home"

**Sermon theme:**

"Almost Home?"

Preaching: Pastor Jack Horner

## **Worship notes**

Videos of last week's sermons are available on our website ([www.trinitycamphill.org](http://www.trinitycamphill.org)). If you would like a printed copy, please call the church office and we can mail one to you.

**The worship elements in the Nave and Fellowship Hall**, the communion elements for all services, and the sanctuary lamp candle, the symbol of God's abiding presence, are presented to the Glory of our Lord Jesus Christ and in honor of and celebrating today Dr. William and Sylvia Stotler's 50<sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary; and in loving memory Florence & Kenneth B. Shrum by Barbara & Bob Park, Rachel & Michael Beck and family; Arnie Greenlund by his wife, Anne, daughters Pamela Padley, Missy Baker, Wendy Mitchell, and families.

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