



First Sunday
in Lent

Streaming Worship
8:30 am
March 9, 2025



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LUTHERAN CHURCH

Girl Scout Sunday

What's Happening

Have little ones? Busy bags are now available at all worship services. Ask an usher for one and return it after the service!

Give to help support others

Our Lenten offering will be split between Lutheran World Relief, specifically wildfire emergency funds, and the Harrisburg Area Food Pantry. The Missions and Community Outreach Teams will match the congregation's donations this year.



Lenten Vespers: Begin Wednesday, March 12, 6 pm

Come to the Trinity Camp Hill Chapel for evening prayer, song, and contemplation during Lent. Every Wednesday through April 9.

Journey through Holy Week

Friday, March 28 or Saturday, March 29

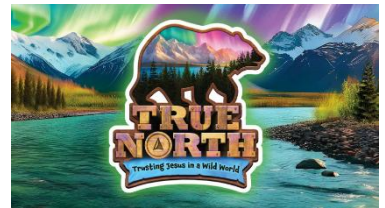
We invite you to join us at Trinity Camp Hill from 6 to 8 p.m. You may arrive at any time and explore at your own pace. Individuals of all ages are welcome to participate in this immersive experience, highlighting the significant moments of Holy Week with art and music.

ELL: New Session begins

Please pray for our volunteers and students as they prepare for a new session of classes beginning on March 12.

Save the date: June 23-27 for Vacation Bible School

This year, we are going on an Alaskan adventure to learn that Jesus is a faithful friend we can trust! Watch for more information about volunteering and registration soon.



Concert Series continues March 23

Join three of the world's top performers and composers of sacred and secular music together with Trinity's outstanding Concert Choir. Come at 3 pm to enjoy this free concert. Thank you to our generous 2024-2025 Concert Series patrons, who make up the bulk of the funding.

Our Series is funded, in part, from the Gordon E. Fry Camp Hill Trinity Lutheran Church Festival of the Arts Fund, a charitable fund of the Greater Harrisburg Community Foundation, a regional foundation of The Foundation for Enhancing Communities (TFEC).

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 in for today's worship service. Or go to the following link: <https://www.trinitycamphill.org/checkin/>.



about today's service

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.

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", postludes and fresh altar flowers as the solemnity of this Lenten season is observed.

P: Presiding Minister L: Lector C: Congregation

✠ Gathering ✠

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

Welcome

Pastor Jack Horner

***Song: "Jesus is a Rock in a Weary Land"**

Chorus (2X)

Jesus is a rock in a weary land,
A weary land, a weary land;
Jesus is a rock in a weary land,
A shelter in the time of storm.

Verse 1

No one can do like Jesus,
Not a mumbling word he said;
He went walking down to Lazarus' grave,
And he raised him from the dead.

Chorus

Verse 2

When Jesus was on earth
The flesh was very weak;
He took a towel and girded himself,
And he washed his disciples' feet.

Chorus

Verse 3

Yonder come my Savior,
Him whom I love so well;
He has the palm of vic—to—ry
And the keys of death and hell.

Chorus (2X)

African American Spiritual. ELW #333

Announcements

Mission Moment: Girl Scout Video

(Please stand as you are able)

Confession and Forgiveness

P: In the name of the Father, and of the ✠ Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

P: God of all mercy and consolation, come to the help of your people, turning us from our sin to live for you alone. Give us the power of your Holy Spirit that we may confess our sin, receive your forgiveness, and grow into the fullness of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C: Amen.

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: God, who is rich in mercy, loved us even when we were dead in sin, and made us alive together with Christ. By grace you have been saved. In the name of ✠ Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven. Almighty God strengthen you with power through the Holy Spirit, that Christ may live in your hearts through faith.

C: Amen.

* Opening Hymn: Through the Night of Doubt and Sorrow

EBENEZER



1 Through the night of doubt and sor - row, on - ward
 2 One the light of God's own pres - ence on the
 3 One the strain that lips of thou - sands lift as
 4 On - ward, there - fore, sis - ters, broth - ers; on - ward,



goes the pil - grim band, sing - ing songs of ex - pec -
 ran - somed peo - ple shed, chas - ing far the gloom and
 from the heart of one; one the con - flict, one the
 with the cross our aid. Bear its shame, and fight its



ta - tion, march - ing to the prom - ised land. Clear be -
 ter - ror, bright - 'ning all the path we tread. One the
 per - il, one the march in God be - gun. One the
 bat - tle till we rest be - neath its shade. Soon shall



fore us through the dark - ness gleams and burns the
 ob - ject of our jour - ney, one the faith which
 glad - ness of re - joic - ing on the far e -
 come the great a - wak - 'ning; soon the rend - ing



guid - ing light; pil - grim clasps the hand of
 nev - er tires, one the ear - nest look - ing
 ter - nal shore, where the one al - might - y
 of the tomb! Then the scat - t'ring of all



pil - grim step - ping fear - less through the night.
 for - ward, one the hope our God in - spires.
 Fa - ther reigns in love for - ev - er - more.
 shad - ows, and the end of toil and gloom.

Text: Bernhard S. Ingemann, 1789–1862; tr. Sabine Baring-Gould, 1834–1924, alt.
 Music: EBENEZER, Thomas J. Williams, 1869–1944

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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.**

Prayer of the Day

P: Let us pray. 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.

C: **Amen.**

(Please be seated)

✝ Word ✝

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

Children's Message

Pastor Jack Horner

Song "Adagio"

V. Vavilov

Alison Koch, cello

Reading:

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.

¹ 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, ² you 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. ³ You 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." ⁴ When the priest takes the basket from your hand and sets it down before the altar of the Lord your God, ⁵ you 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. ⁶ When the Egyptians treated us harshly and afflicted us, by imposing hard labor on us, ⁷ we cried to the Lord, the God of our ancestors; the Lord heard our voice and saw our affliction, our toil, and our oppression. ⁸ The 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; ⁹ and he brought us into this place and gave us this land, a land flowing with milk and honey. ¹⁰ So 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. ¹¹ Then 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.

L: The word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

(Please stand as you are able)

P: The holy gospel according to Luke, the 4th chapter.

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

Gospel Reading

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."

¹ Jesus, full of the Holy Spirit, returned from the Jordan and was led by the Spirit in the wilderness, ² where 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. ³ The devil said to him, "If you are the Son of God, command this stone to become a loaf of bread." ⁴ Jesus answered him, "It is written, 'One does not live by bread alone.' "

⁵ Then the devil led him up and showed him in an instant all the kingdoms of the world. ⁶ And 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. ⁷ If you, then, will worship me, it will all be yours." ⁸ Jesus answered him, "It is written, 'Worship the Lord your God, and serve only him.' " ⁹ Then 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, ¹⁰ for it is written, 'He will command his angels concerning you, to protect you,' ¹¹ and 'On their hands they will bear you up, so that you will not dash your foot against a stone.' " ¹² Jesus answered him, "It is said, 'Do not put the Lord your God to the test.' " ¹³ When the devil had finished every test, he departed from him until an opportune time.

P: The gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

(Please be seated)

Sermon: "*Join the Journey: Face Temptation*"

Pastor John Brock

***Song: "He Will Hold Me Fast"**

Verse 1

When I fear my faith will fail,
Christ will hold me fast;

When the tempter would prevail,
He will hold me fast.
I could never keep my hold
Through life's fearful path;
For my love is often cold;
He must hold me fast.

Chorus

He will hold me fast,
He will hold me fast;
For my Savior loves me so,
He will hold me fast.

Verse 2

Those He saves are His delight ,
Christ will hold me fast.
Precious in His holy sight,
He will hold me fast.
He'll not let my soul be lost;
His Promises shall last;
Bought by Him at such a cost,
He will hold me fast.

Chorus

Verse 3

For my life He bled and died,
Christ will hold me fast;
Justice has been satisfied.
He will hold me fast.
Raised with Him to endless life,
He will hold me fast.
Till our faith is turned to sight
When He comes at last!

Chorus(2x)

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(Please stand as you are able)

Apostles' Creed

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

C: **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: God, in your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

† 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 drink the 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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Offering Prayer

P: Let us pray, Gracious Father,

C: by these offerings we confess that you alone are God. Receive them as our prayer for your vision of this world that we may take our proper place among your creatures. Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Eucharistic Prayer

P: O God most mighty, O God most merciful, O God our rock and our salvation, hear us as we praise, call us to your table, grant us your life. When the earth was a formless void, you formed order and beauty. When Abraham and Sarah were barren, you sent them a child; When the Israelites were enslaved, you led them to freedom. Ruth faced starvation, David fought Goliath, and the psalmists cried out for healing, and full of compassion, you granted the people your life. You entered our sorrows in Jesus our brother. He was born among the poor, he lived under oppression, he wept over the city. With infinite love, he granted the people your life.

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 his death, we cry out Amen.

C: Amen.

P: Celebrating his resurrection, we shout Amen.

C: Amen.

P: Trusting his presence in every time and place, we plead Amen.

C: Amen.

P: O God, you are Breath: send your Spirit on this meal. O God, you are Bread: feed us with yourself. O God, you are wine: warm our hearts and make us one. O God, you are Fire: transform us with hope. O God most majestic, O God most motherly, O God our strength and our song, you show us a vision of a tree of life with fruits for all and leaves that heal the nations. Grant us such life, the life of the Father to the Son, the life of the Spirit of our risen Savior, life in you, now and forever.

C: Amen.

The 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: This is the Lamb of God who takes away the sins of the world.
Happy are those who are called to his supper.

**C: Lord, I am not worthy to receive you,
but only say the word and I shall be healed.**

(Please be seated)

Sharing our Lord's Supper

All Christians are welcome to celebrate the real presence of Jesus Christ in our Lord's Supper. If you'd like to receive communion via intinction, please come forward by the middle aisle, receive the bread, dip it into the wine, and return by the side aisle or come to the altar rail for prayer.

Communion may be received in bread only, if desired. Non-communing children and adults are invited to come forward for a blessing. In addition, we offer gluten-free wafers, or prepackage communion, available upon request--please ask the pastor at the time of communion.

(Please stand as you are able)

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: Let us pray. 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.

C: Amen.

✠ Sending ✠

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

Blessing

P: The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord's face shine on you with grace and mercy. The Lord look upon you with favor and ✠ give you peace.

C: Amen.

Dismissal

P: Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

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Worship notes

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

The flowers in the Nave and Fellowship Hall are presented to the glory of God and in loving memory of Florence & Kenneth B. Shrum by Barbara & Bob Park, Rachel & Michael Beck and family; also, Tegg and Elizabeth Greenlund, Tracy W. Greenlund, and Elizabeth G. Moore by Anne Greenlund.

The sanctuary lamp candle that burns day and night as a symbol of God's abiding presence is presented to the glory of God.

Join us next Sunday!

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Second Sunday in Lent

Sermon Series Theme:

"Join the Journey"

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Sermon Theme:

"Show a little grace"

Preaching:

Pastor Jack Horner

