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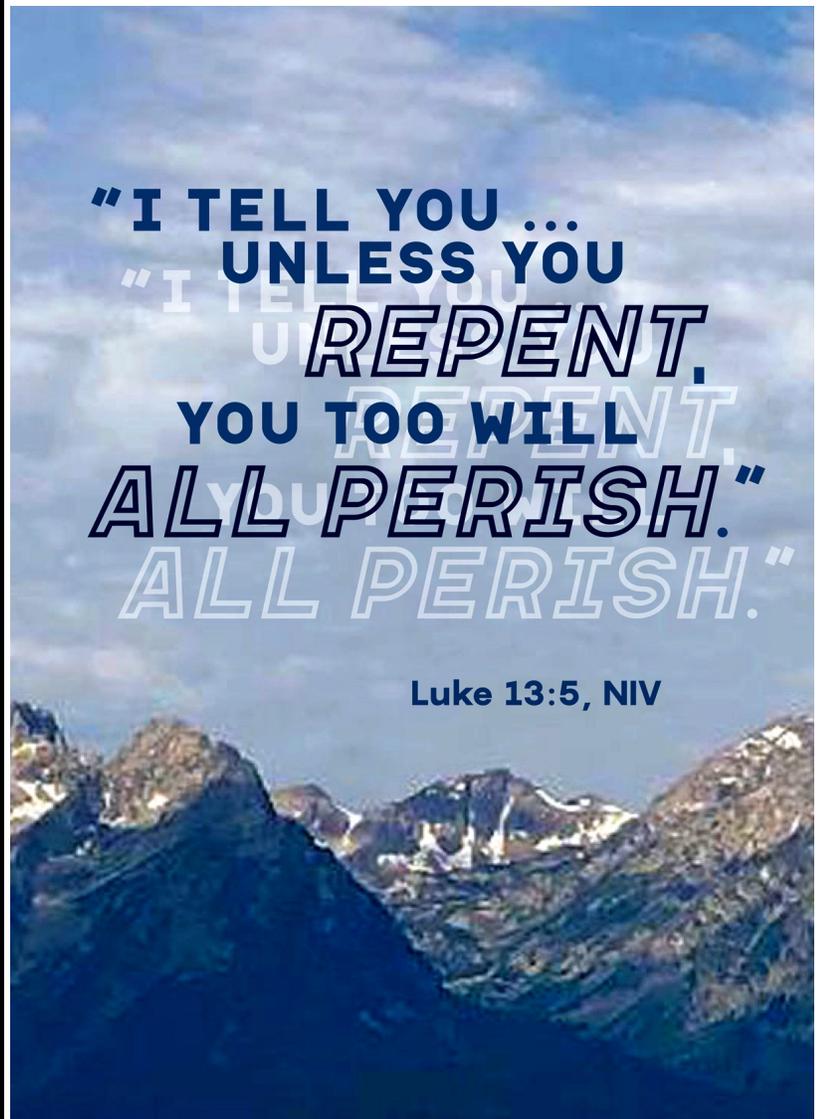
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March 20, 2022

3rd Sunday in Lent

**"I TELL YOU ...
UNLESS YOU
REPENT,
YOU TOO WILL
ALL PERISH."
ALL PERISH."**

Luke 13:5, NIV



Welcome to Trinity Lutheran Church

IF IT SHOULD BEAR FRUIT

AS WE GATHER

How then shall we live? What a profound question for Christians to consider midway through Lent! The Lord has shown His mercy to us, forgiven our sins, and delivered us from death. Then what? What is the focus of our lives? The call of the Readings for this Sunday points us to the repentance that bears the good fruit of God's kingdom. Like trees that have failed to produce good fruit, the Lord has tended us with His Word, with the warning of the Law and the promise of the Gospel. But if the tree remains unfruitful, the tree will have to be cut down. It is a hard word to hear, but God remains merciful, and most of all, He seeks that we bear the good fruits of faith and repentance in our daily lives.

809 GREAT IS THY FAITHFULNESS

Text: Thomas O. Chisholm, 1866–1960
Tune: William M. Runyan, 1870–1957

Please stand

INVOCATION

Pastor In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

Congregation Amen.

Please kneel for the confession and absolution

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION *Psalm 1:6; 5:4, 7, adapt.*

Pastor Let us kneel and confess our sins to God our Father:

Congregation Almighty God, maker of all things and judge of all people, we poor sinners confess to You that we have turned away from You. We have not done the good You desire but have done the evil You forbid. We repent of all our sins of thought, word, and deed and pray for Your mercy for the sake of Jesus Christ, our Lord. Turn our hearts away from sin and its temptation and grant us by the Holy Spirit to serve You with all our heart, mind, body, and soul. In the holy name of Jesus, we pray. Amen.

Pastor Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

Congregation Amen.

Please stand

INTROIT—We read the Introit together

For the LORD knows the way of the righteous, but the way of the wicked will perish. For you are not a God who delights in wickedness; evil may not dwell with you. The boastful shall not stand before your eyes; you hate all evildoers. You destroy those who speak lies; the LORD abhors the bloodthirsty and deceitful man.

But I, through the abundance of your steadfast love, will enter your house. I will bow down toward your holy temple in the fear of you. Lead me, O LORD, in your righteousness because of my enemies; make your way straight before me. Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit; as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen. For the LORD knows the way of the righteous, but the way of the wicked will perish.

KYRIE *LSB 204*



☐ Lord, have mer - cy; Christ, have mer - cy; Lord, have mer - cy.

SALUTATION

Pastor The Lord be with you.

Congregation **And also with you.**

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Pastor Let us pray.

O God, whose glory it is always to have mercy, be gracious to all who have gone astray from Your ways and bring them again with penitent hearts and steadfast faith to embrace and hold fast the unchangeable truth of Your Word; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Congregation **Amen.**

Pastor Though the Readings for the Third Sunday in Lent bring warnings to those who refuse the Spirit and remain impenitent, they also promise that God will work in us the healthful Spirit of His grace, forgive our sins, and equip us to bear the good fruits of His kingdom in our lives. From the prophet Ezekiel, we learn that God finds no pleasure in judging the wicked but rejoices in their repentance and faith. From 1 Corinthians, we are warned by Paul against the pride that goes before the fall and assured that in Christ temptation cannot overcome us. In the Gospel, Jesus is confronted with a tragedy from the news and points the hearers to their own repentance and faith, that they may bear the good fruit of His Kingdom.

Please be seated

OLD TESTAMENT READING *Ezekiel 33:7–20*

⁷“So you, son of man, I have made a watchman for the house of Israel. Whenever you hear a word from my mouth, you shall give them warning from me. ⁸If I say to the wicked, O wicked one, you shall surely die, and you do not speak to warn the wicked to turn from his way, that wicked person shall die in his iniquity, but his blood I will require at your hand. ⁹But if you warn the wicked to turn from his way, and he does not turn from his way, that person shall die in his iniquity, but you will have delivered your soul.

¹⁰“And you, son of man, say to the house of Israel, Thus have you said: ‘Surely our transgressions and our sins are upon us, and we rot away because of them. How then can we live?’ ¹¹Say to them, As I live, declares the Lord GOD, I have no pleasure in the death of the wicked, but that the wicked turn from his way and live; turn back, turn back from your evil ways, for why will you die, O house of Israel?

¹²“And you, son of man, say to your people, The righteousness of the righteous shall not deliver him when he transgresses, and as for the wickedness of the wicked, he shall not fall by it when he turns from his wickedness, and the righteous shall not be able to live by his righteousness when he sins. ¹³Though I say to the righteous that he shall surely live, yet if he trusts in his righteousness and does injustice, none of his righteous deeds shall be remembered, but in his injustice that he has done he shall die. ¹⁴Again, though I say to the wicked, ‘You shall surely die,’ yet if he turns from his sin and does what is just and right, ¹⁵if the wicked restores the pledge, gives back what he has taken by robbery, and walks in the statutes of life, not doing injustice, he shall surely live; he shall not die. ¹⁶None of the sins that he has committed shall be remembered against him. He has done what is just and right; he shall surely live.

¹⁷“Yet your people say, ‘The way of the Lord is not just,’ when it is their own way that is not just. ¹⁸When the righteous turns from his righteousness and does injustice, he shall die for it. ¹⁹And when the wicked turns from his wickedness and does what is just and right, he shall live by them. ²⁰Yet you say, ‘The way of the Lord is not just.’ O house of Israel, I will judge each of you according to his ways.”

Pastor This is the Word of the Lord.

Congregation Thanks be to God.

EPISTLE *1 Corinthians 10:1–13*

¹I want you to know, brothers, that our fathers were all under the cloud, and all passed through the sea, ²and all were baptized into Moses in the cloud and in the sea, ³and all ate the same spiritual food, ⁴and all drank the same spiritual drink. For they drank from the spiritual Rock that followed them, and the Rock was Christ. ⁵Nevertheless, with most of them God was not pleased, for they were overthrown in the wilderness. ⁶Now these things took place as examples for us, that we might not desire evil as they did. ⁷Do not be idolaters as some of them were; as it is written, “The people sat down to eat and drink and rose up to play.” ⁸We must not indulge in sexual immorality ⁴

as some of them did, and twenty-three thousand fell in a single day. ⁹We must not put Christ to the test, as some of them did and were destroyed by serpents, ¹⁰nor grumble, as some of them did and were destroyed by the Destroyer. ¹¹Now these things happened to them as an example, but they were written down for our instruction, on whom the end of the ages has come. ¹²Therefore let anyone who thinks that he stands take heed lest he fall. ¹³No temptation has overtaken you that is not common to man. God is faithful, and he will not let you be tempted beyond your ability, but with the temptation he will also provide the way of escape, that you may be able to endure it.

Pastor This is the Word of the Lord.

Congregation Thanks be to God.

Please stand

HOLY GOSPEL *Luke 13:1–9*

Pastor The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the thirteenth chapter beginning at verse 1.

Congregation Glory to You, O Lord.

¹There were some present at that very time who told [Jesus] about the Galileans whose blood Pilate had mingled with their sacrifices. ²And he answered them, “Do you think that these Galileans were worse sinners than all the other Galileans, because they suffered in this way? ³No, I tell you; but unless you repent, you will all likewise perish. ⁴Or those eighteen on whom the tower in Siloam fell and killed them: do you think that they were worse offenders than all the others who lived in Jerusalem? ⁵No, I tell you; but unless you repent, you will all likewise perish.”

⁶And he told this parable: “A man had a fig tree planted in his vineyard, and he came seeking fruit on it and found none. ⁷And he said to the vinedresser, ‘Look, for three years now I have come seeking fruit on this fig tree, and I find none. Cut it down. Why should it use up the ground?’ ⁸And he answered him, ‘Sir, let it alone this year also, until I dig around it and put on manure. ⁹Then if it should bear fruit next year, well and good; but if not, you can cut it down.’”

Pastor This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Congregation Praise to You, O Christ.

Please be seated

752 BE STILL, MY SOUL

Text: Catharina Amalia Dorothea von Schlegel, 1697–1752; tr. Jane L. Borthwick, 1813–97, altTune: Jean Sibelius, 1865–1957, adapt.

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Please stand

SERMON

Please stand

OFFERTORY

LSB 192



C Cre-ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re -
 new a right spir - it with - in me. Cast me not a -
 way from Thy pres-ence, and take not Thy Ho - ly Spir - it
 from me. Re - store un - to me the joy of Thy sal - va -
 tion, and up - hold me with Thy free spir-it. A - men.

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

Pastor Restore us, O Lord, according to Your promise, and hear the prayers of Your people who cry to You in need. Blessed Lord, it is Your good and gracious will not to condemn but to save the sinner through the merits of Christ alone. Open our hearts to the voice of Your call, lead us to repentance, and grant us Your Holy Spirit so that we may show forth the good fruits of that repentance in our lives. Lord, in Your mercy,

Congregation **hear our prayer.**

Pastor Almighty God, we live in a world filled with temptation, fear, and threat. Grant us a refuge in Your Word that our hearts may not despair. Deliver us from all our enemies and bring us to everlasting life. Lord, in Your mercy,

Congregation **hear our prayer.**

Pastor Merciful Lord, the tragedies and disasters of this life unsettle our hearts and feed our anxieties. Remind us of Your great compassion and faithfulness, and support the victims of such events as well as the emergency personnel who imperil themselves on our behalf. Lord, in Your mercy,

Congregation **hear our prayer.**

Pastor Gracious God, our world cries out in search of hope; grant to those who preach Your Word the grace to proclaim it faithfully, and bless the missionaries far and near who bring Your Gospel to those who sit in the darkness of sin and death. Lord, in Your mercy,

Congregation **hear our prayer.**

Pastor Lord God, please bless those having birthdays this week at our church.
Michael Holler, Kristin Reiss, Tania Kolb, Jacob Grunewald, Leona Heling, Teri Bender, Dick Walter, Penny Damrow, Journey Polzin, Jack Schroeder, Joseph Senkbeil, Jacoby Andreas and John Stoelting. Lord in Your mercy,

Congregation hear our prayer.

Pastor Deliver, O Lord, the sick from their afflictions, the sorrowing from their grief, the troubled in mind from depression, and the dying from fear. We *especially pray for **Margene Fink, Karen Plocar, Gloria Hopf, LaVerne Weber, Liz Haag, Roger Lieffring, Connie Hansen, Todd and Teri Bender, Eugene Bubolz, Jean Hiebing*** . Hear us for the sake of Jesus Christ, our Savior. Lord, in Your mercy,

Congregation hear our prayer.

Please be seated

OFFERING – We stand as the offerings are brought forward to the altar. We ask you fill out a worship card and put it in the offering plate.

PREFACE

Pastor The Lord be with you.

Congregation And also with you.

Pastor Lift up your hearts.

Congregation We lift them to the Lord.

Pastor Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

Congregation It is right to give Him thanks and praise.

PROPER PREFACE

Pastor It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who overcame the assaults of the devil and gave His life as a ransom for many that with cleansed hearts we might be prepared joyfully to celebrate the paschal feast in sincerity and truth. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:

SANCTUS *LSB 208*



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord God of Sab - a - oth a - dored;



Heav'n and earth with full ac-claim shout the glo-ry of Your name.



Sing ho - san-na in the high-est, sing ho-san - na to the Lord;



Tru - ly blest is He who comes in the name of the Lord!

Text: Stephen P. Starke

Please stand

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

Pastor

Blessed are You, Lord of heaven and earth, for You have had mercy on those whom You created and sent Your only-begotten Son into our flesh to bear our sin and be our Savior. With repentant joy we receive the salvation accomplished for us by the all-availing sacrifice of His body and His blood on the cross. Gathered in the name and the remembrance of Jesus, we beg You, O Lord, to forgive, renew, and strengthen us with Your Word and Spirit. Grant us faithfully to eat His body and drink His blood as He bids us do in His own testament. Gather us together, we pray, from the ends of the earth to celebrate with all the faithful the marriage feast of the Lamb in His kingdom, which has no end. Graciously receive our prayers; deliver and preserve us. To You alone, O Father, be all glory, honor, and worship, with the Son and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Congregation

Amen.

THE WORDS OF OUR LORD

Pastor: Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: "Take, eat; this is My body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me."

In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them saying, "Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in My blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."

PROCLAMATION OF CHRIST

Pastor As often as we eat this bread and drink this cup, we proclaim the Lord's death until He comes.

Congregation Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.

Pastor O Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, in giving us Your body and blood to eat and to drink, You lead us to remember and confess Your holy cross and passion, Your blessed death, Your rest in the tomb, Your resurrection from the dead, Your ascension into heaven, and Your coming for the final judgment. So remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray:

LORD'S PRAYER

PAX DOMINI

Pastor The peace of the Lord be with you always.

Congregation Amen.

AGNUS DEI *LSB 210*



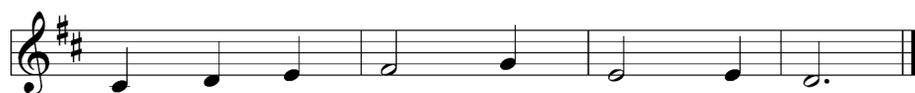
1 O Je - sus Christ, true Lamb of God,
2 O Je - sus Christ, true Lamb of God,



You take the sin of the world a - way;
You take the sin of the world a - way;



O Je - sus Christ, true Lamb of God,
Have mer - cy on us, Je - sus Christ,



Have mer - cy on us, Lord, we pray.
And grant us peace, O Lord, we pray.

Text: Stephen P. Starke

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861 CHRIST BE MY LEADER

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761 ROCK OF AGES, CLEFT FOR ME

Text: Augustus M. Toplady, 1740–78

Tune: Thomas Hastings, 1784–1872

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917 SAVIOR, AGAIN TO THY DEAR NAME WE RAISE

Text: John Ellerton, 1826–93

Tune: Edward J. Hopkins, 1818–1901

Text and tune: Public domain

918 GUIDE ME, O THOU GREAT REDEEMER

Text: William Williams, 1717–91, abr.; (st. 1): tr. Peter Williams, 1722–96, alt.; (sts. 2–3): tr. William Williams, 1717–91

Tune: John Hughes, 1873–1932

POST-COMMUNION THANKSGIVING

Pastor

Let us pray.

Merciful God, for freedom You have set us free through Christ's liberating death and resurrection. In this freedom, teach us to live in the fruit of the Spirit given us in our Baptism that we may bear in our bodies the fulfillment of the Law as we love our neighbors as ourselves; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

Congregation

Amen.

BENEDICTION

Pastor

The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.

The Lord look upon you with favor and ✠ give you peace.

Congregation

Amen.

722 LORD, TAKE MY HAND AND LEAD ME

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The Trinity Messenger

We welcome Rev. Roy Peterson to Trinity today. Pastor Peterson will be our Guest Pastor each Sunday for the rest of March, and also each Sunday and Holy Week worship services in April. Blessings to you Pastor Peterson.

ALTAR FLOWERS

The altar flowers are given from mom and dad and family, in honor of Kristin Reiss birthday. Happy Birthday Kristin. God's richest blessings to you.

REV. NOAH FREMER AND HIS FAMILY

As most of you know, Pastor Noah Fremer has accepted the call to be our Pastor here at Trinity. There is a letter from Pastor Fremer on the bulletin board in the narthex, and also copies of his letter on the table in the narthex, if you choose to take it home and read it. Just a few tidbits about Pastor Fremer and his family.

Pastor Fremer did his Vicarage at Messiah Lutheran, Seattle, WA from 2010-2011. He was called to St. John/Zion Lutheran (dual parish) in Montana from July-2012-May 2016. He is currently serving at Bethel Lutheran Church in Wyoming since 2016.

Pastor Fremer's wife's name is Mary. They were both born in Grand Rapids Michigan. And married in 2008. They have 2 children, Logan and Kaylee. The Fremer Family will be arriving in June. Please continue to pray for the Fremer Family as they prepare to serve here at Trinity.

HOLY WEEK WORSHIP TIMES—PLEASE SEE THE WORSHIP SERVICE TIME CHANGE

Maundy Thursday—6:30pm.

Good Friday- **NOON** & 6:30pm. **Good Friday** worship is **NOT** at 10:30am. It has been changed to noon. Easter—6:30am & 9:30am. There will be an Easter Breakfast following the 6:30am worship service.

VOTERS MEETING

Our quarterly voters meeting is on Sunday April 3rd following the late worship service.

WELCOME

We welcome Melissa, Matthew, Andrew and Samuel Schukow to our church family. The Schukow Family transferred to our church from Trinity in Oshkosh. We look forward to growing in our faith together with them.

THANK YOU

LaVerne Weber would like to thank her church family for praying for her every week in church and in your daily Prayers. God is good.

CONFIRMATION BANQUET

There is going to be a confirmation banquet on Wednesday, April 27th from 5:00-6:30pm. Invitations will be sent out soon. All information will be on the invitation.

LENTEN MEALS

You no longer have to sign-up for the Wednesday Lenten meals. Everyone is invited to the meals. We offer them after the morning worship service and beginning at 5:00pm before the evening service.

THE FIRESIDE CHRISTMAS TRIP “WHITE CHRISTMAS”

The Fireside trip is starting to fill up pretty quickly. If you are interested in this day trip, please sign-up early. Flyers with all of the details are on the table in the narthex. It is always a great time and we would love to have you join us. Payment is not due until July. Please make your check payable to Trinity Lutheran Church.

TRANSFER

TRANSFERRED to Luther Memorial in Sheboygan—Brian Andrews

PEACEFUL RELEASES

Brittany Buckner, Ashley Gates, Miranda Jost, Mikayla Jost, Ron Jost, Debbie Hansen, Amber Haskins, Sarah Haskins, Korry Ardell, Elisabeth Demito.

SPRING CLEANUP

Weather permitting, we will have our annual outdoor spring cleanup on Saturday, April 16th at 8:00am. Depending on the number of volunteers, it doesn't take more than a few hours. Please bring your rakes.

LWML SPRING EVENT

The LWML Spring Event is on Saturday, April 9th from 8:30am-11:30am., at Trinity Lutheran Church in Sheboygan. 824 Wisconsin Ave. The Guest Speaker is Angus Menuge, PHD. Angus Menuge is Professor and Chair of Philosophy at Concordia University Wisconsin and President of the Evangelical Philosophical Society. He is Author of many journal articles, book chapters and encyclopedia articles on the philosophy of mind, science and C.S Lewis. Rev. Shive from St. Pauls in Sheboygan will lead Bible Study. The following items will be collected to assist Love Inc. in their ministry. Kwik Trip fuel only gift cards for \$25.00, Bath towel and washcloth set, Toilet Paper.

March 20	Elders Ushers Acolytes Altar Guild Greeters Video Op.	8:00am Tom Weber 8:00am Team 3 8:00am Evan Erdmann, Dylan Elias March 14-27 Rita Milbrath, Susie Sixel 8:00am – Jack and Sue Kober Craig Lallensack	10:30am Jim post 10:30am Team 6 10:30am Chloe Grunewald, Annika Liermann 10:30am Larry and Kris Bender
March 23	Elders Ushers Acolytes Altar Guild Greeters Video Op.	10:30am Tom Weber 6:30pm—Team 4 6:30pm Joey Senkbeil March 14-27 Rita Milbrath, Susie Sixel 6:30pm—Barb Wolfert 6:30pm Lance Lierann	6:30pm Jim post
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Attendance: March 9 10:30am—48 6:30pm—35=83 March 13: 8:00am—55 10:30am—73=128 Sunday school—16

Description of Offering	Amount	Description of Offering	Amount
General Offering	\$4,477.50	Church Improvement Fund	\$410.00
Love Inc.	\$10.00	Roof Replacement Fund	\$50.00
Kitchen Remodel Fund	\$10.00	Sunday school children's offering	\$10.30

Monday March 21 8:30am Preschool 1:00pm Quilting	Tuesday March 22 8:30am Preschool	Wednesday March 23 8:30am Preschool 10:30am & 6:30pm Lenten Worship 11:30am & 5:00pm Lenten meals 3:55-6:00pm Confirmation	Thursday March 24 8:30am Preschool Dartball Playing for 3rd place. St. Paul Sheboygan vs Trinity@ Trinity	Friday March 25	Saturday March 26	Sunday March 27 8:00 & 10:30am Family Worship 9:15am Sunday school and Bible Class
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