Today's Ministers

Presider: Vicar Aaron Greeters: Bentley/Hilger family
Preaching: Vicar Aaron Ushers: Pat & Donna Benoit
Assisting Minister: Steve VanAtter Altar Guild: Benoits & Kellars

Crucifer: Cedar Hilger Counters: Cedar Hilger & Andrew Hanson Acolyte: Aggie Klahn Fellowship: Sharon Jones & Ardelle O'Bryan

Reader: Giada Armbrust Wine: Julie Haugen Children's Message: Jason Mills Bread: Judy Kellar

Music: Bryce Leifeste Eternal Candle: Julie Haugen

Audio/Streaming: Sarah Henthorn Flowers: None

& Larry Mills

Next Week's Ministers - March 30

Presider: Vicar Aaron Greeters: Pat & Donna Benoit
Preaching: Vicar Aaron Ushers: Jeff & Nancy Henderson

Assisting Minister: Steve VanAtter Altar Guild: Kim Mills

Crucifer: Jason Mills Counters: Bryce Quarve & TBD

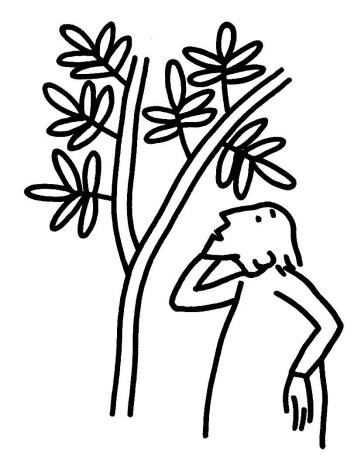
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& Elizabeth Schnabel



Third Sunday in Lent Year C March 23, 2025



Welcome! CALENDAR THIS WEEK

Today

Tuesday

Wednesday

Thursday

Mission Statement

Trinity Lutheran is a place to gather, refresh the faithful, and reach out with word and service to all others through the Holy Gospel.

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Land Acknowledgement

Trinity Lutheran Church is located on the original and ancestral homeland of the Shoshone-Bannock, Nüümü (Northern Paiute), Cayuse, Umatilla, and Walla Walla tribes. Our location here was made possible by the displacement and dispossession of these tribes. We acknowledge and honor these tribes, who have and continue to care for this land, which is their home since time immemorial.

Follow us on



Who We Are

Trinity Lutheran Church is a congregation in the Treasure Valley Cluster in the Northwest Intermountain Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (ELCA) which is one of 150 member churches in 96 countries that are part of the Lutheran World Federation.

NEXT WEEK

March 30 9:00 am Intergenerational Sunday School
10:00 am Worship (Noisy Offering)
11:15 am Fellowship (Fellowship Hall)

Tuesday 12:00 pm Al-Anon (Sunday School room) 2:00 – 4:00 pm Study Group (Koinonia Room)

Wednesday 6:15 pm Lenten Soup Supper

9:00 am

10:00 am

11:15 am

12:00 pm

6:15 pm

7:00 pm

6:30 pm

2:00 - 4:00 pm

7:00 pm Lenten Mid-Week Service (Touch)

Intergenerational Sunday School

Fellowship (Fellowship Hall)

Al-Anon (Sunday School room)

Lenten Mid-Week Service (Scent)

Study Group (Koinonia Room)

Lenten Soup Supper

Al-Anon (Fellowship Hall)

Worship

Thursday 6:30 pm Al-Anon (Fellowship Hall)

IN OUR PRAYERS

For healing: Colton (Fran & Elwood's grandson – brain tumor)

> (The Radke Family cousin -- pneumonia) Amy Ball (Emily Bentley's cousin – health issues) Rylee Bentley (Surgery recovery – Lloyd & Judy Kellar) Darrel Miller

Sharon Jones' nieces (Alzheimer's)

Monica Perez (friend of Edith Hannett – in need of a kidney)

Di Seba (cancer treatments) (from Sharon Jones) Kim Edwards Trent Glover (Relational Healing)

(Margreta Spady's granddaughter - cancer) Angel Bray (Fran & Elwood's granddaughter – seizures) Abby (Received pacemaker. Kristina Radke's Mom) Eileen Warner Frank Hobden (Recovering from blood clot – Carl Radke's Uncle)

Jessica Carr (Recovering from car crash)

(Ankle/Leg healing daughter of Randy & Martha Miller) Tina Zielinski

(Youth with heart condition – Emily Bentley) Cody Addie (Teenage Crohn's disease – Cathy Winwood) (Pregnancy Concerns – Cathy Winwood) Hannah Winwood

(surgeries & possible surgery- Elizabeth Schnabel) For Coworkers (mourning loss of daughter from Mary Helen & Gail) For Berger Family

(from Karson Hanson) For Klayton Hanson For Dan Baldwin (from Jessica & Aaron Carr) (from Sarah Braudrick) For Freedom (from Steve, Julie, & Alexa) For Dez & Niko (mourning loss of family member) For Ward Family

(People displaced by California fires – Aggie K.) For people impacted by fires (Daughter working on life balance - Janie Stubson) For Laura

People in the Armed Services:

Brett Collins (grandson of Helen Collins – Marines) John C. Collins II (Helen Collins' grandson – Navy SEAL)

Bill MacDonald (Navy)

(Cathy Winwood's Niece – Army) Amanda Love

> Prayer concerns will be removed after two months on the list unless you let the office know otherwise.

The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God.

Guide to the Bulletin

C: Congregation P: Presider A: Assisting Minister R: Reader

PRELUDE

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Please rise as you are able.

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

P: Blessed be the holy Trinity, + one God, who forgives all our sin, whose mercy endures forever.

C: Amen.

P: Let us return to God, confessing our sin in the assurance of God's abiding love.

Silence is kept for reflection.

P: Compassionate One,

C: 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.

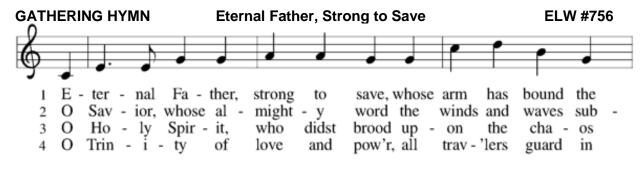
Amen.

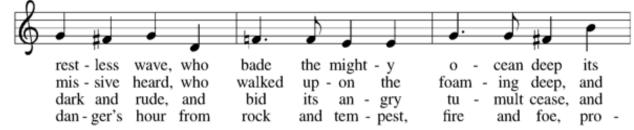
P: Beloved in Christ.

God's arms are always stretched open wide to welcome the wandering ones home.

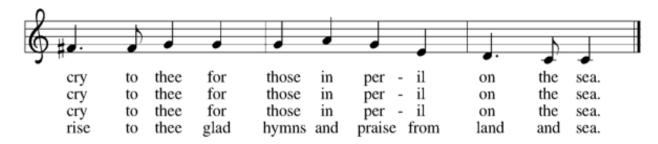
You have a place in God's house forever.

C: Amen.









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.

ANNOUNCEMENTS (CONTINUED)

<u>WELCOME SARAH LAMKEY-VANDIVER -</u> our new Church Office Administrator! Sarah has already gotten on top of the bulletin changes going into Lent working with Dean over the last week. She brings not only administrative experience but extensive volunteer work with Veterans of Foreign Wars, Community improvement for senior citizens, the Clearwater Fish Hatchery, and other projects.

EASTER BREAKFAST & EGG HUNT Our annual Easter breakfast and egg hunt will be on April 20. Bring food by 8 am, food starts serving at 08:15 am and the egg hunt starts at 9am. Sign up in the narthex.

COMMEMORATIONS FOR THE WEEK

Monday, March 24, 2025 Oscar Arnulfo Romero, Bishop of El Salvador, martyr, died 1980

Romero was deeply concerned with injustices evident toward the poor and powerless in El Salvador, and worked forthrightly against political repression. He was assassinated while presiding at the eucharist in a chapel near the cathedral in San Salvador.

Tuesday, March 25, 2025 Annunciation of Our Lord

Nine months before Christmas we celebrate the annunciation, in which the angel Gabriel annunced to Mary that she would give birth to the Son of God. The ancient church believed that this was also the date of the world's creation and of Jesus' death on the cross.

Saturday, March 29, 2025 Hans Nielsen Hauge, renewer of the church, died 1824

Hauge was a layperson who wished to revitalize the church in Norway. As a result of a mystical experience, he felt called to preach. Many professionals in the church feared his motives and influence, and he was imprisoned for leading unauthorized gatherings.



ANNOUNCEMENTS

NOISY OFFERING - MARCH NOISY OFFERING on Sunday 3/30/25 will go to SHE Style Her Empowered (the Uniform That Grows). The Uniform that Grows provides close to 1,500 girls a year with school uniforms in the country of Togo. The dress can fit a girl for 3 years adjusting to 6 sizes allowing them to get an education. \$20.00 pays for one dress; the girls do the sewing, therefore also learning a marketable skill. Church in Community

LENTEN MIDWEEK SERVICES - Lenten soup supper and services will be held each Wednesday through Lent. Soup supper starts at 6:15 pm and service is at 7 pm. Please come and join us.

GRATITUDE/QUOTATION ACTIVITY - "This is a wonderful day. I've never seen this one before." Maya Angelou reminds us that each day is unique, and that's easier to notice as Spring begins and we watch our world waking up with new life. Thank God this week for the signs of Spring that bring you hope and joy.

<u>LUTHERAN WORLD RELIEF</u> - 2025 is the 80-year anniversary of loving our neighbor for Lutheran World Relief. This all started in 1945. Please check out LWR.ORG/80 for more information. Thanks! Church in Community

GIVING FOR LENT - Instead of giving up something for Lent, how about "giving for Lent"? Use our little flyer as your shopping list. While shopping for yourself and your family, please consider picking up some healthy snacks for our love offering for the Donnelly Public Library, given in connection with the annual Church Camp Out. We are collecting fruits, fruit juices, chips, crackers, cookies, nuts and seeds.....in serving size, individually wrapped, and shelf-stable (needs no refrigeration). Plus (since they will make sandwiches on-site) they could use jars of peanut butter and jelly, and cans of tuna.

<u>SERVANT SERVICE OPPORTUNITIES -</u> Please be advised that there are several opportunities for you to sign up and help out here at the church. There are signup sheets on clipboards in the Narthex. These service opportunities include signing up to clean the church, host fellowship hour after service and to sign up to bring food for Lenten soup supper services in March. Please take a few minutes to sign up for these opportunities. Thank you for your help and consideration!

Vicar Aaron

<u>WOMEN'S LUNCHEON -</u> The Women's Luncheon will be Tuesday, March 25, 2025, at 11:30 am at Panera Bread, 16839 N. Marketplace Blvd., Nampa. RSVP to Sharon Jones. Additional details will be made available as we get closer to the date. Please look in the Sunday Service bulletins for this information.



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DISMISSAL

A: Go in peace. Care for others as God cares for you.

C: Thanks be to God.

Consider taking your bulletin home with you so that you can pray for those on our prayer list during the week and will know what activities are happening this week at Trinity.



Notes

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PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

P: Let us pray. Eternal God, your kingdom has broken into our troubled world through the life, death, and resurrection of your Son. Help us to hear your word and obey it and bring your saving love to fruition in our lives, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

P: You may be seated.

WORD

God speaks to us in scripture, preaching, and song.

FIRST READING: Isaiah 55:1-9

To those who have experienced long years in exile, the return to their homeland is a celebration of abundant life. God calls them into an everlasting covenant of love. Those who return to God will enjoy new life and forgiveness, because God's ways are not our ways. ¹Ho, everyone who thirsts, come to the waters; and you that have no money, come, buy and eat! Come, buy wine and milk without money and without price. ²Why do you spend your money for that which is not bread, and your labor for that which does not satisfy? Listen carefully to me, and eat what is good, and delight yourselves in rich food. ³ Incline your ear, and come to me; listen, so that you may live. I will make with you an everlasting covenant, my steadfast, sure love for David. 4See, I made him a witness to the peoples, a leader and commander for the peoples. ⁵ See, you shall call nations that you do not know, and nations that do not know you shall run to you, because of the Lord your God, the Holy One of Israel, for he has glorified you. ⁶ Seek the Lord while he may be found, call upon him while he is near; ⁷ let the wicked forsake their way, and the unrighteous their thoughts; let them return to the Lord, that he may have mercy on them, and to our God, for he will abundantly pardon. ⁸ For my thoughts are not your thoughts, nor are your ways my ways, says the Lord. ⁹ For as the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways and my thoughts than your thoughts.

R: The word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

SENDING

God blesses us and sends us in mission to the world.

Please rise as you are able.

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

A: Let us pray. 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.

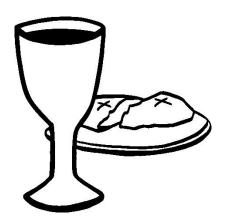
C: Amen.

BLESSING

P God our tender parent,
God the crucified one,
God the reconciling Spirit,

+ bless you now and forever.

C: Amen.





- 1 Rock of A ges, cleft for me, let me hide my-self in thee;
- 2 Not the la bors of my hands can ful fill thy law's de mands;
- 3 Noth-ing in my hand I bring; sim-ply to thy cross I cling.
- 4 While I draw this fleet-ing breath, when mine eye lids close in death,



let the wa - ter and the blood, from thy riv - en side which flowed, could my zeal no res - pite know, could my tears for - ev - er flow, Na - ked, come to thee for dress; help-less, look to thee for grace; when I soar to worlds un - known, see thee on thy judg-ment throne,



be of sin the dou-ble cure; cleanse me from its guilt and pow'r. all for sin could not a-tone; thou must save, and thou a-lone. foul, I to the foun-tain fly; wash me, Sav-ior, or I die. Rock of A-ges, cleft for me, let me hide my-self in thee.

PSALM: Psalm 63:1-8

- R: ¹O God, you are my God; eagerly I seek you; my soul thirsts for you, my flesh faints for you, as in a dry and weary land where there is no water.
- C: ²Therefore I have gazed upon you in your holy place, that I might behold your power and your glory.
- R: ³ For your steadfast love is better than life itself; my lips shall give you praise.
- C: ⁴ So will I bless you as long as I live and lift up my hands in your name.

All: O God, eagerly I seek you; my soul thirsts for you.

- R: ⁵ My spirit is content, as with the richest of foods, and my mouth praises you with joyful lips.
- C: ⁶ When I remember you upon my bed and meditate on you in the night watches.
- R: ⁷ For you have been my helper, and under the shadow of your wings I will rejoice.
- C: 8 My whole being clings to you; your right hand holds me fast.

All: O God, eagerly I seek you; my soul thirsts for you.



SECOND READING: 1 Corinthians 10:1-13

Paul uses images from Hebrew Scriptures and prophecy to speak the truth of Jesus Christ: He is our rock, our water, our food, and our drink. Christ is the living sign of God's faithfulness.

¹I do not want you to be unaware, brothers and sisters, that our ancestors were all under the cloud, and all passed through the sea, ² and all were baptized into Moses in the cloud and in the sea, ³ and all ate the same spiritual food, ⁴ and all drank the same spiritual drink. For they drank from the spiritual rock that followed them, and the rock was Christ. ⁵ Nevertheless, God was not pleased with most of them, and they were struck down in the wilderness. ⁶ Now these things occurred as examples for us, so that we might not desire evil as they did. ⁷ Do not become idolaters as some of them did; as it is written. "The people sat down to eat and drink, and they rose up to play." 8 We must not indulge in sexual immorality as some of them did, and twenty-three thousand fell in a single day. 9 We must not put Christ to the test, as some of them did, and were destroyed by serpents. ¹⁰ And do not complain as some of them did and were destroyed by the destroyer. ¹¹ These things happened to them to serve as an example, and they were written down to instruct us, on whom the ends of the ages have come. ¹² So if you think you are standing, watch out that you do not fall. ¹³ No testing has overtaken you that is not common to everyone. God is faithful, and he will not let you be tested beyond your strength, but with the testing he will also provide the way out so that you may be able to endure it.

R: The word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

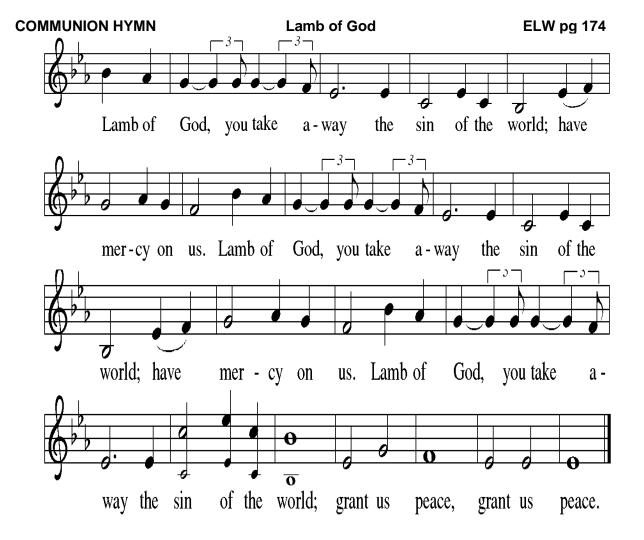
Please rise as you are able.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

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THE LORD'S PRAYER

P: Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us.

C: Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done,

on earth as in heaven.

Give us today our daily bread.

Forgive us our sins

as we forgive those who sin against us.

Save us from the time of trial

and deliver us from evil.

For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours,

now and forever. Amen.

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

P: All who are hungry, come!
The feast of grace is spread.
All are welcome to Christ's table.

You may be seated.

The ushers will tell you when it's time to go up to receive communion.

Holy Communion

Everyone, including children, who seek God and are drawn to Christ are welcome to Christ's table.

Gluten free wafers are available. Simply ask the Pastor.

Cups in the tray: The inner ring of cups is white grape juice.

The outer ring of cups is rose wine.

P: The Holy Gospel according to Luke, the 13th chapter.

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

GOSPEL: Luke 13:1-9

Asked about current tragic events, Jesus turns a lesson about whether suffering is deserved into a hard call to obedience. He then tells a parable that holds out hope that the timeline for ultimate judgment will be tempered by patience.

¹At that very time there were some present who told him about the Galileans whose blood Pilate had mingled with their sacrifices.² [Jesus] asked them, "Do you think that because these Galileans suffered in this way they were worse sinners than all other Galileans?³ No, I tell you; but unless you repent, you will all perish as they did. ⁴ Or those eighteen who were killed when the tower of Siloam fell on them—do you think that they were worse offenders than all the others living in Jerusalem? ⁵ No, I tell you; but unless you repent, you will all perish just as they did."⁶ Then he told this parable: "A man had a fig tree planted in his vineyard; and he came looking for fruit on it and found none. ⁷ So he said to the gardener, 'See here! For three years I have come looking for fruit on this fig tree, and still, I find none. Cut it down! Why should it be wasting the soil?' ⁸ He replied, 'Sir, let it alone for one more year, until I dig around it and put manure on it. ⁹ If it bears fruit next year, well and good; but if not, you can cut it down."

P: The Gospel of the Lord. C: Praise to you, O Christ.

You may be seated.

THE CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

THE HOMILY

Please rise as you are able.

HYMN OF THE DAY As the Deer Runs to the River ELW #331



- 1 As the deer runs to the riv er, parched and wea ry from the chase,
- 2 When your Is rael crossed the des ert where no stream or spring was seen,
- 3 "Come and drink," I sa iah sum-moned, "all who for God's mer cy plead!
- 4 Christ, we come from des ert plac es, deep est thirst un sat is fied.



we have come from hurt and hur - ry, thirst-ing for your heal - ing grace. Mo - ses struck the rock, and wa - ter flowed for them, re - fresh - ing, clean. God's for - give - ness, like a foun-tain, flows to sat - is - fy your need." Lead us to the wa-ters flow-ing from the cross on which you died.



Je-sus, source of liv-ing wa - ter, may we drink of you and live!

THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

- P: Blessed are you, O God
 With this bread and cup
 we remember our Lord's passover from death to life
 as we proclaim the mystery of faith:
- C: Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.
- P: O God of resurrection and new life:
 Pour out your Holy Spirit on us
 and on these gifts of bread and wine.
 Bless this feast.
 Grace our table with your presence.
- C: Come, Holy Spirit.
- P: Reveal yourself to us in the breaking of the bread.
 Raise us up as the body of Christ for the world.
 Breathe new life into us.
 Send us forth,
 burning with justice, peace, and love.
- C: Come, Holy Spirit.
- P: With (<u>name/s and</u>) your holy ones of all times and places, with the earth and all its creatures, with sun and moon and stars, we praise you, O God, blessed and holy Trinity, now and forever.
- C: Amen.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

P: Lift up your hearts.

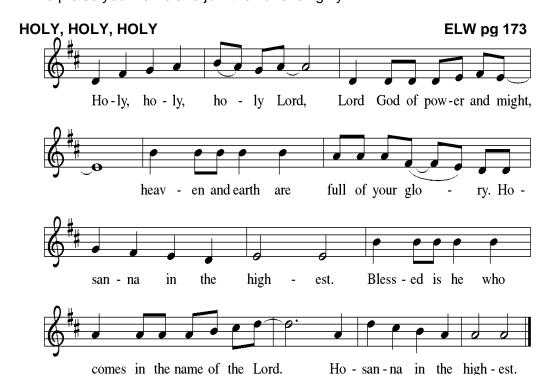
C: We lift them to the Lord.

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

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

THE PREFACE

P: It is indeed right, our duty and our joy... we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

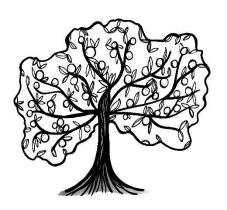


P: Let us confess our faith in the words of the Apostles' Creed.

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.



INSTALLATION OF LEADERS IN THE CONGREGATION

Please see insert

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

A: Turning our hearts to God who is gracious and merciful, we pray for the church, the world, and all who are in need.

A: God in your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

A: Receive the prayers of your people and draw all things together in your love, in the name of Jesus, who leads us from death to life.

C: Amen.

SHARING OF THE PEACE

P: The peace of Christ be with you always.

C: And also with you.

You may now greet those around you saying "Peace be with you". You may shake hands, bump elbows, hold up two fingers in the "Peace sign". Do whichever is comfortable for you.

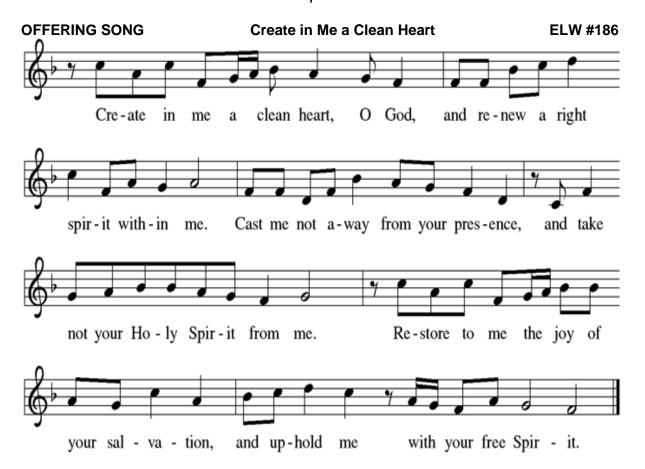
You may be seated. Our liturgy continues with the offering.



An offering is gathered for the mission of the church, including the care of those in need.

You may also give online at: nampatrinity.org

MEAL
God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ.



Please rise as you are able.

THE OFFERTORY PRAYER

A: Let us pray. Gracious Provider, you set your immense treasures among us, opening your heart to the world. As we prepare to feast on your bountiful love, deepen our commitment to sharing those treasures with others, through our Savior, Jesus Christ.

C: Amen.