

# Trinity News

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## Three Holy Days Invite Us Now

*Our Congregational Preparation for the  
Great Three Days*

Mark Mummert, Cantor



I have been thinking already about summer vacation. Perhaps the snowy, icy, and frigid days we have had this winter made us all daydream about what we might do in the promised summer warmth. In my thinking, I've considered a destination and have begun some research and study about the places I might visit on my journey. I've blocked a span of dates on my calendar to try to keep these days reserved for the vacation. I've made a financial down payment on a tour I'd really like to take. Are you planning for such a holiday journey this year for yourself?

On February 14 we will begin a journey together as a congregation. The congregational journey we will make is with the western church around the globe. We begin on Ash Wednesday (February 14) and move through forty days to our destination – the three days that encompass Maundy Thursday, Good Friday, and Easter Day (March 29 through April 1). (If you are counting, be sure to skip Sundays, which are *in* the journey but not *of* the journey.) We call this time LENT -- the annual season of renewal, confession, and preparation for the annual celebration of the death and resurrection of Jesus. For many of us, hopefully most, if not all of us, Lent is a sacred time of prayer, works of love, charity, repentance, and fasting from self-indulgence.

Lent, like a summer vacation, has a destination. Our goal is the great THREE DAYS. These Three Days are the most important days of our year as Christians – beginning at sundown on Maundy Thursday and concluding at sundown on Easter Day. Even now, during these winter days in February, I invite you to make a note in your schedules and calendars to reserve these days (March 29-April 1) as holy days for your life, and for our life together in the community of the church.

Throughout Lent this year, our congregation will be engaged in a study of the rites of the Three Days. We will study together in many venues. During the Adult Forum on Sundays at 9 a.m. throughout Lent we will read Gail Ramshaw's book, *The Three Day Feast*. We will also use this book in our cross-generational study on Wednesday evenings in the Fellowship Hall following our 6:30 p.m. meals. A cross-generational discovery event will be held on Saturday, March 10 from 1 p.m. until 3 p.m. During this event, all people of all ages are welcome to participate in crafts, storytelling, and practices that will prepare us all for the liturgy of the Three Days. We will wash feet, make communion bread, sing some songs, make handheld candles, hear bible stories, practice the devotions of the adoration of the cross, and prepare for the baptisms at the Easter Vigil.



If you are unable to attend the adult forum, the Wednesday evening discussions, or the discovery day in March, you can begin your own personal study of the Three Days. The red *Evangelical Lutheran Worship (ELW)* book has the rites printed on pages 258-270. If you do not have a worship book at home, perhaps you could look at these pages before or after worship. You can view the appointed prayers and bible readings for the service in *ELW* on pages 30-32. The introductory material on pages 247-250 is also very helpful. Also, you could purchase your own copy of the Ramshaw book to read on your own. (<https://www.amazon.com/Three-Day-Feast-Thursday-Augsburg-ebook/dp/B0028RYKEA>) The Kindle edition is only \$7.99.

Why this congregational study? Why this emphasis? Because we want to prompt a revival among our congregation to participate more fully in the liturgy of the Three Days. We are asking you now to make the commitment of time to these days, to commit with us to learning more about the meaning of this worship, and to encourage one another to ask questions about this worship that becomes the center of our church year. By this, we will grow as a congregation rooted in the central signs of our faith.

After we have celebrated fully the Three Days this year, we can all take a good vacation. However, please, do not schedule your vacation on the days of March 29, March 30, March 31, or April 1 this year. Instead, hold the days in your calendar with the intention to participate with us in the center of our life together, that God may be praised.

## CONGREGATION COUNCIL UPDATE

*Jessica Sutherland, President*

Our regular meeting was held on January 8. Most of the meeting was devoted to discussing the 2017 Financial Report and the proposed 2018 Annual Budget which will be presented at the Annual Meeting of the Congregation on January 28. For 2017, our net income was approximately \$1,000 in the red (our expenses surpassed income). A balanced 2018 Annual Budget will be presented at the Annual Meeting; a few itemizations of the budgets for our various Ministry Teams need to be completed prior to its presentation at the Annual Meeting. The Council also discussed the logistics of the Annual Meeting in terms of the draft agenda, set-up, food, childcare, tellers, etc. Our vice-president, Jake Schur, presented the slate of candidates for the Council and Nominating Committee elections.

In other business, we discussed the location of signage (off of Lancaster Street) for the Trinity's parish offices, the TLC Christian Preschool, the T.E.C. School and the Korean Presbyterian Church. A final decision will be made at the February Council meeting. We also discussed the pipe leakage in the steeple during the recent cold spell and the need to adjust the boiler system and heating controls so that the Nave and other areas of the building remain heated. The Construction Committee was to discuss further at their meeting on January 9. The Property Committee will also be undertaking an inventory of members who retain one or more keys to Trinity's building with the goal of reviewing whether any of these keys should be returned to the office. On the Faith in Action front, Jake reported that the Saturday Basketball League and Community Breakfast will begin in late January. He has volunteers and funding lined up but please contact Jake if you would like to help. A Building Use task force will soon begin their evaluation of Trinity's classroom use (TLC Christian Preschool, T.E.C. School, Sunday School, and Youth spaces) and will be making recommendations to Council later this Spring. A Steering Committee will also be formed to plan a follow-up debt reduction campaign once the Restoring+Renewing+Rejoicing capital campaign ends in May. The pastoral transitions team will hold their first meeting on January 17 to begin planning the conversations that will occur this winter.

We said farewell and thank you to our outgoing Council members (Kathy Gingras, Andrew Gingras, Rich Grusell, and Tim Horan). After the Council meeting, we received Danny Whittemore's resignation. We also thank him for his service.

On behalf of the Council, I would like to extend our thanks to the Steering Committee and everybody else who helped with the Farewell Event for Pr. Susan and Jim Nachtigal on January 7. On a personal note, I would also like to thank everyone who offered their condolences following the death of my father in December. Your kindness will always be remembered. Our next meeting is on Monday, February 12 at 7 p.m. All are welcome to attend!

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## TRANSITION NOTES

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**Trinity's Transition Team to be convening conversations ...** The purpose of the Trinity Transition Team is to convene conversation among, and beyond, members of Trinity Church for the purpose of clarifying mission that will help determine staffing needs. Members include Mary Tarquinio (Chair), Loie Angelsten, Roz Horn, Pastor Nathan, Sulma Rubert-Silva, and John Trobaugh. The team intends to meet with as many groups within Trinity to ask the following questions:

- ❖ Why does this congregation exist?
- ❖ What hopes do you have for this congregation? What specific actions would achieve those hopes?
- ❖ What fears do you have for this congregation? What specific actions would address those fears?
- ❖ Who would miss this congregation if it was gone?
- ❖ What would motivate others such as yourself to participate in this congregation?

If you have questions, please speak with any member of the Transition Team.

**From Loret Schur, Chair of the Nachtigal Farewell Event ... Thanks to all !!!** On Sunday, January 7, Pastor Susan and Jim Nachtigal returned for an official sendoff of love, thanks and amazing gratitude. Every abled-body member, family member came forth to help put together that proper event. We were able to celebrate in a beautiful service, visit in an amazing reception prior to our wonderful meal of thanks and appreciation. Then with the topping on the cake, pun intended, we had a wonderful program of thanks relayed by our church leaders, schools and a beautiful song created by Paula Wyble. It just doesn't get any better than this..... marvelous !!!

A HUGE thank you to each and every wonderful member who supplied, brought and partook in this amazing event. The thanks, appreciation and enjoyment was relayed more than I can share. Thank you all for being a part of this wonderful event, our family at TLC and just being YOU!!!! Amazing togetherness, working together as the most amazing TEAM of family TLC. Thank you, thank you!!!! All hearts are filled with comfort and we know Pastor Susan and Jim will always remain a part of this marvelous family!!!



Bishop James Hazelwood, New England Synod ELCA, addressed the congregation at the conclusion of worship on Sunday, January 7. Bishop Hazelwood thanked Pastor Susan & Jim for their faithful service to both Trinity and the New England Synod and wished them a prayerful farewell. The bishop also commended Trinity for saying such a healthy good-bye to the Nachtigal's in a day full of activities, love and prayer.

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### THANK YOU FROM PASTOR SUSAN & JIM ...

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Dear Friends,

Our hearts overflow with gratitude for your many kindnesses and generous expressions of care, thanksgiving and celebration offered over the past two months. We thank you for all the love and effort, seen and unseen, given toward the January 7 gathering: the liturgy, the social hour, the meal and the program following. We were delighted to see so many of you on that very cold New England day, and were uplifted to think of all those who could not attend but were present in Spirit and prayer, marking our shared ministry.

We have reflected on the irony of our leave-taking happening rather abruptly, having been at Trinity for so many years. We've pondered the accomplishments alongside the things left undone. We've thought about the mix of joys and sorrows. We've marveled at the breadth of opportunities for service that come via the ministries of Trinity and the responsibilities that lie therein. In considering all of these, we have rediscovered the deepest meanings of faith:

*We belong to Christ; all our days belong to Christ; the church belongs to Christ.*

As we will still, across the miles, share in the work of Christ's church, we commend to you this piece attributed to Archbishop Oscar Romero. We thank you. We love you. We continue to hold you in heart and in prayer.

## PROPHETS OF A FUTURE NOT OUR OWN

*by Archbishop Oscar Romero*

It helps, now and then, to step back and take a long view.  
The kingdom is not only beyond our efforts, it is even beyond our vision.  
We accomplish in our lifetime only a tiny fraction of the magnificent enterprise  
that is God's work.

Nothing we do is complete,  
which is a way of saying that the Kingdom always lies beyond us.

No statement says all that could be said.  
No prayer fully expresses our faith.  
No confession brings perfection.  
No pastoral visit brings wholeness.  
No program accomplishes the Church's mission.  
No set of goals and objectives includes everything.

This is what we are about.  
We plant the seeds that one day will grow.  
We water seeds already planted, knowing that they hold future promise.  
We lay foundations that will need further development.  
We provide yeast that produces far beyond our capabilities.  
We cannot do everything, and there is a sense of liberation in realizing that.  
This enables us to do something, and to do it very well.  
It may be incomplete, but it is a beginning, a step along the way,  
an opportunity for the Lord's grace to enter and do the rest.

We may never see the end results,  
but that is the difference between the master builder and the worker.

We are workers, not master builders; ministers and not messiahs.  
We are prophets of a future not our own.

The Rev. Susan and Jim Nachtigal  
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## Faith Formation for All Ages



- **Sunday School for children up to grade 6:** We've been having fun on Sunday mornings using our new Rotational curriculum! Each week, we explore a different way of learning (science, art, storytelling, games etc.) to help us dive deeper into our curriculum. Kids, parents/grandparents are welcome to join us! And we're always happy to have more help. If you want to get involved, even just once a month, let Jena know!
  
- **Sunday Adult Forum ... 9 – 9:50 a.m. – Library**  
*“Three Day Feast.”* The Adult Forum will resume on Sunday, February 11, with study and discussion on Gail Ramshaw’s book *“Three Day Feast”* studying the Church’s Maundy Thursday, Good Friday, and Easter Vigil liturgies. The series will be ongoing during Lent. Please speak with Pastor Nathan for more info. [npipho@trinityworc.org](mailto:npipho@trinityworc.org).
  
- **Men’s Bible Study ... Wednesdays 8 – 9 a.m. – Golden Room**  
The group reads and discusses the lessons to be read in the upcoming liturgies on Sunday morning. Contact Pastor Nathan for more details.
  
- **Wednesday Education for Youth: 7 – 8 p.m.**  
Middle School: Confirmation Class meets in the Confirmation classroom, Room ce214  
High School: Meets with Jena in the Youth Room

### **New Building Manager – Jeff Burch**

Trinity started the 2018 calendar year with a new Building Maintenance Manager Jeff Burch. Jeff has been a private contractor in the area for over ten years and lives with his wife in Worcester. Jeff can be reached by email: [maintenance@trinityworc.org](mailto:maintenance@trinityworc.org) or phone: (508) 753-2989 Ext. 31. Jeff will be formally introduced to the congregation at our Annual Meeting. Our prayers are with former Building Manager Jeff Heath, and his wife Karen, as they transition to Maine to be near family.

## Worship at Trinity Lutheran Church †

### **Sunday, February 4** Fifth Sunday after Epiphany

Isaiah 40:21-31 *The creator cares for the powerless*

1 Corinthians 9:16-23 *A servant for the sake of the gospel*

Mark 1:29-39 *The healing of Peter's mother-in-law*

Psalmody: Psalm 147:1-11, 20c *The Lord heals the brokenhearted (Ps. 147:3)*

Hymn of the Day: Hymn 843, *Praise the One Who Breaks the Darkness*, NETTLETON

*In Sunday's gospel reading, Jesus shows his power by healing Peter's mother-in-law, but he also chooses to have his power hidden from others. This year listening to Mark's gospel, we often will hear about Jesus as hidden in his weakness and crucifixion, but made known as the risen Christ to believers both then and now. The first reading is one of several in the Old Testament that likens the faithful to soaring eagles.*

**8 a.m. – Holy Eucharist** (Christ Chapel)

**10 a.m. – Holy Eucharist** (Nave)

### **Wednesday, February 7**

**6 p.m. - Holy Eucharist** (Nave)

### **Sunday, February 11** Transfiguration of our Lord

2 Kings 2:1-12 *Elijah taken up to heaven and succeeded by Elisha*

2 Corinthians 4:3-6 *God's light seen in the face of Christ*

Mark 9:2-9 *Revelation of Christ as God's beloved son*

Psalmody: Psalm 50:1-6 *Out of Zion, perfect in beauty, God shines forth in glory. (Ps 50:2)*

Hymn of the Day: Hymn 317, *Jesus on the Mountain Peak*, BETHOLD

*Over the Sundays after Epiphany, we have seen Jesus show himself to be Christ, the one anointed by God to be our Savior. This Sunday, the Transfiguration, concludes the time after Epiphany, as Jesus appears on a mountain in divine glory. Keep in mind that in three days, on Ash Wednesday, we begin the climb to the mountain of Jesus' crucifixion. The church holds side by side the glory of God and the cross of Jesus.*

**8 a.m. – Holy Eucharist** (Christ Chapel)

**10 a.m. – Holy Eucharist** (Nave)

### **Wednesday, February 14** Ash Wednesday

Joel 2:1-2, 12-17 *Return to the Lord, your God*

2 Corinthians 5:20b-6:10 *Now is the day of salvation*

Matthew 6:1-6, 16-21 *The practice of faith*

Psalmody: Psalm 51:1-17 *Have mercy on me, O God, according to your steadfast love. (Ps. 51:1)*

Hymn of the Day: Hymn 600, *Out of the Depths I Cry to You*, AUS TIEFER NOT  
*The beginning of Lent gives us the occasion to admit that we will die and that we are sinners. On Ash Wednesday we are marked with ashes—a sign of our death and of our sorrow for sin—but the ashes trace a cross on our forehead, where the baptismal water first marked us with God’s grace.*

**12 p.m. – Holy Eucharist (Nave)**

**7 p.m. - Holy Eucharist (Nave)**

**Sunday, February 18** First Sunday in Lent

Genesis 9:8-17 *The rainbow, sign of God’s covenant*

1 Peter 3:18-22 *Saved through water*

Mark 1:9-15 *The temptation of Jesus in the wilderness for forty days*

Psalmody: Psalm 25:1-10 *Your paths, O Lord, are steadfast love and faithfulness. (Ps. 25:10)*

Hymn of the Day: Hymn 503, *A Mighty Fortress Is Our God*, EIN FESTE BURG

*Each year on the first Sunday in Lent we hear about Jesus being tested in the wilderness. In this way Jesus joined with us, who are also, one way or another, tested in some wilderness. We say Sundays “in” Lent, since when counting the forty days of Lent, we omit the six Sundays, because Sunday is always a celebration of Christ’s resurrection. So this Sunday we are both in Lent and beyond Lent.*

**8 a.m. – Holy Eucharist (Christ Chapel)**

**10 a.m. – Holy Eucharist (Nave)**

**Wednesday, February 21**

**6 p.m. - Holy Eucharist (Nave)**

**Sunday, February 25** Second Sunday in Lent

Genesis 17:1-7, 15-16 *God blesses Abraham and Sarah*

Romans 4:13-25 *The promise to those of Abraham’s faith*

Mark 8: 31-38 *The passion prediction*

Psalmody: Psalm 22:23-31 *All the ends of the earth shall remember and turn to the Lord. (Ps. 22:27)*

Hymn of the Day: Hymn 325, *I Want Jesus to Walk with Me*, SOJOURNER

*In Sunday’s gospel, Jesus predicts his death and calls all of his disciples, including us, to follow him. The other readings liken us to Abraham and Sarah, who are called to have faith in the promises of God given us in baptism. We meet to renew our communal covenant of grace.*

**8 a.m. – Holy Eucharist (Christ Chapel)**

**10 a.m. – Holy Eucharist (Nave)**

**Wednesday, February 28**

**6 p.m. - Holy Eucharist (Nave)**

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To contact someone on the Council, **e-mail** [admin@trinityworc.org](mailto:admin@trinityworc.org) and the Parish Office will forward the messages; or **mail** your note to Trinity Lutheran Church, 73 Lancaster Street, Worcester, MA 01609-3152.

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***Deadline for March 2018 Issue: Tuesday, February 20, 2018***

## ✘ CELEBRATIONS ✘

### BIRTHDAYS

Virginia Pano 4.February  
Anne-Maja Blodgett 15.February  
Beatrice Oja 15.February  
The Rev. Paul Kennedy 17.February  
Ethel Glidden 21.February

### ANNIVERSARIES

Scott and Gerry Baeder 6.February  
Jon and Ruth Carlson 13.February  
Joseph and Ingrid Rossetti 16.February  
Thomas and Lois Toepfner 16.February

## ✘ PASTORAL ACTS ✘

### AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

Jeroan Allison & John Trobaugh 21.January  
Doug & Nina Behm 21.January  
Joanna & Leonard Levin 21.January  
Lois & Tom Toepfner 21.January

### BAPTISMS

Evelyn Alice Crouse 21.January

### FUNERALS

Robert Bruce Person 25.November 2017  
Howard Wilder 7.January  
Roland "Bing" Levin 16.January  
Marilyn Carlson 20.January  
Carl P. Sundin 20.January

Birthdays and anniversaries are noted each month after persons have reached the age of 80 or have been married for twenty-five years or more. Thereafter anniversaries are noted in five-year increments until couples celebrate fifty years, and then every year after fifty years is reached. If we missed your special date, know that the error was unintentional, and inform the parish office so that the record may be corrected.

## Briefly Noted

**Pastor Nathan will be on vacation February 1 – 7.** In the event of a pastoral emergency, please contact Pastor Cliff Gerber by phone at (508) 688-4763 or email at clifford\_gerber@mac.com. Pastor Nathan will return to the office on Thursday, February 8.

**Remember, First Sunday Is Food Sunday!** Please bring your non-perishable food items to Trinity on February 4 and March 4. On these Sundays, the items you bring may be put in the grocery cart located in the hallway outside of Jeppson Hall. Your food donations go to Carty Cupboard, which provides food to those in need in the immediate area. Thank you for helping those in need!

**Parish Office Closed on Presidents Day, Monday, February 19.** In the event of a pastoral emergency, please contact Pastor Nathan on his cell at (617) 388-5636.

Follow Trinity Church on Social Media!



Facebook.com/tlcworchester  
Twitter: @tlcworchester  
Instagram: trinityworchester



### Basketball League and Community Breakfast



**Who:**

- Players from grades 4 through 6
- Volunteers of all ages interested in coaching, refereeing, scorekeeping, cooking and serving meals and much more

**When:** Saturday mornings from January 27, 2018 through March 17, 2018 at 9 a.m.

**Where:** Trinity Lutheran Church Gym, Kitchen and Fellowship Hall

If there are any questions, please feel free to reach out to me at [jake.schur@gmail.com](mailto:jake.schur@gmail.com) or (978) 602-4115.

**How can I help now? Donate Today!** If you would like to donate, please note “Trinity Basketball & Breakfast” on separate contributions to Trinity Lutheran Church. Thank you all for your support!



## **Come and paint with us!**

*Wednesday, March 21, 2018*

**In Jeppson Hall**

\$45 for all the instruction and supplies you need to paint this "Misty Mountain Sunrise!" (in color of course)

This is a fundraiser to support the youth headed to the 2018 ELCA Youth Gathering in Houston, TX

Please register online at:

<https://www.paintnite.com>

search for events by date

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### **PARISH OFFICE NOTES**

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**Is church cancelled or delayed due to weather conditions?** If you are asking yourself this question, you may get an answer by doing one of the following: 1) Call the parish office at (508) 753-2989 and listen to the voice mail message; 2) Listen to either WTAG (580 AM) or WSRS (96.1 FM) for the list of closings or delays; or, 3) Watch the cancellation/delay listing at the bottom of the screen on WBZ channel 4, WCVB channel 5 or FOX channel 25.

**Is someone in the Hospital?** If you know that a parishioner is in the hospital, please call the parish office at (508) 753-2989 to let us know. Also, please be sure to have your loved one's Trinity membership included in their hospital profile. Calls are made daily to the area hospitals, and names of Trinity members who are in the hospital are provided to us for updating in the Parish Notes.

**Calling for All Addresses, Telephone and Email Changes:**

Please be sure to keep the parish office updated with your most current street address, email, and phone numbers. If you have any questions, contact Karen Allen at [admin@trinityworc.org](mailto:admin@trinityworc.org) or call (508) 753-2989 x11.



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## COMMUNITY OUTREACH

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**Winter coats, hats, gloves, and scarves needed:** The Rebekah Circle, along with Katherine Duffy, are again collecting winter clothing for the homeless to be given to Concordia Lutheran Church to distribute. Please bring your lightly used winter clothing for this purpose and put them in a designated area in the hallway outside Jeppson Hall.

### **The Health Cabinet Can Lend A Hand:**

- Do you need a ride to a doctor's appointment or to church? Could you use meals on a temporary basis because you are "out of commission"? The Health Cabinet can be of assistance to you. Call Merrie Gerber at (508) 753-6996 or email [merrie\\_gerber@mac.com](mailto:merrie_gerber@mac.com).
- Are you or a family member challenged to make sense of a current medical condition or recent diagnosis? Are you trying to figure out what you need to ask your doctor? Are you trying to make sense of the medical information you are finding online? If so, Babs VanRenterghem is qualified and willing to act as a patient advocate for you. Call her at (508) 886-6474 or [\(774\) 253-6681](tel:774-253-6681) or email [bvanrent\\_twins@yahoo.com](mailto:bvanrent_twins@yahoo.com).

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## YOUTH

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**Winter Olympics Lock-In:** Eighteen teens came to a lock-in during Christmas break! Youth split up into six teams (aka countries) and competed in Winter Olympics themed events throughout the night. Imagine "bobsledding" in Jeppson Hall on a bedsheet while being pulled by your team-mates or using the lids of plastic bins as "snowshoes" to race around the room! Of course, there were the good old standby games like Chubby Bunny. During free time, some youth played an intense game of basketball while others participated in a big game of Manhunt! We watched "Cool Runnings," the story of Jamaica's first Olympic Bobsled team and headed to bed after 2 a.m. which meant that the girls were mostly asleep by 3:30 a.m. but the boys weren't sleeping until 4:30 a.m.(ish)! We groggily woke in the morning, cleaned up and headed home to get some real sleep! HUGE THANKS to Norma Mills and John Trobaugh, our adult leaders who shivered in the cold sleeping areas and probably didn't sleep too well (if at all) but encouraged the youth to participate and have fun while trying to make sure there were no major injuries sustained and most importantly, helped to provide a safe place for youth to build relationships and make memories! It was a great lock-in!

**Coins for Chickens!** Before Christmas, the Sunday School students were learning about Creation. As part of the “service” part of the curriculum, they learned about how people in other parts of the world aren’t always as fortunate to have access to food, resources etc. so the students started collecting money to “purchase” baby chicks through the ELCA’s Good Gifts program. The congregation donated and the TEC School’s students collected coins too! All together, \$329 was raised. That’s 329 baby chicks that will produce eggs for families around the world who can use them for food, for trade or for selling! Thanks to all who donated!

**February School Vacation Food Pantry Opportunities for Youth:** There are two opportunities for youth to participate with LIPY doing food pantry work this vacation! Wednesday, February 21 from 12:45 - 3 p.m. at the Carty Food Cupboard at Wesley Methodist Church and Thursday, February 22 from 10 a.m. – 1 p.m. at Catholic Charities in Worcester. Please make sure you let Jena know if you want to go to either (or both) of the events!



**An impromptu telling of the Nativity Story!** At the 4 p.m. Christmas Eve service, kids of all ages took part in an unrehearsed telling of the Gospel! All the children in worship were invited to come forward and “act” as a shepherd, an angel, Mary or Joseph or an animal. Simple props were provided and the kids did a great job going with the flow! So did the rest of the congregation that participated right along with the kids! Thank you to the older kids/adults who helped steer the younger children in the right direction!

**Superbowl Subs:** Back by popular demand, the youth will be making Super Bowl Subs for you on Sunday, February 4! For \$10, you have your choice of a Turkey, Ham, Italian

or Tuna sub that you can customize. Place your order by Friday, February 2 with Jena Hardy or Lisa Stone.

**Come and paint with us!** Come on *Wednesday, March 21, 2018, to Jeppson Hall.* The fee of \$45 is for all the instruction and supplies you need to paint a “Misty Mountain Sunrise!” This is a 21+ fundraiser to support the youth headed to the 2018 ELCA Youth Gathering in Houston, TX. Please register online at: <https://www.paintnite.com> and search for events by date.



TLC Christian Preschool is now Enrolling for 2018. We are a ministry of Trinity Lutheran Church and are located in the educational wing of the Trinity building. We offer flexible program choices for children 2.9 to 5 years of age. Our emergent curriculum encourages creativity, exploration and discovery. Our staff are all certified by the state of Massachusetts and all hold a B.A. degree or higher in education. If you or someone you know is interested in taking a tour, please call Mary Creager or Patti McAuliffe at (508) 753-2989 x17 or email us at [mbcreager@trinityworc.org](mailto:mbcreager@trinityworc.org). For an in-depth look at our program choices and learn more about our school, please visit [www.tlchristianpreschool.com](http://www.tlchristianpreschool.com).

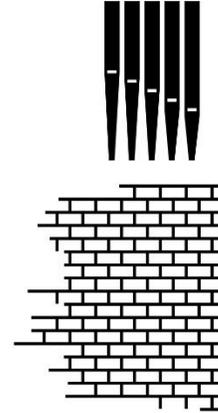
Blessings,  
Mary Creager, Director  
Patti McAuliffe, Assistant Director

2017-2018

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SUNDAY FEB. 25, 2018 4:00 PM

ORGANIST CLARA GERDES

Works by J. S. Bach, Durufle, Dupre,  
Whitlock, and Reubke

**Discover the Three Days: Saturday, March 10 from 1 to 3 p.m.** Cantor Mark Mummert, invites you to join him and other members of Trinity for a cross generational discovery event on the liturgies of the Great Three Days – Maundy Thursday, Good Friday, and the Easter Vigil. Through hands-on activities for all ages, participants will learn more about the origins of the rites, look more closely at the symbols used to proclaim the death and resurrection of Christ during the liturgies, and will consider ways to make the rites cross generational and contextual. For more information and questions, please contact Cantor Mark by email: [mmummert@trinityworc.org](mailto:mmummert@trinityworc.org) or phone: (508) 753-2989 Ext. 14. The event is free and will be held at Trinity. No RSVP is required.

**Returning from last year, by popular demand....**



**Friday, February 16, 2018, 6:30 p.m.  
Trinity Lutheran Church, Jeppson Hall**

## **Classic Songs of Love**

**Christine Petkus, Soprano**

**Mark Mummert, Piano**

**Three 20 minute concerts of music between courses,  
including opera arias, art songs, musical theater songs, and contemporary ballads**

## **Three Course Meal**

**Catered by Struck Catering, Worcester**

**BYO Wine in bottles to share**

**Table Service provided by the Youth of Trinity Lutheran Church  
Proceeds benefit the congregation's youth participation in the  
2018 ELCA Youth Gathering in Houston, TX**

**TICKETS \$50 per person, available online: (<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/valentines-day-dinner-with-music-tickets-42374083023?aff=es2>)  
or through the church office.**

## 2018 ALTAR CANDLES, FLOWERS, TOWER LIGHTING, *TRINITY NEWS* and TV MINISTRY

In this coming year, the Parish Office encourages donors for the altar candles, flowers, tower lighting, *Trinity News* and TV Ministry to sign up early by using the following form.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

- **Altar Candles:** \$20 per month to sponsor the altar candles for the month of \_\_\_\_\_ 2018. The dedication is to read "given to the glory of God in honor/memory/celebration (circle one) of: \_\_\_\_\_ by \_\_\_\_\_.

- **Altar Flowers:** As sponsor, you will order the flowers from the florist of your choice. You may have the florist pick up the floral inserts from the Parish Office if you are ordering the double bouquet for the stands or you may order an arrangement in a vase that the florist supplies. The cost is paid directly to the chosen florist and the donation is noted in the bulletin for the chosen Sunday. Please call the Parish Office if you have any questions about this process.

I would like to give the flowers on Sunday, \_\_\_\_\_, 2018. The dedication is to read "given to the glory of God in honor/memory/celebration (circle one) of:

\_\_\_\_\_ by \_\_\_\_\_.

- **Tower Lighting:** \$20 per half month to sponsor the Tower Lighting for the first half/last half (circle one) of the month of \_\_\_\_\_ 2018. The dedication is to read "given to the glory of God in honor/memory/celebration (circle one) of: \_\_\_\_\_ by \_\_\_\_\_.

- **Trinity News:** \$50 per month to sponsor *Trinity News* for the month of \_\_\_\_\_ 2018. The dedication is to read "given to the glory of God in honor/memory/celebration (circle one) of: \_\_\_\_\_ by \_\_\_\_\_.

- **TV Ministry:** \$150 per Sunday broadcast to sponsor the TV Ministry for Sunday, \_\_\_\_\_, 2018. The dedication is to read "given to the glory of God in honor/memory/celebration (circle one) of: \_\_\_\_\_ by \_\_\_\_\_.

Total amount enclosed: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**This form is due in the Parish Office by Tuesday at 5 p.m. if not earlier. Thank you. Or you may drop this form and payment made out to Trinity Lutheran Church in the offering plate on Sundays, at the Parish Office, or send by mail to Trinity Lutheran Church, 73 Lancaster Street, Worcester, MA 01609.**



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## Trinity Worship Services on TV and the Internet

**Internet Webcasts-** [www.trinityworc.org](http://www.trinityworc.org) -or- [www.vimeo.com/trinityworcester](http://www.vimeo.com/trinityworcester)

**TV- Same Day Broadcasts: Shrewsbury-** Channel 28, Sunday 8 p.m., Monday 12:30 a.m.

**TV- Delayed Broadcasts: Worcester-** Charter TV-193, Sunday 4 p.m.; Channel 194, Sunday 11 a.m.; **Auburn-** Tuesday 11 p.m., Thursday 10 p.m., Sunday Noon & 11:30 p.m.; **Holden-** Sunday 8:30 a.m. & 6 p.m., Thursday 7 p.m.; **Hudson-** Sunday 11 a.m. & 5:30 p.m., Wednesday 3 p.m.; **Leicester-** Tuesday, Thursday & Saturday 8 a.m., Sunday 10 a.m.; **Oxford-** Sunday 1:15 a.m. & 9:15 a.m.; **Spencer-** Saturday & Sunday 8:30 a.m.; **Sterling/Lancaster-** Wednesday 2 p.m.; Sunday 11 a.m.; **Sutton-** Tuesday, Thursday & Sunday 9 a.m.

## Serving for the Month of February

	February 4	February 11	February 18	February 25
<b>Lector 8 AM</b>	Joel Schur	Jacob Schur	Richard Grusell	Karen Short
<b>Lector 10 AM</b>	Anna Hagberg	Kevin Erkkila	TBD	Ana Ranese
<b>Assisting Minister</b>	Beth Axelson	Edward Van Corbach	Dwight Hubbard	Dale Mattice
<i>Communion</i> <b>Assistants</b>	Joyce Danielson Grace Mueller	Libby Stone Andrew Gingras	Merrie Gerber Ed Menard	Ana Ranese Tim O'Connor
<b>Crucifer &amp; Greeters</b>	Scott Mueller Judy Willoughby Ken Johnson	Andrew Gingras Susan Brown Nancy Johnson	Ed Menard Pauline Belanger Lois Mangsen-Pakula	Tim O'Connor Jo Alexopoulos Trent Alexopoulos
<b>Ushers</b>	Maureen Stake Carl Robertson Ed Menard Carl Mueller Andrew Carlson	Robert Burns Alivia Burns Max Dubeau Beverly Leino Tyler Leino	Gordon Wallat Gary Oja Max Guertin Beth Axelson Carl Robertson	Maureen Stake Grace Mueller Scott Mueller Andrew Carlson Beth Axelson
<i>Acolytes</i>	Beverly Leino Tyler Leino	Sophia Silva-Rosa Emilio Silva-Rosa	Kate Noroian Ethan Paixao	Emilio Silva-Rosa Greg Noroian
<b>Altar Guild</b>	Susan Brown Peggy Moskowitz	Karen Short Patti Cummings	Judy Willoughby	Ed Menard Carl Robertson
<b>Bread Baker</b>	Loie Angelsten	Alison Stoner	Lori Doyle	LeeAnn Hedberg Jaquith
<b>TV Ministry</b>	Paul Foster Sandy Pike Paul Gustafson	Richard Grusell Sandy Pike Paul Gustafson	Paul Foster Sandy Pike Paul Gustafson	Richard Grusell Sandy Pike Paul Gustafson

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<h1>February 2018</h1>				1 5:30 PM Clemente Child Care 6 PM St. Peters Basketball 6 PM TOPS 7 PM Trinity Choir	2 	3 6:30 – 7:30 AM Korean Presbyterian Church 8 AM – 1 PM Trinity Youth Basketball Games
4 <b>5<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Epiphany</b> <i>** Food Sunday **</i> <i>Pick up your Superbowl Subs!</i>  8 & 10 AM Holy Eucharist 9 AM Sunday School Classes 9 AM Trinity Choir Rehearsal 11 AM Coffee Hour 11:45 AM Korean Presbyterian Church	5  6 PM Salisbury Singers Council 7 PM Adult Volleyball 7:15 PM Salisbury Singers  <i>** Council Reports Due **</i>	6 9:30 AM TEC Take-a-Tour  2 PM Staff Meeting  5:30 PM Clemente Child Care 6 PM Adult Basketball 6:30 PM Junior League of Worcester	7 8 AM Men's Bible Study 4:30 PM Trinity Choristers 5:15 PM Trinity Jr Choristers <b>6 PM Mid-Week Eucharist</b> 6 PM Confirmation Class 6:15 PM TEC WEPL Meetup 6:30 PM Fellowship Supper 6:30 PM Trinity Youth Basketball 7 PM Finance Committee 7:30 PM CoDA	8  5:30 PM Clemente Child Care 6 PM St. Peters Basketball 6 PM TOPS 7 PM Trinity Choir	9  2 PM NE Synod Farewell for Pastor Ted Asta	10 6:30 – 7:30 AM Korean Presbyterian Church 8 AM – 1 PM Trinity Youth Basketball Games
11 <b>Transfiguration of Our Lord</b>  8 & 10 AM Holy Eucharist 9 AM Adult Forum 9 AM Sunday School Classes 9 AM Trinity Choir Rehearsal 11 AM Coffee Hour 11:30 AM Rebekah Circle 11:45 AM Korean Presbyterian Church	12  7 PM Council Meeting 7 PM Adult Volleyball 7:15 PM Salisbury Singers	13 9:30 AM TEC Take-a-Tour  2 PM Staff Meeting  5:30 PM Clemente Child Care 6 PM Adult Basketball	14 <b>Ash Wednesday</b> 8 AM Men's Bible Study <b>12 PM Eucharist with Imposition of Ashes followed by lunch</b> 1 PM Anna Circle 6:30 PM Trinity Youth Basketball <b>7 PM Eucharist with Imposition of Ashes</b> 7 PM Confirmation Class 7:30 PM CoDA 8 PM Trinity Choir	15 8:30 AM TEC STEAM Faire 10 AM Centre for Theocentric Leadership & Learning 4 PM Clemente Board Meeting 5 PM Clemente Supper 5:30 PM Clemente Child Care 6 PM St. Peters Basketball 6 PM TOPS 6:30 PM Clemente Alumni	16   6 PM Valentine's Dinner	17 6:30 – 7:30 AM Korean Presbyterian Church 8 AM – 1 PM Trinity Youth Basketball Games 10 AM Trinity Choir Rehearsal
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