

Trinity News

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Lent is the Journey Through Grief By Jena Hill

The season of Lent is *usually* difficult for me to “get into.” The somber, serious tones that Lent seems to necessitate don’t come easily for me. But this year is different. I’m relieved and grateful to have a season of somberness to lean into because I am two months into the grief process. My mom died unexpectedly right before Christmas and throughout these weeks I continue to experience first-hand just how complex (and normal) grief is. This year, I get it.

There seems to be no better time to grieve than during Lent. Just like the stages of grief that we experience, the Lenten journey carries us through a similar series of ups and downs and conflicting emotions, feelings and experiences. Lent is a journey full of opposites, just like grief.

In grief, it’s normal to feel hopeless and hopeful at the same time. Some days feel darker, longer and more difficult than others. In Lent, we move from darkness into light, shorter days become longer in the spring. At the Easter vigil, we begin with the flames of candlelight and physically move into the bright space of the Nave. Death does not have the final word. Sorrow turns into joy!

In grief, we reminisce, tell stories and are grateful for the memories that others share of our loved ones. We cling to those, they sustain us. Lent is about listening to and remembering God’s stories of love that led to Jesus’ birth, life, death and resurrection. In grief we seek to honor and pay tribute to our loved ones in meaningful ways. In Lent, we have an opportunity to honor God through our Lenten practices (fasting, prayer, almsgiving are the usual ones).

In grief, we are fearful of how we will handle or manage without our loved ones. We might be worried about all of the details and logistics that come with dying.

In Lent, we remember that Jesus too experienced anxiety, worry and fear about what was to come while he was in the Garden of Gethsemane. Jesus turned his fear into trust, complete trust in God and so can we.

In grief and Lent, we are forced to face our own mortality. Life and death are two human experiences that each and every one of us will experience. If we are alive, we will die. That reality is a harsh one that we don't like to talk about. We'd rather avoid it but it's inescapable. Jesus was born to die and so are we. This life is temporary but we get to dwell with God forever in eternal life!

We want death to come easily and painlessly for our loved ones but that's not always how it happens. Sometimes death is prolonged, sometimes it's painful and full of anguish. In Lent, we are reminded of how human Jesus was. Jesus experienced human suffering and pain on the cross. Jesus meets us in our pain and reminds us again that there is no pain in eternal life!

On Ash Wednesday when I hear the words "Remember that you are dust and to dust you shall return," I'll probably cry thinking about my mom, her ashes and my own mortality. Tears are an outward expression of grief *and* hope! My mom was always SO confident and sure of her faith. Her faith has made it easier for us to find joy and hope in death. She knew where she was headed and when I think about mom in heaven with all of the saints who have gone before her it makes me so happy! Joy and sorrow coexist.

While it's true that I am so sad to live without my mom, I find more hope in knowing that I'm not alone in my grief. I'm not the first person to do this and I won't be the last. Together, as people of God, we go through life's ups and downs, joys and sorrows. We get to do that in community with one another. I have experienced God's sustaining love through the words and kindness of others during these past two months.

Grief is a normal part of life. Sometimes we grieve the loss of people or pets or institutions we love. But there are other reasons for grief. When relationships end, when there is financial worry or the illness, whenever we lose control over various aspects of our lives, we grieve. Sometimes we grieve our own mistakes.

When reality is different than our expectations, we grieve the loss of what we hoped for, we grieve the loss of what could be. If you are in a season of mourning or a season of rejoicing this Lent, know that Jesus meets you there! Lean into Lent, lean into your grief. Spend time reflecting and praying and hoping. I hope your Lenten journey is full of all of the human emotions that Jesus experienced! This is exactly why Jesus came to earth...to meet each of us in our pain, suffering *and* joy!

COUNCIL PRESIDENT'S REPORT – KAREN COUTURIER

Sharing some highlights of our February Council meeting. This was the first business meeting of the newly elected Council for 2023-2024.

Members include; Karen Couturier, Jim Drackley, Nancy Fontneau, Beth Getman, Richard Grusell, Jena Hill, Roz Horn, Rick Lagueux, Dale Mattice, Mark Mummert, Pastor Nathan Piphon, Mary Tarquinio, Matthew Whitmarsh, Suzanne Whitmarsh and Judy Willoughby.

Officers Elected:

President-Karen Couturier
Secretary-Mary Tarquinio

Vice President- Beth Getman
Treasurer-Nancy Fontneau

Meeting dates were set for the coming year, March 13, April 17, May 8, June 12, July 10, August 14, September 11, October 16, November 13, December 11, January 8, 2024, Annual meeting January 28, 2024 and February 12, 2024.

The Council will begin our work together with a retreat Saturday March 4, 2023 to get to know each other, set goals, do long range planning and visioning for the year. We have a number of challenges and opportunities ahead of us. We will be considering our building use and how we want to share or use our space. What does our building mean to us? How can we be good stewards of our space? The Broker Opinion of Value report from Kelleher and Sadowsky gives us market comparisons for value of our building. Copies of this report are available for review.

We will review our budget and financial plan for the year. At the Annual Meeting, the congregation voted for a 6.5% cost of living increase for all staff. This is approximately \$24,000 over the proposed budget. Council has been working with the assumption that a balanced budget or at least a reduced deficit budget was desired. We need clarification as to how we can prioritize our spending to meet the goals and priorities of our congregation. Your thoughts and ideas are vital. Please speak with a council member.

The Finance committee recommended list of Money Counters for 2023. Approved by the Council were Joyce Danielson; Lori Doyle; Jim Drackley; Kathy Duffy; Kevin Erkkila; Priscilla Evans; Rich Grusell; Jessica Sutherland; Judy Willoughby; Paula Wyble.

Looking back at the CAT data, communication was ranked of high importance with the need for everyone to feel heard and to participate in decision making. In the coming year we will focus on promoting mutual communication to help us make better decisions together. Our purpose is to carry out Trinity's mission to Welcome Proclaim and Serve in Christ's Name.

LENT & EASTER ADULT FORUM SERIES: ELCA SOCIAL STATEMENTS



Pastor Nathan invites you to join him on Sundays at 9:00 a.m. in the Trinity Library for an Adult Forum series studying ELCA Social Statements. During the Sundays of Lent, the series will focus on social statements pertaining to the human body. Participants will read and discuss the Executive Summary of each statement and are encouraged to read full statements available on the ELCA website at: www.elca.org/Faith/Faith-and-Social/Social-Statements. During the Sundays in Easter, the series will focus on matters of the church and the world.

LENT: February 26: Abortion (1991); March 5: Death Penalty (1991); March 12: Health and Health Care (2003); March 19: Human Sexuality (2007); March 26: Genetics (2011)

EASTER: April 16: Caring for Creation (1993); April 23: Race, Ethnicity and Culture (1993); April 30: Economic Life (1999); May 7: Education (2007); May 14: The Church and Criminal Justice (2013); May 21: Sexism (2019).

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FINANCE COMMITTEE REPORTS A SEARCH FOR A NEW ASSISTANT TREASURER

Trinity is in need of a new Assistant Treasurer. Our current Assistant Treasurer, Scott Baeder, will be stepping down from the position assisting our Treasurer, Nancy Fontneau later this year. The Finance Committee is beginning our search with you, the congregation, to find out if one of you might be willing to step into this role. Scott has offered to continue working with the entire finance team to help in the transition, and going forward would continue to advise and help out as needed.

In general, the Asst. Treasurer works with the Treasurer who pays bills and generates the monthly and year-end financial reports from Quick Books. It is important for the Asst. Treasurer to learn this process for times when the Treasurer is not available.

This position only requires very basic accounting skills (i.e. can manage a household budget, expenses and investments) and who is comfortable using computer programs (spreadsheets, etc.). The Assistant Treasurer can expect to spend from 1– 3 hours/week in the church office working with the Treasurer on reviewing bills and signing checks. The Assistant Treasurer would also assist in the yearly budget process, preparing for the Annual Congregational meeting and assisting with year-end activities in December and January.

We urge you to consider serving Trinity as Assistant Treasurer. If you would like more information or a more detailed description of this role, please contact us at the church office (508-753- 2989) or by e-mail to Roz Horn at rozhorn43@gmail.com or Scott Baeder at sbaeder@aol.com.

Trinity Finance Committee
Roz Horn, Chair

NEIGHBORHOOD SUPPORT TEAM

Everyone in the Shams family is speaking a little more English. Nader Shah, the eldest son, and Asma the eight year old daughter, are the most comfortable with the language, but even the parents, who have not been in school, are understanding more. Noor Jamal, the mother, saw an airplane the other day, and said wistfully, “Fly to Afghanistan!” How hard it must be to be so far away from friends, family, and a way of life so different from here!

Our medical volunteers have been busy keeping up with transportation to appointments for the family members who have needs. We are finding that the Mass Health program and the Family Health Center have made it possible to get the referrals that have been needed, and we are grateful for the volunteers and doctors, and the availability of interpreters for appointments.

Rahmat Shah and Noorina Sahil have moved into their own apartment with baby Ameena, who will be 3 months old on March 8. She is growing and thriving, and is a very contented baby. Rahmat Shah has begun work at a plastics factory in Sterling, and seems to enjoy his job.

The most urgent need for volunteers is for transportation. We have a rotation of people driving to the India Market in Shrewsbury on Fridays, but there are often needs in mid-week and it would be helpful to have drivers. Although there are closer grocery stores, and the Shams family members do walk to the Gala Market on Main Street, the India Market is where they can purchase the large loaves of Afghan bread and Halal meat that are staples in their diet. Last Friday I drove Noorina and Noor Jamal, and it was clear that they need to be together to be able to chat with each other in Pashto. So the social aspect of shopping together is important.

As we said last month, major objectives will include drivers' licenses and a car. Nader Shah Shams and Rahmat Shah Sahil will likely be the drivers, as they can both read and understand English road signs and will be able to pass a written test. Please be in touch if you can help with driving for the families. Ken Johnson is the chair of the transportation committee khjohnson39@outlook.com. Thanks, as always, for your caring and your prayers. Ed & Bess Sproul, Trinity NST

NEWS & UPDATES

TLC CHRISTIAN PRESCHOOL WILL BE CLOSING JUNE 30 / As was announced at worship in January, and at the Congregational Annual Meeting on January 29, 2023, the Board of Directors of the TLC Christian Preschool (members of the Congregational Council of Trinity Lutheran Church) met in February to discuss the ministry of the preschool upon receiving word of the retirement of Director Patti McAuliffe and upcoming employment changes of Assistant Director Joan Allen and teacher Donna Bill. Director McAuliffe had already struggled to fill an open staff position left with the departure of former teacher Tanya Paixao last November. Meeting in emergency session on Wednesday, February 1, the Board voted to cease operations of the preschool at the end of June 2023 due to concerns about the ability to hire a new director and new staff during a labor shortage in the industry. Board members also had ongoing concerns about the enrollment in the preschool due to changes in the industry as a result of the Covid-19 pandemic.

This decision was communicated to staff and families of the preschool the next day on February 2 and was announced verbally in worship on Sunday, February 5. Members of the Board met with our attorney to discuss legal and employment issues related to the closing and the Trinity Council will be embarking on a process by which to imagine using the space going forward. Please look for more details in the future about celebrating the ministry of the TLC Christian Preschool and giving thanks for its ministry over the course of many years, recognizing and celebrating the staff for their dedicated service, and to grieve the end of the program. If you have any questions, please reach out to Pastor Nathan; Cantor Mark Mummert, Board President of the TLC Christian Preschool; or Karen Couturier, President of the Council.

DID YOU KNOW ?

When a visitor enters Trinity Lutheran's nave, one of the first things they may notice is the impressive ceiling murals. The 128 panels were painted over a year and a half by the artist Arthur Covey who worked in his studios in Connecticut and Florida and shipped the panels to Worcester. Each plywood panel is painted in oil over gesso; 32 depict Old and New Testament stories and themes, 64 depict symbols of Christianity and of the Lutheran church including a portrait of Martin Luther, and 32 across the top of the ceiling represent a grapevine symbolizing the Apostles.

Mr. Covey studied 9th century Italian mosaics for inspiration in his design. He based the background color on a piece of driftwood he found on a Florida beach. Each figure is 7 1/2 feet tall so that it appears to be a natural height. To prepare for his work, the artist read the entire Bible for inspiration. The ceiling was given as a memorial to Aldus Chapin Higgins. A plaque commemorating the memorial can be found in the side aisle of the nave.

NEWS & UPDATES

CLOTHING COLLECTION SHED IN THE PARKING LOT / The Property Committee along with the Building Manager unanimously voted in favor of placing a clothing donation shed in our parking lot next to the dumpster. The shed is managed by St. Pauly Textile Inc. This will be a source of income for the church. We will receive 4 cents for every pound of clothes collected which will be paid to us monthly.

The items collected in the shed will NOT be recycled but will be distributed to people and organizations all over the world. Please only donate items that are in good condition and could be re-used by others. Please contact our Building Manager, Frank Ricardo, if you have any questions. **What to Drop-off:** Clothing that is in GOOD, useable shape, shoes, sneakers, belts, purses, linens, pillowcases, blankets, sheets, curtains, and stuffed animals. **What Not to Drop-off:** Furniture, electronics, household items, books, toys, garbage, pillows, rags, and fabric scraps

SENIOR LUNCHEON / The monthly senior luncheon will be held on Monday, March 13 in Jeppson Hall beginning at Noon. The suggested meal donation is \$5/person. All are invited to attend for a time of food and fellowship. We hope you can join us!

FRIDAY NAVE WALKING / The Nave will be open from 10:30 to 11:30 a.m. for those who would like to walk in the beauty of the church. On inclement weather days, seniors from Briarwood have been invited to join in on walking in the Nave.

TRINITY BOOK CLUB / All sessions will be held in the Library on Mondays at 1:30 p.m. If you have any questions, please contact SusaBrown sbrown5453@gmail.com. We hope you will consider joining us!

- March 20: *Give Unto Others* by Donna Leon (*re-scheduled from February 27*)
- March 27: *Braiding Sweetgrass: Indigenous Wisdom, Scientific Knowledge and the Teaching of Plants* by Roben Wall Kimmerer
- April 24: *The Rose Code* by Kate Quinn
- May 22: *Caste: The Origins of our Discontent* by Isabel Wilkerson
- June 26: *The Body in the Gallery* by Katherine Hall Page

DAY BREAK RESPITE PROGRAM / The Shrewsbury Senior Center has been awarded a grant from the Mass Association of Council on Aging and Senior Center Directors, Inc., for an Adult Day Respite Program to provide caregivers a few hours respite. Day Break is based on a social model for higher functioning adults who maintain independence with safe ambulation, independent toileting and who have appropriate and respectful behavior.

Day Break is a three-hour program that is offered on the first and third Fridays of the month from 11:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. This FREE program includes lunch and fun activities. If you are a caregiver who would appreciate some personal time for self-care, contact Renee at 508-841-8647 for more information and application forms.

NEW ENGLAND SYNOD WORLD HUNGER TEAM / The World Hunger Team of the New England Synod brings a \$100,000 matching grant to congregations donating fund to ELCA World Hunger through the Synod from Lent to Pentecost, February 22 to May 28.

We have the capacity to raise \$200,000. ELCA World Hunger works through congregations, global companion churches, and partners in over 60 countries such as Lutheran World Federation, Lutheran World Relief, and Church World Service.

Individuals choosing to make a donation should send their check made payable to “New England Synod ELCA” to New England Synod, PO Box 901, Worcester, MA 01613-0901. Please attach a note to the donation that this is the “Synod World Hunger Team” and that you are a member of Trinity, Worcester. Thank you for your generosity!

FAITH FORMATION

CHILDREN’S TIME / Following the “Time with Children” during the 10:00 a.m. liturgy on Sunday mornings, children are invited to go with Jena Hill into **Christ Chapel**. The children return to the Nave at the Sign of Peace in time for the Lord’s supper.

FAMILY SUNDAY SCHOOL: **First Sunday of each month at 9:00 a.m.** / Youth/Family/Outreach Minister Jena Hill leads inter-generational Sunday School for children and their parents once a month. Please speak with Jean for more information.

SUNDAY ADULT FORUM / **Sundays at 9:00 a.m. in the Library.** Pastor Nathan invites you to join him on Sundays during Lent for an Adult Forum series studying ELCA Social Statements. These statements are teaching and policy documents that provide broad frameworks to assist us in thinking about and discussing social issues in the context of faith and life. They result from extensive process of participation and are adopted by a two-thirds vote of an ELCA church-wide assembly. Contact Pastor Nathan for more information.

TUESDAY BIBLE STUDY / **Tuesdays at 11:00 a.m. in the Library & via Zoom.** Cantor Mark leads this bible study discussing the scripture readings for the upcoming Sunday.

WEDNESDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDY / **Wednesdays at 8:00 a.m. in the Library and via Zoom.** Dave Horn leads this bible study discussing the readings for the upcoming Sunday.

WEDNESDAY NIGHT BIBLE STUDY / Wednesdays at 6:45 p.m. in the Library and via Zoom. Pastor Nathan leads this study. If you have not attended, but would like to do so, please contact Pastor Nathan for more information.

FAITH IN ACTION

On Sunday March 19, after both services, in Jeppson Hall we will have an opportunity to design some lap quilts to be donated. The blocks are all cut out and you will just have to lay out the blocks whatever way (design) you want. They will be sewn together later. It's fun to see how everyone designs their quilt top.

Thank you for your generous donations of hats, scarves, shawls and mittens. They will be given to homeless shelters, Elm Park School and laid out for the taking during our basketball games on Saturdays. Thank you too for all who provided baked goods for our neighbors at Tau Kappa Epsilon, the fraternity across the street. The young men there are always grateful for the ways that they are remembered!

Creating the "Right" Space for Children

We have a great "problem" at Trinity! The number of young children has grown so we need to find a new space for children to be during the Time for Children with Jena. There are some important considerations to keep in mind when thinking about the "right" spaces for children. Any space we use should be:

- Warm and safe feeling-There should be nothing obviously dangerous in safe spaces for children, doors leading to outside should not be easily opened.
- Have a bathroom *very* close by- Bathrooms within the room are best so that children can be monitored. A second best option is a bathroom right next to whatever space children are using.
- Be visible or in close proximity to the Nave- No adults should feel like they are "alone" with children. Windows on doors are really important for Safe Church reasons!

- And if families are going through the effort of bringing their children to worship on a Sunday morning, they don't want to feel like they are being sent to another part of the building.
- Child friendly- It's not realistic to expect that children will be quiet or not touch things. Children make noise, need to move around and often make messes or break things. That's part of the learning and growing process!

For a year or so, children have been gathering with Jena in the Narthex. In theory, that was a great space to use because of the proximity to the Nave, there's a bathroom right there and there's plenty of space for the kids to move around. BUT...the Narthex is isn't as safe and secure as it should be given that the doors in the Narthex lead directly onto the sidewalk and busy street outside. And it isn't soundproof. Noise travels in and out of the Narthex very easily. We made the decision to transition from the Narthex into the Chapel after one VERY cold Sunday morning in the Narthex.

The Chapel is a warmer space for the children and their adults to be. It's fun to sit on the floor and feel the heat coming up! It's also so well-built that when you're in the Chapel with all of the doors closed, it's nearly impossible to hear what's going on in the Nave which means that the people in the Nave can't hear what's going on in the Chapel either. That's a good thing because the children are able to make noise! The Chapel is currently the best option we have right now for our growing group of children and families on Sunday mornings during worship but it isn't perfect There aren't any windows that we can see out of and into the Nave so it kind of feels like an isolated cave. And there isn't a lot of empty floor space for the kids to move around and be kids.

It doesn't make sense to create a "dedicated" space for children to use for 30 minutes once a week but it is fun to imagine the different ways that we can create the "right" space in shared spaces at Trinity. This is alignment with our call to be good stewards of what we have, to be willing to change things that need to be changed and to be flexible and creative in our thinking! If you have any thoughts or ideas, please talk to Jena!

CELEBRATIONS

MARCH BIRTHDAYS

We recognize the birthdays of our members age 75 and older

Kenneth Henrikson – March 6

Lynette Szerlag – March 10

Elaine Mann – March 13

Beverly Hobbs – March 15

Sally Freeburn – March 25

Karen McKenzie – March 26

Trinity Worship Services on TV and the Internet

Live Stream Webcasts – www.trinityworc.org or www.vimeo.com/trinityworcester

TV – Worcester: Sundays at 11:30 a.m. on Channel 194 (one week delay)

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

TV- Delayed Broadcasts: **Auburn** – Tuesday 11 p.m., Thursday 10 p.m., Sunday Noon & 11:30 p.m.; **Holden** – Channel 191, Sunday 8:00 a.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.; **Millbury** – Sunday 10 a.m., Wednesday 3 p.m. & Saturday 7:30 p.m.; **Oxford** – Sunday 1:15 a.m. and 9:15 a.m.; **Spencer** – Saturday & Sunday 8:30 a.m.;

Sterling/Lancaster – Monday & Thursday 10:00 a.m. & 3:00 p.m. **Sutton** – Tuesday, Thursday & Sunday 9 a.m.; **Uxbridge** – Tuesday & Thursday at 10:00 a.m.

Westborough Sunday at 1:30 p.m. **Briarwood** (closed circuit) – Channel 900 at 11:00 a.m. Sunday

+ Worship at Trinity Lutheran Church +

Wednesday, March 1

Commemoration of George Herbert, hymnwriter, 1633

Exodus 34:1-9, 27-28 *God's revelation of mercy*

Matthew 18:10-14 *Not one of these little ones should be lost*

6:00 p.m. Holy Eucharist (Nave Chancel) Live Video via www.facebook.com/tlcworchester

Sunday, March 5 Second Sunday in Lent

Genesis 12:1-4a *The blessing of God upon Abram*

Romans 4:1-5, 13-17 *The promise to those of Abraham's faith*

John 3:1-17 *The mission of Christ: saving the world*

Psalmody: Psalm 121 *I lift up my eyes to the hills; my help comes from the LORD.*

Hymn of the Day: ACS Hymn 948, *Womb of Life and Source of Being*, RAQUEL

This coming Sunday, we set off along with Abraham, as he journeyed to the Promised Land, and with Nicodemus, when he visited Jesus in the night, for we are heading through Lent to arrive at Easter. Come: join the people of God in prayer and praise, word and meal.

8:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist (Christ Chapel)

10:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist (Nave) livestreamed at www.vimeo.com/trinityworchester

Wednesday, March 8

Ezekiel 36:22-32 *God will renew the people*

John 7:53—8:11 *Jesus does not condemn the sinner*

6:00 p.m. Holy Eucharist (Nave Chancel) Live Video via www.facebook.com/tlcworchester

Sunday, March 12 Third Sunday in Lent

Commemoration of Gregory the Great, Bishop of Rome, 604

Exodus 17:1-7 *Water from the rock*

Romans 5:1-11 *Reconciled to God by Christ's death*

John 4:5-42 *The woman at the well*

Psalm 95 *Let us shout for joy to the rock of our salvation*

Hymn of the Day: ELW Hymn 331, *As the Deer Runs to the River*, JULION

During Lent we accompany Jesus to his cross and resurrection, and this coming Sunday we stop at a well to receive a drink of water. The water turns out to be Christ himself. Come to worship, and join all of us thirsty people, made alive in Christ.

8:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist (Christ Chapel)

10:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist (Nave) livestreamed at www.vimeo.com/trinityworchester

Wednesday, March 15

Jeremiah 2:4-13 *God, the living water*

John 7:14-31, 37-39 *Drink of Jesus, the Messiah*

6:00 p.m. Holy Eucharist (Nave Chancel) Live Video via www.facebook.com/tlcworchester

Sunday, March 19 Fourth Sunday in Lent

1 Samuel 16:1-13 *David is chosen and anointed*

Ephesians 5:8-14 *Live as children of light*

John 9:1-41 *The man born blind*

Psalmody: Psalm 23 *You anoint my head with oil*

Hymn of the Day: ELW Hymn 673, *God, Whose Almighty Word*, ITALIAN HYMN

Last week the salvation that Christ offers the world was likened to water, and this coming week God's mercy is likened to light. What is the "darkness" in your life? Come to worship to celebrate the light that is Christ in you.

8:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist (Christ Chapel)

10:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist (Nave) livestreamed at www.vimeo.com/trinityworchester

Wednesday, March 22

Commemoration of Jonathan Edwards, teacher, missionary to American Indians, 1758

Isaiah 60:17-22 *God our light*

Matthew 9:27-34 *Jesus heals the blind*

6:00 p.m. Holy Eucharist (Nave Chancel) Live Video via www.facebook.com/tlcworchester

Sunday, March 26 Fifth Sunday in Lent

Ezekiel 37:1-14 *The dry bones of Israel*

Romans 8:6-11 *Life in the Spirit*

John 11:1-45 *The raising of Lazarus*

Psalm 130 *I wait for you, O Lord, in your word is my hope*

Hymn of the Day: ACS Hymn 927, *Christ is the Life*, COE FEN

The Bible readings this coming Sunday are for everyone who feels half dead, for everyone who sees death everywhere, as well as for everyone who is afraid to even think about death. Come to worship, to receive the breath of the Spirit, to hear the voice of Christ, to be fed at the table, and to celebrate the life God gives.

8:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist (Christ Chapel)

10:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist (Nave) livestreamed at www.vimeo.com/trinityworchester

Wednesday, March 29

Commemoration of Hans Nielsen Hauge, renewer of the church, 1824

Jeremiah 32:1-9, 36-41 *Jeremiah buys a field*

Matthew 22:23-33 *God of the living*

6:00 p.m. Holy Eucharist (Nave Chancel) Live Video via www.facebook.com/tlcworchester

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