

**Fifth Sunday in Lent**

*March 22, 2026*



**PRELUDE**

**“One More Day”**

**Moore, Davenport, Smith,**

*We arrive from many places as music gathers us into one shared moment in the Spirit.*

**Mooring, Furtick**

**Verse 1**

I'm a sinner grace is still healing  
I'm a story time is revealing  
I'm all of these things  
But mostly I'm thankful  
I'm a fighter caught in a struggle  
A survivor rising above it  
I'm all of these things  
But mostly I'm thankful

**Verse 2**

When the night was closing in on me  
Didn't know if I'd see the morning  
You held on to me  
And Jesus I'm grateful  
When my enemies turned up the fire  
El Shaddai You were right there beside me  
You showed up for me  
And Jesus I'm grateful

**Chorus**

'Cause You gave me one more day  
To say I love You  
You have brought me all this way  
To testify Your grace  
What more can I say  
But hallelujah  
Thank You Jesus  
Thank You Jesus  
Thank You Jesus  
'Cause You gave me one more day  
One more day  
(One more day one more day)

**Bridge**

Oh Lord I just really wanna praise You  
You mean everything everything  
Everything to me

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## **WELCOME STATEMENT**

*Everyone is invited into God's story and the life of this community.*

## **PROCESSIONAL**

**“The Solid Rock (My Hope is Built on Nothing Else)”**

**Paul Baloche**

*We journey together as a people called into God's story, walking in the way of Jesus.*

### **Verse 1**

My hope is built on nothing less  
Than Jesus' blood and righteousness  
I dare not trust the sweetest frame  
But wholly lean on Jesus' name

### **Chorus**

On Christ the solid Rock I stand  
All other ground is sinking sand  
All other ground is sinking sand

### **Verse 2**

When darkness seems to hide His face  
I rest on His unchanging grace  
In ev'ry high and stormy gale  
My anchor holds within the veil

### **Verse 3**

His oath His covenant His blood  
Support me in the whelming flood  
When all around my soul gives way  
He then is all my hope and stay

### **Verse 4**

When He shall come with trumpet sound  
O may I then in Him be found  
Dressed in His righteousness alone  
Faultless to stand before the throne

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## **GREETING**

*God names us as beloved and draws us into community.*

Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God, who forgives all our sins, whose mercy endures forever.  
**Amen.**

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.  
**And also with you.**

## **CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**

*We tell the truth about our lives and hear again that grace comes first.*

Let us confess our sin before God, who removes our guilt and blots out all offenses.

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

Gracious God, **have mercy on us according to your steadfast love.**

For seeking worldly delights that deceive us and dishonor you:

Gracious God, **have mercy on us according to your steadfast love.**

For desiring self-reliance instead of hungering for your word:

Gracious God, **have mercy on us according to your steadfast love.**

For failing to recognize your coming reign, and for hindering the work of the Spirit:

Gracious God, **have mercy on us according to your steadfast love.**

For drawing from the well of self-serving ambition, and for disdain the living water Christ offers:

Gracious God, **have mercy on us according to your steadfast love.**

For disregarding voices from the margin, and for distrusting signs of your healing and hope in the world:

Gracious God, **have mercy on us according to your steadfast love.**

For dwelling in tombs of self-pity and discontent, and for disregarding Christ's call to come forth to life:

Gracious God, **have mercy on us according to your steadfast love.**

God's steadfast love, grace, and forgiveness abound. Through faith, the free gift of God, you have been clothed in the righteousness of Christ.

In the name of † Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven. The Spirit of the One who raised Christ from the dead dwells in you, pours God's love into your hearts, and gives you life and peace.

**Amen.**

## **PRAYER OF THE DAY**

*We ask the Spirit to prepare our hearts for hearing God's word.*

Let us pray.

**Almighty God, your Son came into the world to free us all from sin and death. Breathe upon us the power of your Spirit, that we may be raised to new life in Christ and serve you in righteousness all our days, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

## **LISTENING TO GOD'S WORD**

*God speaks across time and tradition: in promise, struggle, praise, and the life of Jesus.*

## OLD TESTAMENT READING

*Ezekiel 37:1-14*

*Ezekiel's vision of the valley of dry bones is a promise that Israel as a nation, though dead in exile, will live again in their land through God's life-giving spirit. Three times Israel is assured that through this vision they will know that "I am the Lord."*

A reading from Ezekiel.

The hand of the Lord came upon me, and he brought me out by the spirit of the Lord and set me down in the middle of a valley; it was full of bones. He led me all around them; there were very many lying in the valley, and they were very dry. He said to me, "Mortal, can these bones live?" I answered, "O Lord God, you know." Then he said to me, "Prophecy to these bones and say to them: O dry bones, hear the word of the Lord. Thus says the Lord God to these bones: I will cause breath to enter you, and you shall live. I will lay sinews on you and will cause flesh to come upon you and cover you with skin and put breath in you, and you shall live, and you shall know that I am the Lord."

So I prophesied as I had been commanded, and as I prophesied, suddenly there was a noise, a rattling, and the bones came together, bone to its bone. I looked, and there were sinews on them, and flesh had come upon them, and skin had covered them, but there was no breath in them. Then he said to me, "Prophecy to the breath, prophesy, mortal, and say to the breath: Thus says the Lord God: Come from the four winds, O breath, and breathe upon these slain, that they may live." I prophesied as he commanded me, and the breath came into them, and they lived and stood on their feet, a vast multitude.

Then he said to me, "Mortal, these bones are the whole house of Israel. They say, 'Our bones are dried up, and our hope is lost; we are cut off completely.' Therefore prophesy and say to them: Thus says the Lord God: I am going to open your graves and bring you up from your graves, O my people, and I will bring you back to the land of Israel. And you shall know that I am the Lord when I open your graves and bring you up from your graves, O my people. I will put my spirit within you, and you shall live, and I will place you on your own soil; then you shall know that I, the Lord, have spoken and will act, says the Lord."

Holy wisdom, holy word.

**Thanks be to God.**

## PSALM RESPONSE

*Psalm 130*

*We give voice to God's faithfulness, participating in the living story of God's mercy and love by echoing the ancient prayers of God's people.*

Out of the depths I cry to you, O LORD;

**O LORD, hear my voice!**

**Let your ears be attentive to the voice of my supplication.**

If you were to keep watch over sins, O LORD, who could stand?

**Yet with you is forgiveness, in order that you may be feared.**

I wait for you, O LORD; my soul waits; in your word is my hope.

**My soul waits for the Lord more than those who keep watch for the morning, more than those who keep watch for the morning.**

O Israel, wait for the LORD, for with the LORD there is steadfast love; with the LORD there is plenteous redemption.

**For the LORD shall redeem Israel from all their sins.**

**NEW TESTAMENT READING**

*Romans 8:6-11*

*For Paul, Christian spirituality entails living in the reality of the Holy Spirit. The driving force behind our actions and values is not our sinful desire for self-satisfaction but the very Spirit by which God raised Jesus from the dead and will also raise us from the dead.*

A reading from Romans.

To set the mind on the flesh is death, but to set the mind on the Spirit is life and peace. For this reason the mind that is set on the flesh is hostile to God; it does not submit to God’s law—indeed, it cannot, and those who are in the flesh cannot please God.

But you are not in the flesh; you are in the Spirit, since the Spirit of God dwells in you. Anyone who does not have the Spirit of Christ does not belong to him. But if Christ is in you, then the body is dead because of sin, but the Spirit is life because of righteousness. If the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, he who raised Christ Jesus from the dead will give life to your mortal bodies also through his Spirit that dwells in you.

Holy wisdom, holy word.  
**Thanks be to God.**

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION** “Let Your Stedfast Love Come to Us, O Lord” *ELW Setting 1, pg 103*

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Let your stead-fast love come to us, O Lord.

Save us as you prom-ised; we will trust your word.

*Jesus is moved to sorrow when his friend Lazarus falls ill and dies. Then, in a dramatic scene, he calls his friend out of the tomb and restores him to life.*

The gospel according to John.

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

Now a certain man was ill, Lazarus of Bethany, the village of Mary and her sister Martha. Mary was the one who anointed the Lord with perfume and wiped his feet with her hair; her brother Lazarus was ill. So the sisters sent a message to Jesus, "Lord, he whom you love is ill." But when Jesus heard it, he said, "This illness does not lead to death; rather, it is for God's glory, so that the Son of God may be glorified through it." Accordingly, though Jesus loved Martha and her sister and Lazarus, after having heard that Lazarus was ill, he stayed two days longer in the place where he was.

Then after this he said to the disciples, "Let us go to Judea again." The disciples said to him, "Rabbi, the Jews were just now trying to stone you, and are you going there again?" Jesus answered, "Are there not twelve hours of daylight? Those who walk during the day do not stumble because they see the light of this world. But those who walk at night stumble because the light is not in them." After saying this, he told them, "Our friend Lazarus has fallen asleep, but I am going there to awaken him." The disciples said to him, "Lord, if he has fallen asleep, he will be all right." Jesus, however, had been speaking about his death, but they thought that he was referring merely to sleep. Then Jesus told them plainly, "Lazarus is dead. For your sake I am glad I was not there, so that you may believe. But let us go to him." Thomas, who was called the Twin, said to his fellow disciples, "Let us also go, that we may die with him."

When Jesus arrived, he found that Lazarus had already been in the tomb four days. Now Bethany was near Jerusalem, some two miles away, and many of the Jews had come to Martha and Mary to console them about their brother. When Martha heard that Jesus was coming, she went and met him, while Mary stayed at home. Martha said to Jesus, "Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died. But even now I know that God will give you whatever you ask of him." Jesus said to her, "Your brother will rise again." Martha said to him, "I know that he will rise again in the resurrection on the last day." Jesus said to her, "I am the resurrection and the life. Those who believe in me, even though they die, will live, and everyone who lives and believes in me will never die. Do you believe this?" She said to him, "Yes, Lord, I believe that you are the Messiah, the Son of God, the one coming into the world."

When she had said this, she went back and called her sister Mary and told her privately, "The Teacher is here and is calling for you." And when she heard it, she got up quickly and went to him. Now Jesus had not yet come to the village but was still at the place where Martha had met him. The Jews who were with her in the house consoling her saw Mary get up quickly and go out. They followed her because they thought that she was going to the tomb to weep there. When Mary came where Jesus was and saw him, she knelt at his feet and said to him, "Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died." When Jesus saw her weeping and the Jews who came with her also weeping, he was greatly disturbed in spirit and deeply moved. He said, "Where have you laid him?" They said to him, "Lord, come and see." Jesus began to weep. So the Jews said, "See how he loved him!" But some of them said, "Could not he who opened the eyes of the blind man have kept this man from dying?"

Then Jesus, again greatly disturbed, came to the tomb. It was a cave, and a stone was lying against it. Jesus said, "Take away the stone." Martha, the sister of the dead man, said to him, "Lord, already there is a stench because he has been dead four days." Jesus said to her, "Did I not tell you that if you believed you would see the glory of God?" So they took away the stone. And Jesus looked upward and said, "Father, I thank you for having heard me. I knew that you always hear me, but I have said this for the sake of the crowd standing here, so that they may believe that you sent me." When he had said this, he cried with a loud voice, "Lazarus, come out!" The dead man came out, his hands and feet bound with strips of cloth and his face wrapped in a cloth. Jesus said to them, "Unbind him, and let him go."

Many of the Jews, therefore, who had come with Mary and had seen what Jesus did believed in him.

The gospel of the Lord.  
**Praise to you, O Christ.**

**SERMON**

Rev. Phillip Potaczek

*We hear God's promise proclaimed to us, and the Spirit works in our hearts to make it real.*

**HYMN OF THE DAY**

"Living Waters (As the Deer)"

Shane and Shane

*We respond to the promises of God in song.*

**Verse 1**

Are you thirsty  
Are you empty  
Come and drink these living waters  
Tired and broken  
Peace unspoken  
Rest beside these living waters

**Chorus**

There's a river that flows  
With mercy and love  
Bringing joy to the city of our God  
There our hope is secure  
Do not fear anymore  
Praise to the Lord of living waters

**Verse 2**

Christ is calling  
Find refreshing  
At the cross of living waters  
Lay your life down  
All the old gone  
Rise up in these living waters  
(Chorus)

**Verse 3**

As the deer panteth for the water  
So my soul longeth after Thee  
You alone are my heart's desire  
And I long to worship Thee

You alone are my strength my shield  
You alone may my spirit yield  
You alone are my heart's desire  
And I long to worship Thee

**Verse 4**

Spirit moving  
Mercy washing  
Healing in these living waters  
Lead your children  
To the shoreline  
Life is in these living waters  
(Chorus)  
(Chorus)

*We join the wider church in naming the story that holds us.*

**We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father; through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary and became truly human. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

### **THE BLESSING OF THE QUILTS**

Gracious God, as we extend our hands toward these quilts, we join giver and receiver, recognizing the unity of all your people in the body of Christ.”

**We celebrate being the children of God.**

We give thanks for the variety of gifts that compose these quilts: donations of materials, thread and sewing machines, the faithful people who cut the squares, design the patterns, sew the tops, iron the fabrics, make backs and fillers, tie and stitch the bindings, and pack the quilts.

**We celebrate generosity.**

We give thanks for the fellowship of all who have worked together to make these quilts, the laughter, the shared stories, the joy of crafting something with one’s hands and heart for another and the time to reflect and wonder about the recipient.

**We celebrate community.**

We send these quilts as a sign of God’s love and blessing for each person who receives one, trusting that their quilt will be a source of comfort and hope. May each quilt be a symbol of Christ’s love to those who weep and a reminder to each recipient that they are a beloved child of God.

**We celebrate hope.**

We remember those who have received our quilts in the past and continue to pray that their lives may be blessed.

**We celebrate the gift of life.**

We ask for your grace, that together we may minister to our neighbors in need. Bless all who give and all who receive, as we are sewn together in the unity of your Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**Amen.**

## **PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION**

*We entrust all into God's care.*

*After each prayer petition, please respond:* Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great!**

Receive our prayers, O God, through Jesus Christ, our strength and salvation.

**Amen.**

## **SHARING THE PEACE OF CHRIST**

*We offer signs of Christ's peace, joining God's work of reconciliation.*

The peace of Christ be with you always.

**And also with you.**

Let us share with one another a sign of Christ's peace.

## **INVITATION TO THE OFFERING**

In the wilderness of Lent, God meets us with mercy.

**From that mercy, generosity is born. We offer gifts and ourselves as signs of hope in a hurting world.**

## **OFFERING/ OFFERING MUSIC**

“While I Wait”

Lincoln Brewster

*We return our gifts to God, offering ourselves for the life of the world.*

### **Verse 1**

Deep inside my heart I know You've won  
I know You've overcome  
And even in the dark when I'm undone  
I still believe it

### **Pre-Chorus**

I live by faith and not by sight  
Sometimes miracles take time

### **Chorus 1**

While I wait I will worship  
Lord I'll worship Your name  
While I wait I will trust You  
Lord I'll trust You all the same

### **Verse 2**

When I fall apart You are my strength  
Help me not forget  
Seeing ev'ry scar You make me whole  
You're my healer

### **Bridge**

You're faithful ev'ry day You promises remain  
You're faithful ev'ry day You promises remain  
You're faithful ev'ry day You promises remain  
You're faithful ev'ry day You promises remain

### **Chorus 2**

Though I don't understand it  
I will worship with my pain  
You are God You are worthy  
You are with me all the way  
So while I wait I will worship  
Lord I'll worship Your name  
Though I don't have all the answers  
Still I'll trust You all the same

## **OFFERING PRAYER**

**O God, maker of heaven and earth, your steadfast love embraces all creation. You send rain and sunshine to nourish the earth and bring forth its bounty. Through these gifts of bread and wine, draw us into the death and life of your Son, who calls us to bear witness to his saving work. We ask this in Jesus's name. Amen**



## **THE GREAT THANKSGIVING**

*We lift our hearts and give thanks for God's life-giving work.*

**The Lord be with you. And also with you.  
Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.  
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

## **PREFACE**

*We remember God's faithfulness and join heaven and earth in praise.*

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy ... And so, with all the choirs of angels, with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join in their unending hymn:

**Holy, holy, holy Lord  
God of power and might,  
Heaven and earth are full of your glory.  
Hosanna in the highest!  
Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.  
Hosanna in the highest!**

## **EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER**

*We recall the story of Jesus and ask the Spirit to make us one.*

**Blessed are you, O God of the universe... With this bread and cup we remember our Lord's passover from death to life as we proclaim the mystery of faith:  
Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.**

**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.  
Come, Holy Spirit.**

**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.  
Come, Holy Spirit.**

**With 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.  
Amen.**

## **THE LORD'S PRAYER**

*Modern Version*

*We pray as Jesus taught, trusting God for what we need.*

Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, we pray as our Savior taught us:

**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 HOLY COMMUNION**

*All are welcome to God's table of grace, receiving Christ's presence as nourishment for the journey.*

## **DISTRIBUTION OF HOLY COMMUNION**

*All who wish to know the love of God in Jesus Christ are invited to Holy Communion. Inform a communion assistant if you need a gluten-free host. Grape juice is located in the center ring of the tray. If you are not receiving the sacrament today, please come forward with your arms crossed over your chest for a blessing.*

## **COMMUNION HYMN**

**"I Need You Now"**

**Matt Redman**

*Singing in response to God's gift, we enter more deeply into the presence of Christ.*

### **Verse 1**

On this thirsty desert ground  
In a dry and barren land I bow down  
I need You now  
You are calling I will come  
To Your river I will run I bow down  
I need You now

### **Chorus**

O Living Water O God my Savior  
If I ever needed You I need you now  
O Living Water O God my Healer  
If I ever needed You I need You now

### **Verse 2**

You're the start and You're the end  
You complete what You begin I bow down  
I need You now  
You are calling I will come  
To Your river I will run I bow down  
I need You now

### **Bridge**

Just like the desert needs the blessing of the rain  
Just like the winter waiting for the sun again  
I need You now  
Just like a river as it reaches for the sea  
Just like a song it needs the sound of melody  
I need You now  
*(Repeat)*  
God I need You now  
If I ever needed You I need You now  
Just like the desert needs the blessing of the rain  
Just like the winter waiting for the sun again  
I need You now

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## **PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

*We ask for strength to live what we have received.*

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

*We share news and opportunities to live God's love together as a community.*

## **BLESSING**

*God's promise goes with us into whatever comes next.*

Receive the blessing of the holy Trinity: God who calls all things into existence, Jesus Christ, who redeems us, and the Holy Spirit, whose breath sustains creation, † bless you now and always.

**Amen.**

## **RECESSIONAL**

“New Creation”

Mac Powell, Pardo, Bentley

*With hearts lifted, we turn toward the world as Christ's people.*

### **Verse 1**

I thought I knew what I was talking about  
When I testified of your great love  
Well I was a soul on fire there was no doubt  
Bible believing saved and washed in the blood

### **Pre-Chorus**

But it wasn't 'til I stumbled and made my mistakes  
That I could know in my soul how amazing was grace

### **Chorus 1**

You brought me blessings out of tragedy  
You turned my old song into a symphony  
And with your spirit living inside of me  
I'm a new creation  
(I'm a new creation)

### **Verse 2**

And now I know what you were talking about  
What went from my head into my heart  
When I was broken at the bottom I found  
You're my healer and redeemer  
Jesus that's who you are

### **Chorus 2**

You brought me blessings out of a tragedy  
You turned my old song into a symphony  
And with your spirit living inside of me  
I'm a new creation  
I'm a new creation (oh oh oh)  
I'm a new creation (oh oh oh)  
I'm a new creation

### **Interlude**

Oh oh oh oh

### **Ending**

And with your spirit living inside of me  
I'm a new creation  
I'm a new creation

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## **SENDING**

*We are sent to love, serve, and live the story we have shared.*

Our Eucharist has ended. **Now it must be lived.**  
Go in peace. Believe the good news! **Thanks be to God.**

## **POSTLUDE**

*As worship concludes, music strengthens and inspires us for the journey ahead.*


### **\*\*\*Trinity at a Glance\*\*\***

- **No Affirmation Classes will be held for the rest of March and no class on April 5th.** Classes will resume on April 12th.
- Please note that there will be **NO Soup Supper on Wednesday, March 25th.**
- **Please stop by the Giving Tree** in the narthex and pick up a tag or two for Mission/Outreach's next project! **We are collecting items for Safe Journeys.** These items will be used by Safe Journeys for victims of domestic violence. Thank you so much for your generosity!
- **Easter Breakfast is Sunday, April 5th 8am.** The sign up sheet for donations is in the back by Java Junction. **Food is due April 1st.** Please mark the food "For Easter."
- Just a reminder that **payment for Easter Lily orders is due by March 30th.** The lilies will decorate the Altar on Easter Sunday.
- **The Alice Guenther Memorial Scholarship was established in 2023 to celebrate the life and legacy of Alice Guenther and her love of music.** Her interest in music led her to pursue a career in teaching music to others. She was a music teacher for the Ottawa Elementary Schools for 23 years. Alice was also the organist at Trinity for 40 years. She had a lifelong love of music in the church as she believed it enhances the worship services. The purpose of the scholarship is to award a student for their music involvement in church and/or school and help support the student(s) who demonstrates a love for music. To apply for the Alice Guenther Scholarship, you must be: an active member of Trinity, a high school Senior planning to further your education through college or trade school, and active in music at Trinity or active in music at your respective high school. **Applications must be completed by April 2nd. Scholarship will be awarded May 2nd.** Scholarship applications are available at the office or at the Information Kiosk in Java Junction.
- **Endowment Fund grant applications** are available in the church office and on Trinity's website (in the footer under 'Quick References'). They are also available in a red folder in the black bin under the 'Elevator' sign at the back of the sanctuary. Applications are **due no later than March 31st.**
- **The next blood drive is Wednesday, April 8, 2026.** Please contact Carol Wahlstrom to donate or to volunteer to help: [carolwahlstrom@gmail.com](mailto:carolwahlstrom@gmail.com).
- **National Quilting Day, March 21st,** is celebrated by Lutheran World Relief, who for more than 80 years have given over 28 million quilts to people in need around the world and in the U.S. Our growing group of Trinity Stitchers made 78 quilts last year, 54 of them were sent to LWR. We are thankful for your donations of fabric. Funds are needed to buy batting, the inner layer of quilts. **Easter Breakfast will have a free will offering for the Trinity Stitchers account so that we can continue our mission.** Funds can also be directly given to this account. Thank you for your continued support.
- **The Annual Trinity Rummage Sale will be held Fri, May 1st, 2-4pm for set up & 4-7pm for the sale. Also Sat, May 2nd 9-4pm for the sale. Clean up date TBD.** We are now taking donations for this event. If you are interested in helping, please contact Carol Wahlstrom, [carolwahlstrom@gmail.com](mailto:carolwahlstrom@gmail.com). We will need help for set up, during the sale dates & for clean up.
- **Please join us on April 12th** to celebrate our students' **First Communion!** There will be a reception in Java Junction after Service.
- **Open Table UCC's Annual Plant Sale is online through April 30th.** Order early before plants sell out! Plants start at \$4.50. <https://pci.jotform.com/form/260608653154154>
- **PRAYER REQUEST:**
  - . Please pray for Ashley Smith as she grieves the death of her sister.

● **CURRENT FINANCIAL REPORT:**

- Feb Income = \$26,430.81 (Income YTD = \$46,261.88)
- Feb Expense = \$21,148.40 (Expense YTD = \$42,676.60)
- Income Less Expense = \$5,282.41 (Income Less Expense YTD = \$3,585.28)

● **THIS WEEK @ TRINITY:**

- **Monday (3/23):** 9a Tai Chi (Fellowship Hall)  
10a Drum Fit (Community Room)  
10a Staff Meeting (Office)
- **Tuesday (3/24):** 10a Sit Fit (Community Room)
- **Wednesday (3/25)** *No Soup Supper*  
1p Bible Study (Community Room)  
6:15p Choir Rehearsal (Choir Room)  
7p Lenten Evening Prayer
- **Thursday (3/26):** 10a Sit Fit (Community Room)  
1p Trinity Stitchers (Fellowship Hall/Sewing Room)
- **Friday (3/27):** 7a Sunrise Rotary (Fellowship Hall)
- **Saturday (3/28):** *Respect Your Cat Day!* 
- **Sunday (3/29)** *No Affirmation Class*  
9a Sunday Session  
9a First Communion Class  
10a Holy Communion (Palm/Passion Sunday)  
Noon 5th Sunday Meal (Open Table UCC 910 Columbus St. Ottawa)

**WORSHIP ASSISTANT SCHEDULE -**

*Please sign up using the binder at the back of the aisle.*

<p><b><u>Sunday, March 22, 2026</u></b>  Crucifer/Acolyte: <i>Pearl Manning</i>  Ushers:  Lector: <i>Shannon Matteson</i>  Communion Assistants: <i>Shannon Matteson, Mike Matteson, Ann Enke</i>  Altar Guild: <i>Ann Enke &amp; Becky Glaser</i>  Video Tech: <i>Anne Lauterjung</i>  Music Directors: <i>Matt Makeever &amp; Mary Heider</i>  Altar Flowers: In Loving Memory of Joan Cantrell from Jan Beckman</p>	<p><b><u>Sunday, March 29, 2026</u></b>  Crucifer/Acolyte:  Ushers:  Lector: <i>Beth Schuett</i>  Communion Assistants: <i>Anne Lauterjung, Beth Schuett, Sue Williamson</i>  Altar Guild: <i>Anne Lauterjung, Katrina Bromann</i>  Video Tech: <i>Anne Lauterjung</i>  Music Directors: <i>Matt Makeever &amp; Mary Heider</i>  Altar Flowers:</p>