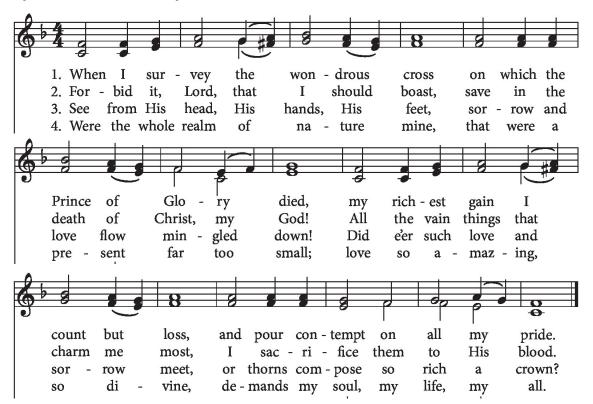
FOURTH SUNDAYIN

March 10, 2024 9:00 and 11:00 a.m.

Before the service, speak to the Lord; During the service, let the Lord speak to you; After the service, speak to one another.

Prelude

Hymn "When I survey the wondrous cross"



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A Penitential Order

The people stand.

Priest Bless the Lord who forgives all our sins.

People His mercy endures for ever.

The Celebrant read the following sentence of scripture

If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness. 1 John 1:8,9

Confession of Sin

The people kneel as they are able or remain standing.

The Deacon or Celebrant then says

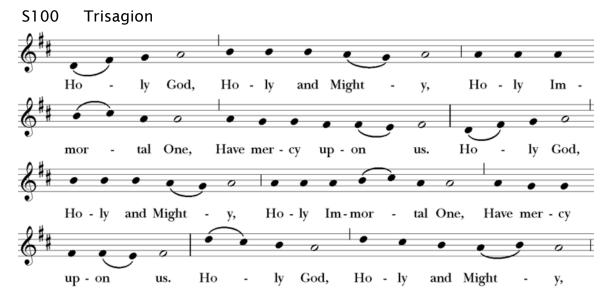
Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

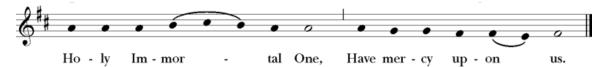
Silence is kept for recollection of sins. Then, all say

Most merciful God,
we confess that we have sinned against you
in thought, word, and deed,
by what we have done,
and by what we have left undone.
We have not loved you with our whole heart;
we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.
We are truly sorry and we humbly repent.
For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ,
have mercy on us and forgive us;
that we may delight in your will,
and walk in your ways,
to the glory of your Name. Amen.

The Priest says

Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. **Amen.**





The Collect of the Day

Priest The Lord be with you.

People And also with you.

Priest Let us pray.

Priest Gracious Father, whose blessed Son Jesus Christ came down from heaven to be the true bread which gives life to the world: Evermore give us this bread, that he may live in us, and we in him; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

The people may be seated while lessons are read.

The Lessons

Numbers 21:4-9

From Mount Hor the Israelites set out by the way to the Red Sea, to go around the land of Edom; but the people became impatient on the way. The people spoke against God and against Moses, "Why have you brought us up out of Egypt to die in the wilderness? For there is no food and no water, and we detest this miserable food." Then the Lord sent poisonous serpents among the people, and they bit the people, so that many Israelites died. The people came to Moses and said, "We have sinned by speaking against the Lord and against you; pray to the Lord to take away the serpents from us." So Moses prayed for the people. And the Lord said to Moses, "Make a poisonous serpent, and set it on a pole; and everyone who is bitten shall look at it and live." So Moses made a serpent of bronze, and put it upon a pole; and whenever a serpent bit someone, that person would look at the serpent of bronze and live.

Lector The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

Gradual Psalm 107:1-3, 17-22

Give thanks to the LORD, for he is good, * and his mercy endures for ever.

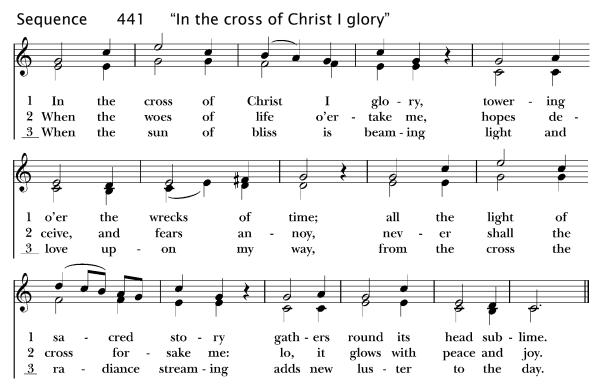
- ²Let all those whom the LORD has redeemed proclaim * that he redeemed them from the hand of the foe.
- ³He gathered them out of the lands; * from the east and from the west, from the north and from the south.
- ¹⁷Some were fools and took to rebellious ways; * they were afflicted because of their sins.
- ¹⁸They abhorred all manner of food * and drew near to death's door.
- ¹⁹Then they cried to the LORD in their trouble, * and he delivered them from their distress.
- ²⁰He sent forth his word and healed them * and saved them from the grave.
- ²¹Let them give thanks to the LORD for his mercy * and the wonders he does for his children.
- ²²Let them offer a sacrifice of thanksgiving * and tell of his acts with shouts of joy.

Ephesians 2:1-10

You were dead through the trespasses and sins in which you once lived, following the course of this world, following the ruler of the power of the air, the spirit that is now at work among those who are disobedient. All of us once lived among them in the passions of our flesh, following the desires of flesh and senses, and we were by nature children of wrath, like everyone else. But God, who is rich in mercy, out of the great love with which he loved us even when we were dead through our trespasses, made us alive together with Christ-- by grace you have been saved-- and raised us up with him and seated us with him in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus, so that in the ages to come he might show the immeasurable riches of his grace in kindness toward us in Christ Jesus. For by grace you have been saved through faith, and this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God-- not the result of works, so that no one may boast. For we are what he has made us, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand to be our way of life.

Lector The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.



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Then, all standing, the Deacon or a Priest reads the Gospel, first saying

Priest The holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John. People Glory to you, Lord Christ.

John 3:14-21

Jesus said, "Just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, that whoever believes in him may have eternal life. "For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life. "Indeed, God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him. Those who believe in him are not condemned; but those who do not believe are condemned already, because they have not believed in the name of the only Son of God. And this is the judgment, that the light has come into the world, and people loved darkness rather than light because their deeds were evil. For all who do evil hate the light and do not come to the light, so that their deeds may not be exposed. But those who do

what is true come to the light, so that it may be clearly seen that their deeds have been done in God "

Priest The Gospel of the Lord.
People Praise to you, Lord Christ.

The people may be seated.

The Sermon The Rev. LaRae Rutenbar

The people stand as they are able.

The Nicene Creed

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:

by the power of the Holy Spirit

he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary, and was made man.

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.

With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified.

He 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 Prayers of the People

Almighty God, giver of every good gift: Look graciously on your Church, and so guide the minds of those who shall choose a rector for this parish, that we may receive a faithful pastor, who will care for your people and equip us for our ministries; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Caring God,

We thank you for your gifts in creation:

for our world

the heavens tell of your glory

for our land, its beauty, and its resources for the rich heritage we enjoy.

We pray:

for those who make decisions about the resources of the earth, that we may use your gifts responsibly.

for those who work on the land and the sea, in city and in industry, that all may enjoy the fruits of their labors and marvel at your creation.

for artists, scientists and visionaries, that through their work we may see creation afresh.

Silence

We thank you for giving us life

for all who enrich our experience.

We pray:

for all who are deprived of fullness of life

for prisoners, refugees, the handicapped, and all who are sick, especially Audrey, Lotte, Patti, Debbie, Carol, Betty, Lee, Ginny, Bruce, Maggie, Matthew, Bob, Daryl, Jim, Mike, Andrew, Joyce, Carol, Phil, Jim, Jane, and Bishop Curry.

for those in politics, medical science, social and relief work, and for your church,

for all who seek to bring life to others.

We thank you that you have called us to celebrate your creation.

Give us reverence for life in your world.

We thank you for your redeeming love;

may your word and sacrament strengthen us to love as you love us.

Silence

God, Creator, bring us new life.

Jesus, Redeemer, renew us.

Holy Spirit, Sanctifier, strengthen and guide us.

God of peace, let us, your people, know that at the heart of turbulence there is an inner calm that comes from faith in you.

Keep us from being content with things as they are, that from this central peace there may come a creative compassion, a thirst for justice, and a willingness to give of ourselves in the spirit of Christ. **Amen**

The Peace

Priest The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People And also with you.

The People may then greet one another with a sign of peace.

The People may be seated for the offering.

Offertory

The People stand as the offering is brought forward.

Doxology



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The Great Thanksgiving

The complete text begins on p. 367, BCP

Eucharistic Prayer B

The people remain standing. The Celebrant, whether bishop or priest, faces them and sings or says

Priest The Lord be with you.

People And also with you.

Priest Lift up your hearts.

People We lift them to the Lord.

Priest Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People It is right to give God thanks and praise.

Priest It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.

Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever say or sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

Celebrant and People (Spoken at 9 a.m.)

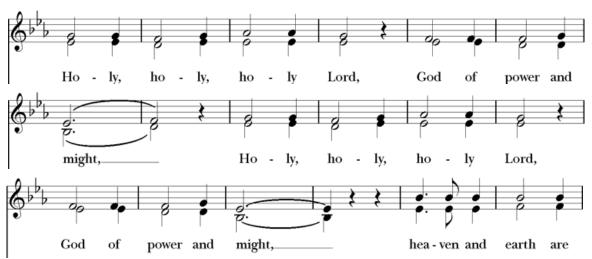
Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory.

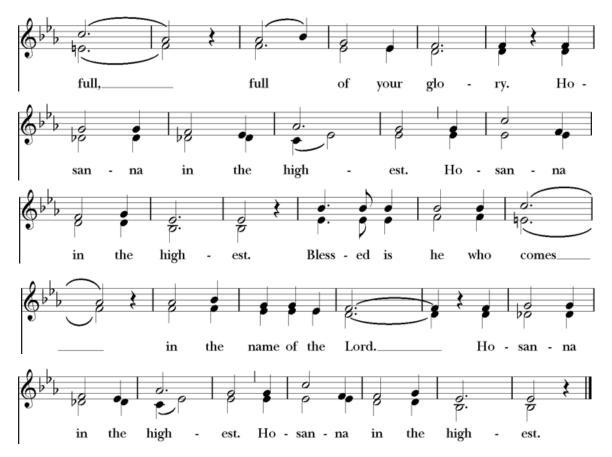
Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.

Celebrant and People (Sung at 11 a.m.)





The people stand or kneel.

Then the Celebrant continues

We give thanks to you, O God, for the goodness and love which you have made known to us in creation; in the calling of Israel to be your people; in your Word spoken through the prophets; and above all in the Word made flesh, Jesus, your Son. For in these last days you sent him to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Savior and Redeemer of the world. In him, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. In him, you have brought us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life.

At the following words concerning the bread, the Celebrant is to hold it or lay a hand upon it; and at the words concerning the cup, to hold or place a hand upon the cup and any other vessel containing wine to be consecrated.

On the night before he died for us, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me." Therefore, according to his command, O Father,

Celebrant and People

We remember his death, We proclaim his resurrection, We await his coming in glory;

The Celebrant continues

And we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, O Lord of all; presenting to you, from your creation, this bread and this wine.

We pray you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Sacrament of the Body of Christ and his Blood of the new Covenant. Unite us to your Son in his sacrifice, that we may be acceptable through him, being sanctified by the Holy Spirit. In the fullness of time, put all things in subjection under your Christ, and bring us to that heavenly country where, with [_____ and] all your saints, we may enter the everlasting heritage of your sons and daughters; through Jesus Christ our Lord, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation.

By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever. **Amen.**

And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

Priest and People

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy Name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.

Give us this day our daily bread.

And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us.

And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.

For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.

The Breaking of the Bread

The Bread is broken and silence is kept.

Then may be said

Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us:

Therefore let us keep the feast.

Invitation to Communion

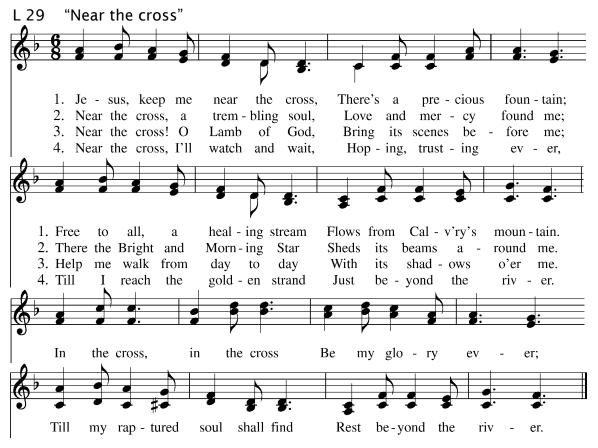
A spiritual communion is a personal devotional that anyone can pray at any time to express their desire to receive Holy Communion at that moment, but in which circumstances impede them from actually receiving Holy Communion.

Optional Prayer for those who cannot receive

Beloved Jesus, I believe that you are present in the Blessed Sacrament of the Altar. I love you above all things, and I desire to receive you into my soul. Since I cannot at this moment receive you in the Sacrament of your Body and Blood, come spiritually into my heart. I embrace you and unite myself entirely to you. Let me never be separated from you in this life or in the life to come. Amen.

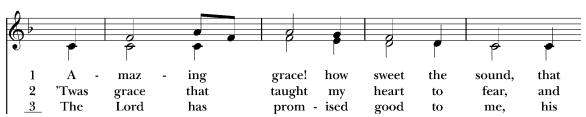
The people may be seated.

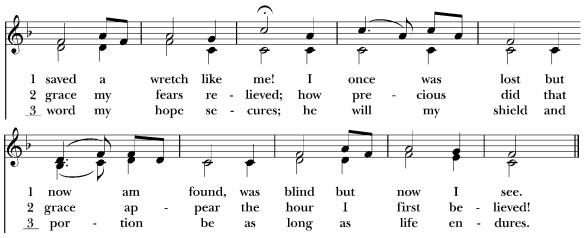
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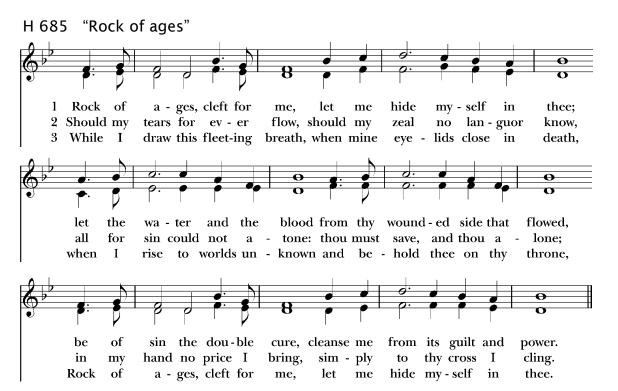
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H 671 "Amazing grace! How sweet the sound"





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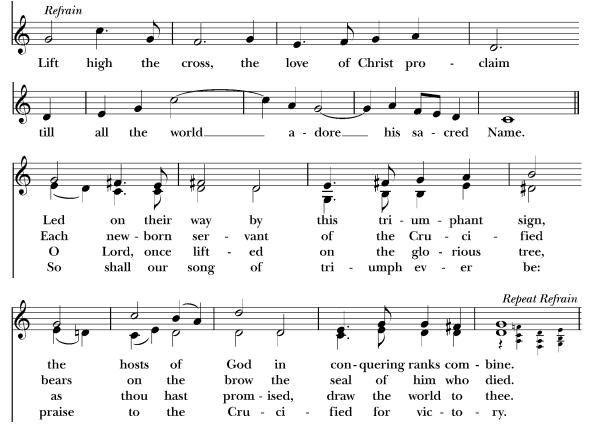
The People stand as they are able.

After Communion, all say

Almighty and everliving God, we thank you for feeding us with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ; and for assuring us in these holy mysteries that we are living members of the Body of your Son, and heirs of your eternal kingdom. And now, Father, send us out to do the work you have given us to do, to love and serve you as faithful witnesses of Christ our Lord. To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory, now and for ever. Amen.

The Priest bestows the blessing

Closing 473 "Lift high the cross"



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The Deacon (or if no Deacon, the Priest) dismisses the People.

Let us bless the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

Postlude

In Our Prayers

LARCC: Justice and Peace Efforts at First Congregational UCC

For Healing & Convalescing: Audrey Himes, Lotte Rosenberg, Patti Rockwell, Debbie Sanborn, Carol Hart, Betty Bartley, Lee Harris, Ginny French, Bruce Connon, Maggie Lamb, Matthew Van Zetten, Bob Hanna, Daryl Hebert, Jim Tanner, Mike Tanner, Andrew, Joyce, Carol Putkamer, Phil, Jim Gilmet, Jane McClain and The Most Rev. Michael Curry.

Birthdays: Michelle Munro (14)

Military: Ashley Alexander, Tyler Ferrier, Joshua Gapske, Isaac Graham,

John Hartman

Cycles of Prayer: Diocesan: Standing Committees of Eastern and Western Michigan; Grace, Port Huron, and Church of the Holy Cross, Kentwood;

Anglican: the Episcopal Church

This Week's Calendar			
Today	9 & 11 AM 4 PM 5 pm	Sunday Supper	
Monday	6 PM	Alpena Civic Theatre - Sanctuary	
Tuesday	1:30 PM 4:45 PM 7 PM	Alpena Groove - Lower Level	
Wednesday	5:30 PM	The Good Book (Bible) Study Choir Practice Soup Supper &	
Thursday	6 PM	Alpena Civic Theatre - Sanctuary	
Friday	1:30 PM 5:30 PM 6 PM	AA	

Announcements

MISS MAGGIE'S NEARLY FAMOUS VEGETABLE SOUP SALE

Miss Maggie's Nearly Famous Vegetable Soup will be available for pick up in the Parish House, this Friday, Mar. 15 from 1 p.m. to 3 pm, Saturday, March 16 from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. or Sunday after each service. Soup is \$10 a quart and a small loaf of home made bread is \$3. Call to reserve your soup and bread: Cheryl Bates (989) 657-2939 or Sonya Titus (989) 354-6031.

EASTER FLOWERS

If you would like to contribute toward the purchase of Easter flowers in memory of a loved one or in thanksgiving for God's many blessings, please fill out the white envelope marked Easter in the book rack on the back of each pew, enclose your contribution, and place the envelope in the offering plate. Or you can contact Sonya Titus at (989) 354-6031. <u>Deadline to have your information included in the bulletin is March 24.</u>

BLESSING BOX

You may have noticed that there is something new on the sidewalk outside the Parish House. It is called a Blessing Box and is part of a nationwide program to give away personal hygiene items to people in need. Trinity has teamed up with Tri Point Church to erect the box and to keep it filled with needed items. We are splitting the cost of the box with Tripoint and a person of the Tri Point congregation built the box with some embellishments from Leo Woida

You will also find a collection box for items in the hallway between the Parish House entrance and the stairs to the church. A team of volunteers have the responsibility of organizing the items in the Blessing Box and for keeping it stocked from the donated items.

Items that you might contribute include:

lotions, shampoos, toothpaste, toothbrushes, deodorant, razors, shaving cream, socks, underwear, laundry detergent (small boxes or bottles to fit the box) toilet paper, feminine hygiene products, a few baby diapers etc. etc. Pam Woida presented this idea to the Vestry who supported it 100% and she has done all the necessary work to get things rolling.

Now. . .we can celebrate another new ministry by filling up the collection box!! Happy shopping.



Lenten Series 2024

Series Theme: Peace - Shalom - Wholeness - Wellness

Soup Supper at 6pm. Worship services at 7pm.

This year's offering goes to Hope Shores Alliance and The Friendship Room.

Date	Host	Preacher	
Ash Wednesday February 14	Grace Lutheran	Rev. John Shipman	
February 21	St. Paul Lutheran	Rev. William Rayment	
February 28	First Congregational UCC	Rev. Dr. Daniel Maxwell	
March 6	First United Methodist	Rev. Richard Hotchkin	
March 13	First Presbyterian	Rev. Tom Orth	
March 20	St. Paul Lutheran	Rev. Robert Nystrom	
Maundy Thursday March 28	Trinity Episcopal	Rev. John Shipman	



Future Worship Schedule

Sunday, March 17

9 am - Holy Eucharist/Rev. Mark Rutenbar 11 am - Holy Eucharist/Rev. Mark Rutenbar

Sunday, March 24

9 am - Holy Eucharist/Rev. LaRae Rutenbar 11 am - Holy Eucharist/Rev. LaRae Rutenbar

Sunday, March 31

9 am - Holy Eucharist/Rev. Mark Rutenbar 11 am - Holy Eucharist/Rev. Mark Rutenbar

Sunday, April 7

9 am - Holy Eucharist/Rev. Tom Downs 11 am - Holy Eucharist/Rev. Tom Downs

Sunday, April 14

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Sunday, April 28

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Wednesdays, March 13, 20, 27 and April 3, 10, 17, 24

12:05 pm - Holy Eucharist/Rev. Bruce Michaud 1:00 pm - Bible Study/Rev. Bruce Michaud

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Trinity organized in 1864 and our Victorian Gothic building dates from 1883. As a "National Jubilee Center," we reach out to many in need, and as a venue for performing arts, we live out our identity as a "village church" in the English tradition.

In "Eucharistic hospitality," we invite all persons to the Lord's Table. Please join us there, and then, next door after the Service for refreshment and fellowship. We are delighted that you are here, and would be delighted to meet you.

The Vestry

Ellen Eagan, Senior Warden Don Stockdale, Junior Warden Susan Fitzpatrick, Treasurer Michelle Cornish, Clerk

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