

Holy Trinity United Methodist Church

February 25, 2024

9:30am

Theme: Jesus and the Outsiders, Outcasts, and Outlaws

If you have a prayer request today, please fill out the card in your pew rack and hand it to an usher prior to the Prayers of the People.

Prelude

Welcome

*Song of Praise “There’s a Wideness in God’s Mercy” Hymnal 121

*Greeting (adapted from Luke 1:28, 38, 45-49)

Leader: Rejoice, favored ones! The Lord is with you.

People: We are the servants of the Lord.

Leader: Happy are you who believe the Lord’s promises.

People: With all our hearts, we glorify the Lord. In our very depths we rejoice in God our Savior.

Leader: From now on, everyone will call us highly favored.

ALL: THE MIGHTY ONE HAS DONE GREAT THINGS FOR US!

Prayer of Confession (unison)

Lord God, as we search our hearts through this season of Lent, we confess that we have sinned. We have turned away from those in need. We have not lifted up the lowly. We have strayed from your will. We have failed to do the things you have called us to do. We have looked on others with judgment rather than compassion. Forgive us, we pray. Lift us out of our sin and fill our hearts with your goodness and love. See us as we are. Show us mercy and remember us today. We pray in the name of Jesus Christ, your Son. AMEN.

Words of Assurance

Leader: Hear the Good News. The Son of God came to see and save the lost, and there is joy in heaven when even one sinner repents. In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven.

People: In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven. AMEN.

*Hymn “You Are My King” W&S 3102

Prayer Song “Freely, Freely” (refrain) Hymnal 389

Prayers of the People/Our Lord’s Prayer

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Scripture Luke 7:36-50

Children’s Message

*Hymn “Woman in the Night” (verses 1-4) Hymnal 274

Sermon “Seeing and Valuing” Pastor Chad Gilbertson

*Affirmation of Faith (adapted from Luke 1:46-55)

With all my heart I glorify the Lord! In the depths of my soul I rejoice in God my Savior. God has looked with favor on those of low status. The mighty one has done great things for us. God shows mercy to everyone, from one generation to the next. God scatters those with arrogant thoughts and proud inclinations, and welcomes sinners and outcasts. God pulls the powerful down from their thrones and lifts up the lowly. God fills the hungry with good things and sends the rich away empty-handed. There is rejoicing in heaven when sinners repent, when those who are lost have been found. For the Son of God came to seek and save the lost. AMEN.

Offering/Offertory

Prayer of Dedication (unison)

Holy One of Israel, work through these gifts. As we share from our bounty, pour out your blessings on these gifts, that they might be used to lift up the lowly and empower our love of all. May the joy we know as we give flow out to those who benefit from our gifts. AMEN.

Announcements

*Benediction (unison)

The Almighty One has done great things for us. We go forth as servants of the Lord, who has pulled down the powerful from their thrones and lifted up the lowly. AMEN.

*Hymn “Grace Greater than Our Sin” (verse 4) Hymnal 365

Postlude

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This Week:

Monday, Feb. 26	6:30pm 7:00pm	Core Team Meeting Al-Anon (Parsonage)
Tuesday, Feb. 27	1:30pm 7:00pm	Trinity Readers (Parsonage) Co-Dependents Anonymous (Parsonage)
Wednesday, Feb. 28	8:30am 4:00pm 5:30pm 6:15pm 7:00pm	Moment of Prayer for Holy Trinity Bell Choir Practice Soup Supper (Fellowship Hall) Lent Small Groups Choir Rehearsal
Thursday, Feb. 29	6:00pm	Veterans AA (Parsonage)
Sunday, March 3	9:30am 10:30am	Worship/Live-Stream Lent Small Group

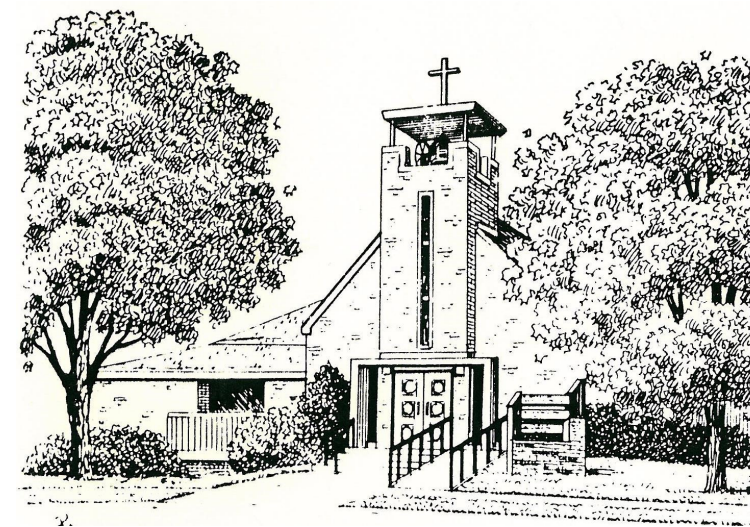
Prayer Requests:

A family friend of the Anderson family—dad passed away due to surgery complications. Dick Erbes' sister's husband, Gene—passed away on Feb. 16. Prayers for Dianne and the rest of the family and friends.

Connie McCullough—has COVID, as do some of her relatives. Prayers for healing.

Ardys Sabin—son Aaron Sabin has been hospitalized due to complications from chemotherapy resulting in kidney dysfunction.

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