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Dear friends in Christ,

Lent marks the forty days leading up to Easter, mirroring the forty days Jesus spent in the wilderness. It is a practice that began during the 4th century to prepare Christians for the holiest days of the year.

Many people practice Lent by giving something up or by taking up something new. Together, we're going to pray through the days of this Lenten season.

This devotional includes a daily scripture reading and a prayer written by a member of Trinity's community for each of the days of Lent beginning with Ash Wednesday and continuing through Easter Sunday.

Whether you are practicing Lent solo or using this devotional around the dinner table with others we invite you to grab your Bible to accompany each day.

Special thanks to Lee Anne DeMonbreum for helping to coordinate this Lenten devotional.

We hope this devotional offers a moment to pause, a time to pray, and a place to reflect on your journey through Lent.

With peace this Lenten season,
Pastor Sarah

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WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 22— MATTHEW 6:17

ASH WEDNESDAY

God of all grace and love,

You breathed into dust and created life. Sustain us, creatures made in your image through this season of Lent. Help us to repent of the ways we turn from you and create in us new and honest hearts. Strengthen our faith so we can face our mortality with confidence in your grace and in sure and certain hope of the resurrection. So, that in life and in death we remember we are yours.

Amen.

-Pastor Daniel Hess

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 23— PSALM 51:1-2

A Prayer based on Psalm 51:1,2

Lord,

Our transgressions are many.

We fail to worship You with our whole heart, soul, strength, and mind.

We often fail to love our neighbors as ourselves.

We are often self-centered and fail to notice those who are suffering right before our eyes.

We often disregard Your commandments.

We often fail to take care of the beautiful planet that You have created.

We misuse and waste resources.

We are often unwilling to share our finances with those who struggle to survive.

We often fail to treat others the way we ourselves would like to be treated.

We often fail to give thanks for the many daily blessings we receive from You.

We often lack trust in Your guidance for our lives.

We often fail to acknowledge answered prayers.

We often emphasize the love of power rather than the power of love.

We often fail to place our faith in Your promises.

We are often stubborn and resistant rather than cooperative and tolerant.

We often fail to draw closer to Your Word and strengthen our relationship with You.

We often speak and behave rashly rather than with patience and understanding.

We often fail to appreciate others' perspective or point of view.

We often fail to admit our mistakes and wrongdoings.

We often fail to ask forgiveness from others for our offenses.

But You, Lord, are steadfast, loving and abundantly merciful. As fog removes the mountains from view, please completely blot out our transgressions from Your sight. With Your life-giving Presence, cleanse us from all of our sins.

Forgive us, strengthen us, and enable us to live more fully in Your image. Help us develop into the people You created us to be. Empower us to become Your faithful, committed disciples in this hurting world. Amen.

-Jackie H. Stanley

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 24— PSALM 51:10-11

During this season of Lent, a time of removing something from my life in order to more fully be in Your love, please help me to live, love, learn and serve You - let this time of "loss" be a time of addition. A time to become closer to You and Your will for me.

-Gail Meltzer

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 25— ISAIAH 58:1

Lord God, Heavenly Father, please help me to see my transgressions and sins as I ask your gracious forgiveness which I know you give by me opening my heart, confessing my sins, and asking your forgiveness. Help me to always remember your love for me and all mankind, and your power and strength in guiding my life. And I pray you grant me the strength and protection to carry me through all temptations; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

-Mike Dennis

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 26— MATTHEW 4:1-2

Most Heavenly Father, we pray that as we wander through our own wilderness each day, You will give us the strength to turn away from the temptations we encounter. There is so much that calls to us, inviting us to satisfy our material or sinful longings. May we faithfully follow Christ's example: rejecting the devil and following Your way. And, Oh, Lord, just as Jesus was hungry after fasting for 40 days, we hunger as well for You. Please feed us with your Heavenly manna: Your love, and Your peace, and Your everlasting faithfulness. Be with us as we travel on our Lenten journey. May we make a more concerted effort to deepen our faith. This we ask in the name of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

-Bonita DeLooper

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 27— PSALM 32:1-2

Almighty and eternal God, so draw our hearts to you, so guide our minds, so fill our imaginations, so control our wills, that we may be wholly yours, utterly dedicated to you; and then use us, we pray, as you will, but always to your glory and the welfare of your people, through our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. Amen.

-Prayer for Commitment from the ELW's Additional Prayers

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 28— HEBREWS 4:14-16

Dear Lord,
We praise You for the insight from Christ of understanding our weakness. We know as we travel through this wild world, You will always be our guiding light. We ask that You walk with us hand in hand to Your glorious salvation. Amen

-Trinity's Youth Group

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 1— EXODUS 34:27-28

Dear Lord, you have promised us life everlasting through the mere act of obeying your commandments--ten rules that guide us in our relations with our earthly neighbors and our covenant with you, our Heavenly Father. Yet in your merciful wisdom you have recognized our human frailties--our innate sinfulness-- and promised to forgive the transgressions against those rules that we openly and humbly confess. We thank you, Lord, for your loving kindness, consolation and forgiveness. Help us, we pray, not to abuse your mercy but to live each day with sincere intent and effort to abide by your Commandments, to the glory of your Holy Name. Amen.

-Jerry & Ferne Hale

THURSDAY, MARCH 2— PSALM 121:1-2

Let us pray! Most gracious and wonderful God. We address you at this time for we are gathered together because of your inspiring word knowing that you are always ready to surround us with your love and listen to how we express our needs that you are well aware of. Our devoted ancestors understood heaven to be above the clouds and wanting to get closer to you would enjoy climbing to mountain tops. But now we know that your creation is infinite and that heaven is not so much a place but a presence with you that we long for. So we ask that during this lenten period you will help us strengthen each others understanding and faith with the deep conviction that you have prepared a place for us as you did for your only son whose remembrance we honor this coming Easter Celebration.

-Bill Wenzel

FRIDAY, MARCH 3— ROMANS 3:23-24

Thank you, Lord Jesus, that we don't have to earn our way into your love. Thank you for your free gift of redemption. Help us to remember that we are all equal in your sight through your grace and love, and help us to share your love with others, even those who don't seem very lovable. In your holy name, Amen.

-Gael Chaney

SATURDAY, MARCH 4— ISAIAH 51:4-5

Holy and Everlasting God,

You are the God of yesterday, today and tomorrow; yet we are blessed to be in relationship with You each and every passing moment of our life. You are more than we can ever understand. And still, You care for each of us individually, and meet us wherever we may be on our journey. Your Grace transforms us. Remind us of Your Presence when we feel despondent, shower us with Your Light when we fall into dark places, and call us to Your Loving arms when we are lonely. For through You, we know that all things are possible. In Your name we pray, Amen

-Lee Anne DeMonbreum

SUNDAY, MARCH 5— JOHN 3:16

Heavenly Father,

We are mindful of your loving gift to us in your Son, Jesus. It is difficult for us to imagine such love and we are humbly grateful to you. May we search our hearts during this Lenten season to let go of things that may be keeping us from the path you have called us to walk. Your promise of eternal life through Jesus will be our guide and strength in that walk. May your light always shine within us and help us to share that light with others we meet along the way.

In Jesus' Name we pray,
Amen

-Karen Jeffery

MONDAY, MARCH 6— PSALM 128:1-2

Lord God, hear our prayer. We are in awe of you and hold you in our highest regard as we recognize that you are Holy and we are not. Give us the strength and wisdom and lead us, so that your glory and honor will be fully known. Amen

-Dee Dee Bondurant

TUESDAY, MARCH 7— ISAIAH 65:17-19

God of the nations, we give thanks for the many ministries of Trinity Ecumenical Parish. Today we give special thanks for the work, service, and ministry of our mission partners in Tanzania. Bless both Door of Hope and the Hai Institute of Technology. As Trinity is the sole support for this ministry, we give thanks to this parish for continual support and encouragement. As Isaiah invites us into a theological vision of what life can be for God's faithful people, constantly push us towards loving and caring for our neighbors both near and far. Amen.



WEDNESDAY, MARCH 8— EZEKIEL 36:24-25

Our Father, We often feel scattered and unsure of our footing as we attempt to do your will. We ask you to lead us to you, guiding every step. Help us today to live as your disciples here in your earthly kingdom. Our desire is to become your people, working to practice your love and recognizing your presence in each moment of our lives. This Lent, we ask you to gather us to you, claiming us again with your forgiveness and love. Renew us and cleanse us by your grace, bringing us ever closer to you. Become the focus of our actions. Keep us mindful of our choices and grateful for those who journey with us. And always, please, accept the prayers and praises we offer to you, our loving, living God.

-Christine Collins

THURSDAY, MARCH 9— PSALM 95:6-7

Lord, thank you for your faithfulness. Your love, mercy, and grace are unwavering. Help us to be more faithful in our worship. Help us to love, honor, and serve you in all we do.

-Linda Strup

FRIDAY, MARCH 10— EPHESIANS 2:14-18

Christ takes down the barriers between all people. Christ fulfilled the Jewish prophecies to lay down his life for their sins, but he did so for all people. He destroyed the barrier between followers of Christ and the Jews, but he also did so for our enemies. We should look for the things we have in common and work for the good of all, because in the end, we will all be seeing the same God, the same Jesus and the same Holy Spirit at the final banquet.

Dear Lord, help us to set aside the things that we do not agree upon with those in the world. Help us to find the good in each other, the desire to help one another, the empathy for each other, the companionship and love in each other. Help us to use this foundation to make the world a better place and to lead others to you.

In Your Holy Name. Amen.

-Tom Curling

SATURDAY, MARCH 11— EXODUS 16:34-35

Gracious God, Let us sing for joy to you; let us come before you with Thanksgiving for the new life appearing with the approaching spring and the new life promised to us with you. Keep our hearts receptive to you and your people. Help us remember that, just as you did in the Bible, you provide our sustenance and life. In Jesus Christ's name, Amen.

-Patty McMican

SUNDAY, MARCH 12— JOHN 4:40-42

Lord Jesus, You are ever-present; forgive me for the distance I place between us. Draw me to Your Word for it speaks to my heart and mind according to Your purpose, and I am changed. Thank you for the people You have placed in my life who bear witness to Your work in their lives. Your Word and their life stories strengthen my faith, oh Savior of the world. Guide me in sharing your Word and Your work in my life, that others may be encouraged and believe.

-Sharon Sicher

MONDAY, MARCH 13— PSALM 81:1-2

Dear Lord,

At the beginning of this Lenten season, let us ignore the gloom and doom that bombards us on a daily basis and listen to the words and promises of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. Put aside our fears and open our hearts to the gifts we receive and give our Thanks. Amen

-Sue Palmer

TUESDAY, MARCH 14— 1 CORINTHIANS 10:1-4

Jesus, I praise you in song.

You raise us up, so we can stand on mountains

You raise us up, to walk through stormy seas,
we are strong, when on your shoulders.

You raise us up to more than we can be! All Praise be to you!

-Frank Lea

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 15— JOHN 7:28-29

I don't think I can imagine being in Jesus' presence during his time on earth. Would I have believed he was the son of God, would I have knelt before him, or would I have turned my back? Honestly, as I think upon it now, how many times in my life have I believed wholeheartedly he was with me, or how many times have I inadvertently turned my back on him and his love. How many times have we, as his people, turned our backs on Him? By our thoughts, our actions, our sins. How lucky we are that God sent His son to us. To teach us, to show us love, and ultimately to die for us.

So today, I pray to you Lord; help us to remember that you sent your only son for us. That your son was from you. Thank you for your son, even when we don't feel it, even when we pull away, even when we sin. You are there, we are saved because of the greatest gift of all, the gift of your son's sacrifice.

-Debbie Cressell

THURSDAY, MARCH 16— EPHESIANS 4:31-32

Loving God, may I remember, in my haste to complete a task or get to a destination, to be tenderhearted. May I remember to smile at strangers and listen to those I love. May I forgive the slights of those – just like me – who are wrapped tightly in their own pain or frenetic pace. And may we remember, always, to tender our hearts to You.

-Tica Simpson

FRIDAY, MARCH 17— EPHESIANS 5:1-2

“Love you” is a phrase commonly spoken today. Love is often associated with warm and fussy feelings. CHRIST’S LOVE IS SO MUCH MORE! He was obedient to God unto death. By giving ourselves up we are offering our lives to God. This requires that we love God and are obedient to His word and truths; daily praying that His love will reign in our heart, walk, and talk.

Gracious and loving God we want to love as you do. We fall short and ask for your forgiveness. Give us the energy and Your Grace to daily “pick ourselves up” striving to live your love in our lives. We ask that your will be done as we walk in Christ’s redeeming love.

In Jesus Christ our Savior’s name. AMEN

-Elaine Matson

SATURDAY, MARCH 18— PSALM 23:1-4

Dear Lord, Thank You for teaching us, the path of righteousness, and away from the path of greed. Although we have fears and Temptations in life, You give us strength and courage to live life, fully, and happily within Your love. We are grateful that the Lord is our shepherd and listens to our prayers. Amen.

-Trinity’s Youth Group

SUNDAY, MARCH 19— JOHN 9:35-38

What stands out for me in the Scripture reading of Jesus healing the blind man is that the man believed and worshiped Jesus when the man actually saw Jesus for the first time. His faith was immediate and unfaltering. No hesitation. No doubting. I pray that I may grow to have that level of trust. Just as Jesus opened the blind man's physical and spiritual eyes, I pray that He grant me spiritual openness, opening my heart to what is truly important in life. I am thankful for the Lord's infinite patience with me, showing me continuing grace and unconditional love.

-Margaret Oosterman

MONDAY, MARCH 20— PSALM 146:1-2

Eternal God, creator of all that is and has been and all that is yet to come, I praise you and give you thanks for this moment of eternity and for the mystery of all of eternity. I praise you and thank you for your unending love, a love that is filled with grace, forgiveness and salvation. Help me to keep my heart open to you and to remain always in your presence. I praise you and thank you.

-Rich Cairns

TUESDAY, MARCH 21— PSALM 146:6-9

Faithful God, I thank you for your unending love of us all—particularly those in need, those who have been wronged and those who are alone. No matter our needs or conditions, you are an ever-present help and hope for the future. I give you thanks and praise for the faithfulness of your love and promises.

-Rich Cairns

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 22— MATTHEW 9:32-33

Today's date, 3-22-23, is a numeric palindrome. A palindrome is something that reads the same forwards as it does backwards. No matter where we start, front or back, the sequence is the same.

God's love for us is like a palindrome. It is constant, the same yesterday, today, and tomorrow. God knows us forwards and backwards. All our in's and out's – flaws and all – yet, God's faithfulness and love for us never falters. His love is constant and will never change. How comforting it is to know that nothing can separate us from the love of God.

Lord God, thank You for Your faithfulness and unending love that envelops us yesterday, now, and always!

Amen!

-Jodie Robinson

THURSDAY, MARCH 23— PSALM 130:1-2

Out of the depths paints a clear picture in our minds of the helpless feeling of sinking deep into the deep, dark sea. Contrasting it with floating safely on the clear, sunny surface where everything is in focus and free of fear. But the psalmist is crying from a position of despair and helplessness facing imminent death and destruction. He reaches out, not for a raft or even the hope of reaching solid ground and the ability to walk to shore, but to the ear of God and pleading that He would open His ear and hear this urgent plea. Asking God to reach down and lift the psalmist out of the deep, dark mire of his despair. You can hear the desperation in the psalmist's voice. He isn't simply asking, he's crying to his only hope – and yet the direction of his plea comes from some certainty that his cry will be heard and he realizes that it is his only hope. The psalmist's words are appropriate yet today. We can relate to despair and the feeling of being helpless. We too must cry to the Lord and plea for mercy. Only through the grace of God can we find ourselves safely on the surface of life.

Prayer: O Lord, in our suffering we turn to You and in our weakness we find Your strength. Listen to our plea in our time of need. Amen.

-Karlyn & Les Daenzer

FRIDAY, MARCH 24— PSALM 130:5-6

I Wait for the Lord – David has emotionally moved a bit out of the depth to a more positive and comfortable situation because he strongly believes that his cry, mentioned in verse one, is being heard. However, he is still uncomfortable because there is still darkness and he knows the Watchmen at the gates of the city find it easier to protect the city during the light of morning. He, as the Watchman, anxiously waits for the dawn of light, the fulfillment of God's promise to forgive his sins and bring him out of darkness into the light of God's day, safe, reclaimed into God's fold and renewed. May we patiently wait for the safety of God's arms as we wait for the fulfillment of His promises.

Prayer: O Lord, in our happy times we often forget You. Forgive our arrogance. Speak to us the word of Your promise and save us with your mercy. Amen.

-Karlyn & Les Denzer

SATURDAY, MARCH 25— LUKE 24:45-49

Dearest God...Creator of all that is,
How many times do we ask God to open our minds and hearts? "Then He opened their minds to understand" Not one of us can improve on Divine insight and understanding (including the disciples). May we remember to be still and wait for that quiet "Voice" of wisdom and understanding.
Tapping in to that Love and Wisdom is never the wrong choice
Amen!!!!

-Linda Young

SUNDAY, MARCH 26— JOHN 11:43-45

Gracious God,

As we greet the spring and witness the rebirth of the world around us, let us be reminded that you are the one who gives life. Help us to cherish our own life and the lives of those who cherish us, as Jesus cherished his friends. Give us the courage to break the chains that bind us and to go forth into the world, renewed and revived, ready to be a witness to Christ's power and love. And as Jesus was there to welcome Lazarus, be with us as we go forth! Amen.

-Sharon Witherell

MONDAY, MARCH 27— PSALM 143:1-2

O Lord, you invite me as a child into your presence, without judgement.

While intuitively you know what is written in my heart and on my mind, by giving utterance to these things, I name them.

Thus, in bringing my deepest thoughts to you, my load is lighter.

So I lay these burdens at the feet of your Son, who receives this offering as though a gift.

Lord, hear my prayer: that this weight may be lifted and my path made clear. In you alone do I trust to make my way known, and myself made into a more worthy servant.

Amen

-Kristie Polk

TUESDAY, MARCH 28— EPHESIANS 2:4-5

Dear Lord,

We thank you that you are a God of love who is rich in mercy toward us. We praise you for your goodness and grace in sending Jesus to live among us. We pray that we may live the rest of our lives with grateful hearts of thanksgiving and praise. Thank you for your blessings and help us to be a blessing to others. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

-Cathy Hays

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 29— JEREMIAH 32:40-41

Father, Abba, we tremble a bit when confronted with the power of your Love. You have the ability to create and to take away, all governed by your faithful promise to us that you will never leave us or forsake us. Your Love both shapes us and comforts us; challenges us and renews us. We are in awe of your Love which rejoices in caring for us and that every aspect of your Being is for us! May we never turn from you so that we might always find our way through life and know that you Companion us along the way. Amen.

-Mike O'Donnell

THURSDAY, MARCH 30— PSALM 31:9-11

Burundi....Somalia....Mozambique....Madagascar....Sierra Leone.
...Afghanistan....Central African Republic....Liberia....Niger....Ukraine.
God, how many of your family unknown to us are suffering today?

-Chris Dideon

FRIDAY, MARCH 31— PHILIPPIANS 1:27

Gracious Heavenly Father,
As we withdraw into the desert of Lent, we are reminded of the great and wonderful things that You have done, You are doing, and will do as You have promised. We confess that our conduct and conversations are not always worthy of the Gospel of Jesus Christ. Thank you for this Lenten season to prepare our minds and our hearts to glorify the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus Christ. We are grateful for Your Grace and forgiveness. Illuminate and guide us to serve You in one spirit, with one mind striving together in faith to glorify You. As your humble servants, we pray, Amen.

-Kim Carter

SATURDAY, APRIL 1— MARK 10:32-33

Father God, your Son gave his disciples full disclosure as they made their way to Jerusalem. He described to them his impending arrest, trial and sentencing. Surely they were thunderstruck, and that description could only magnify the importance of what they were involved in. Father God, thank you for giving your Son to stand in our stead before the seat of judgement. Thank you for his lessons of forgiveness. Thank you for those faithful who carried the story forward, telling and retelling to this day of your wondrous love. God IS love, literally, and love is the most important thing in our world.

-Georgia Chapman

SUNDAY, APRIL 2— MATTHEW 21:8-9

PALM SUNDAY

*"Hosanna to the Son of David!
Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord!
Hosanna in the highest heaven!"*

In your passion, Lord Jesus, you suffered from false accusations, painful lashings, thorns and nails. Lifted on the cross you felt every human emotion possible. How great thou art to love like this for us. May we, like you, commit our spirits to God on the day of our dying, anticipating the glorious resurrection of the dead.

-Pastor Sarah Hess

MONDAY, APRIL 3— ISAIAH 42:5

Praise God our Creator for this perfect world and its riches that nourish and sustain us.

Praise God our Father for giving us life, and praise to the Holy Spirit for giving us knowledge and understanding to be stewards of this earth.

Lord God thank you for sending your faithful servant, Jesus Christ, to save us from our sin and unfaithfulness.

Embolden us to follow Jesus' call to be your light to the nations and your servant to our neighbors.

Your Will be done. Amen.

-Rick Siebert

TUESDAY, APRIL 4— JOHN 12:23-25

Dear God in Heaven

I hear you calling us to spread your word, do your work and good deeds.

I pray that we do not keep everything to ourselves or we will die with it.

Praying that you will help us to pass on your word and deeds and have eternal life with you.

Amen

-Roberta Gruber

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 5— HEBREWS 12:1

When I read this verse, I am reminded or driven to think I have to win another race. What race is this that Paul is referring to? It always seems to be the imperative that I have to run to win the race. To be a winner and grasp the golden cup as that victory to stardom. But looking at the verse, I'm taken by Paul's interpretation in the Greek of an athletic figure translating to martyrs. I'm reminded of the whole verse of Hebrews 12 and talking about the cloud of witnesses. What does this mean? It seems Paul is pointing out the example of a cloud of witnesses as those who endured the race and obtained the crown of glory. It's not something we do as an athlete, but in Christ we are supplied with the power of grace and love to support us to win in Christ. We are redeemed by the blood of

Jesus so we are already candidates for winning. By God's Grace we can overcome adversity and we can persevere to the finish line. We have a cloud of witnesses as part of a comforting push to the finish line. We can be reassured that God will strengthen us when we feel faint. With God's strength and love we are guaranteed to reach the end where His crown is there for us.

Dear Heavenly Father, life at times is like we are running an endless race in the midst of adversity and challenges. Life can be so challenging. We know you have with you those who have gone before us that have secured the crown in the race. You have come to bring us to Yourself through your suffering and now are in Glory. Help us to remain faithful to You as You feed us with your Spirit. Keep us as your witnesses of Grace that we may finally win the race and win the crown of life. In your name. Amen.

-Anita Kiekhaefer

THURSDAY, APRIL 6— 1 CORINTHIANS 11:26

MAUNDY THURSDAY

God who dines with us, on this dark night we are famished. In this moment we sit alone with our sin and death. We dwell in the dark shadow of the cross to come with awe and fear. With trembling hearts we await and pray for the brightness and grace of your Son. Until then, we gather together, broken as we are, and we share this cup and bread with one another so that we might be sustained for another day knowing that soon we gather together at Your Holy and Eternal Feast of Salvation reconciled and redeemed. Amen.

-Vicar Joel Antley

FRIDAY, APRIL 7— JOHN 19:42

GOOD FRIDAY

Almighty God,

You show up in the places and ways we least expect. We give you thanks for Jesus Christ, through whom your love was poured out for this world. Through the cross you declare that in the deepest, darkest, scariest, most hopeless moments, in our deepest crisis and most terrible trauma, you are here with us. On the cross you took on our suffering as a part of yourself, so that no part of our being you do not know. On this Good Friday, we give you all thanks and praise for as Christ was raised on the cross you reconciled with us and raised to new life with you, though we are not worthy. Give us courage to repent of the ways we have turned from you and to follow you in the way of the cross. To follow you, our crucified Lord.

-Pastor Daniel Hess

SATURDAY, APRIL 8— MATTHEW 28:5-6

EASTER VIGIL

Gracious God,

Help us to look for you each day desiring to meet you in the faces of those whom we love, in those whom we serve, and in those whom we meet in our daily life. Empower us to quit searching for you in the empty tombs of disappointment, disordered relationships, and unfulfilled dreams as if to ask “where were you?” You were there the entire time shrouded by our pain and inward strife. Instead, help us to remember that you have been raised and you will raise us out of every instance that seeks to intomb us. You are present in every moment of our lives. Thank you for dying for us, rising for us and living with us until we live with you in heaven. Amen

-Pastor Philip Bouknight

SUNDAY, APRIL 9— JOHN 20:17-18

RESURRECTION OF OUR LORD: EASTER

He has risen, he has risen indeed! Alleluia!

Good and gracious God,

We come before you this Easter day after having traversed a long Lenten season. We are greeted this day by the risen Christ! Let us be like Mary Magdalene, who tells the disciples and others all that she had seen and heard from the Lord. What often seemed like an idle tale of resurrection, you have verified again and again by Christ's presence among us. Empower us to tell the Easter story both far and wide. Turn the weeping of those who mourn the deaths of those whom they love into the joyful expectation of eternal life for all who belong to you. Christ lives with us!

Alleluia! Amen.

-Pastor Sarah Hess

LENTEN SERIES

Lessons from Acts for today's World

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Shrove Tuesday

Two dinner seatings: 5pm & 6pm

Both will end with a brief service of burning the palms for Ash Wednesday

WEDNESDAY
FEBRUARY

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Ash Wednesday

7pm Community Service at Trinity with the Imposition of Ashes



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6pm Potluck Soup Supper

6:45pm Holden Evening Prayer

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6pm Potluck Soup Supper

6:45pm Holden Evening Prayer

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6pm Potluck Soup Supper

6:45pm Kids Klub Drama

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