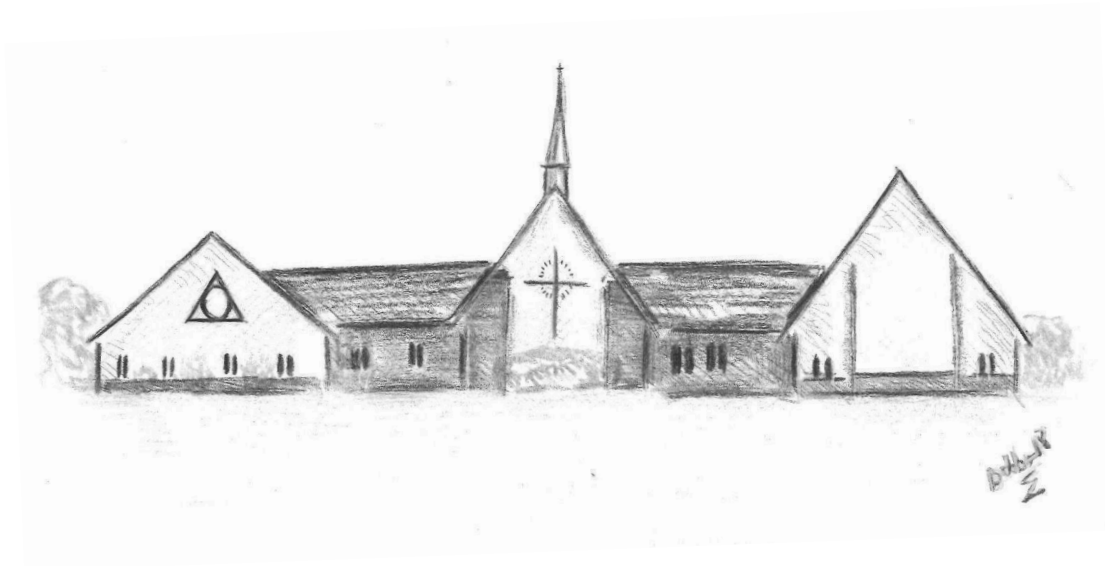


# First Sunday in Lent

## February 22, 2026



### **OUR MISSION:**

***To make disciples for Jesus Christ,  
to baptize and to teach the faith,  
that all may know the hope of Jesus Christ  
and become responsible members of His church.***

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## **INTRODUCTION TO THE DAY**

*Today's gospel tells of Jesus' temptation in the desert. His forty-day fast becomes the basis of our Lenten pilgrimage. In the early church Lent was a time of intense preparation for those to be baptized at the Easter Vigil. This catechetical focus on the meaning of faith is at the heart of our Lenten journey to the baptismal waters of Easter. Hungry for God's mercy, we receive the bread of life to nourish us for the days ahead.*

## **PRELUDE MUSIC**

## **WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Welcome to all who are visiting today. Please complete a purple visitor's card which can be found on the clipboard in the pew chair in front of you, and place in the offering plate. May your hopes be restored, spirits lifted and your enthusiasm renewed when you visit here.

## **ALTAR FLOWER SPONSORSHIP**

The Altar Flowers are given to the Glory of God and in honor of their son Philip's birthday by Dan & Drina Ditzler.

### **Families**

At Trinity, we love having children worship with us. And we know children need to fidget and squirm! We invite parents and grandparents to all that the Kid's Corner has to offer, located just off the sanctuary in the narthex. There is a wide selection of books on the tall stand, and plenty of crayons and coloring books in the basket. "Borrow Bags" are filled with items for fidgety children to use during worship. Return them to the stand following worship.

P Now, let our singing help us clear our hearts and minds for worship.

# WELCOME SONG

W&P 27

Cares chorus

27



I cast all my cares up-on you; I lay all of my  
bur - dens down at your feet. And an - y - time that I don't know  
what to do, I will cast all my cares up - on you.

Text and music: Kelly Willard

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## GATHERING

The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God.

P Please rise.

## CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

*All may make the sign of the cross, the sign marked at baptism, as the presiding minister begins.*

P Blessed be the holy Trinity, ✠ one God,  
who forgives all our sin,  
whose mercy endures forever.

C Amen.

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

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

P Gracious God,

**C have mercy on us according to your steadfast love.**

P For seeking worldly delights that deceive us and dishonor you:  
Gracious God,

**C have mercy on us according to your steadfast love.**

P For desiring self-reliance instead of hungering for your word:  
Gracious God,

**C have mercy on us according to your steadfast love.**

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

**C have mercy on us according to your steadfast love.**

P For drawing from the well of self-serving ambition,  
and for disdaining the living water Christ offers: Gracious God,

**C have mercy on us according to your steadfast love.**

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

**C have mercy on us according to your steadfast love.**

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

**C have mercy on us according to your steadfast love.**

P 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.

**C Amen.**

# GATHERING SONG

ELW 333

## Jesus Is a Rock in a Weary Land

*Refrain – All*



Je - sus is a rock in a wea - ry land, a wea - ry land, a



wea - ry land; my Je - sus is a rock in a



wea - ry land, a shel - ter in the time of storm.

*Leader or All*



1 No one can do like Je - sus, not a  
2 When Je - sus was on earth, . . . . . the . .  
3 Yon - der comes my Sav - ior, him . .



mum-bling word he said; he went walk - ing down to Laz -  
flesh was ver - y weak; . . he took a towel and gird -  
whom I love so well; . . he has the palm of vic -

*Refrain*



- a - rus' grave, and he raised him from the dead.  
ed him - self and he washed his dis - ci - ples' feet.  
- to - ry and the keys of death and hell.

Text: African American spiritual  
Music: WEARY LAND, African American spiritual

## **GREETING**

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

## **PRAYER OF THE DAY**

- P Let us pray.
- C **Lord God, our strength, the struggle between good and evil rages within and around us, and the devil and all the forces that defy you tempt us with empty promises. Keep us steadfast in your word, and when we fall, raise us again and restore us through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.**
- Amen.**
- P Please be seated.

# WORD

God speaks to us in scripture reading, preaching, and song.

## **First Reading: Genesis 2:15-17; 3:1-7**

*Human beings were formed with great care, to be in relationship with the creator, creation, and one another. The serpent's promise to the first couple that their eyes would be opened led, ironically, to the discovery only that they were naked.*

<sup>15</sup> The LORD God took the man and put him in the garden of Eden to till it and keep it. <sup>16</sup> And the LORD God commanded the man, "You may freely eat of every tree of the garden, <sup>17</sup> but of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil you shall not eat, for in the day that you eat of it you shall die."

<sup>3:1</sup> Now the serpent was more crafty than any other wild animal that the LORD God had made. He said to the woman, "Did God say, 'You shall not eat from any tree in the garden'?" <sup>2</sup> The woman said to the serpent, "We may eat of the fruit of the trees in the garden, <sup>3</sup> but God said, 'You shall not eat of the fruit of the tree that is in the middle of the garden, nor shall you touch it, or you shall die.' " <sup>4</sup> But the serpent said to the woman, "You will not die, <sup>5</sup> for God knows that when you eat of it your eyes will be opened, and you will be like God, knowing good and evil." <sup>6</sup> So when the woman saw that the tree was good for food and that it was a delight to the eyes and that the tree was to be desired to make one wise, she took of its fruit and ate, and she also gave some to her husband, who was with her, and he ate. <sup>7</sup> Then the eyes of both were opened, and they knew that they were naked, and they sewed fig leaves together and made loincloths for themselves.

**L** The Word of the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God.

# RESPONSORIAL PSALM

## Psalm 32

L <sup>1</sup> Happy are they whose transgressions are forgiven,  
and whose sin is put away!

C <sup>2</sup> **Happy are they to whom the LORD imputes no guilt,  
and in whose spirit there is no guile!**

L <sup>3</sup> While I held my tongue, my bones withered away,  
because of my groaning all day long.

C <sup>4</sup> **For your hand was heavy upon me day and night;  
my moisture was dried up as in the heat of summer.**

L <sup>5</sup> Then I acknowledged my sin to you, and did not conceal my guilt.  
I said, "I will confess my transgressions to the LORD."  
Then you forgave me the guilt of my sin.

C <sup>6</sup> **Therefore all the faithful will make their prayers  
to you in time of trouble;  
when the great waters overflow, they shall not reach them.**

L <sup>7</sup> You are my hiding-place; you preserve me from trouble;  
you surround me with shouts of deliverance.

C <sup>8</sup> **"I will instruct you and teach you in the way that you should go;  
I will guide you with my eye.**

L <sup>9</sup> Do not be like horse or mule, which have no understanding;  
who must be fitted with bit and bridle, or else they will not stay near you."

C <sup>10</sup> **Great are the tribulations of the wicked;  
but mercy embraces those who trust in the LORD.**

L <sup>11</sup> Be glad, you righteous, and rejoice in the LORD;  
shout for joy, all who are true of heart.

P Please rise.



# GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

## Remember That You Are Dust

1\* 2

Re - mem - ber that you are dust, and to

dust you shall re - turn.

The musical score is written on two staves in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The first staff begins with a treble clef and a key signature of one sharp (F#). It contains two measures marked '1\*' and '2'. The melody for '1\*' is a half note G4, followed by a dotted half note A4. The melody for '2' is a half note B4, followed by a dotted half note C5. The lyrics 'Re - mem - ber' are under the first measure, 'that you are' under the second, 'dust,' under the third, and 'and to' under the fourth. The second staff continues the melody with a half note D5, followed by a dotted half note E5. The lyrics 'dust' are under the first measure, 'you shall' under the second, 're -' under the third, and 'turn.' under the fourth. The piece ends with a double bar line.

*\* May be sung in canon*

Text: Ash Wednesday liturgy

Music: CROSS OF ASHES, Mark Mummert, b. 1965

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## **GOSPEL: Matthew 4:1-11**

**P** The holy gospel according to Matthew, the fourth chapter.

**C** **Glory to you, O Lord.**

*Jesus experiences anew the temptations that Israel faced in the wilderness. As the Son of God, he endures the testing of the evil one.*

<sup>1</sup> Jesus was led up by the Spirit into the wilderness to be tested by the devil. <sup>2</sup> He fasted forty days and forty nights, and afterward he was famished. <sup>3</sup> The tempter came and said to him, “If you are the Son of God, command these stones to become loaves of bread.” <sup>4</sup> But he answered, “It is written,

‘One does not live by bread alone,  
but by every word that comes from the mouth of God.’ ”

<sup>5</sup> Then the devil took him to the holy city and placed him on the pinnacle of the temple, <sup>6</sup> saying to him, “If you are the Son of God, throw yourself down, for it is written,

‘He will command his angels concerning you,’  
and ‘On their hands they will bear you up,  
so that you will not dash your foot against a stone.’ ”

<sup>7</sup> Jesus said to him, “Again it is written, ‘Do not put the Lord your God to the test.’ ”

<sup>8</sup> Again, the devil took him to a very high mountain and showed him all the kingdoms of the world and their glory, <sup>9</sup> and he said to him, “All these I will give you, if you will fall down and worship me.” <sup>10</sup> Then Jesus said to him, “Away with you, Satan! for it is written,

‘Worship the Lord your God,  
and serve only him.’ ”

<sup>11</sup> Then the devil left him, and suddenly angels came and waited on him.

**P** The gospel of the Lord.

**C** **Praise to you, O Christ.**

**P** Please be seated.

## **SERMON**

**The Reverend Karen Nelson, Pastor**

**P** Please rise.

# SERMON HYMN

ELW 336

LENT

336

## Lamb of God Your Only Son



1 Your on - ly Son, no sin to hide, but you have  
2 Your gift of love we cru - ci - fied. We laughed and  
3 I was so lost, I should have died, but you have



sent him from your side to walk up - on this guilt - y  
scorned him as he died. The hum - ble king we named a  
brought me to your side to be led by your staff and



sod and to be - come the Lamb of God. O Lamb of  
fraud and sac - ri - ficed the Lamb of God.  
rod and to be called a lamb of God.



God, sweet Lamb of God, I love the ho - ly Lamb of God. Oh, wash me



in your pre-cious blood, my Je - sus Christ, the Lamb of God.

Text: Twila Paris, b. 1958

Music: Twila Paris

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YOUR ONLY SON  
LMD

# **APOSTLES' CREED**

**P** Let us confess our faith with the words of the Apostles' Creed.

**C** **I believe in God, the Father almighty,  
creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,  
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,  
born of the virgin Mary,  
suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, died, and was buried;  
he descended to the dead.  
On the third day he rose again;  
he ascended into heaven,  
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,  
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the holy catholic church,  
the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body,  
and the life everlasting.  
Amen.**

P Please sit or kneel.

## PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

L Let us pray.

Reconciled by God's mercy and sustained by God's presence, let us pray for the world and its needs.

*A brief silence.*

L God of all grace, grant faith to your church. Give to all the baptized the will to resist temptation and to worship and serve you alone. Hear us, O God.

C **Your mercy is great.**

L God of all creation, tend this earth. When human greed and disobedience threaten this planet and the life it contains, lead us by your Spirit into ways of reverence, awe, and gentleness. Hear us, O God.

C **Your mercy is great.**

L God of all nations, preserve us from trouble. Surround all living in places of violence with your steadfast love and give resilience to all who work for peace. Grant courage to those who challenge, especially around issues of racism and systemic oppression. Hear us, O God.

C **Your mercy is great.**

L God of all healing, mend our wounds. Bring wholeness to all who are sick, give peace to all who groan in grief, and send companions to all who are lonely or isolated.

We especially pray for those who are unable to be with us today: Sandy, Dot, Nancy, Diane & Joan.

For those in need of God's healing love and strength: Ron, John, Sharon, Tom, Susan, Kathy, Rick, Steve, Frank, Ray, Peggy, Marita, Tilly, Heather, Margie, Judy, Gwen, Julie, Waine, Tony, Karen, Jim & Francesca.

For those in need of God's guidance, protection and strength.  
In gratitude for God's abundance.

For those who are grieving the loss of a loved one.

For those who serve and protect our nation: Jordan, Brian, Craig & Eve.

And for those who we hold in our hearts, and those whose needs are known only to you God.

Hear us, O God.

**C Your mercy is Great.**

**L** God of all people, provide for our community. For any among us who hunger for bread, bring nourishment. For any among us who hunger for truth, speak your life-giving word. Hear us, O God.

**C Your mercy is great.**

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

**C Amen.**

# SHARING OF THE PEACE

- P Please rise.  
P The peace of Christ be with you always.  
C **And also with you.**

*While we sing, you may turn to those sitting closest to you to offer, and receive, the peace and reconciliation which is possible only through Christ.*

## Peace

Pe - ace to you! God's Pe - ace to you. I share Go - d's Peace with you - - -

5 Pe - ace to you! God's Pe - ace to you. I share Go - d's Peace with you!

The musical score is written for a single melodic line in 4/4 time, with a tempo marking of quarter note = 70. The key signature has two flats (B-flat and E-flat). The score consists of two staves. The first staff contains measures 1 through 8, and the second staff contains measures 5 through 9. Chord symbols are placed above the notes: B-flat, E-flat, F7, B-flat, E-flat, F, B-flat, B-flat7 on the first staff; and B-flat, E-flat, F7, B-flat, Gm, Gm/E-flat, F, 1.B-flat, 2.E-flat B-flat on the second staff. The lyrics are written below the notes, with a repeat sign at the end of the second staff.

- P Please be seated.

# OFFERTORY MEDITATION MUSIC

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P   Please rise.

## OFFERING PRAYER

P   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' name.

C   **Amen.**



# GREAT THANKSGIVING

P The Lord be with you.

C **And also with you.**

P Lift up your hearts.

C **We lift them to the Lord.**

P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

P It is indeed right, our duty and our joy,  
that we should at all times and in all places  
give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God,  
through our Savior Jesus Christ;  
who by his glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life.  
And so, with all the choirs of angels,  
with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven,  
we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

## SANCTUS

♩=65 C

G Am F Dm<sup>7</sup> G C G

Ho - ly, Ho - ly, Ho - ly Lord Go - d of po - wer and might. Hea - ven and earth are

6 Am Em F Am G C G Am

full of your glo - ry Ho - sa - nna in the high - est! Bless - ed is He who comes

11 F Em F G C

i - n the name of the Lor - d Ho - sa - nna in the high - est!

# THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

P In the night in which he was betrayed,  
our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks;  
broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying:  
Take and eat; this is my body, given for you.  
Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks,  
and gave it for all to drink, saying:  
This cup is the new covenant in my blood,  
shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin.  
Do this for the remembrance of me.

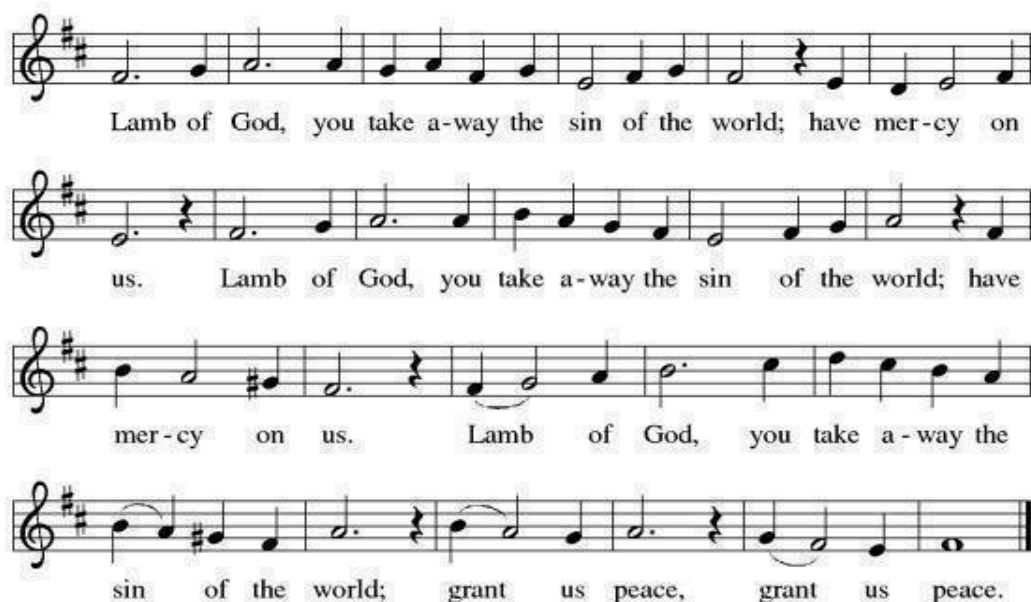
## LORD'S PRAYER

P Lord, remember us in your kingdom and teach us to pray.

**C 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,  
forever and ever. Amen.**

P Please be seated until the invitation.

# LAMB OF GOD



## COMMUNION

**P** The body of Christ, given for you.  
The blood of Christ, shed for you.

**C** **Amen.**

*To receive Holy Communion please come by the center aisle to the pastor to receive the bread (wafer) and then proceed to the communion assistant for intinction (dipping your wafer in the wine) and then eat, then return to your seat by the side aisle.*

*Non alcoholic wine is used at all services.*

*A gluten free wafer is available, simply tell the Pastor when you approach.*

*If you are not communing and desire a personal blessing please come to Pastor with your hands at your sides.*

**P** Please rise.

## COMMUNION BLESSING

P May the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ  
strengthen you and keep you forever in his grace.

C **Amen.**

## PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

P God of our salvation,  
we give you thanks for this meal that restores our souls,  
reconciles us to you, and strengthens us for the journey.  
Through the body and blood of your Son,  
may we become Christ's body in the world,  
bearing witness to your love for all creation,  
through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C **Amen.**

## SENDING

God blesses us and sends us in mission to the world.

## BLESSING

P The Lord bless you and keep you.  
The Lord make his face to shine upon you and be gracious unto you.  
The Lord look upon you with his favor, and give you his peace.  
In the name of the Father, ✠ and the Son, and the Holy Spirit.

C **Amen.**

# SENDING SONG

## W&P 115

### Out in the Wilderness



1 Driv - en by the Spir - it out in the wil - der - ness;  
2 Tempt - ed by the dev - il out in the wil - der - ness;  
3 An - gels all a - round you out in the wil - der - ness;  
4 "You are my be - lov - ed" out in the wil - der - ness.

driv - en by the Spir - it out in the wil - der - ness;  
tempt - ed by the dev - il out in the wil - der - ness;  
an - gels all a - round you out in the wil - der - ness;  
"You are my be - lov - ed" out in the wil - der - ness.

when the Spir - it says, "Go," you can't say, "No."  
though you try to be strong, it's been so long.  
you are far . . . from home where wild things roam.  
When you were . . . bap - tized, you re - a - lized

You lis - ten for the voice when you're bend - ed low;  
He whis - pers in your ear and you know he's wrong;  
There's dan - ger ev - 'ry - where but you're not a - lone;  
you'd heard the voice of God from the o - p'ning skies:

driv - en by the Spir - it out in the wil - der - ness.  
tempt - ed by the dev - il out in the wil - der - ness.  
an - gels all a - round you out in the wil - der - ness.  
"You are my be - lov - ed" out in the wil - der - ness.

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Music: OUT IN THE WILDERNESS. Jay Beech

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## DISMISSAL

P Go in peace. Believe the good news.  
C Thanks be to God.

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**This Week at Trinity**

**Sunday February 22:** Return Lenten Pledge cards for Random Acts of Kindness

11:15 Adult Faith Formation Lenten Study begins

**Thursday February 26:** 1 pm TAG Games Group

**Looking Ahead**

**Sundays until March 19:** Hoops Mania begins

**Monday March 2:** 7 pm Christian Book Group

**Tuesday March 3:** 11 am TAG Book Group



<b>Serving Today 2/22</b>	
<b>Lector</b>	<b>Anne Waskiewicz</b>
<b>Greeter</b>	<b>Sally Jeffries</b>
<b>Communion Assistants</b>	<b>Marilou Doughty &amp; Jen Castor</b>
<b>Ushers</b>	<b>Peter &amp; Lynne Schell</b>
<b>Coffee Hour</b>	<b>Meg Smith &amp; Nancy Klein</b>
<b>Building Opener</b>	<b>Meg Smith</b>
<b>Altar Guild</b>	<b>Ann Dungan</b>
<b>Counting Team</b>	<b>Chris &amp; Rick Cole</b>
<b>Serving Sunday 3/1</b>	
<b>Lector</b>	<b>Drina Ditzler</b>
<b>Greeter</b>	<b>Sally Jeffries</b>
<b>Communion Assistants</b>	<b>Chris &amp; Rick Cole</b>
<b>Ushers</b>	<b>John &amp; Alma Nowmos</b>
<b>Coffee Hour</b>	<b>Set Up Needed/Anne Meibohm</b>
<b>Building Opener</b>	<b>Alma Nowmos</b>
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