

**CALENDAR HIGHLIGHTS THIS WEEK AT TRINITY**

**Sunday, March 15**

- 9:15 am - Adult Forum (Barber Hall)
- 9:15 am - Sunday School (Jamison Hall)
- 11:30 am - Daughters of the King Meeting (Lounge)
- 12:00 pm - Trinity Kids Choir Practice (Choir Room)

**Monday, March 16**

- 10:30 am - Trinity Grief Support Group Meeting (Lounge)

**Tuesday, March 17**

- 10:30 am - Book Group Meeting (Lounge)
- 7:00 pm - Lent Visio Divina with the Rev. Suzanne (Loft)

**Wednesday, March 18**

- 10:00 am - Staff Meeting (Lower Level Conference Room)
- 10:00 am - Knaughty Knitters (Lounge)
- 12:00 pm - Holy Eucharist Noon Service (Sanctuary)
- 3:30 pm - Blessings in a Backpack (Barber Hall)

**Thursday, March 19**

- 9:15 am - Bible Study with Rev. Suzanne (Barber Hall)
- 7:00 pm - Choir Practice (Choir Room)

**Sunday, March 22**

- 9:15 am - Adult Forum (Barber Hall)
- 9:15 am - Sunday School (Jamison Hall)
- 12:00 pm - Trinity Kids Choir Practice (Choir Room)

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**Receiving Communion and One-On-One Prayer**

Christ welcomes all to communion. Those Baptized in any Christian tradition are encouraged to receive communion.

- Receive the bread in open and outstretched hands and sip the wine, guiding the chalice to your lips. • If you do not want to sip the wine, it is also perfectly appropriate to receive the bread only. If you wish to intinct, or dip the wafer in the wine, please hold the wafer in such a way that the Eucharistic Minister can intinct it and hand it back to you. Please do not intinct the wafer yourself. • Gluten-free wafers are also available by request. • Respond to communion by saying "Amen." • If you prefer a blessing, cross your hands over your chest. • Baptism is offered several times yearly; speak to the priest to learn more.
- If you wish to pray one-on-one with a Prayer Minister, go to the rear of the sanctuary after receiving communion or a blessing. • Prayer ministers hold all requests in absolute confidence.



**TRINITY  
EPISCOPAL  
CHURCH  
FREDERICKSBURG,  
VIRGINIA**

*LOVING AND SERVING ONE ANOTHER SO WE MAY LOVE AND SERVE GOD'S WORLD.*

**FOURTH SUNDAY IN LENT**

**March 15, 2026 — 10:30 AM**

*Book of Common (BCP) and Hymnal pages are listed on the right. BCP: Book of Common Prayer,  
S or H: Hymnal 1982, L: Lift Every Voice and Sing II*

The 10:30 a.m. service is livestreamed on our Facebook page:  
<https://www.facebook.com/trinityfredericksburg>.

**THE LITURGY OF THE WORD**

**HEARING AND RESPONDING TO HOLY SCRIPTURE**

***Please enter the Sanctuary in Silence:***

***Before the Service, speak to the Lord.***

***During the Service, let the Lord speak to you.***

***After the Service, speak to one another.***

**Welcome and Announcements**

*Celebrant* Blessed be the Lord who forgives all our sins.

*People* **His mercy endures forever.**

**Decalogue**

**BCP 350**

Hear the commandments of God to his people: I am the Lord your God who brought you out of bondage. You shall have no other gods but me.

**Amen. Lord have mercy.**

You shall not make for yourself any idol.

**Amen. Lord have mercy.**

You shall not invoke with malice the Name of the Lord your God.

**Amen. Lord have mercy.**

Remember the Sabbath Day and keep it holy.

**Amen. Lord have mercy.**

Honor your father and your mother.

**Amen. Lord have mercy.**

You shall not commit murder.  
**Amen. Lord have mercy.**

You shall not commit adultery.  
**Amen. Lord have mercy.**

You shall not steal.  
**Amen. Lord have mercy.**

You shall not be a false witness.  
**Amen. Lord have mercy.**

You shall not covet anything that belongs to your neighbor.  
**Amen. Lord have mercy.**

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

*The Celebrant then says*

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

*Silence may be kept.*

*Celebrant and People*

**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 stands and 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.**

*Celebrant* Lord have mercy.  
*People* **Christ have mercy.**  
*Celebrant* Lord, have mercy.

*Celebrant* The Lord be with you.  
*People* **And also with you.**  
*Celebrant* Let us pray.

### Collect of the Day

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.**

*Please sit for the reading of the scriptures.*

### SERVING US TODAY

**Acolyte/Crucifer:** Samantha Bathgate **Gospel Book:** TBD  
**Torch Bearer(s):** Beth Carniol & Hayden Bathgate  
**Lector:** Melissa Allison **Intercessor:** Bruce Davis  
**Eucharistic Minister(s):** John Tyler **Vestry Person:** Harry Dickinson  
**Digital Minister:** Dave Hosaflook **Usher(s):** Bruce Davis  
**Prayer Minister:** Andrea Marcinkevicius **Parish Shepherd:** Randall Clingenpeel

### DEDICATIONS

The **VIGIL LIGHT** is given to the Glory of God by the Corrado family in Memory of Peter Berry and by Sven & Kathy Rundman in Thanksgiving for their 42nd Anniversary.

### TRINITY CLERGY AND STAFF

**Rector:** The Rev. Suzanne Hood  
**Associate Priest:** The Rev. Bambi Willis **Campus and YA Minister:** The Rev. Ethan Lowery  
**Minister of Music:** Barbara Fairfax  
**Parish Business Manager:** Michele Brantley **Parish Office Coordinator:** Marvin Stearns  
**Sunday School Coordinator:** Sam Burton **Parish Hospitality Manager:** BJ Jarvis

### TRINITY VESTRY

**Term - 2027:** Val Folden (*Senior Warden*), Walt Harrison, Dave Hosaflook (*Treasurer*)  
**Term - 2028:** Deborah Condren, Harry Dickinson (*Registrar*) Linda Falter, Sven Rundman  
**Term - 2029:** Chris Brantley, BJ Jarvis (*Junior Warden*), Andrea Marcinkevicius

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### MISSION

Our mission is to share Christ's love and grace in a vibrant community whose joyful spirit empowers people to do God's work.

### TRINITY INFO

For urgent concerns outside office hours, call or text our rector, The Rev. Suzanne Hood at (804) 832-4109.  
The Rev. Suzanne Hood can also be reached through email at: [shood@trinity-fredericksburg.org](mailto:shood@trinity-fredericksburg.org)  
Church Office Hours Monday to Thursday - 9:00 am to 2:00 pm

Morning Prayer - Weekdays on Facebook - 6:30 am - <https://www.facebook.com/trinityfredericksburg>

**THE LITURGY OF THE TABLE**  
**HOLY COMMUNION**

**Eucharistic Prayer, Prayer A** **BCP 361**

**Sanctus** **S-125**

**The Lord's Prayer** **BCP 364**

**The Breaking of the Bread**

*Celebrant* Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;  
*People* **Therefore let us keep the feast.**

**Fraction** **L-270**

**Invitation to Communion**

*Celebrant* The Gifts of God for the People of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

*Prayer Ministry offered at the rear of the church during the distribution of Communion.*

**Communion Hymn** **Taize**  
**Bless the Lord my soul**  
**Have thine own way, Lord!** **L-145**

**Post Communion Prayer** *Standing or kneeling as able* **BCP 366**

*Celebrant* Let us pray.

**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.**

**Solemn Prayer** *Standing as able*

**Recessional Hymn** **Leaning on the everlasting arms** **L-196**

**The Dismissal**

*Celebrant* Let us bless the Lord.  
*People* **Thanks be to God.**

**The First Lesson**

**1 Samuel 16:1-13**

The Lord said to Samuel, "How long will you grieve over Saul? I have rejected him from being king over Israel. Fill your horn with oil and set out; I will send you to Jesse the Bethlehemite, for I have provided for myself a king among his sons." Samuel said, "How can I go? If Saul hears of it, he will kill me." And the Lord said, "Take a heifer with you, and say, 'I have come to sacrifice to the Lord.' Invite Jesse to the sacrifice, and I will show you what you shall do; and you shall anoint for me the one whom I name to you." Samuel did what the Lord commanded, and came to Bethlehem. The elders of the city came to meet him trembling, and said, "Do you come peaceably?" He said, "Peaceably; I have come to sacrifice to the Lord; sanctify yourselves and come with me to the sacrifice." And he sanctified Jesse and his sons and invited them to the sacrifice. When they came, he looked on Eliab and thought, "Surely the Lord's anointed is now before the Lord." But the Lord said to Samuel, "Do not look on his appearance or on the height of his stature, because I have rejected him; for the Lord does not see as mortals see; they look on the outward appearance, but the Lord looks on the heart." Then Jesse called Abinadab, and made him pass before Samuel. He said, "Neither has the Lord chosen this one." Then Jesse made Shammah pass by. And he said, "Neither has the Lord chosen this one." Jesse made seven of his sons pass before Samuel, and Samuel said to Jesse, "The Lord has not chosen any of these." Samuel said to Jesse, "Are all your sons here?" And he said, "There remains yet the youngest, but he is keeping the sheep." And Samuel said to Jesse, "Send and bring him; for we will not sit down until he comes here." He sent and brought him in. Now he was ruddy, and had beautiful eyes, and was handsome. The Lord said, "Rise and anoint him; for this is the one." Then Samuel took the horn of oil, and anointed him in the presence of his brothers; and the spirit of the Lord came mightily upon David from that day forward. Samuel then set out and went to Ramah.

*Reader* The Word of the Lord.

*People* **Thanks be to God.**

**Psalm 23** *(in unison)*

BCP 612

**The Lord is my shepherd; \***

**I shall not be in want.**

**He makes me lie down in green pastures \*  
and leads me beside still waters.**

**He revives my soul \*  
and guides me along right pathways for his Name's sake.**

**Though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I shall fear no evil; \*  
for you are with me; your rod and your staff, they comfort me.**

**You spread a table before me in the presence of those who trouble me; \*  
you have anointed my head with oil, and my cup is running over.**

**Surely your goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life, \*  
and I will dwell in the house of the Lord for ever.**

**The Second Lesson**

**Ephesians 5:8-14**

Once you were darkness, but now in the Lord you are light. Live as children of light—for the fruit of the light is found in all that is good and right and true. Try to find out what is pleasing to the Lord. Take no part in the unfruitful works of darkness, but instead expose them. For it is shameful even to mention what such people do secretly; but everything exposed by the light becomes visible, for everything that becomes visible is light. Therefore it says,

"Sleeper, awake!  
Rise from the dead,  
and Christ will shine on you."

*Reader* The Word of the Lord.

*People* **Thanks be to God.**

**The Holy Gospel** *Standing as able*

John 9:1-41

*Celebrant* The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.*People* **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

As Jesus walked along, he saw a man blind from birth. His disciples asked him, “Rabbi, who sinned, this man or his parents, that he was born blind?” Jesus answered, “Neither this man nor his parents sinned; he was born blind so that God’s works might be revealed in him. We must work the works of him who sent me while it is day; night is coming when no one can work. As long as I am in the world, I am the light of the world.” When he had said this, he spat on the ground and made mud with the saliva and spread the mud on the man’s eyes, saying to him, “Go, wash in the pool of Siloam” (which means Sent). Then he went and washed and came back able to see. The neighbors and those who had seen him before as a beggar began to ask, “Is this not the man who used to sit and beg?” Some were saying, “It is he.” Others were saying, “No, but it is someone like him.” He kept saying, “I am the man.” But they kept asking him, “Then how were your eyes opened?” He answered, “The man called Jesus made mud, spread it on my eyes, and said to me, ‘Go to Siloam and wash.’ Then I went and washed and received my sight.” They said to him, “Where is he?” He said, “I do not know.”

They brought to the Pharisees the man who had formerly been blind. Now it was a sabbath day when Jesus made the mud and opened his eyes. Then the Pharisees also began to ask him how he had received his sight. He said to them, “He put mud on my eyes. Then I washed, and now I see.” Some of the Pharisees said, “This man is not from God, for he does not observe the sabbath.” But others said, “How can a man who is a sinner perform such signs?” And they were divided. So they said again to the blind man, “What do you say about him? It was your eyes he opened.” He said, “He is a prophet.”

The Jews did not believe that he had been blind and had received his sight until they called the parents of the man who had received his sight and asked them, “Is this your son, who you say was born blind? How then does he now see?” His parents answered, “We know that this is our son, and that he was born blind; but we do not know how it is that now he sees, nor do we know who opened his eyes. Ask him; he is of age. He will speak for himself.” His parents said this because they were afraid of the Jews; for the Jews had already agreed that anyone who confessed Jesus to be the Messiah would be put out of the synagogue. Therefore his parents said, “He is of age; ask him.”

So for the second time they called the man who had been blind, and they said to him, “Give glory to God! We know that this man is a sinner.” He answered, “I do not know whether he is a sinner. One thing I do know, that though I was blind, now I see.” They said to him, “What did he do to you? How did he open your eyes?” He answered them, “I have told you already, and you would not listen. Why do you want to hear it again? Do you also want to become his disciples?” Then they reviled him, saying, “You are his disciple, but we are disciples of Moses. We know that God has spoken to Moses, but as for this man, we do not know where he comes from.” The man answered, “Here is an astonishing thing! You do not know where he comes from, and yet he opened my eyes. We know that God does not listen to sinners, but he does listen to one who worships him and obeys his will. Never since the world began has it been heard that anyone opened the eyes of a person born blind. If this man were not from God, he could do nothing.” They answered him, “You were born entirely in sins, and are you trying to teach us?” And they drove him out.

Jesus heard that they had driven him out, and when he found him, he said, “Do you believe in the Son of Man?” He answered, “And who is he, sir? Tell me, so that I may believe in him.” Jesus said to him, “You have seen him, and the one speaking with you is he.” He said, “Lord, I believe.” And he worshiped him. Jesus said, “I came into this world for judgment so that those who do not see may see, and those who do see may become blind.” Some of the Pharisees near him heard this and said to him, “Surely we are not blind, are we?” Jesus said to them, “If you were blind, you would not have sin. But now that you say, ‘We see,’ your sin remains.”

*Celebrant* The Gospel of the Lord.*People* **Praise to you, Lord Christ.****Children’s Homily****The Nicene Creed** *All stand as able*

BCP 358

**Prayers of the People** *Stand or kneel as able*

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

*A brief silence.*

God, our shepherd, we pray that you guide the church. Lead Christians in our community and across the globe in right paths for your name’s sake. We remember especially Immanuel on the Hill in Alexandria, Kingston Parish in Mathews, and Holy Comforter in Richmond in this week’s Diocesan cycle of prayer. Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

God our provider, we cry out for this planet and the life it holds. Rescue endangered animals and plants, preserve threatened ecosystems, and save creatures from natural disasters. Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

God our sovereign, we plead for your peace on earth. Bring an end to war and violence, and raise up leaders in governments, courts, businesses, schools, and community organizations who seek goodness and mercy. Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

God our healer, we call to you in our need. Uplift all who are made to feel unimportant, and transform the hearts of all infected by bigotry and prejudice. Care for all in special need this day. Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

God our friend, we praise you for the diversity of people among us. Awaken us to share and receive the gifts we each possess, and stir up a spirit of understanding, celebration, and welcome for all. Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

God our home, we thank you for all who have died and completed their baptismal journeys. Grant us faith to live until we too dwell in your house forever. Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

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

**Amen.****The Peace** *All stand as able**Celebrant* The peace of the Lord be always with you.*People* **And also with you.****Offertory Sentence****Music at the Offertory**

I want to walk as a child

H-490

**Hymn at the Presentation****The Doxology**

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