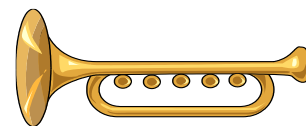




TRINITY TRUMPET

March 2022



PASTOR'S LETTER

Putting on my purple stole for Lent on Wednesday made me think about where that stole came from. Trinity has stoles for each of the liturgical seasons, and I'm trying to get in the habit of wearing them. But I have my own set as well. Well, "set" is a strong word. Each of my personal stoles have a story, somewhere they came from. So, since I'm trying to get better about matching the sanctuary, I thought you might be interested in hearing about my stoles.

Purple – Lent

The color: In antiquity, purple was the color of royalty. Due to the high cost of purple dye, only kings and emperors could afford purple garments. Purple reminds us of the royalty of Christ who reigns from the cross. Purple is also a call for repentance and solemnity.

My stole: This stole was an ordination gift from the first congregation I served in California. Because I served them as an unordained interim, they never saw me in a stole. On my last Sunday, they gifted me a full set of stoles, including this one. It reminds me of them, of the people who put up with all my early pastor mistakes.



White – Easter, Christmas, Epiphany, Baptism of our Lord, Transfiguration of our Lord, Trinity Sunday, All Saints Sunday, Christ the King Sunday

The color: White, often tinged with gold, is the color of celebration. It represents the light and joy of the resurrection dawn.



My stole: This was a gift from one of my seminary roommates to commemorate my first Easter celebration as a new pastor. Christie was a friend from summer camp back when we both were in college. We lost touch over the years, until I ran into her my first year of seminary when she was on a campus tour for new students. We quickly struck up where we'd left off, and when she chose LSTC, we decided to be roommates. She met her now husband when he was helping me move into that apartment.

Red – Pentecost, Palm Sunday, Reformation Sunday, Ordinations

The color: The color of fire, blood, and passion. Red represents the tongues of fire descending on the disciples on Pentecost, filling them with the Spirit. We use red on Sundays when we remember the Spirit still blowing through us, renewing the church. It is used at all ordinations to call on the Spirit to fill the new ordinand.

My stole: A red stole is a traditional ordination gift, and mine is no different. My ordination stole is a gift from my parents. It was woven by a member of their congregation. My parents chose the design and basic color, and he had us over, where we were able to witness part of the weaving process and weave a few rows. The gold strands running through it are the same material that he used on another stole for one of my closest clergy mentors.





Green – Ordinary Time, the Sundays after Pentecost and Epiphany

The color: The color of growth, green is used during the time after Pentecost and the Sundays after Epiphany to represent our growth in faith as we follow the teaching and ministry of Christ.

My stole(s): I have two green stoles; one I use for the Sundays after Epiphany and one for the Sundays after Pentecost. The lighter one I use for the Sundays after Epiphany was originally designed as a white stole, but there is so much green in it, that I use it as a blend of the two, thus it's use in Epiphany. It

was a graduation gift from one of my best friends. It is made of old bedsheets, white for the background with various symbols of faith in green. The darker one I use for the Sundays after Pentecost I bought in while chaperoning a high school group on a study trip to the Lutheran Center in Mexico City. As part of the trip, we met local artisans supported by the Lutheran Church in Mexico. This stole reminds me of Lutherans around the world, as well as the group of kids I traveled with, and the closeness between the seminary student leaders.



Blue – Advent

The color: Blue represents hope. In terms of liturgical colors, blue is a fairly recent addition. Advent was historically purple, with the purple representing royalty as the assembly awaited the birth of the newborn king. The use of blue possibly originated in Scandinavian churches, because purple dye, being, remember, expensive, was too expensive for churches to afford.

My stole: Remember the friend who made my light green stole out of bedsheets? She made my blue stole as well, giving it to me as an ordination gift. While we were living together, she got really into the Craigslist Free page, furnishing our entire house off Craigslist Free. One night, she made me get out of bed really late to drive across Washington, DC for a garbage bag full of quilting supplies. This stole is made entirely from scrapes of fabric from that bag. It's reversible, one side a star and the Greek symbol for Christ, the other meant to look like stained glass. My favorite part is there is a whale on the left shoulder. I just think that's fun.



Peace,
Pastor Kjersten

TOP TEN LIST: WHY WEAR A MASK TO CHOIR?

(This list was inspired by Laurie Swanson's comment to the choir on February 27 — see #10 on the list — plus from listening to MANY of David Letterman's Top Ten Lists)

Number 10: "I think I found a reason for wearing these masks! You can sing wrong notes or wrong rhythms and no one will even know it was you! You could even grab the wrong anthem and sing a totally different set of words and David won't know who to blame!"

Number 9: The constant fogging up of my eyeglasses gives me an excuse for bumping into things and people.

Number 8: Some people enjoy wearing their masks below the nose and some even wear it under their chins, so if you're feeling sleep-deprived from Saturday night, you can wear it in the opposite direction and place it over your eyes to catch a little nap during the sermon.

Number 7: You can stuff your mask with Goldfish crackers or Chex Mix or those red sour cherry chewy candies for nourishment during the service and no one will know that you skipped breakfast.

Number 6: You can always use the mask as chin strap therapy for sagging jaws.

Number 5: The mask helps to muffle the crunch of the gluten-free wafer for Communion.

Number 4: If the organ postlude is too aggravatingly loud, you can use 2 masks and stuff each one in an ear to block that sound!

Number 3: Choir robes are so "old school." Masks are the fashion statement of the 2020's.

Number 2: On these cold winter days, it cleans out your nasal passages as you sing, so no need to buy a Navage Nasal Irrigation Kit.

Number 1: Let's be REAL — You can show that you care about the health and welfare of all those Trinity friends!!!

David Lipps
Director of Music

OPPORTUNITIES FOR LENT WORSHIP

Zoom Lenten Midweek Worship

Turning toward God's Abundance: A Lenten Service of Word and Prayer Thursdays in Lent at 7pm (Except March 31)

Join Pastor Kjersten on Zoom for a quiet contemplative time toward the end of your week.

Join Zoom Meeting:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82612300143?pwd=Q2dOR28yMzlnam0vQjRPTGU3Q25lUT09>

Lent is a season of repentance, turning to God and asking for God's goodness to wipe away our sins and show us how to live anew. Lent also turns us toward Easter and the abundant life God will offer through the Three Days. This Lenten midweek service turns us toward God's abundance by focusing on five divine attributes drawn from the gospel texts for Lent: faithfulness, mercy, compassion, forgiveness, and love. Each service is designed for sustained reflection on the gospel in the context of contemplative prayer, readings, silence, and song.

Wednesday Bible Chats

Recognizing the inconvenience of winter weather, Bible chats remain virtual for March. There are two opportunities every Wednesday to connect with the Gospel lesson. At 10:30 am, Pastor Kjersten goes on Facebook Live to share some of the things the texts have her pondering. Then at 6:00 pm, we gather on Zoom for conversation on the text. Both of these are great chances to bring your questions and hear what others are thinking. You might even hear your ideas in the next Sunday sermon.

In Lent we journey with Jesus to the cross. We start with Jesus being tempted by the devil after his baptism, spend some time in his teachings, and then watch as Mary anoints his feet in preparation for his burial.

There will be no Bible chat on Wednesday, March 30.

Walking with Jesus and Martin Luther

Indoor Walking and Prayer Group

Tuesdays, March 8 and 22 at 1 pm

Are you someone for whom walking is the best form of exercise? Have you always wanted to study the bible while reflecting on the beautiful and unique qualities of our Lutheran faith? If you answered yes to either question, please join Tresa Tulley for a new walking group, Walking with Jesus and Martin Luther.

The purpose of the group is simply to maintain or increase or physical mobility by walking or rolling inside the church. We will meet together at 1 pm to walk inside the social hall at your own pace and distance. At the start of our time together, we will read a Psalm. The hope is that meditating on the Psalm will strengthen our hearts in the same way that walking/rolling through the church will strengthen our muscles. I hope you will join Jesus, Martin Luther, and me (Tresa) as we meditate on the Psalms and maneuver through the church.

Roadrunners on the Road
11:30 am, Thursday, March 17
Griffin Grill & Pub
38 W Michigan Ave, Battle Creek, MI 49017

Roadrunners are Trinity friends and members on the road checking out local restaurants. On the third Thursday of each month we meet at a different restaurant for fun and fellowship. Everyone is invited and you can bring a friend (or more) to have good food and great conversation.

2022 Tentative Roadrunners Schedule

March 17-The Griffin
April 21-TLC (Mediterranean)
May 19-R&R
June 16- Bob Evans
July 21- Lucky Rooster
August 18- J B Whiskey
September 22-TBA
October 20- Turkeyville
November 17-TBA
December 15- Clara's on the River (6:00pm)



Wayne Walentowski

Offering Envelopes in Hallway Boxes

Offering envelopes for 2022 are in member boxes in the hallway. New members who don't have boxes yet, we're working on those. But for the time being, check with Pastor Kjersten or Doug Martens. One of them has your envelopes.

Offering can also be made via Paypal if that is easier. There is a link to Trinity's Paypal site on our website: www.tlcbattlecreek.org.

Post/Franklin Food Pantry

One of the ways Trinity supports our neighbors is by volunteering at the Post/Franklin Food Pantry hosted by First UMC. Trinity volunteers help stock the food pantry and distribute food bags twice a month on Tuesdays. We also have a wagon in the entryway for donations to the pantry. For more information on this ongoing ministry, talk to Eileen Martens.

Collecting Family Fare Receipts

As of November 28th we are up to \$124,000. Only \$26,000 to go. It won't be much longer. When we get to \$150,000 Trinity will receive \$1,000 from Spartan Foods. Thank You to all who are bringing their receipts to Church.

WORSHIP VOLUNTEERS

Worship Assistants

March 6—Jeff Andert
March 13—Ellis Cutler
March 20—Laurie Swanson
March 27— Tresa Tulley

Sound Volunteers

March 6—Don Boulton
March 13—Don Boulton
March 20—Don Boulton
March 27— Ellis Cutler

Streaming Volunteers

March 6—Chase Lehman
March 13—Travis Sullivan
March 20—Chase Lehman
March 27— Travis Sullivan

Altar Guild Volunteers Needed

Altar Guild volunteers set up for communion and clean up after. Benefits include a fun-filled lesson from Pastor Kjersten on what all the things are called and getting to take part in the sacramental ministry of the congregation. See Wayne Walentowski or Pastor Kjersten to be added to the schedule.

Readings for March

Ash Wednesday, March 2

Joel 2:1-2, 12-17
Psalm 51:1-17
2 Corinthians 5:20b-6:10
Matthew 6:1-6,16-21

Sunday, March 6

Deuteronomy 26:1-11
Psalm 91:1-2, 9-16
Romans 10:8b-13
Luke 4:1-13

Sunday, March 13

Genesis 15:1-2,17-18
Psalm 27
Philippians 3:17-4:1
Luke 13:31-35

Sunday, March 20

Isaiah 55:1-9
Psalm 63:1-8
1 Corinthians 10:1-13
Luke 13:1-9

March 27

Joshua 5:9-12
Psalm 32
2 Corinthians 5:16-21
Luke 15:1-3, 11b-32

March Birthdays

3/29 – Eileen Martens
3/29 – Gwen Geselle
3/30 – Diane Andert
2/31 – Kendra Witkowski-Lehman



March Anniversaries

3/13 - Doug & Eileen Martens

OTHER WAYS TO CONNECT WITH TRINITY

FACEBOOK

Trinity's Facebook page: <https://www.facebook.com/trinity.church.581>

"Like" the Trinity Facebook page to follow events and activities.

WEBSITE

Trinity website: <http://www.tlcbattlecreek.org>

Check out the **What's New** tab to see the latest events going on at Trinity. You can also find transcripts of Pastor Kjersten's sermons under the **Worship** tab.

TRUMPET

To update your newsletter email/mail preferences, contact the church office at office@tlcbattlecreek.org or 963-5356.

Let us know if you would like to be added our quarterly mailing list to receive a color brochure of what's new at Trinity.

ONLINE GIVING

Trinity now has online giving. Simply go to Trinity's website, <http://www.tlcbattlecreek.org> and click on the yellow button that says "Donate" on the bottom left corner of the page. Or go to Trinity's Facebook page and click on the blue button that says "Donate" on the right side of the page.

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Linda Hermann
Rose Walentowski

IN OUR HEARTS/ON OUR MINDS

Lanny Johnston, Jr. (Sharon's son)
Jim Himes (Maxine's nephew)
Mary (Tish's friend)
Karen Rambadt (Ellis's niece-in-law)



MARCH 2022

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1	2 12 pm & 7 pm Ash Wednesday Worship	3	4	5
6 10:30 am Worship Choir Rehearsal	7	8 1 pm Walking w/ Jesus and Martin Luther	9 10:30 am Facebook Live Bible Chat 6:00 pm Zoom Bible Chat	10 7 pm Lent Midweek Zoom Worship	11	12
13 10:30 am Worship Choir Rehearsal	14	15	16 10:30 am Facebook Live Bible Chat 6:00 pm Zoom Bible Chat	17 11:30 am Roadrunners @ Griffin Grill & Pub 7 pm Lent Midweek Zoom Worship	18	19
20 10:30 am Worship Choir Rehearsal	21 Trumpet articles due	22 1 pm Walking w/ Jesus and Martin Luther 7 pm Council Meeting	23 10:30 am Facebook Live Bible Chat 6:00 pm Zoom Bible Chat	24 7 pm Lent Midweek Zoom Worship	25	26
27 10:30 am Worship Choir Rehearsal	28	29	30 No Bible Chat	31 No midweek service		