

Sunday, March 22, 2026
Fifth Sunday in Lent
10:00 AM



Welcome to Worship!
As we prepare for worship, please silence your mobile devices.
We invite you to a time of silence and focus.



WELCOME TO WORSHIP: It is our joy to welcome you to worship today, in-person and from wherever you may be viewing. We give thanks for whatever brought you, and pray that you may experience the love of God surrounding you and upholding you as we gather together to give thanks to God through Word and Sacrament.

ASSISTED LISTENING DEVICES are available to use in the Sanctuary for worship. They are located in the Sound Booth; ask the Sound Booth operator if you would like to use one.

WORSHIP IS LIVESTREAMED in the Faith and Family Center (located near the entrance doors to the large parking lot). Anyone is welcome to worship in that space.

HOLY COMMUNION: All are welcome at the Lord's table. Holy Communion is God's Word made visible in bread and wine. At communion distribution, the BREAD is placed in the hands. Red wine and White grape juice are offered by individual cups. Gluten free options are available, as well.

WE WELCOME CHILDREN IN WORSHIP! Like Jesus who welcomed children to his ministry, Saint Andrew's welcomes children to our worship services. Re-usable activity bags (for readers and non-readers) with books, stickers, crayons, paper, and a snack are available from the usher/hospitality team; please return the bags following worship.

- "Younger Disciples Tips" are in the bulletin with ideas to engage children in worship.
- "A Time for Younger Disciples" during worship invites all God's children to listen to a message.

Health Practices in place to help reduce the spread of viruses and illness:

- Mask wearing is optional. Anyone who wishes to mask is welcome to do so.
- Hand sanitizer is available throughout the building.

For other activities, events, meetings check our website: <https://SALC.church>

VIDEO AND AUDIO RECORDING IN PROGRESS

Saint Andrews livestreams and records its worship services to YouTube.

Video and Audio recording is currently in progress. It is possible that video footage and/or audio conversations of worshippers in the Saint Andrew's Sanctuary may appear on the YouTube livestream/recording.

GATHERING

PRELUDE

Prelude: Ballade No. 1 in G minor, Opus 23
Eddy Wang, Piano

Frederic Chopin

WELCOME

Pastor Lara Forbes

*Worship leaders will say text in light print.
Congregation will say/respond with bold text.*

Please stand as you are able.



HYMN

Lead On, O King Eternal!

1 Lead on, O King e - ter - nal! The day of march has come;
2 Lead on, O King e - ter - nal, till sin's fierce war shall cease,
3 Lead on, O King e - ter - nal: we fol - low, not with fears,

hence-forth in fields of con - quest your tents will be our home.
and ho - li - ness shall whis - per the sweet a - men of peace;
for glad-ness breaks like morn - ing wher - e'er your face ap - pears.

Through days of prep - a - ra - tion your grace has made us strong;
for not with swords loud clash - ing, nor roll of stir - ring drums,
Your cross is lift - ed o'er us; we jour - ney in its light;

and now, O King e - ter - nal, we lift our bat - tle song.
but deeds of love and mer - cy the heav'n - ly king - dom comes.
the crown a - waits the con - quest; lead on, O God of might!

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

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

Amen.

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

KYRIE

Sing two (2) times

Lord, have mer - cy. Christ, have mer - cy.

Lord, have mer - cy; have mer - cy, O Lord.

Silence is kept for reflection.

Gracious God,

have mercy on us according to your steadfast love.

**For seeking worldly delights that deceive us and dishonor you,
and for desiring self-reliance instead of hungering for your word;
for failing to recognize your coming reign,
and for hindering the work of the Spirit;
for drawing from the well of self-serving ambition,
and for disdaining the living water Christ offers;
for disregarding voices from the margin,
and for distrusting signs of your healing and hope in the world;
for dwelling in tombs of self-pity and discontent,
and for disregarding Christ's call to come forth to life;**

have mercy on us according to your steadfast love, gracious God.

Amen.

God's steadfast love, grace, and forgiveness abound.
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.

Amen.

GREETING

The Grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God,
and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.
And also with you.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray together. O God,
your Son chose the path that led to pain before joy, and to the cross before glory.
Plant his cross in our hearts, so that in its power and love we may come at last to joy
and glory, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you
and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
Amen.

Please be seated.

A TIME FOR YOUNGER DISCIPLES

You can find the Gospel story in your Spark Story Bible, page 444.

Pastor Lara

WORD

ANNOUNCEMENT OF THE GOSPEL

The Holy Gospel according to John.

Glory to you, O Lord.

GOSPEL: John 12:1-11

Six days before the Passover Jesus came to Bethany, the home of Lazarus, whom he had raised from the dead. There they gave a dinner for him. Martha served, and Lazarus was one of those reclining with him. Mary took a pound of costly perfume made of pure nard, anointed Jesus's feet, and wiped them with her hair. The house was filled with the fragrance of the perfume. But Judas Iscariot, one of his disciples (the one who was about to betray him), said, "Why was this perfume not sold for three hundred denarii and the money given to the poor?" (He said this not because he cared about the poor but because he was a thief; he kept the common purse and used to steal what was put into it.) Jesus said, "Leave her alone. She bought it so that she might keep it for the day of my burial. You always have the poor with you, but you do not always have me."

A large crowd of people learned that he was there, and came not only because of Jesus but also to see Lazarus, whom he had raised from the dead. So the chief priests planned to put Lazarus to death as well, since it was on account of him that many people were deserting and were believing in Jesus.

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.



GOSPEL RESPONSE



Re - turn to the Lord, your God, for he is gra - cious and



mer - ci - ful, slow to an - ger, and a - bound - ing in



stead - fast love, and a - bound - ing in stead - fast love.

SERMON

Pastor Lara Forbes

Please stand as you are able.

HYMN

Jesus, the Very Thought of You



1 Je - sus, the ver - y thought of you fills us with sweet de - light;
2 No voice can sing, no heart can frame, nor can the mind re - call
3 O Hope of ev - 'ry con - trite soul, O Joy of all the meek,
4 O Je - sus, be our joy to - day; help us to prize your love;



but sweet-er far your face to view and rest with - in your light.
a sweet-er sound than your blest name, O Sav - ior of us all!
how kind you are to those who fall! How good to those who seek!
grant us at last to hear you say: "Come, share my home a - bove."



AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

Apostles' Creed

Trusting in God's baptismal promises, we affirm our faith using the words of the Apostles' Creed.

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

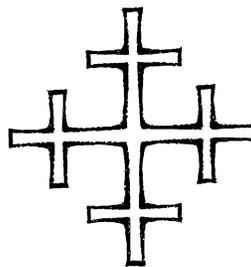
**I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit,
born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died,
and was buried; he descended to the dead.**

**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.**

** here, "catholic" means the wholeness of the church in all times and places.*

Younger Disciples Tip ~ Prayers/Offering: Invite children to write down who they want to pray for this week and one way they can serve their family/community.



THE PRAYERS

Sing at the beginning and end of the prayers, and between petitions as led by musicians.

Hear Our Prayer

Prayer Response



Hear our prayer, hear our prayer, Lord, make us whole:



peace to all peo - ple, hope for each soul.



God of grace, in this place, hear now our prayer.

THE PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you always.

And also with you.

Please greet people around you as you are comfortable.

Please be seated.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Pastor Lara

OFFERING Our ushers will be passing offering plates. We welcome your gifts to support the mission and ministry of Saint Andrew’s Lutheran Church. There are envelopes in the pews, or you can give online using the QR code.



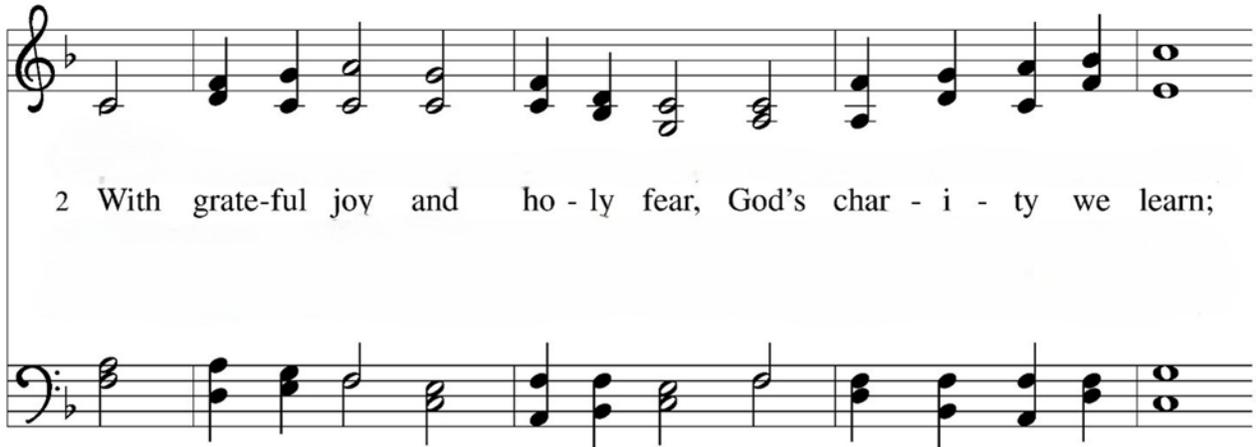
OFFERTORY MUSIC

“Fugue” from Toccata No. 2 in C minor
Eddy Wang, Piano

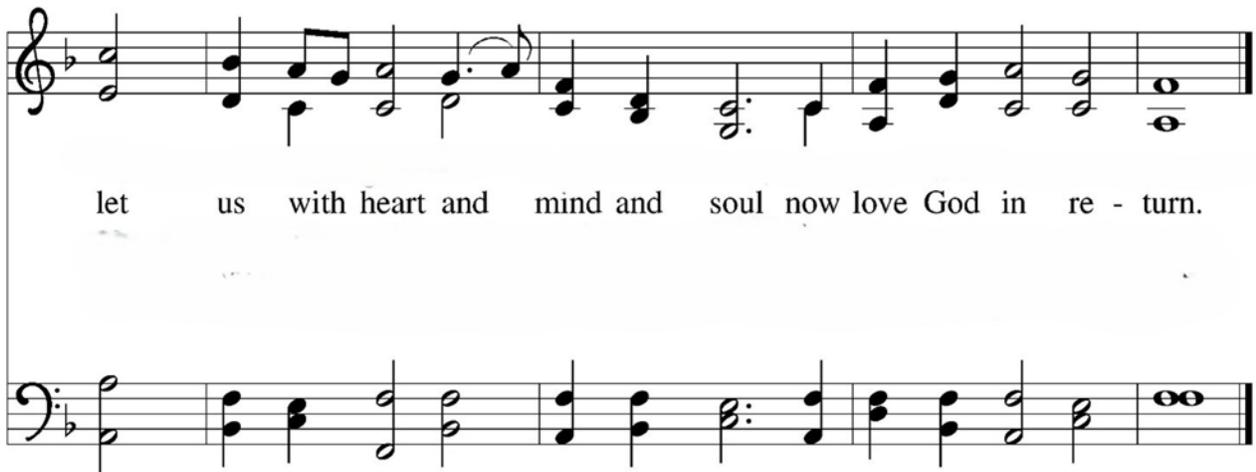
J.S. Bach

Please stand as you are able.

OFFERTORY VERSE



2 With grate-ful joy and ho - ly fear, God's char - i - ty we learn;



let us with heart and mind and soul now love God in re - turn.

OFFERTORY PRAYER: 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. Amen.

GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

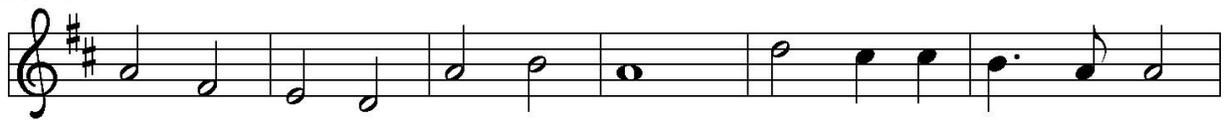
It is right to give our thanks and praise.

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.

You call your people to cleanse their hearts and prepare with joy for the paschal feast, that, renewed in the gift of baptism, we may come to the fullness of your grace.

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



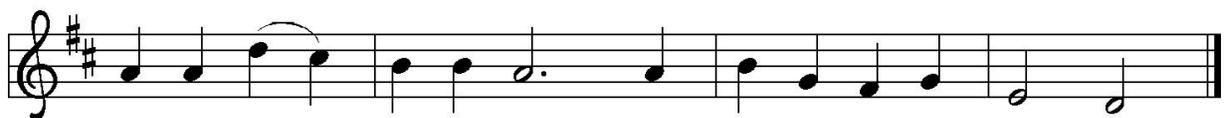
Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, Lord God of pow'r and might,



heav'n and earth are full of your glo - ry.



Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who comes



in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

On the night that Jesus was betrayed, he took bread, blessed and broke it and shared it with his friends, saying, “Take and eat, this is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.”

After they had eaten, Jesus took the cup, blessed it, and shared it with his friends, saying, “This cup is the new covenant in my blood which is shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me.”

We pray together the prayer Jesus taught us:

THE LORD’S PRAYER

**Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us.
Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours,
now and forever. Amen.**

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

All who are hungry, come to the table.
The feast of grace is spread.

Please be seated. We wait silently as the participants who are worshipping online are communed. All are invited and welcome at the Lord’s table.



LAMB OF GOD

1 Your on - ly Son, no sin to hide, but you have
sent him from your side to walk up - on this guilt - y
sod and to be - come the Lamb of God. *Refrain* O Lamb of
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.

COMMUNION DISTRIBUTION

Today, Communion is received continuously at two stations.

Please follow the directions of the ushers and use the hand sanitizer provided.

Bread is placed in the hands. Red wine and White grape juice are offered by individual cup. Please ask if you would like a gluten-free option.

If you wish to be communed in your seat, please let one of the ushers/hospitality team know.

COMMUNION HYMN

Let Us Break Bread Together

1 Let us break bread to - geth - er on our knees;
2 Let us drink wine to - geth - er on our knees;
3 Let us praise God to - geth - er on our knees;

The first system of music features a treble and bass staff in B-flat major. The treble staff contains a vocal line with lyrics for three parts. The bass staff provides a harmonic accompaniment with chords and a bass line.

let us break bread to - geth - er on our knees.
let us drink wine to - geth - er on our knees.
let us praise God to - geth - er on our knees.

The second system continues the musical notation from the first system, with the same treble and bass staves and lyrics.

Refrain

When I fall on my knees, with my face to the ris - ing

The Refrain section begins with a treble and bass staff. The treble staff has a vocal line with the lyrics. The bass staff provides a harmonic accompaniment.

sun, O Lord, have mer - cy on me.

The final system of the Refrain continues the musical notation, ending with a double bar line in the treble staff.

Please stand as you are able.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

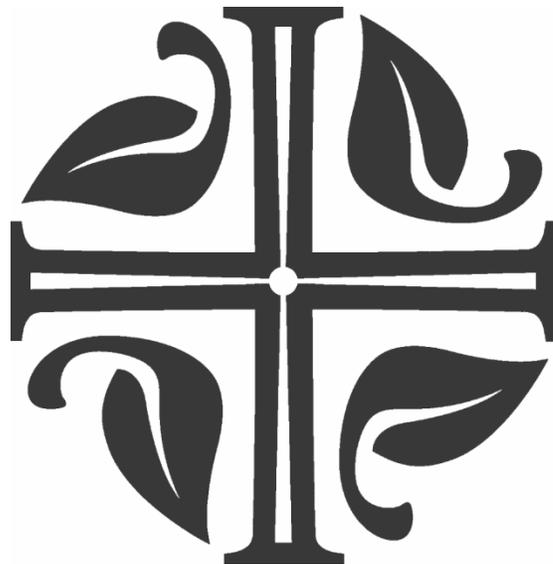
Let us pray together. God of our salvation,
we give you thanks for this meal that restores our souls, reconciles us to you, and strengthens us for the journey. Through the body and blood of your Son, may we become Christ's body in the world, bearing witness to your love for all creation, through Jesus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

SENDING

Younger Disciples Tip ~ Blessing: Mark the sign of the cross on your child's forehead as a reminder of this sending blessing

BLESSING

May God, who calls all things into existence, Jesus Christ, who redeems us, and the Holy Spirit, whose breath sustains creation, ✚ bless you now and always.
Amen.

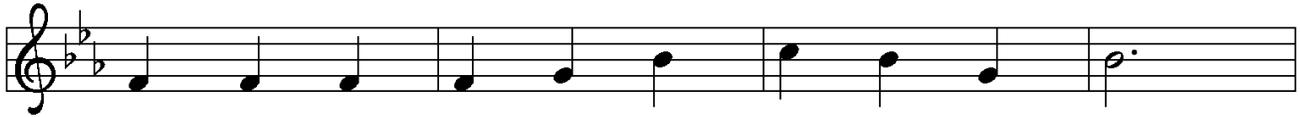


SENDING HYMN

Be Thou My Vision



1 Be thou my vi - sion, O Lord of my heart;
2 Be thou my wis - dom, and thou my true word;
3 Rich - es I heed not, nor vain, emp - ty praise,
4 Light of my soul, af - ter vic - to - ry won,



naught be all else to me, save that thou art:
I ev - er with thee and thou with me, Lord.
thou mine in - her - i - tance, now and al - ways:
may I reach heav - en's joys, O heav - en's Sun!



thou my best thought both by day and by night,
Thou my soul's shel - ter, and thou my high tow'r,
thou and thou on - ly, the first in my heart,
Heart of my own heart, what - ev - er be - fall,



wak - ing or sleep - ing, thy pres - ence my light.
raise thou me heav'n - ward, O Pow'r of my pow'r.
great God of heav - en, my trea - sure thou art.
still be my vi - sion, O Rul - er of all.

SENDING

All children and youth are invited to come forward to participate in the sending.

Go in peace. Share God's love.

Thanks be to God!

POSTLUDE

“Prelude” from Toccata No. 2 in C minor
Eddy Wang, Piano

J.S. Bach

*The flowers today are given by Anne Carr to the Glory of God
and in loving memory of her wedding anniversary.*



Thank you to all who are assisting with worship today:

Pastor Lara Forbes, *Preaching and Presiding*

Will Simpson, *Director of Music*

Elaine Koga, *Accompanist*

Amy Baro, *Assisting Minister*

Mary Davis, *Lector*

Luke Davis, *Acolyte*

Tom Benson and Mark Davis, *Ushers*

Jay Baxter and Christine Koch, *Altar Guild*

Johannes Grad, *Livestream video*

Peter Cornwell, *Audio*

Juliet and Mike Engan, *Greeters*

**Worship Texts for March 29
Palm Sunday
John 12:12-19 and John 12:20-26**

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March Blood Drive!

Are you signed up??? Our next **BLOOD DRIVE** is scheduled for **Thursday, March 26th**. Use the QR code to sign up for a time! We had a great turn out in January - and most participants re-booked for this March date. We're hoping to have 30+ participants this time around. Did you know you can win a trip to Maui when you drop a pint?? PS - the cookies and juice were great 😊



There are A LOT of time slots available - share with friends! Make a difference!

Join us **Tuesday, March 24th at 11:45 AM** for our final time of Lenten devotions, Taizé music and prayer. Bring a sack lunch and enjoy time with your friends following the devotional time!



Directions to Holy Trinity Lutheran Church: Take I-90 West to Island Crest Way. Take a left at the exit and proceed on Island Crest Way to 40th Street. Take a left onto 40th (there is a dedicated left turn lane.)

Holy Trinity has a lower parking lot at 40th & 85th and an upper lot at 40th & 86th. Parking is also available across the street at Northwood Elementary school or on the streets.

HOLY WEEK

29
MARCH

**PALM SUNDAY
WORSHIP AT 10:00 AM**

2
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**MAUNDY THURSDAY
WORSHIP AT 7:00 PM**

3
APR

**GOOD FRIDAY: 7:00 PM
A COLLABORATIVE WORSHIP SERVICE
AT HOLY TRINITY LUTHERAN, MERCER ISLAND**



5
APR

**EASTER SUNDAY
WORSHIP AT 10:00 AM**



Opportunities for You!

Volunteers keep our church operating. Remember – we offer free training!

Here’s a list of opportunities for the next few weeks.

To volunteer, talk to Fellowship Coordinator Sherry Grindeland at church, via phone at 425-746-2529m or email sherry@salc.church.

Greeter – *Welcome people as they come to Saint Andrew’s for Sunday morning worship.*

Open dates:

April 19

April 26

May 10 (Mother’s Day)

May 17

May 24 (Memorial Day weekend)

May 31



Coffee Hosts – Set up the coffee service and provide treats. People start looking for coffee by 8:40 so this is an 8:15 am start time. Clean up about 11:15, after worship service.

Dates available:

March 22

March 29

April 5 (Easter – no treats needed, just help set up)

April 12

April 19

April 26

May 3



Adult Education Hour
Sunday, March 29, 2026
9:00 AM

SUNSET HILLS
Come to hear the history of
Sunset Hills Memorial Park.



Saint Andrew's
LUTHERAN CHURCH

Calendar

Sunday, March 22

- 9:00 AM Adult Education, Special Education
Sunday School (preschool – 5th grade)
10:00 AM Worship
2:00 PM Janan Twito Memorial Service

Monday, March 23

- 1:00 PM Staff Meeting
7:00 PM Outreach Committee

Tuesday, March 24

- 8:30 AM Tuesday Morning Men
10:00 AM Pastor's Bible Study
11:45 AM Mid-Week Lent Devotion and lunch
2:00 PM Sophia Way lunch drop off
7:00 PM Building and Property Committee
Bell Choir Rehearsal

Wednesday, March 25

- 10:30 AM Sophia Way lunch delivery
7:00 PM JEDI Committee - Virtual

Thursday, March 26

- 9:00 AM BLOOD DRIVE!

Friday, March 27

Saturday, March 28

Sunday, March 29

Palm Sunday

- 9:00 AM Adult Education
Sunday School (Preschool – 5th grade)
10:00 AM Worship

Monday, March 30

- 1:00 PM Staff Meeting
6:00 PM ELF planning meeting

Tuesday, March 31

- 8:30 AM Tuesday Morning Men
7:00 PM Bell Choir

Wednesday, April 1

- 7:00 PM Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, April 2

Maundy Thursday

- 2:00 PM Timber Ridge Worship
7:00 PM Maundy Thursday Worship

Friday, April 3

Office is closed

- 7:00 PM Good Friday Worship
At Holy Trinity Lutheran, Mercer Island

Saturday, April 4

- 10:00 AM Easter Cross Decorating
Easter Set Up

Sunday, April 5

Easter!

- 10:00 AM Worship

The Reverend Lara Forbes, Lead Pastor
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The Reverend Timothy T. Weber,
Shared-Time Pastor
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Dr. Will Simpson,
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Kathy Fisher, Communications Director
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Vanessa Wilkie, Handbell Choir Director

Elaine Koga, Choir Accompanist

Abby Kasper, Facilities Set-up

April Daniel, Records Administrator

Ann Thorpe, Sunday Church School Coordinator

Joan Tweten, Kitchen Team

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of our mission and ministry.
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We are a Reconciling in
Christ congregation.



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