First Sunday in Lent

**Worship Guide: Sunday, February 21, 2021**

**Sunday Worship Schedule:**
Due to the number of rising COVID cases in Floyd/Clark Counties as well as the state, the decision was made to suspend in-person worship **until March 7th.** Look for more information in upcoming communications/publications.

Link to pastors video message regarding in-person worship: [https://youtu.be/pJvZrfkgQt0](https://youtu.be/pJvZrfkgQt0)

In the meantime, all are invited to join us on-line for worship Sunday mornings at 9:00 am at trinityna.org.

**Message**  **Lenten Series: Just Walk . . . A Lonely Walk**
Rev. Chris Neikirk

**Basic Theme:**
The life as a Christian is often referred to as a walk. In ancient times, walking was the primary mode of transportation. So, if you were going to travel from one place to another, you walked. Life with Christ is certainly a journey and God wants to take us from one place to another – from a place of sin, emptiness, and loneliness to a place of holiness, fulfillment, and purpose. It is not a walk that we take alone.

**Sermon Snapshot (Key Points):**
The spirit led Jesus into the wilderness. This was a time of solitude and focus as Jesus prepared to begin his ministry. Although he was by himself, he was not alone. When he was tempted, the Word of God was both his shield and his sword – his defense and his offense. A walk with Jesus will not be without confrontation, distraction and even attack, but you are not alone. The Holy Spirit along with the Word of God provides strength as we walk through life.

**So What?**
Are there times that you feel alone? During those times, what or who provides your strength? What is the ministry to which you are called and what preparation must you make before you begin? Are you walking with the Lord daily? What needs to change so that you are? What is keeping you from starting that journey today?

**Call to Worship**  **Based on Psalm 32**

**Leader: Blessed is the one whose transgressions are forgiven, whose sins are covered.**
**People: Blessed is the one whose sin the Lord does not count against them and in whose spirit is no deceit.**
Leader: I acknowledged my sin to you and did not cover up my iniquity. I said, “I will confess my transgressions to the Lord.” And you forgave the guilt of my sin.

People: Therefore let all the faithful pray to you while you may be found; surely the rising of the mighty waters will not reach them.

Leader: You are my hiding place; you will protect me from trouble and surround me with songs of deliverance.

People: Rejoice in the Lord and be glad, you righteous; sing, all you who are upright in heart!

The Lord’s Prayer

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.
AMEN.

Gospel Reading  Matthew 4:1-11 (New International Version)

1 Then Jesus was led by the Spirit into the wilderness to be tempted by the devil. 2 After fasting forty days and forty nights, he was hungry. 3 The tempter came to him and said, “If you are the Son of God, tell these stones to become bread.” 4 Jesus answered, “It is written: ‘Man shall not live on bread alone, but on every word that comes from the mouth of God.’” 5 Then the devil took him to the holy city and had him stand on the highest point of the temple. 6 “If you are the Son of God,” he said, “throw yourself down. For it is written: ‘He will command his angels concerning you, and they will lift you up in their hands, so that you will not strike your foot against a stone.’” 7 Jesus answered him, “It is also written: ‘Do not put the Lord your God to the test.’” 8 Again, the devil took him to a very high mountain and showed him all the kingdoms of the world and their splendor. 9 “All this I will give you,” he said, “if you will bow down and worship me.” 10 Jesus said to him, “Away from me, Satan! For it is written: ‘Worship the Lord your God, and serve him only.’” 11 Then the devil left him, and angels came and attended him.

Worship participants: Jo & Bill Lohmeyer, Dr. David K. Lamb; Praise Band: Marty Allen, Sharon Maetschke, Klein Maetschke, Bill Maetschke and Nathan Bleecker.

announcements

Children’s on-line Sunday school via ZOOM
Please plan to join us on line at 10:15am to participate in Sunday school.
For Sunday (February 14) information, contact Yanitza Schmit at (210) 727-6295, yanitza502@gmail.com

Trinity Youth on-line activities
Trinity Youth, middle school & high school, group continues to meet on line for a variety of activities. Want to join in? Contact Nathan Bleecker, Youth Minister, at tumcnewalbanyouth@gmail.com.

Preaching Schedule: Rev. Chris Neikirk

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The Last Tuesday Book Club will be reading Vanishing Half by Britt Bennett for its February selection. If this book looks familiar, it is because we have rescheduled its discussion several different times, due to COVID. Masks & social distancing required. Please join us in room 6/8 at 10:30 am on February 23rd for a lively discussion led by Jan McCauley.

Prayer Concerns
Submit prayer requests on our website at trinity.na.org, via our digital connect card, or by contacting the office at 812-944-2229 or by email at info@trinitynewalbany.org.

Let us pray for comfort for all who are in trouble, sorrow, need, sickness or any other adversity, especially for Trinity’s shut-ins. Special prayers for:

Care Friends List: A list has been compiled providing the addresses of Trinity’s shut-ins. We encourage you to stay in contact with your Trinity family via phone calls, e-mails, letters and cards.

Do you have a child or grandchild who will be 2-5 years old during the 2021/2022 school year?
Early registration for the children of TUMC members for preschool classes and summer camp 2021 is coming soon. Look for updated enrollment information at our website: trinitylearningministry.org. If you are interested in a private tour, please contact us at office@trinitylearningministry.org or 812-944-2251.

February: Food Collection Month
February is Trinity’s month of responsibility for helping supply the Hope Southern Indiana Food Pantry. All contributions of nutritious foods and basic toiletries are welcome. Church and Society will again sponsor this vital community mission. There will be a cart at the canopy door entrance for donations. The Quest Class has graciously offered to do porch pick up for those who do not want to come to the church.

For porch pick up, contact Jane Heustis at 317-435-6650 or jsheustis@sbcglobal.com.

If you prefer to make a monetary donation this can be done with Secure Give or a check sent to the church office. Be sure to indicate on the memo line that it is for HOPE.

Suggested items to donate: Dried Beans, Pop-tarts, Pasta, Potatoes (Instant), Hot Cereal: rice, oatmeal, grits, etc.
If you would like to volunteer at HOPE in the Food Pantry or answering phones, they can be contacted at 812-948-9248 and ask for Olivia. They are practicing current COVID guidelines for clients and volunteers.

Thank you for your continued support.
For more information, contact Jan McCauley at fdoxiemom2@aol.com or 502-299-2414

Financial Notes
Want to support the ministries of Trinity through online giving? SecureGive offers several options for tithing, donations, and designated gifts; see the church’s website for connections to SecureGive. E-Tithing offers giving through a direct debit program: contact the church office for information. Need more info? Pick up a flyer in the Narthex or visit us on the web: www.trinityna.org

Upcoming committee meetings
Feb. 23, Tuesday, Last Tuesday Book Club, 10:30 am, Rm. #6/8
March 2, Tuesday, Missions Meeting, 5:45 pm, (via Zoom)
March 8, Monday, Education Meeting, 5:30 pm, (via Zoom)
March 8 Monday, Church & Society Meeting, 7:00 pm, (via Zoom)
* Always check with your committee chair to confirm meeting dates/times.
Ministry Staff:
Senior Pastor: Rev. Chris Neikirk
Director of Music: Dr. David K. Lamb
Praise Team Leader: Bill Maetschke
Youth Minister: Nathan Bleecker
Interim Children’s Ministry Coordinator: Yanitza Schmit
Preschool Director: Gwyn Welliver
Organist: Sharon Herndon

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