# he Trinity In-Spire

Sunday Services

Series: Rabboni: God The Teacher Every Sunday:

9:00 AM Traditional Service

10:00 AM
Friendship Class
"Adult Sunday
School"

11:00 AM Contemporary Service

### Children Ministry

It's never too early to think about camp! Sign up by April 20th to get an earlybird discount.

https://impact2818.org

Contact Debbie Miller for questions or more information

### March Events

5th - Ash Wednesday Service in the Sanctuary at 6:00 PM

9th - Souper Sunday 4:00 PM - 7:00 PM Bring your best soup, chili, or dessert and join us for an evening of fun and fellowship

5th, 12th, 19th, 26th -Women's Bible Study at 9:00 AM

20th - Trinity Sewing Group 9:00 AM - 2:00 PM Please bring something to share for lunch

# The Apple Tree Center

The Apple Tree Center presents its 2025 Apple Grapple online auction - Nome Sweet Nome edition

Join us from the comfort of your couch to bid on auction items for your Home Sweet Home. Every dollar you contribute goes straight to supporting our mission of giving the community a place to belong.

Register to bid for the Apple Grapple:

https://appletreecenter.auctions.networkforgood.com/auctions/Apple-Grapple





Our goal is \$25,000 Your bid gets us there!

We are made kind by being kind.

- Eric Hoffar

/ednesday, March 3 – Sunday, March

Have questions? Contact us at apple@appletreecenter.org or 260-599-0207

## THE SEASON OF LENT BEGINS

### A Message From Rev. Drew Baker

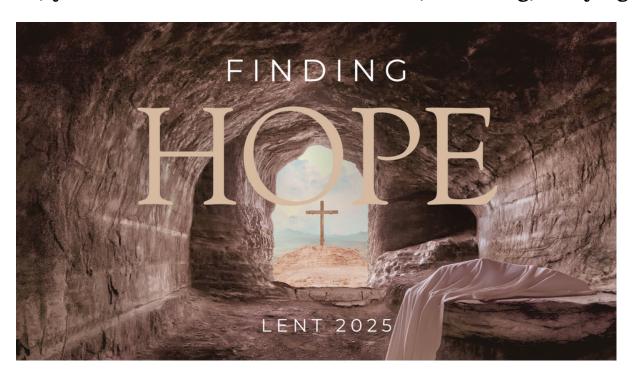
March 5 is Ash Wednesday, the beginning of the season of Lent. The term comes from an Old English word for Spring, and it's the forty days (plus Sundays) leading up to the celebration of the Resurrection at Easter. Lent began as a time of preparation for new converts to Christianity who would be baptized on Easter itself. Over time, however, it became an annual time of spiritual self-examination, often accompanied by such spiritual disciplines as fasting. It's a time for taking an honest look at our hearts and our lives and discerning what areas of our life don't reflect our commitment to Jesus or the joy and peace he wants for us. On Ash Wednesday, we begin this season with what might literally be called a "come-to-Jesus" moment—a time of honesty, vulnerability, and authenticity with both ourselves and with God. We remind ourselves of our humanity and the limitations that come with being human. We remind ourselves that without God to speak into our consciences, we are stumbling in the dark when it comes to making moral decisions. Simply put, it is a time to remember our need for God, and to mourn over those times when we have forgotten our need for him. We receive the symbol of the cross on our foreheads in ashes, a symbol traditionally associated with mourning. The ashes are a sign of our rejection of attitudes and behaviors that, like weeds in a garden, choke out life in both ourselves and each other. (We call that "sin" by the way.) This practice is not meant to shame us; rather, it is meant to invite us to be real, honest. and authentic. It is an invitation to face all that we are—both the good and the bad—in the hope that God will bring us closer to our

and authentic. It is an invitation to face all that we are—both the good and the bad—in the hope that God will bring us closer to our full potential as beings created in His image. I hope to see you on Ash Wednesday on March 5 at 6:00 pm in the sanctuary, and may you have a blessed and fruitful Lenten season.

"Remember that you are dust, and to dust you shall return."

## **NEW SERIES: FINDING HOPE**

We are living in unprecedentedly troubling times. There is much uncertainty about the future, and it can be difficult not to succumb to despair. But as author Anne Lamott wrote, "Hope begins in the dark." Or as Jesus put it, "In this world you will have trouble. But take heart! I have overcome the world." (John 16:33b NIV) Jesus came to bring us an unshakeable hope—a hope that is not dependent upon our circumstances! As we journey through the season of Lent, we will be exploring the many ways in which Jesus supplies us with a hope that nothing in this world can take away from us. Beginning Sunday, March 9, until Easter Sunday on April 20, join us as we seek to discover true, unfailing, undying hope!



Thank you for your continued support by choosing Trinity to be the organization to receive your quarterly Krogers Community Rewards. The last quarter ended with a total of \$45.18 coming to our church. Every little bit helps, and we appreciate you considering TCUM to benefit this way.