

Holy Trinity Lutheran Church

Our Mission: To make disciples by Baptizing and Teaching about Jesus.

Rev. Michael S. Taylor Pastor

Mrs. Susan L. Taylor Accompanist

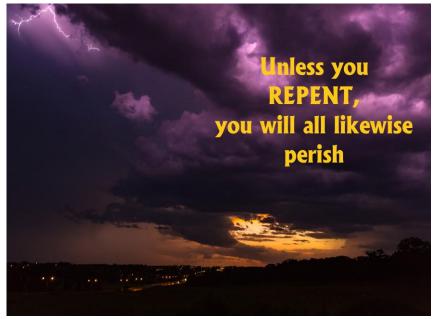
> **Ted Kelly,** *Reader*

John Niemla, Chuck Stevens, Ushers

Chuck Stevens, Elder of the Day

Dale Klobusnik, Elder





Jesus Calls You to Repentance

"Unless you repent, you will all likewise perish" (Luke 13:3, 5). By this warning, the Lord would turn us away from wickedness and bring us to life in Himself. For He is patient with us, that we would not be cut down in our sin but live and bear fruit in Him. As He lives, the Lord has "no pleasure in the death of the wicked, but that the wicked turn from his way and live" (Ezek. 33:11). So the Scriptures have been "written down for our instruction, on whom the end of the ages has come" (1 Cor. 10:11), that we should not desire evil but trust in Christ. He alone is faithful, the Rock who feeds us with His "spiritual food" and pours out His "spiritual drink" (1 Cor. 10:3–4).

Third Sunday in Lent

MARCH 23, 2025



Welcome to our Guests and Visitors! The congregation of Holy Trinity Lutheran Church is pleased and honored to have you worship with us today. If you do not have a regular place of worship—Welcome Home! We would love to have you join our fellowship! Please introduce yourself to Pastor Taylor and sign our guest book before you go. Thank you for coming!

God's Word teaches the real presence of Christ's body and blood... invisibly in, with and under the bread and wine for the forgiveness of sins. We take seriously the spiritual care of those who commune at our altar. The Word of God states that no one offend against Christ and His Word by denying His true presence and its promise and seal of forgiveness. Because those who eat and drink our Lord's body and blood unworthily do so to their great harm (see 1 Cor. 11:27-29). Because Holy Communion is a confession of what is taught and believed at this altar (1 Cor. 11:26), any who are not yet instructed, in doubt, or who hold a confession (beliefs) differing from that of this congregation (that is, belong to another church body or denomination) and yet desire to receive the sacrament, will want to first speak with the pastor before communing.

TODAY Farewell to Anja Durfee... a Coffee Fellowship will be held on **Sunday March 23rd** immediately following this 10 am Communion Service in honor of **Anja Durfee** and her many years of fellowship and service with the congregation of Holy Trinity Lutheran Church. A basket will be available to collect your cards, gifts and tokens of affection. Though we are sad to see Anja go, we trust and pray that God will continue to bless her life with many more happy years in Christ's Kingdom.

Confession and Absolution

Opening Hymn LSB 692 Praise to You and Adoration

- Praise to You and adoration,
 Blessèd Jesus, Son of God,
 Who, to serve Your own creation,
 Came to share our flesh and blood.
 Guide me that I never may
 From Your fold or pastures stray,
 But with zeal and joy exceeding
 Follow where Your steps are leading.
- Hold me ever in Your keeping;
 Comfort me in pain and strife.
 In my laughter and my weeping
 Be with me throughout my life.
 Give me greater love for You,
 And my faith and hope renew
 In Your birth, Your life, and passion,
 In Your death and resurrection.

Please stand. The sign of the cross may be made by all in remembrance of their Baptism.

P In the name of the Father and of the

→ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

LSB 186

C Amen.

Matthew 28:19b; [18:20]

- P Beloved in the Lord! Let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins unto God our Father, beseeching Him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.
- **P** Our help is in the name of the Lord,

Hebrews 10:22

C who made heaven and earth.

Psalm 124:8

- **P** I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord,
- and You forgave the iniquity of my sin.

Psalm 32:5

Silence for reflection on God's Word and for self-examination.

- P O almighty God, merciful Father,
- I, a poor, miserable sinner, confess unto You all my sins and iniquities with which I have ever offended You and justly deserved Your temporal and eternal punishment. But I am heartily sorry for them and sincerely repent of them, and I pray You of Your boundless mercy and for the sake of the holy, innocent, bitter sufferings and death of Your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, to be gracious and merciful to me, a poor, sinful being.
- P Upon this your confession, I, by virtue of my office, as a called and ordained servant of the Word, announce the grace of God unto all of you, and in the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the
 → Son and of the Holy Spirit.

 John 20:19-23
- C Amen.

Sharing the Peace

Matthew 5:23-24

Service of the Word

Introit Psalm 5:4–8; antiphon: Psalm 1:6

For YAHWEH knows the way of the | righteous,* but the way of the wicked will | perish.

For you are not a God who delights in wickedness;*

evil may not | dwell with you.

The boastful shall not stand be- | fore your eyes;*

you hate all evil- | doers.

You destroy those | who speak lies;*

YAHWEH abhors the bloodthirsty and de- ceitful man.

But I, through the abundance of your steadfast love, will en- ter your house.*

I will bow down toward your holy temple in the | fear of you.

Lead me, O YAHWEH, in your righteousness because of my enemies; make your way straight be- fore me.

- Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost; as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.
- P For YAHWEH knows the way of the | righteous,* but the way of the wicked will | perish.

Kyrie

LSB 186; Mark 10:47

C Lord, have mercy upon us. Christ, have mercy upon us. Lord, have mercy upon us.

Salutation and Collect of the Day

- **P** The Lord be with you.
- **C** And with thy spirit.

2 Timothy 4:22

P Let us pray.

O God, whose glory it is always to have mercy, be gracious to all who have gone astray from Your ways and bring them again with penitent hearts and steadfast faith to embrace and hold fast the unchangeable truth of Your Word; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

Please be seated.

Old Testament Reading

Ezekiel 33:7-20

⁷"So you, son of man, I have made a watchman for the house of Israel. Whenever you hear a word from my mouth, you shall give them warning from me. ⁸If I say to the wicked, O wicked one, you shall surely die, and you do not speak to warn the wicked to turn from his way, that wicked person shall die in his iniquity, but his blood I will require at your hand. ⁹But if you warn the wicked to turn from his way, and he does not turn from his way, that person shall die in his iniquity, but you will have delivered your soul.

¹⁰"And you, son of man, say to the house of Israel, Thus have you said: 'Surely our transgressions and our sins are upon us, and we rot away because of them. How then can we live?' ¹¹Say to them, As I live, declares the Lord YAHWEH, I have no pleasure in the death of the wicked, but that the wicked turn from his way and live; turn back, turn back from your evil ways, for why will you die. O house of Israel?

¹²"And you, son of man, say to your people, The righteousness of the righteous shall not deliver him when he transgresses, and as for the wickedness of the wicked, he shall not fall by it when he turns from his wickedness, and the righteous shall not be able to live by his righteousness when he sins. ¹³Though I say to the righteous that he shall surely live, yet if he trusts in his righteousness and does injustice, none of his righteous deeds shall be remembered, but in his injustice that he has done he shall die. ¹⁴Again, though I say to the wicked, 'You shall surely die,' yet if he turns from his sin and does what is just and right, ¹⁵if the wicked restores the pledge, gives back what he has taken by robbery, and walks in the statutes of life, not doing injustice, he shall surely live; he shall not die. ¹⁶None of the sins that he has committed shall be remembered against him. He has done what is just and right; he shall surely live.

¹⁷"Yet your people say, 'The way of the Lord is not just,' when it is their own way that is not just. ¹⁸When the righteous turns from his righteousness and does injustice, he shall die for it. ¹⁹And when the wicked turns from his wickedness and does what is just and right, he shall live by them. ²⁰Yet you say, 'The way of the Lord is not just.' O house of Israel, I will judge each of you according to his ways."

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Epistle 1 Corinthians 10:1–13

¹I want you to know, brothers, that our fathers were all under the cloud, and all passed through the sea, ²and all were baptized into Moses in the cloud and in the sea, ³and all ate the

same spiritual food, ⁴and all drank the same spiritual drink. For they drank from the spiritual Rock that followed them, and the Rock was Christ. ⁵Nevertheless, with most of them God was not pleased, for they were overthrown in the wilderness.

⁶Now these things took place as examples for us, that we might not desire evil as they did. ⁷Do not be idolaters as some of them were; as it is written, "THE PEOPLE SAT DOWN TO EAT AND DRINK AND ROSE UP TO PLAY." ⁸We must not indulge in sexual immorality as some of them did, and twenty-three thousand fell in a single day. ⁹We must not put Christ to the test, as some of them did and were destroyed by serpents, ¹⁰nor grumble, as some of them did and were destroyer. ¹¹Now these things happened to them as an example, but they were written down for our instruction, on whom the end of the ages has come. ¹²Therefore let anyone who thinks that he stands take heed lest he fall. ¹³No temptation has overtaken you that is not common to man. God is faithful, and he will not let you be tempted beyond your ability, but with the temptation he will also provide the way of escape, that you may be able to endure it.

Exodus 32:6

- **A** This is the Word of the Lord.
- **C** Thanks be to God.

Please stand.

Holy Gospel

Luke 13:1–9

- P The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the thirteenth chapter.
- **C** Glory be to Thee, O Lord.

¹There were some present at that very time who told [Jesus] about the Galileans whose blood Pilate had mingled with their sacrifices. ²And he answered them, "Do you think that these Galileans were worse sinners than all the other Galileans, because they suffered in this way? ³No, I tell you; but unless you repent, you will all likewise perish. ⁴Or those eighteen on whom the tower in Siloam fell and killed them: do you think that they were worse offenders than all the others who lived in Jerusalem? ⁵No, I tell you; but unless you repent, you will all likewise perish."

⁶And he told this parable: "A man had a fig tree planted in his vineyard, and he came seeking fruit on it and found none. ⁷And he said to the vinedresser, 'Look, for three years now I have come seeking fruit on this fig tree, and I find none. Cut it down. Why should it use up the ground?' ⁸And he answered him, 'Sir, let it alone this year also, until I dig around it and put on manure. ⁹Then if it should bear fruit next year, well and good; but if not, you can cut it down.'"

- **P** This is the Gospel of the Lord.
- Praise be to Thee, O Christ.

Nicene Creed

LSB 191 or inside back cover of hymnal

I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth and of all things visible and invisible.

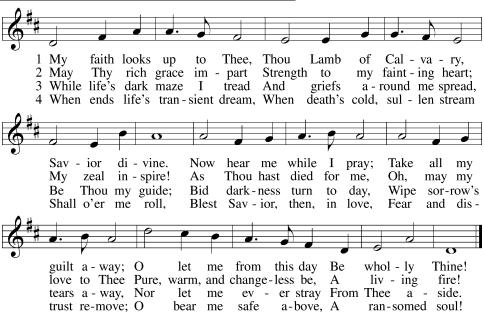
And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of His Father before all worlds,

God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God, begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father, by whom all things were made; who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary and was made man; and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate. He suffered and was buried. And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures and ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of the Father. And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead, whose kingdom will have no end.

And I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified, who spoke by the prophets. And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church, I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins, and I look for the resurrection of the dead and the life + of the world to come. Amen.

Please be seated.

Sermon Hymn LSB 702 My Faith Looks Up to Thee



Sermon

- **P** The peace of God, which passes all understanding, keep your hearts and minds in Christ Jesus.
- C Amen.

Please stand.

Offertory LSB 192

Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me. Cast me not away from Thy presence, and take not Thy Holy Spirit from me. Restore unto me the joy of Thy salvation, and uphold me with Thy free spirit. Amen.

Psalm 51:10-12

Please be seated.

Offering

Please stand.

Prayer of the Church

1 Timothy 2:1-4

2 Timothy 4:22

Service of the Sacrament

Preface LSB 194

P The Lord be with you.

C And with thy spirit.

P Lift up your hearts. Colossians 3:1

C We lift them up unto the Lord.

P Let us give thanks unto the Lord, our God. Psalm 1:36

C It is meet and right so to do.

It is truly meet, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who overcame the assaults of the devil and gave His life as a ransom for many that with cleansed hearts we might be prepared joyfully to celebrate the paschal feast in sincerity and truth. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:

Sanctus LSB 195

Holy, holy, holy Lord God of Sabaoth; heav'n and earth are full of Thy glory.
Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is He, blessed is He, blessed is He that cometh in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest.

LSB 196; Matthew 6:6-13

C 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.

C For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever and ever. Amen.

Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: "Take, eat; this is My + body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me."

In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: "Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in My + blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."

Proclamation of Christ

- As often as we eat this bread and drink this cup, we proclaim the Lord's death until He comes.
- C Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.

1 Cor 11:26 Rev. 2:20

Pax Domini LSB 197

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.

LSB 197; John 20:19

C Amen.

Agnus Dei LSB 197; John 1:29

O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy upon us. O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy upon us. O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world, grant us Thy peace. Amen.

Please be seated.

Distribution

The pastor and those who assist him receive the body and blood of Christ first, and then distribute them to those who come to receive.

Please stand.

Nunc Dimittis LSB 199; Luke 2:39-32

Lord, now lettest Thou Thy servant depart in peace according to Thy word, for mine eyes have seen Thy salvation, which Thou hast prepared before the face of all people, a light to lighten the Gentiles and the glory of Thy people Israel. Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost; as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

Thanksgiving LSB 200; Psalm 107:1

- A O give thanks unto the Lord, for He is good,
- **C** and His mercy endureth forever.
- A Let us pray.

We give thanks to You, almighty God, that You have refreshed us through this salutary gift, and we implore You that of Your mercy You would strengthen us through the same in faith toward You and in fervent love toward one another; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

- **P** The Lord be with you.
- **C** And with thy spirit.

Benedicamus

LSB 202

LSB 202

A Bless we the Lord.

Psalm 103:1

2 Timothy 4:22

C Thanks be to God.

Benediction

P The Lord bless you and keep you.

Numbers 6:24-26

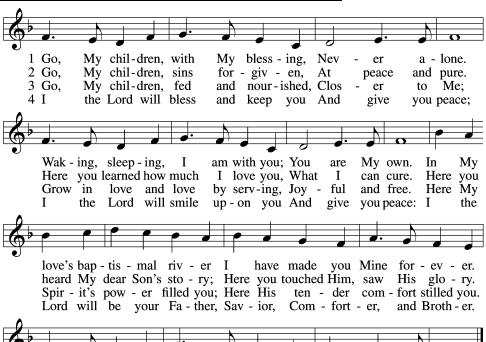
The Lord make His face shine upon you and be gracious unto you. The Lord lift up His countenance upon you and + give you peace.

C Amen, amen, amen.

Please be seated.

Closing Hymn LSB 922 Go, My Children, with My Blessing

sts. 1-4



My bless-ing— You

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PARISHSCOPE

Ping Pong Fellowship... meets every Monday at 6:00 p.m. in the Family Center.

Pastor's Evening Bible Study... every Tuesday at 6:00 p.m. in the Family Center.

The Season of the Lent... continues Wednesday March 26th with our very popular *Soup Suppers* that we enjoyed during Advent last year. A light dinner will be served every Wednesday in Lent at 6:30 p.m., followed by a Communion service at 7:00 p.m. There is a sign-up sheet on the table in the narthex if you would like to provide the soup for one of our Wednesdays. This Wednesday March 26th we will enjoy *Carolyn & Ken Counasse's Zuppa Toscana Soup.* Thank you so much to *Debbie Bright* for providing Taco Soup this past Wednesday! This Service, as well as all Holy Trinity Services, are livestreamed on our Facebook page: facebook.com/HolyTLAlbion and on our YouTube channel: youtube.com/@holytrinitylutheranchurch9176 Service bulletins are posted on our website: holytrinitylutheranalbion.org/documents. Please join us in person whenever you are able.

Women's Bible Study... is taking a short break while Carolyn Lindenmuth recovers from carotid artery surgery. We will meet again on Thursday April 10 at 9:30 a.m. in the Family Center. Please join us! **Council Meeting...** Thursday March 27th at 6:00 p.m. in the Family Center. **LOOKING AHEAD...**

Spring Retreat... the members of Trinity Lutheran Church in Erie are sponsoring a Spring Retreat on Saturday April 5th from 8 am to 4 pm featuring The Rev. Dr. Charles Gieschen, Provost of Concordia Seminary, Fort Wayne, Indiana. Join us for "Meet the Thessalonians" as Dr. Gieschen is writing the CPH commentary on the two letters of St. Paul to Thessalonians. The Retreat will be held at Trinity Lutheran Church, 14 East 38th Street in Erie, PA. Donation of \$15 includes breakfast and lunch. Reservations are due by TODAY March 23 to churchoffice@tlcerie.com . We hope to see you there!!!

Easter Flowers... order forms are on the table in the Narthex. You may choose any number of Easter lilies, hyacinths, daffodils, and tulips. You may give your flowers anonymously, or choose to dedicate your flowers to the memory of a deceased loved one, or in honor of a living loved one. Orders must be received by Sunday, March 30th, and payment of \$10.00 for each 6" pot must be submitted by Sunday, April 6th. Thank you for helping us to beautify the Sanctuary for Easter!

Quarterly Voters' Meeting... will be held Sunday April 6th at 11:00 a.m. directly following the 10:00 a.m. Communion Service in the Family Center.

LWML Nut Rolls for Easter... an order sheet is on the table in the Narthex for all who want nut rolls which will be ready for **pick up on Palm Sunday April 13th**. Please order as early as possible so we can plan how much baking supplies to order. Please also consider joining us for **Baking Day on Saturday April 12th starting at 8:00 a.m.** We will be baking all day, so come when you can, leave when you need to go, many hands make short work. The nut rolls will be 12 ounces each for a donation of \$12.00. Proceeds go toward the purchase of a new stove for the church kitchen. As always, don't forget to bring your mites!



Palm Sunday	April 13th	Bible Study Communion Service	9:00 a.m. 10:00 a.m.
Maundy Thursday	April 17th	Communion Service	7:00 p.m.
Good Friday	April 18th	Worship Service	7:00 p.m.
Easter Sunday	April 20th	Breakfast Communion Service	9:00 a.m. 10:00 a.m.

BOOK OF ECCLESIASTES BIBLE STUDY... The Word of the Lord Endures Forever is a daily 15-minute verse-by-verse Bible study hosted by LCMS Pastor Will Weedon. Pastor Weedon recently started a study on **the Book of Ecclesiastes**. You can listen on-demand at thewordendures.org, Amazon Alexa, Google Home, Apple HomePod, the LPR mobile app and a podcast provider.

Easter Sunday Breakfast... will be shared at 9:00 am on Easter Sunday April 20th directly before the 10:00 Easter Sunday Communion Service in the Family Center. We will provide tableware and beverages. There is a sign-up sheet on the table in the narthex for you to let us know what breakfast item you plan to bring. Thank you for your generosity!



BUT IT WAS THE TRUTH.
THE CORINTHIANS WERE KIND
OF FULL OF THEMSELVES AND
THEIR THEOLOGICAL
SOPHISTICATION.



AS WERE THE ISRAELITES.
PAUL SEES THEIR RECORD
AS A WARNING FOR THE
CORINTHIANS (AND FOR US.)



OH, THAT'S NOT SOMETHING THAT I WORRY ABOUT. I'VE NEVER BEEN ACCUSED OF THEOLOGICAL (SOPHISTICATION!



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1 CORINTHIANS 10:1-13

PRAYER GUIDE

Those needing healing...

Mike Bowen Ken Counasse Linda Evans (John Niemla's sister) Harold Fiscus (Regina Fiscus' father-in-law) Melissa Glover (Pastor Taylor's niece) Jane Hutchinson (Alice Frndak's sister-in-law) Renee & Alyssa Isham Pastor Blaine Jorg Polly Klobusnik Ken Lewis (Tammy Podpora's Dad) Carolyn Lindenmuth Emily Marler (Pastor & Susan Taylor's daughter) Shelby, Tracy & Patricia

Struchen's granddaughter)
Ray & Carol Struchen
Russell Struchen
Virginia Taylor (Pastor
Taylor's mother)
Pastor Kurt Ziemann

Alyssa Sedoris (Carol

Extended Needs... Evelyn Stevens

Metzenbacher

John Niemla

Chuck Stevens

Cindy Parobek

Avery Podpora

Jeff & John Meyka (Susan

Linda (Stevens) Olmstead

Taylor's brothers)

Anniversaries... Tom Kelley (b) 3/19 Rick Petsch (b) 4/08

Those in the Armed Services...

Jennifer Attridge
Adam Crosby
Julie Evans
Christopher Fromknecht
Christina Gutherie
Violette Hosack
Nate Lawrence
Joe Moore
John Parmarter
Commander Joseph Pisoni
Thomas Reiser
Timothy Reiser
Taylor Sisson
Jarrod White

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Schedule for this week

Mar. 24 - Mar. 30:

Mon. March 24

9:00 am – I2:00 pm Office Hours 6:00 pm Fellowship/Ping Pong

Tuesday March 25

9:00 am – I2:00 pm Office Hours 6:00 pm **Pastor's Bible Study**

Wed. March 26

9:00 am – I2:00 pm Office Hours 6:30 pm Lenten Soup Supper 7:00 pm Communion Service

Thurs. March 27

9:00 am – I2:00 pm Office Hours 1:00 pm ParishScope Deadline 6:00 pm Council Meeting

Friday March 28

9:00 am - I2:00 pm Office Hours

Saturday March 29

Sun. March 30 ~ Lent 4
9:00 am
Bible Study
10:00 am
Communion Service
11:00 am
Choir Practice

Temple Servants for Sun. Mar. 30:

Reader – Debbie Bright **Ushers** – David Lindenmuth, Ted Kelly

Elder of the Day – David Lindenmuth

Elder — Chuck Stevens Altar Guild — Corinna Thorhauer Liturgical Color — Purple Kitchen Admin. for March — Valania Nielma 814-746-3117

