

## WELCOME TO ALL

Welcome to worship at Trinity Lutheran Church! We are glad you are here. We are delighted to gather as one people in the name of the risen Lord Jesus, in whose power over disease and death we take hope.

Please use this bulletin to participate in the liturgy and take it with you when the service is ended.

Based on revised CDC guidance, we are no longer encouraging the wearing of masks for those attending worship, regardless of vaccination status. However, if you have symptoms, have tested positive for Covid or been exposed to someone with Covid-19, we ask that you do wear a mask. Please feel free to continue wearing a mask in worship for your safety, if desired.

This guidance may change if our risk level changes.

Bathrooms are located down the hall from the side entrance to the sanctuary. Children are always welcome during worship, but if desired, there is a nursery in room 107 available for children ages birth to school age.

Please be aware that we are streaming our services. If you do not wish to be on camera please contact the church office.

# Fifth Sunday in Lent

Sunday, March 26, 2023
Traditional Service with Holy Communion

In today's gospel Jesus reveals his power over death by raising Lazarus from the dead.

The prophet Ezekiel prophesies God breathing new life into dry bones.

To those in exile or living in the shadows of death,
these stories proclaim God's promise of resurrection.

In baptism we die with Christ that we might also be raised with him to new life.
At the Easter Vigil we will welcome the newly baptized
as we remember God's unfailing promise in our baptism.

## WELCOME / ANNOUNCEMENTS

Congregation responds in bold print.

Please respect the silence of those around you preparing for worship.

**PRELUDE** 

"When I Survey the Wondrous Cross"

Smith

Please stand as you are able.

### **CONFESSION & FORGIVENESS**

Blessed be the holy Trinity, + one God, who journeys with us these forty days, and sustains us with the gift of grace. **Amen.** 

Let us acknowledge before God and one another our need for repentance and God's mercy.

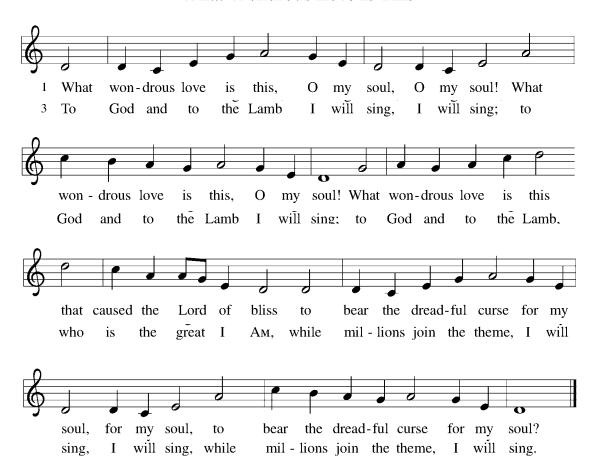
Silence is kept for reflection.

Holy God,
we confess to you our faults and failings.
Too often we neglect and do not trust your holy word;
we take for ourselves instead of giving to others;
we spoil rather than steward your creation;
we cause hurt though you call us to heal;
we choose fear over compassion.
Forgive us, renew us, and lead us,
as we seek to follow in your way of life.
Amen.

Hear the good news:
God so loved the world that God gave the only Son, so that all may receive life.
This promise is for you!
God embraces you with divine mercy,
+ forgives you in Christ's name,
and revives you in the Spirit's power.

Amen.

### What Wondrous Love Is This



### APOSTOLIC 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.
Almighty God,
your Son came into the world
to free us all from sin and death.
Breathe upon us the power of your Spirit,
that we may be raised to new life in
Christ and serve you in righteousness
all our days, 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.

# WORD

### **FIRST READING**

**Ezekiel 37:1-14** 

Ezekiel's vision of the valley of dry bones is a promise that Israel as a nation, though dead in exile, will live again in their land through God's life-giving spirit. Three times Israel is assured that through this vision they will know that "I am the Lord."

<sup>1</sup>The hand of the Lord came upon me, and he brought me out by the spirit of the Lord and set me down in the middle of a valley; it was full of bones. <sup>2</sup>He led me all around them; there were very many lying in the valley, and they were very dry. <sup>3</sup>He said to me, "Mortal, can these bones live?" I answered, "O Lord God, you know." <sup>4</sup>Then he said to me, "Prophesy to these bones, and say to them: O dry bones, hear the word of the Lord. <sup>5</sup>Thus says the Lord God to these bones: I will cause breath to enter you, and you shall live. <sup>6</sup>I will lay sinews on you, and will cause flesh to come upon you, and cover you with skin, and put breath in you, and you shall live; and you shall know that I am the Lord."

<sup>7</sup>So I prophesied as I had been commanded; and as I prophesied, suddenly there was a noise, a rattling, and the bones came together, bone to its bone. <sup>8</sup>I looked, and there were sinews on them, and flesh had come upon them, and skin had covered them; but there was no breath in them.

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<sup>9</sup>Then he said to me, "Prophesy to the breath, prophesy, mortal, and say to the breath: Thus says the Lord God: Come from the four winds, O breath, and breathe upon these slain, that they may live." <sup>10</sup>I prophesied as he commanded me, and the breath came into them, and they lived, and stood on their feet, a vast multitude.

<sup>11</sup>Then he said to me, "Mortal, these bones are the whole house of Israel. They say, 'Our bones are dried up, and our hope is lost; we are cut off completely.' <sup>12</sup>Therefore prophesy, and say to them, Thus says the Lord God: I am going to open your graves, and bring you up from your graves, O my people; and I will bring you back to the land of Israel. <sup>13</sup>And you shall know that I am the Lord, when I open your graves, and bring you up from your graves, O my people. <sup>14</sup>I will put my spirit within you, and you shall live, and I will place you on your own soil; then you shall know that I, the Lord, have spoken and will act, says the Lord."

Word of God. Word of Life.

Thanks be to God!

PSALMODY Psalm 130

We will speak the Psalm responsively.

I wait for you, O Lord; in your word is my hope. (Ps. 130:5)

<sup>1</sup>Out of the depths

I cry to you, O LORD;

<sup>2</sup>O Lord, hear my voice!

Let your ears be attentive to the voice of my supplication.

<sup>3</sup>If you were to keep watch over sins,

O LORD, who could stand?

<sup>4</sup>Yet with you is forgiveness, in order that you may be feared.

<sup>5</sup>I wait for you, O LORD; my soul waits; in your word is my hope.

<sup>6</sup>My soul waits for the Lord more than those who keep watch for the morning, more than those who keep watch for the morning.

<sup>7</sup>O Israel, wait for the LORD, for with the LORD there is steadfast love; with the LORD there is plenteous redemption.

<sup>8</sup>For the LORD shall redeem Israel from all their sins.

### SECOND READING

### **Romans 8:6-11**

For Paul, Christian spirituality entails living in the reality of the Holy Spirit. The driving force behind our actions and values is not our sinful desire for self-satisfaction but the very Spirit by which God raised Jesus from the dead and will also raise us from the dead.

<sup>6</sup>To set the mind on the flesh is death, but to set the mind on the Spirit is life and peace. <sup>7</sup>For this reason the mind that is set on the flesh is hostile to God; it does not submit to God's law—indeed it cannot, <sup>8</sup>and those who are in the flesh cannot please God.

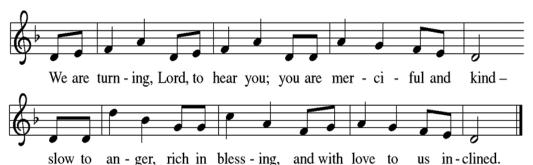
<sup>9</sup>But you are not in the flesh; you are in the Spirit, since the Spirit of God dwells in you. Anyone who does not have the Spirit of Christ does not belong to him. <sup>10</sup>But if Christ is in you, though the body is dead because of sin, the Spirit is life because of righteousness. <sup>11</sup>If the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, he who raised Christ from the dead will give life to your mortal bodies also through his Spirit that dwells in you.

Word of God. Word of Life.

### Thanks be to God!

Please stand as you are able.

### LENTEN ACCLAMATION



Jesus is moved to sorrow when his friend Lazarus falls ill and dies. Then, in a dramatic scene, he calls his friend out of the tomb and restores him to life.

The Holy Gospel according to John, the 11<sup>th</sup> chapter. **Glory to you, O Lord.** 

<sup>1</sup>Now a certain man was ill, Lazarus of Bethany, the village of Mary and her sister Martha. <sup>2</sup>Mary was the one who anointed the Lord with perfume and wiped his feet with her hair; her brother Lazarus was ill. <sup>3</sup>So the sisters sent a message to Jesus, "Lord, he whom you love is ill." <sup>4</sup>But when Jesus heard it, he said, "This illness does not lead to death; rather it is for God's glory, so that the Son of God may be glorified through it." <sup>5</sup>Accordingly, though Jesus loved Martha and her sister and Lazarus, <sup>6</sup>after having heard that Lazarus was ill, he stayed two days longer in the place where he was.

<sup>7</sup>Then after this he said to the disciples, "Let us go to Judea again." <sup>8</sup>The disciples said to him, "Rabbi, the Jews were just now trying to stone you, and are you going there again?" <sup>9</sup>Jesus answered, "Are there not twelve hours of daylight? Those who walk during the day do not stumble, because they see the light of this world. <sup>10</sup>But those who walk at night stumble, because the light is not in them." <sup>11</sup>After saying this, he told them, "Our friend Lazarus has fallen asleep, but I am going there to awaken him." <sup>12</sup>The disciples said to him, "Lord, if he has fallen asleep, he will be all right." <sup>13</sup>Jesus, however, had been speaking about his death, but they thought that he was referring merely to sleep. <sup>14</sup>Then Jesus told them plainly, "Lazarus is dead. <sup>15</sup>For your sake I am glad I was not there, so that you may believe. But let us go to him." <sup>16</sup>Thomas, who was called the Twin, said to his fellow disciples, "Let us also go, that we may die with him."

<sup>17</sup>When Jesus arrived, he found that Lazarus had already been in the tomb four days. <sup>18</sup>Now Bethany was near Jerusalem, some two miles away, <sup>19</sup>and many of the Jews had come to Martha and Mary to console them about their brother. <sup>20</sup>When Martha heard that Jesus was coming, she went and met him, while Mary stayed at home. <sup>21</sup>Martha said to Jesus, "Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died. <sup>22</sup>But even now I know that God will give you whatever you ask of him." <sup>23</sup>Jesus said to her, "Your brother will rise again." <sup>24</sup>Martha said to him, "I know that he will rise again in the resurrection on the last day." <sup>25</sup>Jesus said to her, "I am the resurrection and the life. Those who believe in me, even though they die, will live, <sup>26</sup>and everyone who lives and

believes in me will never die. Do you believe this?" <sup>27</sup>She said to him, "Yes, Lord, I believe that you are the Messiah, the Son of God, the one coming into the world."

<sup>28</sup>When she had said this, she went back and called her sister Mary, and told her privately, "The Teacher is here and is calling for you." <sup>29</sup>And when she heard it, she got up quickly and went to him. <sup>30</sup>Now Jesus had not yet come to the village, but was still at the place where Martha had met him. <sup>31</sup>The Jews who were with her in the house, consoling her, saw Mary get up quickly and go out. They followed her because they thought that she was going to the tomb to weep there. <sup>32</sup>When Mary came where Jesus was and saw him, she knelt at his feet and said to him, "Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died." <sup>33</sup>When Jesus saw her weeping, and the Jews who came with her also weeping, he was greatly disturbed in spirit and deeply moved. <sup>34</sup>He said, "Where have you laid him?" They said to him, "Lord, come and see." <sup>35</sup>Jesus began to weep. <sup>36</sup>So the Jews said, "See how he loved him!" <sup>37</sup>But some of them said, "Could not he who opened the eyes of the blind man have kept this man from dying?"

<sup>38</sup>Then Jesus, again greatly disturbed, came to the tomb. It was a cave, and a stone was lying against it. <sup>39</sup>Jesus said, "Take away the stone." Martha, the sister of the dead man, said to him, "Lord, already there is a stench because he has been dead four days." <sup>40</sup>Jesus said to her, "Did I not tell you that if you believed, you would see the glory of God?" <sup>41</sup>So they took away the stone. And Jesus looked upward and said, "Father, I thank you for having heard me. <sup>42</sup>I knew that you always hear me, but I have said this for the sake of the crowd standing here, so that they may believe that you sent me." <sup>43</sup>When he had said this, he cried with a loud voice, "Lazarus, come out!" <sup>44</sup>The dead man came out, his hands and feet bound with strips of cloth, and his face wrapped in a cloth. Jesus said to them, "Unbind him, and let him go."

<sup>45</sup>Many of the Jews therefore, who had come with Mary and had seen what Jesus did, believed in him. parents said, "He is of age; ask him."

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

Please be seated.

CHILDREN'S SERMON SERMON ANTHEM "I've

"I've Got Peace Lika a River" Children's Choir Pastor Nienstedt Traditional Please stand as you are able.

### **APOSTLES' CREED**

With the whole church, let us confess our faith.

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 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.

### PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Names of family & friends in prayer found on page 17.

A brief silence.

Response following each petition:

L: Merciful God, R: receive our prayer.

### SHARING OF THE PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you always. And also with you!

















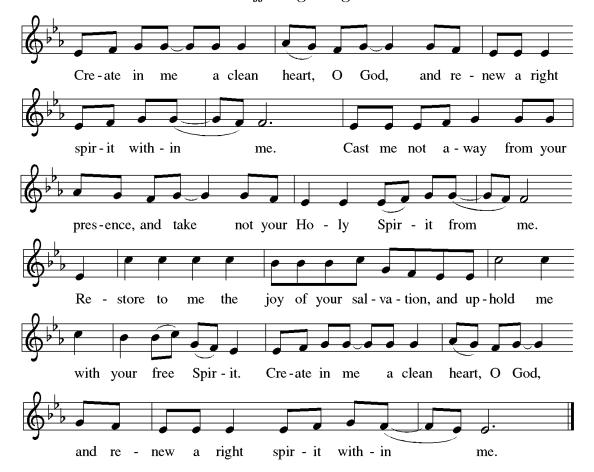
### **OFFERING**

God of good gifts, receive these and all our offerings as we present them in faithful service for the sake of your gospel.

Prepare our hearts to receive you in this meal as you pour out your very presence through Christ Jesus, the wellspring of eternal life.

Amen.

# Create in Me a Clean Heart Offering Song



# MEAL

### THE 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.

### **WORDS OF INSTITUTION**

In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying:

This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin.

Do this for the remembrance of me.



### THE LORD'S PRAYER

Lord, remember us in your kingdom and teach us to pray:

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 and ever.

Amen.

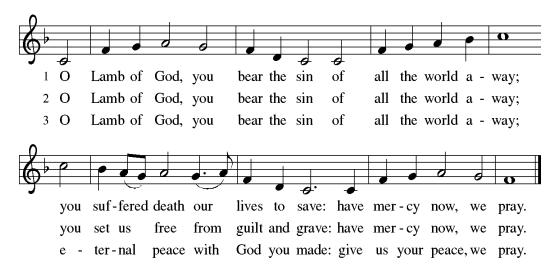


### INVITATION TO COMMUNION

Come and receive Jesus, our strength in the wilderness.

### Thanks be to God.

Please be seated.



### **COMMUNION DISTRIBUTION INFORMATION**

All baptized followers of Christ are welcome at the Lord's Table.

Communicants are ushered forward row-by-row.

Please open your hand and the pastor will place the bread in your hand.

Once you have eaten the bread, the communion assistant will offer you a cup of wine.

Please take the cup of wine from the tray.

After drinking the wine, you may return to your seat along the side aisle. If you prefer, grape juice is available which you may request from the communion assistant.

Please stand as you are able.

# COMMUNION BLESSING THE POST COMMUNION PRAYER THE BENEDICTION

**ELW 758 CLOSING HYMN** 

### You Are the Way



- You are the way; through you a lone can we the Fa ther find; You are the truth; your word a lone true wis dom can im part; You are the life; the rend ing tomb pro claims your con-qu'ring arm;
- You are the life; the
- truth, the life; grant the way, the us that way to You are





you, O Christ, has God re-vealed his heart, his will, his mind! in on - ly can in - form the mind and pu - ri - fy the heart. and those who put their trust in you not death nor hell shall harm. that truth to keep, that life to win, whose joys e - ter - nal flow.



## **SENDING**

### **DISMISSAL**

Go in peace. Serve in love.

Thanks be to God.

Please be seated.

**POSTLUDE** "Sinfonia" Purcell

Altar Flowers are given to the Glory of God and in honor of Tammy McDonald's birthday by Joyce McDonald and family





The children's bulletins are given to the Glory of God, and in honor of our grandson Chase's 9th birthday, by Ed & Helen Wlazlowski

LAST WEEKS ATTENDANCE:		
Sunday, March 19, 2023:	81	
Online views:	140	

### **INext week's Lessons:**

<sup>•</sup> Isaiah 50:4-9a

Psalm 31:9-16

Philippians 2:5-11 Matthew 26:14-27:66

Matthew 27:11-54



WORSHIP ASSISTANTS		
Preacher /Presider	Pastor Bill Nienstedt	
Organist	Robert Eyer Jr.	
	10 AM	
Ushers	Don Lensbower Ken Runshaw	
Acolyte	Alison Ross	
Lector	Joyce McDonald	
Communion Asst.	Luke Coder Phil Lobaugh	
Communion Prep	Herm Hopple Pam Hopple	
Livestream Team	Jason Brown	
Nursery	Luke Coder Lisa Coder	



# We Pray For

### FAMILY & FRIENDS

The family & friends of John Stoner
The family & friends of Tommy Swartz
Doug Price
Betty Leonard
Dennis Alleman

Jerry Crist
Rich Przwarty
Ray Guldin
Connie Renshaw

Richard & Gloria McCauley

Bernice Conner Bob Shannon Doris Krieble Sue Freeman Shirley Shilling Deb Hutsler Sue Lensbower Thomas Clarke Brenda Zullinger Mary Royce Larry Royce Donna Shetter Phyllis Dusman Floss Sterner Michele Phillips Curt Stambaugh Cheryl Kelly Cameron

### **MEMBERS**

Deborah & Vernon Whaley

Wallace Whitworth, Jr.

Greg & Nina Wilson

Marlene Fisher

Kyle Witter

\*\*Names may be added / removed by calling the church office.

\*\*Names will normally be removed after <u>4 weeks.</u>

### **OFFERING**

Budgeted amount needed: <u>\$8,072.12</u> 03.19.23: <u>\$6,315.43</u>

Thank You!

# TRINITY EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH WEEKLY ANNOUNCEMENTS

## CHURCH COUNCIL NEWS

At the March 14th council meeting, a Church Development Task Force was established. We acknowledge there is a need for decisive mid- and long-term planning, fundraising (beyond the reach and function of the Stewardship Committee), inventive programming for members, and improved communication. While the search for a pastor continues, there is still a need to have programs and facilities that meet the needs of the church members.

The areas where the task force will initially focus are:

- Strategic planning and programming
- Special project fundraising
- Membership expansion and engagement
- Communications internal and public

The task force will initially be comprised of 6-8 members, which will likely include one member each from Service, Support, Stewardship, Property and Learning committees. The task force will function as a facilitator, a quarterback, a CEO that works with all the committees together for the betterment of the church.

Please contact Denise Barrows at dbarrows@bsgwealth.com or Wallace Whitworth at wallacew@outlook.com if you are interested in being a part of the task force and the future direction of Trinity. Ideally, the task force will be made up of a diverse group of church members, some of whom have not been directly involved in leadership.

### Kitchen Survey

Thank you to everyone who responded to the kitchen survey. This information is very helpful to council as we move forward with ongoing facility improvements. Below is a summary of the results. 63 responses were received and not every person responded to every question.

- -95% would like the kitchen to be used for internal events (dinners/breakfasts/meetings)
- -64% would like the church to have the ability to serve meals to non-members and the community
- -54% would like the church to be available to the community for meeting and celebrations.

The ranking of the specific kitchen improvements results was as follows:

- -41% ranked updating the stove/oven as #1 28% ranked updating the kitchen counters and cabinets as #1
  - -16% ranked both an improved dishwasher and refrigerator as #1
  - -12% ranked more seating in the social hall as #1

Property committee and the church development task force will use this information a we move forward. Thanks again to all who completed the survey!

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THIS WEEK @ TRINITY			
Sunday - 03/26	9:00 AM 9:00 AM 9:00 AM 9:00 AM 10:00 AM	Sunday School for all ages - Library Confirmation - Cloud 9 Sunday School for High Schoolers - Social Hall Scripture & Coffee Worship - Sanctuary 5 <sup>th</sup> Sunday in Lent Recycle Paper Day	
Monday - 03/27	6:00 PM 7-8:30 PM	Bible & Brew Boy Troop - Scout Room	
Tuesday - 03/28	6:30 PM	Stamp Club - Library	
Wednesday - 03/29	11:00 AM 5:30 PM 7:00 PM	Sewing Group - Jean D's home Soup Supper - First Lutheran LARC Lenten Worship - First Lutheran	
Thursday - 03/30	7:00 PM	Grief Share - Lounge	
Friday - 03/31	6-8:00 PM 8-10:00 PM	Cub Scouts - Scout Room Girl Scout Troop - Scout Room	
Saturday - 04/01		National Greeting Card Day	
Sunday - 04/02	9:00 AM 9:00 AM 9:00 AM 9:00 AM 10:00 AM	Sunday School for all ages - Library Confirmation - Cloud 9 Sunday School for High Schoolers - Social Hall Scripture & Coffee Worship - Sanctuary Sunday of the Passion / Palm Sunday	

# ENDOWMENT FUND REQUESTS

Due March 26, 2023





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Financial Secretary Cindy Scanzello

Livestream Coordinator Iason Brown

### TRINITY CHURCH COUNCIL

Council President Kathy Ashway Council Vice President Gloria McCauley

Council Secretary Joyce McDonald

### **COUNCIL MEMBERS**

**Denise Barrows** Ray Brindle Laura Pearce Evan Sutton

Wallace Whitworth David Wenerd

### Vision

"Growing in God"

Mission Statement

"Seed - Planting and Growing in our Faith
Sow - Sharing the word of God with our community
Steward - Giving to all the love of God
Service - Showing the love of God with our community"