

Trinity Lutheran Church

March 26th,
2023

Fifth Sunday
In Lent

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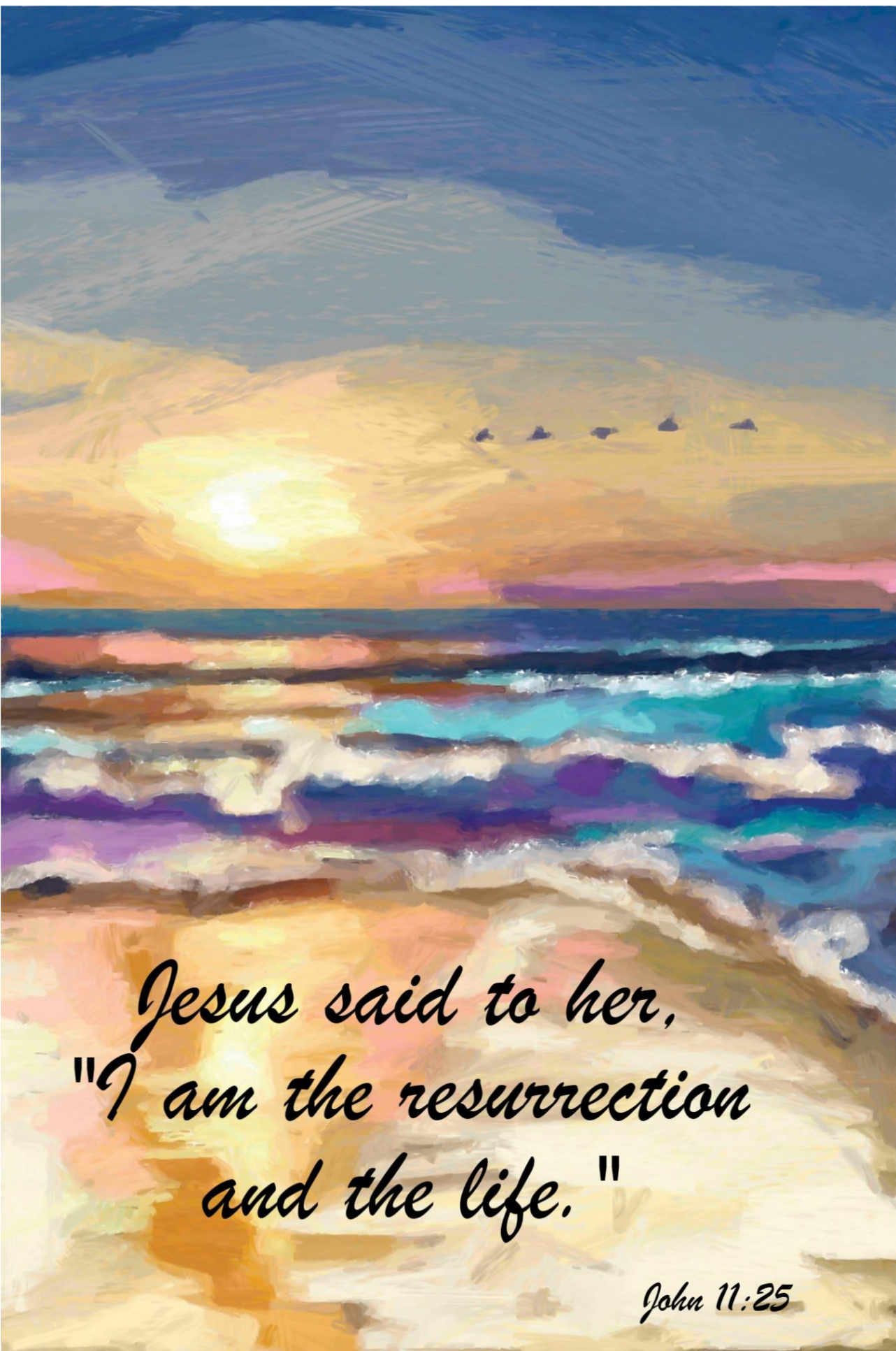
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*Jesus said to her,
"I am the resurrection
and the life."*

John 11:25

FIFTH SUNDAY IN LENT FIRST HOLY COMMUNION



9:00 AM MARCH 26TH, 2023

THE LORD JESUS CHRIST WELCOMES ALL! *We are gathered in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ who beckons us to come to Him in faith and repentance. May the gospel of the Lord inspire and fill you with the Spirit! Fellowship & refreshments are available in the Library immediately following our Sunday worship.*

GATHERING

WE PREPARE...*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.*

PARISH NOTICES/ RINGING OF THE BELL

SPECIAL MUSIC

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Blessed be the ✠ holy Trinity, the one who fashions us, the one who heals us, the one who reforms us again and again. **Amen.**

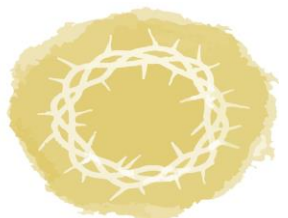
Let us confess our sin, calling for God's transforming power.

Silence is kept for reflection.

Source of all life,

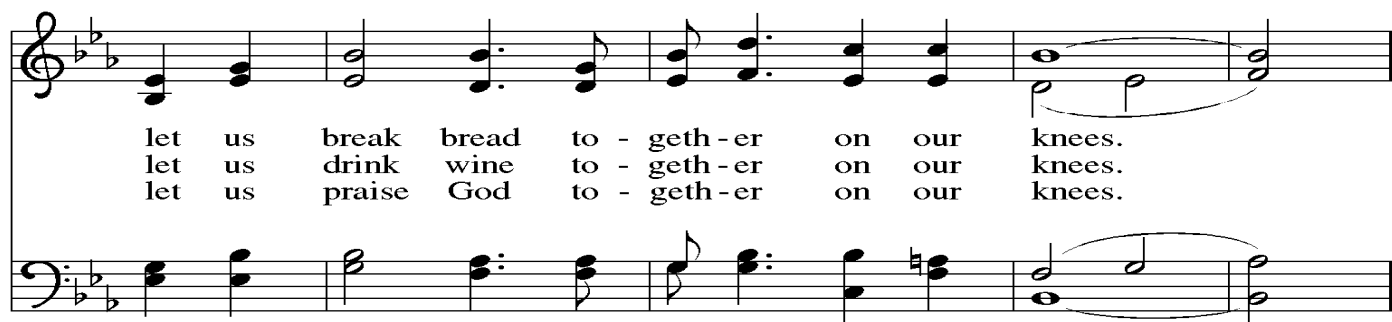
we confess that we have not allowed your grace to set us free. We fear that we are not good enough. We hear your word of love freely given to us, yet we expect others to earn it. We turn the church inward, rather than moving it outward. Forgive us. Stir us. Reform us to be a church powered by love, willing to speak for what is right, act for what is just, and seek the healing of your whole creation. Amen.

God hears our cry and sends the Spirit to change us and to empower our lives in the world. Our sins are forgiven, ✠ God's love is unconditional, and we are raised up as God's people who will always be made new, in the name of Jesus Christ. **Amen.**





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;

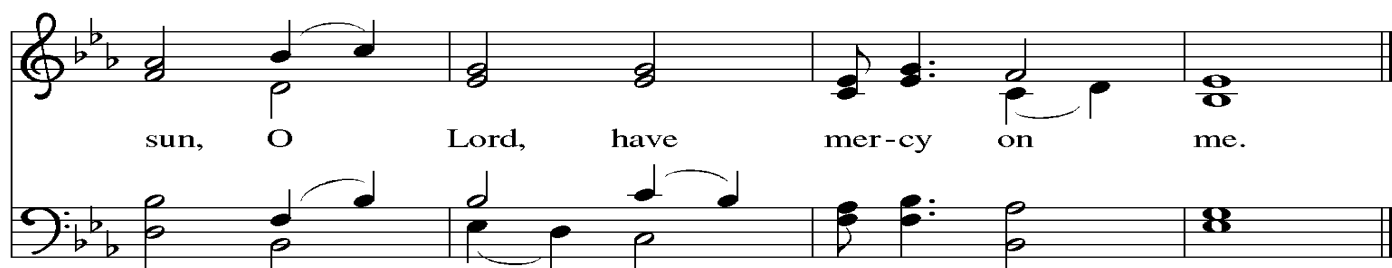


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Refrain



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



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

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

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.**

Children's Message



WORD

FIRST READING

Ezekiel 37:1-14

The first reading is in Ezekiel chapter 37, verses 1-14.

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. He led me all around them; there were very many lying in the valley, and they were very dry. He said to me, "Mortal, can these bones live?" I answered, "O Lord GOD, you know." Then he said to me, "Prophecy to these bones, and say to them: O dry bones, hear the word of the LORD. Thus says the Lord GOD to these bones: I will cause breath to enter you, and you shall live. 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."

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. 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. Then he said to me, "Prophecy 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." I prophesied as he commanded me, and the breath came into them, and they lived, and stood on their feet, a vast multitude.

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.' 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. And you shall know that I am the LORD, when I open your graves, and bring you up from your graves, O my people. 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."

The Word of the Lord **Thanks be to God**

SECOND READING

Romans 8:6-11

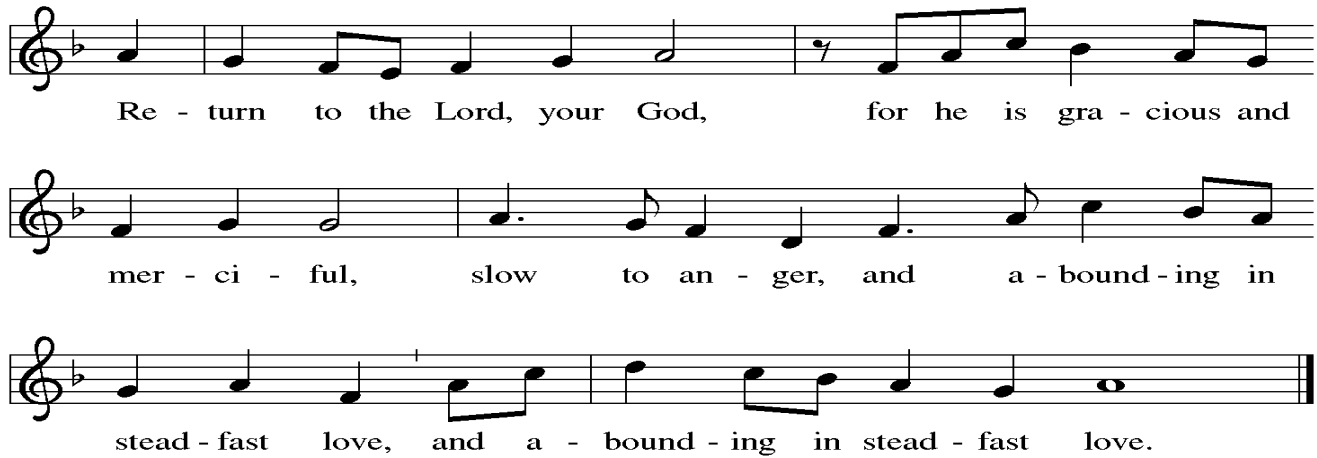
The second reading is in Romans chapter 8, verses 6-11.

To set the mind on the flesh is death, but to set the mind on the Spirit is life and peace. 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, and those who are in the flesh cannot please God.

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. But if Christ is in you, though the body is dead because of sin, the Spirit is life because of righteousness. 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.

The Word of the Lord Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



GOSPEL READING

John 11:1-45

The Holy Gospel according to St. John the 11th chapter. Glory to you, O Lord.

Now a certain man was ill, Lazarus of Bethany, the village of Mary and her sister Martha. Mary was the one who anointed the Lord with perfume and wiped his feet with her hair; her brother Lazarus was ill. So the sisters sent a message to Jesus, "Lord, he whom you love is ill." 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." Accordingly, though Jesus loved Martha and her sister and Lazarus, after having heard that Lazarus was ill, he stayed two days longer in the place where he was.

Then after this he said to the disciples, "Let us go to Judea again." The disciples said to him, "Rabbi, the Jews were just now trying to stone you, and are you going there again?" 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. But those who walk at night stumble, because the light is not in them." After saying this, he told them, "Our friend Lazarus has fallen asleep, but I am going there to awaken him." The disciples said to him, "Lord, if he has fallen asleep, he will be all right." Jesus, however, had been speaking about his death, but they thought that he was referring merely to sleep. Then Jesus told them plainly, "Lazarus is dead. For your sake I am glad I was not there, so that you may believe. But let us go to him." Thomas, who was called the Twin, said to his fellow disciples, "Let us also go, that we may die with him."

When Jesus arrived, he found that Lazarus had already been in the tomb four days. Now Bethany was near Jerusalem, some two miles away, and many of the Jews had come to Martha and Mary to console them about their brother. When Martha heard that Jesus was coming, she went and met him, while Mary stayed at home. Martha said to Jesus, "Lord, if you had been

here, my brother would not have died. But even now I know that God will give you whatever you ask of him." Jesus said to her, "Your brother will rise again." Martha said to him, "I know that he will rise again in the resurrection on the last day." Jesus said to her, "I am the resurrection and the life. Those who believe in me, even though they die, will live, and everyone who lives and believes in me will never die. Do you believe this?" She said to him, "Yes, Lord, I believe that you are the Messiah, the Son of God, the one coming into the world."

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." And when she heard it, she got up quickly and went to him. Now Jesus had not yet come to the village, but was still at the place where Martha had met him. 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. 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." When Jesus saw her weeping, and the Jews who came with her also weeping, he was greatly disturbed in spirit and deeply moved. He said, "Where have you laid him?" They said to him, "Lord, come and see." Jesus began to weep. So the Jews said, "See how he loved him!" But some of them said, "Could not he who opened the eyes of the blind man have kept this man from dying?"

Then Jesus, again greatly disturbed, came to the tomb. It was a cave, and a stone was lying against it. 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." Jesus said to her, "Did I not tell you that if you believed, you would see the glory of God?" So they took away the stone. And Jesus looked upward and said, "Father, I thank you for having heard me. 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." When he had said this, he cried with a loud voice, "Lazarus, come out!" 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."

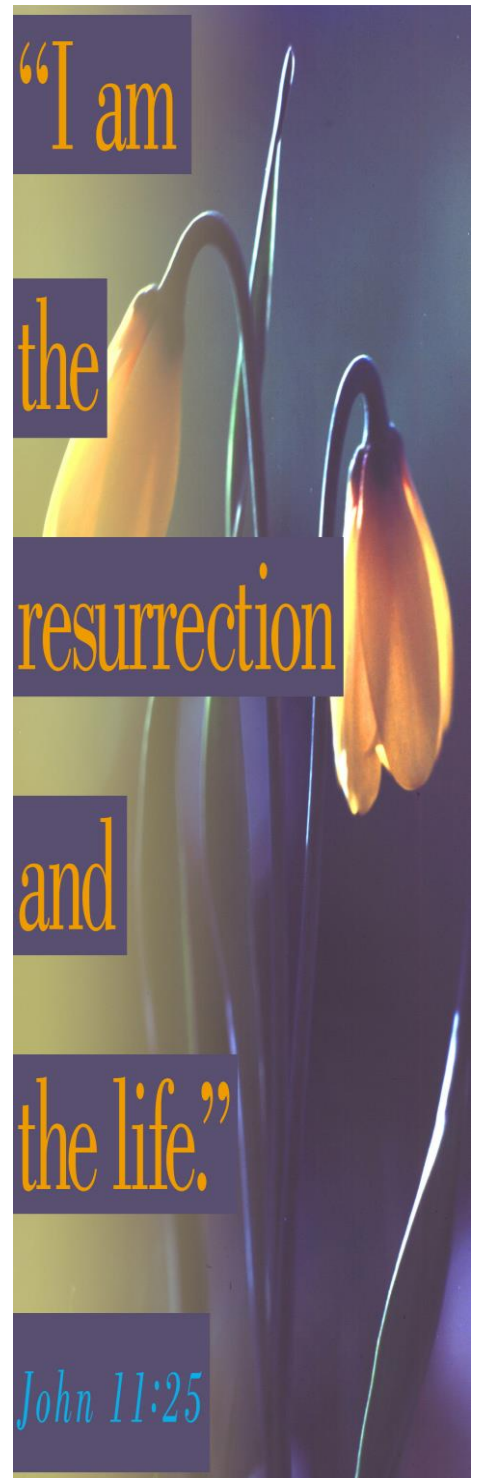
Many of the Jews therefore, who had come with Mary and had seen what Jesus did, believed in him.

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

MESSAGE

Pastor Tim Mason



Refrain – All



Je - sus is a rock in a wea - ry land, a wea - ry land, a



wea - ry land; my Je - sus is a rock in a



wea - ry land, a shel - ter in the time of storm.

Leader or All



1 No one can do like Je - sus, not a
2 When Je - sus was on earth, the . .
3 Yon - der comes my Sav - ior, him . .



mum-bling word he said; he went walk - ing down to Laz -
flesh was ver - y weak; . . he took a towel and gird -
whom I love so well; . . he has the palm of vic -

Refrain



- a - rus' grave, and he raised him from the dead.
ed him - self and he washed his dis - ci - ples' feet.
- to - ry and the keys of death and hell.

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 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 THE CHURCH

... Merciful God, receive our prayer.

PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you always.

And also with you. (Due to illness, vocal only)

MEAL

THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you.

Lift up your hearts.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

And also with you.

We lift them to the Lord.

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. As so with all the choirs of angels, with the church on earth and all the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:



THE WORDS OF INSTITUTION

LORD'S PRAYER

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

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.

DISTRIBUTION

We who are many are one body, for we all partake of the one bread.

Come and be filled with light and life.

COMMUNION BLESSING

The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace. **Amen.**

(THE USHERS BRING UP THE OFFERING)



OFFERING PRAYER

Let us pray... Loving God, you break the bonds of injustice and let the oppressed go free. Receive these offerings in thanksgiving for all your works of merciful power, and shape us as people of your justice and freedom. You we magnify and adore, through Jesus our Savior, **Amen.**

SENDING

BLESSING

The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord's face shine on you with grace and mercy.
The Lord look upon you with favor and + give you peace. **Amen.**

SENDING SONG ~

Sent Forth by God's Blessing

ELW #547

1 Sent forth by God's bless - ing, our true faith con - fess - ing,
2 With praise and thanks - giv - ing to God ev - er - liv - ing,
the peo - ple of our God from this dwell - ing take leave.
the tasks of our ev - 'ry - day life we will face—
The sup - per is end - ed. Oh, now be ex - tend - ed
our faith ev - er shar - ing, in love ev - er car - ing,
the fruits of this ser - vice in all who be - lieve.
em - brac - ing God's chil - dren, the whole hu - man race.
The seed of Christ's teach - ing, re - cep - tive souls
With your feast you feed us, with your light now
reach - ing, shall blos - som in ac - tion for God and for all.
lead us; u - nite us as one in this life that we share.
Your grace shall in - cite us, your love shall u - nite us
Then may all the liv - ing with praise and thanks - giv - ing
to work for your king - dom and an - swer your call.
give hon - or to Christ and his name that we bear.

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Serve the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**



Our Thanks To All Who Serve The Body Of Christ

| SUNDAY | 9:00 am Worship | Wednesday 7:00 pm Worship |
|----------------------|------------------------------------|--|
| Accompanist | Mary Mulry | Mary Mulry |
| Acolyte | Carson Uecker | Hunter Mertz |
| Readers | Sandy Beito | Hayden Domeier |
| Communion Assistants | Brian Poleski, Lee & Isaac Johnson | |
| Sound Techs | Russ Sorensen | Russ Sorensen |
| Greeters | Rose Wall | Jon Hansen, Kali Nachreiner, Davin Suess, Michael Pool |
| Ushers | Mark Miller, Mike Petersen | Jon Hansen, Kali Nachreiner, Davin Suess, Michael Pool |
| Altar Guild | Beth Klein, Sara Sellner | |

WE WELCOME TO THE LORD'S TABLE:

When these children were baptized, God made them part of God's household, the family we call the Church. Growing in their faith, they have learned about their heavenly Father and what it means to be a member of God's family. They have learned from Jesus to love others, who loves everyone so much that he gave his life for everyone on the cross. They have also learned how, in sharing the bread and sharing the cup of Holy Communion, we remember Jesus' death and his rising to life again. They have learned how eating the bread and drinking the cup makes us one with Jesus, bringing us closer to one another. And now these little ones, ***Hudson Boomgarden, Kyson Christensen, Kaybree Haala, Josie Heiderscheidt, Brody Helget, Declan Johnson, Kane Krebs, Gabriel Pool, and Oliver Sellner*** have expressed their desire to receive Jesus' presence at the Lord's Table. Therefore, we invite them to participate for the first time this morning. We welcome each one in our prayers to the Lord's Table. We thank God for them and rejoice in their being among us. We pray each one to remain faithful in Christ and to his body and blood, the precious signs of Christ's love for the world.



WE EXPRESS OUR SYMPATHIES to Ana & Chris Turbes, daughter Ava and all of the family and friends of Julio Bertrand, Ana's father, who passed away on January 15th and was laid to rest Wednesday, March 22nd with services here at Trinity. May God bless and keep them in His perfect peace.



WE WELCOME into the Lord's family, Brook Ann Trebesch, daughter of Jake & Shelby Trebesch. Brooke was born March 2nd, 2023 and was sponsored by Tyler & Nicole Jensen, and Lane Trebesch March 25th here at Trinity. May God give each one the servant faith to fulfill the promises they make before God and this congregation, so that Brooke may share eternally in the kingdom of God. God bless you Brooke!



EASTER PLANTS ARE AVAILABLE FOR ORDER: If you would like a plant in memory or in honor of a loved one(s) you may now place your order by signing-up in the church office. There is a nice variety of plants to choose from to brighten our sanctuary on Easter morning, which you are welcomed to take home with you after the 9:00 am Easter service. The deadline for your order is ***Today!***



SOUP SUPPERS ARE BACK FOR LENT! Four choices of Soup along with bread will be served from 5:30-6:30. Lenten Worship will begin at 7:00pm. The Boards will serve the meal. Please join us for fellowship and Worship.

Many thanks to those supplying the soup!

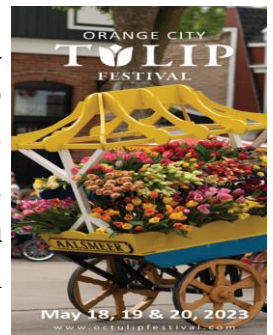
MEALS THAT MATTER Remember! Prepared frozen meals are in the freezer for you to deliver to a friend or neighbor who have had a life changing event- illness, birth of a baby, death in the family, etc... *Be the hands of Jesus!*



The well enjoyed Progressive Supper is BACK! Please mark your calendars for Sunday April 16th, to join in an evening filled with fellowship, fun, and great food. **Please sign up by April 2nd.** We are in need of 4 hosts to open their homes for this event. Please contact Ashley Fischer at 507-766-2647 if you are willing to be a host. Watch for more details on time and cost in future church publications. A sign-up sheet is in the church office.

What is the Progressive Supper? Attendees will travel by car to enjoy each course of the meal at 4 different homes. Attendees will be asked to provide a dish for one of the four courses.

Are you ready for SPRING? Come and enjoy a day filled with fresh tulips, a parade and many other events highlighting Dutch heritage. Trinity Fellowship Board and Sleepy Eye Community Ed have teamed up to attend the Tulip Festival in Orange City IA, Thursday, May 18. Motor Coach is \$30 with food on your own. Spots are limited so please sign up early. **Registration deadline is May 7th.** Signup sheet and additional information is in the church office or you can contact the Community Ed office at 794-7873.

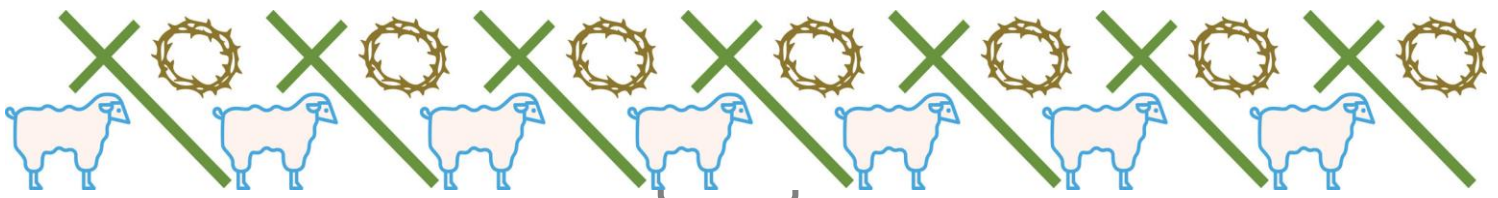


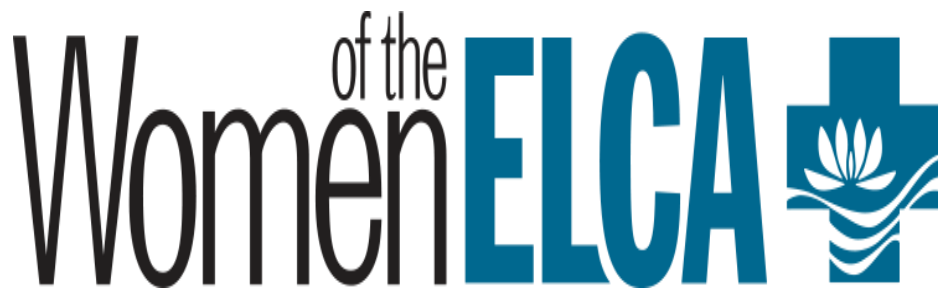
Lent has traditionally been a time of special offerings and it will happen again. The quarter folders have been designated for Camp Scholarships for Trinity Youth. Remember to fill a quarter folder, film canister or M & M container with quarters during Lent or use your regular envelope and mark the amount in the special giving blank. The funds are designated for Bible Camp scholarships. Three thousand five hundred dollars will cover the cost for eight youth planning to attend with \$2,217.00 already available. Thank you for your generosity.



Check your narthex mail boxes for a new Time and Talent sheet. All confirmed members are invited to fill one out and return via the offering plate or to the church office. It takes many volunteers each week/month for services and other activities to run smoothly. Thank you for sharing your time and talents.

Thank You





OUR PURPOSE STATEMENT

“As a community of women created in the image of God, called to discipleship in Jesus Christ, and empowered by the Holy Spirit, we commit ourselves to grow in faith, affirm our gifts, support one another in our callings, engage in ministry and action, and promote healing and wholeness in the church, the society, and the world.”

Your Help is Needed!

The WELCA women of Trinity have chosen to collect items needed for Personal Care Kits as a Lenten project. These kits will be sent to Lutheran World Relief to be used by people in need throughout the world. Kits are sent to Africa, Asia, Latin America, and the Middle East. Our organization has recently sent quilts, personal care & baby care kits to Turkey to help the victims of the recent earthquake.

You can contribute by helping provide any of the items needed to make personal care kits or by making a monetary donation to our WELCA group to be used to purchase the items needed.

There will be a display in the Narthex of items used to make the kits and a basket to place your donated items. Monetary gifts should be placed in a marked envelope and left in the church office.

These kits are a simple way to offer comfort to those suffering and express love to our neighbors in need. Thank You.

Items needed:

Light-weight bath-size towel. Dark colors are recommended

4 oz bath-size bars of soap, any brand, in the original wrapping

Adult-size toothbrush in the original packaging

Sturdy combs

Metal nail clippers

Some important guidelines are: New items only please. Lightweight towels are easier to hand wash and air dry along with being less expensive to ship and store. Please do not donate items with any religious symbols, messages, U.S. flags, patriotic or military symbols, including camouflage. These items are shipped around the world and we do not want to create problems for the people using them. Thank you for your understanding.





JOIN US FOR

Palm Sunday

*Cinnamon
Rolls
with Coffee and Juice*



SUNDAY, APRIL 2ND

10:00-11:00 AM
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(TO GO ALSO AVAILABLE)

Free will donations for Trinity Youth Programs





NOURISH

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Feb 27 – April 9, 2023 Sleepy Eye Area Food Shelf

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March 26, 2023

Jesus lights our way, calling us to follow him.



DAILY BIBLE READINGS

These readings are related to the Lectionary readings for this Sunday.

We invite you to take time each day to read the assigned Bible passages.

Sunday John 11:1-45 The raising of Lazarus

Monday 1 Kings 17:17-24 Elijah raised the widow's son

Tuesday 2 Kings 4:18-37 Elisha raises a dead child

Wednesday Acts 20:7-12 Paul raises a young man

Thursday Matthew 9:18-19, 23-25 Jesus raises a dead girl

Friday Ephesians 2:1-10 Made alive with Christ

Saturday Psalm 6 Deliver me, O Lord

Sunday Matthew 21:1-11 Jesus enters Jerusalem

SCRIPTURE VERSE FOR THIS WEEK

"I am the resurrection and the life. Those who believe in me will have life even if they die. And everyone who lives and believes in me will never die." John 11:25-26 (NCV)

SAY, PRAY AND BLESS:

A Prayer for the Week:

Lord Jesus, fill us with your resurrection life today. Help us to live for you. Amen. (John 11:25; Romans 8:5)

Mealtime Prayer:

Lord God, through this food you give us life for today, and through your Son you give us life forever. All praise to you! Amen.

A Blessing to Give:

May the Spirit of God live in you. May God fill you with new life, now and forever. Amen. (Romans 8:9-11)

CARING CONVERSATION

Discuss in your household or small group:

- Share about a time when you felt sad.
 - Mary and Martha were very sad because their brother, Lazarus, had died. What did Jesus say to comfort them.
 - How do Jesus' words make you feel? Why?
- (Read John 11:23-25.)

DEVOTIONS

When Jesus was confronted with Mary and Martha's grief, he also wept (John 11:35). In your home devotion times this week, make a point of praying for people who are experiencing times of sadness (e.g. those who are sick or who have recently lost a friend or loved one). Decorate cards to send to these people.

SERVICE

Make up a bouquet of flowers for someone who has recently lost a loved one. Deliver it yourself or ask your pastor to deliver it for you.

RITUALS AND TRADITIONS

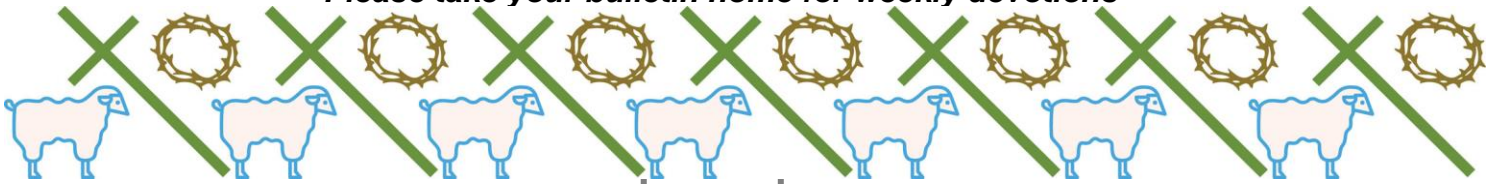
Jesus said that he was the "resurrection and the life" and illustrated that by raising Lazarus from the dead. Lazarus came out of his tomb, still wrapped in his grave clothes. As this week's symbol, place a rolled-up strip of white cloth or gauze into your prayer space.

Say this prayer together:

Lord Jesus, thank you for coming into our world as the resurrection and the life. Thank you for the wonderful hope we have because of you. Amen.

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Please take your bulletin home for weekly devotions





Trinity's Mission Statement

We are a community where Jesus is Lord: our mission is to invite, welcome, nurture, and equip all people to be disciples in His name.

TRINITY'S PRAYER CHAIN Send an email to secretary@trinitysleepyeye.org or call the office at 507 794-5051. Leave a message.

TRINITY'S WEBPAGE Send an email to the church office at secretary@trinitysleepyeye.org and let Darlene know you want your newsletter via email!

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"Trinity Lutheran (ELCA) Sleepy Eye MN"

The Trinity Tidings newsletter is now also posted on www.sleepyeyonline.com watch this site for community news and events.



If you haven't already, please consider *Simply Giving*, an automated giving program for your offering. You determine the frequency of your offering which is deposited into Trinity's account the same day it is withdrawn from your account. It's a "hassle-free" way to give. Talk to Pat or Darlene if you are interested. Thank You.

Last week at Trinity

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| Weekly Worship Attendance: | 133 |
| Weekly Giving: (5730.00 Needed) | \$6183.92 |
| March Giving: | \$19,363.71 |
| Yearly Contributions to Date | \$52,058.24 |
| Needed to meet budget to Date | \$68,760.00 |

This Week's Prayer Concerns

Pray for the Church...that the Holy Spirit would empower us to live in the image of God so that we would speak and act in every way bringing glory to God before all the nations and peoples with what we have been given...

Pray for our World...that pain of this Covid-19 pandemic, which has penetrated so many lives that your light Lord would help us to see your presence and that the Spirit would lead us to seek the truth and practice grace for all who are hurting...

Pray for all who are ill, afflicted, or recovering...that the Holy Spirit would give comfort and daily strength to **Sherry, Audrey, Kali, Jerry, Beth, Harold, OraDell, Chris, Kathy, Emmett, Joan, Lois, Joyce, Emma, Milo, Ed, Carlos, Dorothy, Story, Tina, Ethan, Robyn, Carmen, Julia Ann, Linette, Tammy, John, Tony, Ted, Connor, Kimora, and Mary Jo.**

Pray for the beloved... who now rest from their labors in God's mercy and for all who mourn the personal loss of loved ones ... that God would fill each one with the hope of our Lord's promise to bring us to a new heaven and earth where suffering, crying, pain and death will be no more....

Pray for all families... that the Holy Spirit would bring joy and spiritual growth to all who are separated from one another and each would be blessed with their safe return to us...

Pray for the men and women serving in the Armed Forces and those far from home...for **Brady Augustin** and his wife ...and for all of our military Veterans that the Holy Spirit would guard them in safety and keep their hearts stayed in Christ...

Pray for the missionaries of our church (ELCA)...that they proclaim their witness of the Gospel throughout the world.

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