



A Congregation of the Evangelical Lutheran Church In America

## THE FIFTH SUNDAY IN LENT

March 29, 2020 - 10:00 AM - Livestream



### Welcome to Trinity Lutheran Church

As disciples of Christ seeking peace and justice in the world, we welcome, affirm, and include all people into the fullness of God's love. We celebrate people of all races, cultures, ages, sexual orientations, gender identities, physical or mental abilities, socioeconomic statuses, appearances, family status and citizenship as equally loved and valued in the eyes of God and in this place. All are invited to join this community as we worship God, grow in faith, and strive to love and serve one another. All, without exception, are welcome in this place.

The Altar Flowers are given to the Glory of God and in honor of their mother and grandmother, Lois Sills, on her birthday by Jeff, Margaret, Ryann, Peyton, and Harper Roth

# GATHERING

PRELUDE

WELCOME

*Stand as able*

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Blessed be the holy Trinity, ✠ one God,  
who is present, who gives life,  
who calls into existence the things that do not exist.

**Amen.**

If you were to keep watch over sins, O Lord, who could stand?  
Yet with you is forgiveness, and so we confess.

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

Gracious God,

**have mercy on us.**

**We confess that we have turned away from you, knowingly and unknowingly.**

**We have wandered from your resurrection life.**

**We have strayed from your love for all people.**

**Turn us back to you, O God. Give us new hearts and right spirits,**

**that we may find what is pleasing to you and dwell in your house forever.**

**Amen.**

Receive good news: God turns to you in love.

“I will put my spirit in you, and you shall live,” says our God.

All your sin is forgiven in the name of ✠ Jesus Christ,

who is the free and abounding gift of God’s grace for you.

**Amen.**

**Oh, for a thousand tongues to sing my great Redeemer's praise,  
the glories of my God and king, the triumphs of his grace!**

**My gracious Master and my God, assist me to proclaim,  
to spread through all the earth abroad the honors of your name.**

**The name of Jesus charms our fears and bids our sorrows cease,  
sings music in the sinner's ears, brings life and health and peace.**

**He speaks, and list'ning to his voice, new life the dead receive,  
the mournful, broken hearts rejoice, the humble poor believe.**

**Look unto him, your Savior own, O fallen human race!  
Look and be saved through faith alone, be justified by grace!**

**To God all glory, praise and love be now and ever giv'n  
by saints below and saints above, the church in earth and heav'n.**

## GREETING

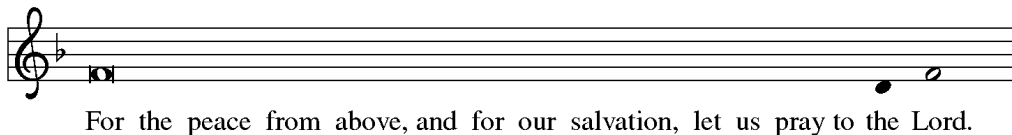
The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God,  
and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

**And also with you.**

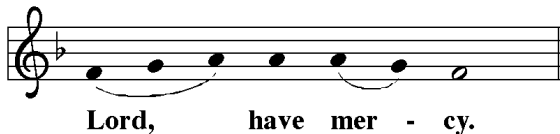
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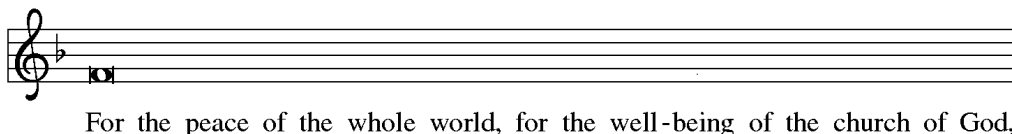
In peace, let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, have mer - cy.**



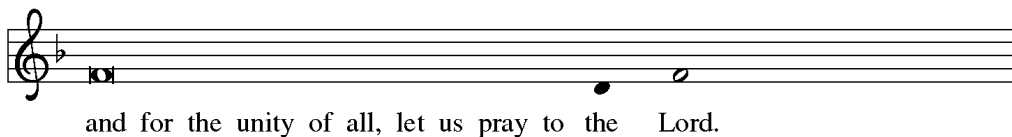
For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.



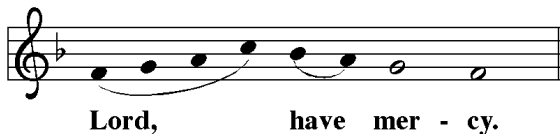
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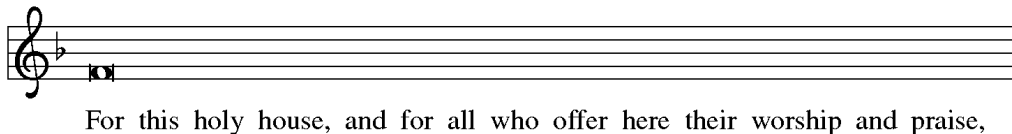
For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God,



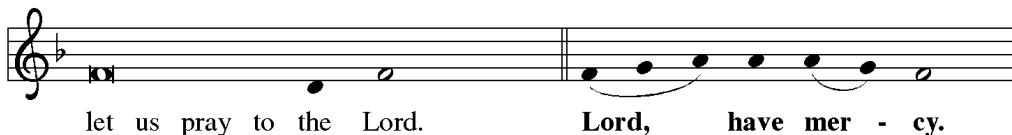
and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.



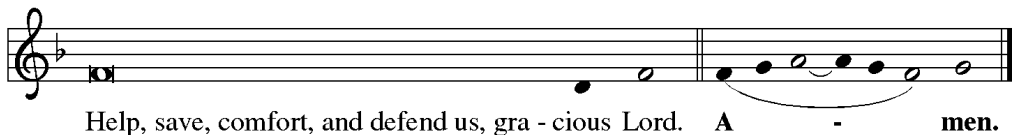
**Lord, have mer - cy.**



For this holy house, and for all who offer here their worship and praise,



let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, have mer - cy.**



Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gra - cious Lord. **A - men.**

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

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.**

*Sit*

## WORD

### FIRST READING

Ezekiel 37:1-14

A reading from Ezekiel.

<sup>1</sup>The hand of the LORD came upon me, and 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>The LORD led me all around them; there were very many lying in the valley, and they were very dry. <sup>3</sup>The LORD said to me, "Mortal, can these bones live?" I answered, "O Lord GOD, you know." <sup>4</sup>Then God 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. <sup>9</sup>Then God 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 I had been commanded, and the breath came into them, and they lived, and stood on their feet, a vast multitude. <sup>11</sup>Then God 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."

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

Thereafter, the congregation is invited to sing without introduction.

Psalm  
Refrain



I wait for you, O Lord; in your word is my hope.

Psalm  
Tone



<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 plen- | teous redemption.

<sup>8</sup>**For the LORD shall | redeem Israel**

**from | all their sins. ☩**

## SECOND READING

Romans 8:6-11

A reading from Romans.

<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 the one who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, the one who raised Christ from the dead will give life to your mortal bodies also through the Spirit that dwells in you.

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

*Stand as able*

## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Re - turn to the Lord, your God, for - ev - er gra - cious and  
mer - ci - ful, slow to an - ger and a - bound - ing in  
stead - fast love, and a - bound - ing in stead - fast love.

*You may be seated for the reading of the Gospel.*

## GOSPEL

John 11:1-45

The Holy Gospel according to Saint John, the eleventh 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." <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.

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

SERMON

*The Power of God's Command*

*Stand as able*



***Refrain: Jesus is a rock in a weary land, a weary land, a weary land;  
my Jesus is a rock in a weary land, a shelter in the time of storm.***

**No one can do like Jesus, not a mumbling word he said;  
he went walking down to Lazarus' grave, and he raised him from the dead.**

***Refrain***

**When Jesus was on earth, the flesh was very weak;  
he took a towel and girded himself and he washed his disciples' feet.**

***Refrain***

**Yonder comes my Savior, him whom I love so well;  
he has the palm of victory and the keys of death and hell.**

***Refrain***

#### APOSTLES' 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 INTERCESSION

Praying separately in our homes and together in the Spirit, let us pray for the church, the world, and all who are in need.

### *A brief silence*

Come to the church, O saving God. Even when we cannot assemble together, bind your faithful people into one body. Breathe your Spirit of life into the global church, that despite our valley of dry bones we may rise to praise your name. In our virtual contacts, make us signs of baptismal hope. Receive the prayers of your family, O God:

**O Lord, hear my voice!**

Come to the earth, O nurturing God. Use this time when human activity is diminished to restore polluted lands and waterways and to protect endangered plants and animals. Open the eyes and hearts of all to see the beauty of your creation and to work for the conservation of this world that you made. Bring all things to new life.

Receive the prayers of your family, O God:

**O Lord, hear my voice!**

Come to the nations and their leaders, O God of peace. Lead the world away from war and violence. Guide those in authority to provide for those in dire need of humanitarian relief. Direct our president and other heads of government to see the value in every human life, to deal compassionately with the struggles and suffering of all people, and point them toward useful means for combating this plague. Receive the prayers of your family, O God:

**O Lord, hear my voice!**

Come and be present in the places where the coronavirus has struck, O Compassionate God. Be present to all who mourn their dead; all who have contracted the virus; those who are quarantined or stranded away from home; those who have lost employment; children who cannot assemble for school and parents with needs for child care. Visit physicians, nurses, home health aides; hospitals and clinics; medical researchers; and the Center for Disease Control. Receive the prayers of your family, O God:

**O Lord, hear my voice!**

Come to all in need, O healing God. Unbind all who are held captive by anxiety, fear, despair, pain, or depression. Comfort those around the world who cannot bury their dead. House the homeless in safe places. Show us how to provide some assistance to those who suffer. Accompany those who seek care in overwhelmed hospitals and clinics. Remember those we name before you now who stand in special needs of your love and care.....

*During a period of silence, all are invited to name out loud on their lips or silently in their hearts the names of those in their lives who stand in special need of God's love and care.*

Receive the prayers of your family, O God:

**O Lord, hear my voice!**

Out of our depths we cry to you, O loving God. Receive our sorrows, worries, and fears, and hear the petitions of our hearts.

*An extended period of silence is kept.*

Receive the prayers of your family, O God:

**O Lord, hear my voice!**

You, O God, are our resurrection and our life. We remember before you all who have died in the faith especially those who have lost their life to the coronavirus. At the end, bring us and all our beloved dead to see your glory forever.

Receive the prayers of your family, O God:

**O Lord, hear my voice!**

Into your hands, O mighty God, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your mercy, through Christ, our Savior and Lord.

**Amen.**

PEACE

*Worshippers are invited to use their phones to text now or make a call later today to extend a message of peace to someone you love and care about.*

The peace of the Lord be with you always.

**And also with you.**

*The ministers and congregation may greet one another in the name of the Lord.*

Peace be with you.

**☒ Peace be with you.**

*Sit*

OFFERING AND ORGAN VOLUNTARY

*Online giving is available by texting TLCGIVE to 73256,  
or by following the link on the homepage of the website, [www.trinitylutheran.ws](http://www.trinitylutheran.ws).  
Offering may also be mailed to the Church Office.*

*Stand as able*

OFFERTORY HYMN

*Strengthen for Service, Lord*

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**Strengthen for service, Lord, the hands that holy things have taken;  
and let the ears that heard your word to falsehood never waken.**

**The tongues that sang your holy name now purge of all deception;  
keep bright the eyes that saw your love and sharpen their perception.**

**And may the feet that walked your courts be never lured to wander;  
but lead the faithful nourished here to journey on in splendor.**

Let us pray. Holy and generous host,  
**you set a table where we feast as friends.**  
**Prepare us to witness to your goodness**  
**with every gift you have given us to share,**  
**that all people may know your peace**  
**through Jesus Christ, now and forever.**  
**Amen.**

#### 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.**

O God of justice and love, we give thanks to you  
that you illumine our way through life with the words of your Son.  
Give us the light we need,  
and at the end bring all the world to your feast;  
through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord,  
to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit,  
be honor and glory forever.  
**Amen.**

#### 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 and ever. Amen.**

**My soul cries out with a joyful shout that the God of my heart is great,  
and my spirit sings of the wondrous things that you bring to the ones who wait.  
You fixed your sight on your servant's plight, and my weakness you did not spurn,  
so from east to west shall my name be blest. Could the world be about to turn?**

***Refrain: My heart shall sing of the day you bring. Let the fires of your justice burn.  
Wipe away all tears, for the dawn draws near, and the world is about to turn.***

**Though I am small, my God, my all, you work great things in me,  
and your mercy will last from the depths of the past to the end of the age to be.  
Your very name puts the proud to shame, and to those who would for you yearn,  
you will show your might, put the strong to flight, for the world is about to turn.**

***Refrain***

**From the halls of pow'r to the fortress tow'r, not a stone will be left on stone.  
Let the king beware for your justice tears ev'ry tyrant from his throne.  
The hungry poor shall weep no more, for the food they can never earn;  
there are tables spread, ev'ry mouth be fed, for the world is about to turn.**

***Refrain***

**Though the nations rage from age to age, we remember who holds us fast:  
God's mercy must deliver us from the conqueror's crushing grasp.  
This saving word that our forebears heard is the promise which holds us bound,  
till the spear and rod can be crushed by God, who is turning the world around.**

***Refrain***

## SENDING

### BLESSING

Listen to these words from God: "I have called you by name, you are mine."  
Go now, knowing that God calls you by name, and claims you with love.  
Go now, knowing that God draws near when you cry out in sadness, fear, and anger.  
Go now, ready to find peace and comfort in your identity as God's beloved child.  
Go now, share the love of God ✕ in Christ with the world.

**Amen.**

## SENDING HYMN

*The Glory of These Forty Days*

1. The glo - ry of these for - ty days we cel - e -  
4. Then grant, O God, that we may, too, re - turn in

brate with songs of praise; for Christ, through whom all  
fast\_ and\_ prayer to you. Our spir - its strength - en

things were made, him - self has fast - ed\_ and has prayed.  
with\_ your grace, and give us joy\_ to\_ see your face.

## DISMISSAL

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

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## 10:00 AM SERVICE

Lectors

1st Reading

2nd Reading

Gospel

Prayers

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