



A Congregation of the Evangelical Lutheran Church In America



## FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT

April 3, 2022 - 10:00 AM



### 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 memory of Bill Kleckley on his birthday by Darlene Kleckley.

# SERVING TODAY

Presiding Minister & Preaching

Susan Crowell

Assisting Minister

Jennifer Moorefield

Pianist and Choir Director

Jim Parham

Lector

Donna Potts

Cantor

Megan Finnern

Prayers

Andrew Weiner

Greeters

Mark Allen  
Sally Boliek  
Linda Morgan  
Terry Morgan  
Sarah Weeks  
Andrew Weiner

Ushers

Richard Delap  
Calvin Harmon  
Bob Thompson

Video

Henry Wilcox

Audio

Gregg Alley

# GATHERING

PRELUDE

WELCOME

*Stand as able*

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

In the name of God, † Creator, Redeemer, and Sanctifier,  
who makes a way in the wilderness,  
walks with us,  
and guides us in our pilgrimage.

**Amen.**

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

Holy One,

**we confess that we have wandered far from you:**

**we have not trusted your promises,**

**we have ignored your prophets in our own day,**

**we have squandered our inheritance of grace,**

**we have failed to recognize you in our midst.**

**Have mercy on us!**

**Forgive us and turn us again to you.**

**Teach us to follow in your ways,**

**assure us again of your love,**

**and help us to love our neighbor.**

**Amen.**

Beloved in Christ,

the Word draws near to you,

and all who call out to God shall be saved.

In Jesus, God comes to you again and again

and gathers you under wings of love.

In † Jesus' name, your sins are forgiven.

God journeys with you and teaches you how to live in love.

**Amen.**

**When I survey the wondrous cross on which the  
prince of glory died, my richest gain I  
count but loss and pour contempt on all my pride.**

**Forbid it, Lord, that I should boast save in the  
death of Christ my God; all the vain things that  
charm me most, I sacrifice them to his blood.**

**See, from his head, his hands, his feet, sorrow and  
love flow mingled down. Did e'er such love and  
sorrow meet, or thorns compose so rich a crown?**

**Were the whole realm of nature mine, that were a  
present far too small; love so amazing,  
so divine, demands my soul, my life, my all.**

THE 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.**

KYRIE



In peace, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



For the peace from a - bove, and for our sal - vation, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



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



God, and for the u-ni-ty of all, let us pray to the Lord.



**Lord, have mer-cy.**



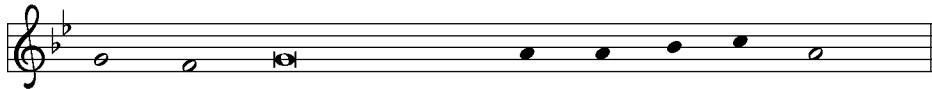
For this ho-ly house, and for all who offer here their wor-ship and



praise, let us pray to the Lord.



**Lord, have mer-cy.**



Help, save, comfort, and de-fend us, gra-cious Lord.



**A - men.**

### PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray. Creator God, you prepare a new way in the wilderness, and your grace waters our desert. Open our hearts to be transformed by the new thing you are doing, that our lives may proclaim the extravagance of your love given to all through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**Amen.**

## WORD

### FIRST READING

Isaiah 43:16-21

A reading from Isaiah

- <sup>16</sup>Thus says the LORD, who makes a way in the sea, a path in the mighty waters,  
<sup>17</sup>who brings out chariot and horse, army and warrior; they lie down, they cannot rise,  
they are extinguished, quenched like a wick:  
<sup>18</sup>Do not remember the former things, or consider the things of old.  
<sup>19</sup>I am about to do a new thing; now it springs forth, do you not perceive it? I will make a  
way in the wilderness and rivers in the desert.  
<sup>20</sup>The wild animals will honor me, the jackals and the ostriches; for I give water in the  
wilderness, rivers in the desert, to give drink to my chosen people,  
<sup>21</sup>the people whom I formed for myself so that they might declare my praise.

The Word of God for the people of God.

**Thanks be to God.**

### PSALM

*The refrain is introduced by the cantor*

Psalm 126

*Thereafter, the congregation is invited to sing without introduction.*

Psalm  
Refrain



Those who sowed with tears will reap with songs of joy.

Psalm  
Tone



- <sup>1</sup>When the LORD restored the for- | tunes of Zion,  
then were we like | those who dream.  
<sup>2</sup>**Then was our mouth filled with laughter, and our tongue with | shouts of joy.**  
**Then they said among the nations, “The LORD has done great | things for them.”**  
<sup>3</sup>The LORD has done great | things for us,  
and we are | glad indeed.  
<sup>4</sup>**Restore our for- | tunes, O LORD,**  
**like the watercourses | of the Negeb. R**  
<sup>5</sup>Those who | sowed with tears  
will reap with | songs of joy.  
<sup>6</sup>**Those who go out weeping, carry- | ing the seed,**  
**will come again with joy, shoulder- | ing their sheaves. R**

SECOND READING

Philippians 3:4b-14

A reading from Philippians.

<sup>4b</sup>If anyone else has reason to be confident in the flesh, I have more: <sup>5</sup>circumcised on the eighth day, a member of the people of Israel, of the tribe of Benjamin, a Hebrew born of Hebrews; as to the law, a Pharisee; <sup>6</sup>as to zeal, a persecutor of the church; as to righteousness under the law, blameless. <sup>7</sup>Yet whatever gains I had, these I have come to regard as loss because of Christ. <sup>8</sup>More than that, I regard everything as loss because of the surpassing value of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord. For his sake I have suffered the loss of all things, and I regard them as rubbish, in order that I may gain Christ <sup>9</sup>and be found in him, not having a righteousness of my own that comes from the law, but one that comes through faith in Christ, the righteousness from God based on faith. <sup>10</sup>I want to know Christ and the power of his resurrection and the sharing of his sufferings by becoming like him in his death, <sup>11</sup>if somehow I may attain the resurrection from the dead. <sup>12</sup>Not that I have already obtained this or have already reached the goal; but I press on to make it my own, because Christ Jesus has made me his own. <sup>13</sup>Beloved, I do not consider that I have made it my own; but this one thing I do: forgetting what lies behind and straining forward to what lies ahead, <sup>14</sup>I press on toward the goal for the prize of the heavenly call of God in Christ Jesus.

The Word of God for the people of God.

**Thanks be to God.**

CHILDREN'S SERMON

*Using our Five Senses in Worship*

*Stand as able*

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



Let your stead - fast love come to us, O Lord.



Save us as you prom - ised; we will trust your word.

The Holy Gospel according to Saint John the twelfth chapter.

**Glorify to you, O Lord.**

<sup>1</sup>Six days before the Passover Jesus came to Bethany, the home of Lazarus, whom he had raised from the dead. <sup>2</sup>There they gave a dinner for him. Martha served, and Lazarus was one of those at the table with him. <sup>3</sup>Mary took a pound of costly perfume made of pure nard, anointed Jesus' feet, and wiped them with her hair. The house was filled with the fragrance of the perfume. <sup>4</sup>But Judas Iscariot, one of his disciples (the one who was about to betray him), said, <sup>5</sup>"Why was this perfume not sold for three hundred denarii and the money given to the poor?" <sup>6</sup>He said this not because he cared about the poor, but because he was a thief; he kept the common purse and used to steal what was put into it.) <sup>7</sup>Jesus said, "Leave her alone. She bought it so that she might keep it for the day of my burial. <sup>8</sup>You always have the poor with you, but you do not always have me."

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

*Please be seated.*

SERMON

*An Act of Holy Extravagance*

*Stand as able*

*Prayer cards may be placed on the cross during the Hymn of the Day.*

HYMN OF THE DAY

*Jesus, the Very Thought of You*

#754

**Jesus, the very thought of you fills us with sweet delight;  
but sweeter far your face to view and rest within your light.**

**No voice can sing, no heart can frame, nor can the mind recall  
a sweeter sound than your blest name, O Savior of us all!**

**O hope of ev'ry contrite soul, O Joy of all the meek,  
how kind you are to those who fall! How good to those who seek!**

**O Jesus, be our joy today; help us to prize your love;  
grant us at last to hear you say: "Come, share my home above."**

## 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

Drawn close to the heart of God, we offer these prayers for the church, the world, and all who are in need.

Wondrous God, do something new in the church. Free us from traditions, paradigms, and old orders that no longer serve the gospel. Bring forward leaders who imagine fresh and bold ways of doing ministry, challenge us to be more inclusive, and invite us to have courage in the face of change.

Merciful God,

**Receive our prayer.**

Wondrous God, do something new in creation. Reverse the trajectory of climate change. Give humankind a second chance to care for your world properly. Amplify the voices of climate scientists and researchers working to chart a new course.

Merciful God,

**Receive our prayer.**

Wondrous God, do something new in our world. Topple oligarch regimes. Bring an end to the deception, death, and destruction in the East so that your people may live. Comfort all those who are mourning in Ukraine and around the world. Strengthen those who fight for good.

Merciful God,

**Receive our prayer.**

Wondrous God, do something new for those who suffer. Reveal a path for any who are unemployed or underemployed, for those experiencing homelessness, and for all who struggle with money. Comfort all who grieve and those who are sick, especially those we name now on our lips or silently in our hearts ...

Merciful God,

**Receive our prayer.**

Wondrous God, do something new for all marginalized people. When a woman anointed Jesus with costly ointment, her act of love and devotion was quickly criticized by a man in power. When will men stop questioning decisions made by female identifying people? Raise up strong cisgender and transgender women. Continue to shield and bless all your marginalized children, especially members of the black and brown community, those who identify as queer, and all people who suffer at the hands of unjust systems.

Merciful God,

**Receive our prayer.**

Wonderous God, we come to you burdened by the news of yet another school shooting. Welcome Jamari Jackson into the loving safety of your mothering arms. Console families of both the victim and perpetrator during this time of unimaginable grief. We ask you to surround the shooter with your unconditional love, knowing he too is a beloved child of God. Comfort and strengthen teachers, students, staff, and administrators at Tanglewood Middle School and at all schools. Lift up legislators who champion gun control reform in our country. We all cry out to you, our source of immeasurable hope, to bring an end to gun violence.

Merciful God,

**Receive our prayer.**

Wondrous God, do something new in our death. Fill us with the knowledge of Christ and the power of his resurrection as we give thanks for all the saints who have attained the prize of their heavenly call.

Merciful God,

**Receive our prayer.**

Accept the prayers we bring, O God, on behalf of a world in need, for the sake of Jesus Christ.

**Amen.**

PEACE

The peace of the Lord be with you always.

**And also with you.**

*All are encouraged to remain at your seats and extend a sign of peace by waving, bowing, making the peace sign, placing your hand over your heart, or sending a text.*

*Please be seated.*

*Stand as able.*

OFFERING HYMN

*Create in Me a Clean Heart*

#188

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

Let us pray. Extravagant God,  
**you have blessed us with the fullness of creation.  
Now we gather at your feast  
where you offer us the food that satisfies.  
Take and use what we offer here, come among us,  
and feed us with the body and blood of Christ,  
in whose name we pray.  
Amen.**

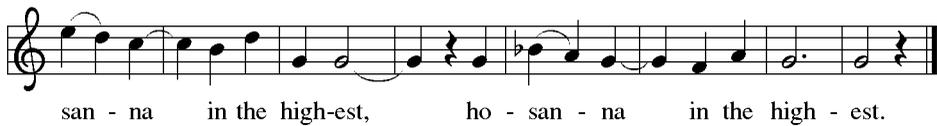
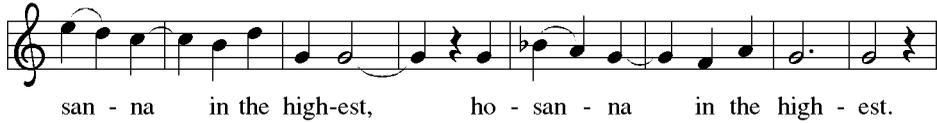
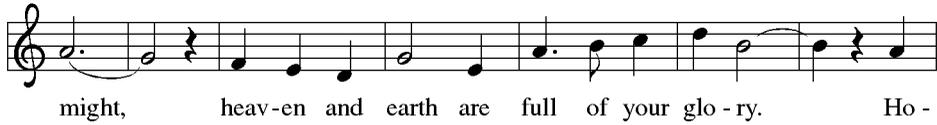
GREAT THANKSGIVING

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.**

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



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.

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.**

*Please be seated*

COMMUNION

*Worshippers will come forward to receive the bread and  
wine and then return to their seats to consume the elements.*

*All, without exception, are welcome at the table of God's love and grace.*

Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the  
world; have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you  
take a - way the sin of the world; have mer - cy on us.  
Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the  
world; grant us peace, grant us peace.

**Alas! And did my Savior bleed, and did my sov'reign die?  
Would he devote that sacred head for sinners such as I?**

**Was it for sins that I had done he groaned upon the tree?  
Amazing pity, grace unknown, and love beyond degree!**

**Well might the sun in the darkness hide and shut its glories in  
when God, the mighty maker, died for his own creatures' sin.**

**Thus might I hide my blushing face while his dear cross appears,  
dissolve my heart in thankfulness, and melt my eyes to tears.**

**But tears of grief cannot repay the debt of love I owe;  
here, Lord, I give myself away: 'tis all that I can do.**

**Take my life, that I may be consecrated, Lord, to thee;  
take my moments and my days; let them flow in ceaseless praise.**

**Take my hands and let them move at the impulse of thy love;  
take my feet and let them be swift and beautiful for thee.**

**Take my voice and let me sing always, only, for my King;  
take my lips and let them be filled with messages from thee.**

**Take my silver and my gold, not a mite would I withhold;  
take my intellect, and use ev'ry pow'r as thou shalt choose.**

**Take my will and make it thine; it shall be no longer mine.  
Take my heart, it is thine own; it shall be thy royal throne.**

**Take my love; my Lord, I pour at thy feet its treasure store;  
take myself, and I will be ever, only, all for thee.**

*Stand as able*

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

**Amen.**

#### POST COMMUNION PRAYER

Blessed Jesus,  
in this rich meal of grace,  
you have fed us with your body, the bread of life.  
Now send us forth to bear your life-giving hope  
to a world in need.

**Amen.**

#### SENDING

#### BLESSING

You are children of God,  
anointed with the oil of gladness  
and strengthened for the journey.  
Almighty God,  
motherly, majestic, and mighty,  
✚ bless you this day and always.

**Amen.**

#### SENDING HYMN

*On My Heart Imprint Your Image*

#811

**On my heart imprint your image, blessed Jesus, king of grace,  
that life's troubles nor its pleasures ever may your work erase.  
Let the clear inscription be: Jesus, crucified for me,  
is my life, my hope's foundation, all my glory and salvation!**

#### DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Jesus meets you on the way.

**Thanks be to God.**

*Please take a prayer card from the cross with you as you leave and hold that prayer  
request in your prayers throughout the week.*

*Everyone is invited to gather for refreshments and fellowship  
in the back corner of the gym following worship.*

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