



LUTHERAN CHURCH 1909

A Congregation of the Evangelical Lutheran Church In America



FIFTH SUNDAY IN LENT

March 26, 2023 - 10:00 AM - in the Gym



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 her dad, Roy Cook, on his birthday by Amanda Cook.

SERVING TODAY

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| Presiding Minister | Susan Crowell |
| Preaching | Missy Roberts |
| Assisting Minister | Patrick Preacher |
| Pianist and Choir Director | Jim Parham |
| Lector | Josh Warner |
| Cantor | Patrick Morgan |
| Prayers | Penny Bostain |
| Acolyte | Roger Brown Ben McCormack |
| Greeters | Mark Allen Maggie Boliek Bonnie Farmer Cathy O'Neill Pat O'Neill |
| Ushers | Richard Delap Calvin Harmon David Nichols Karen Nichols |
| Refreshment Hosts | Roth Family |
| Video | Henry Wilcox |
| Audio | Gregg Alley |

GATHERING

PRELUDE

WORDS OF WELCOME AND AFFIRMATION

TEMPLE TALK

Nehemiah Action

Angie McCormack

Please stand as able

CONFESSION AND 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.

**Rise, shine, you people! Christ the Lord has entered
our human story; God in him is centered. He comes to us,
by death and sin surrounded, with grace unbounded.**

**See how he sends the pow'rs of evil reeling;
he brings us freedom, light and life and healing. All men and
women, who by guilt are driven, now are forgiven.**

**Come, celebrate; your banners high unfurling,
your songs and prayers against the darkness hurling. To all the
world go out and tell the story of Jesus' glory.**

**Tell how the Father sent the Son to save us.
Tell of the Son, who life and freedom gave us. Tell how the
Spirit calls from ev'ry nation God's new creation.**

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.



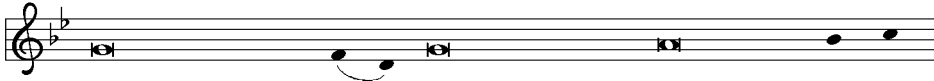
Lord, have mer - cy.



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.



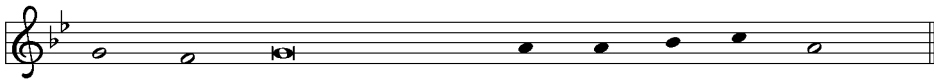
For this ho - ly house, and for all who offer here their wor - ship and



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. 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

A reading from Ezekiel.

¹God's hand came upon me, and brought me out by the spirit of God and set me down in the middle of a valley; it was full of bones. ²God led me all around them; there were very many lying in the valley, and they were very dry. ³and said to me, "Mortal, can these bones live?" I answered, "O Sovereign God, you know." ⁴Then God said to me, "Prophecy to these bones, and say to them: O dry bones, hear the word of God . ⁵Thus says the Sovereign God to these bones: I will cause breath to enter you, and you shall live. ⁶I 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 God." ⁷So 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. ⁸I 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. ⁹Then God said to me, "Prophecy to the breath, prophesy, mortal, and say to the breath: Thus says your Sovereign God: Come from the four winds, O breath, and breathe upon these slain, that they may live." ¹⁰I prophesied as God commanded me, and the breath came into them, and they lived, and stood on their feet, a vast multitude. ¹¹Then 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.'¹²Therefore prophesy, and say to them, Thus says your Sovereign 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. ¹³And you shall know that I am God, when I open your graves, and bring you up from your graves, O my people. ¹⁴I 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, your God, have spoken and will act, says the Sovereign God."

The Word of God for the people of God.

Thanks be to God.

Psalm
 Refrain



Psalm
 Tone



¹Out | of the depths

I cry to | you, O LORD;

²**O LORD, | hear my voice!**

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

³If you were to keep watch | over sins,

O LORD, | who could stand?

⁴**Yet with you | is forgiveness,**

in order that you | may be feared. R

⁵I wait for you, O LORD; | my soul waits;

in your word | is my hope.

⁶**My soul waits for the Lord more than those who keep watch | for the morning,
 more than those who keep watch | for the morning.**

⁷O Israel, wait for the LORD, for with the LORD there is | steadfast love;

with the LORD there is plen- | teous redemption.

⁸**For the LORD shall | redeem Israel**

from | all their sins. R

A reading from Romans.

⁶To set the mind on the flesh is death, but to set the mind on the Spirit is life and peace. ⁷For 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, ⁸and those who are in the flesh cannot please God. ⁹But 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 Christ. ¹⁰But if Christ is in you, though the body is dead because of sin, the Spirit is life because of righteousness. ¹¹If 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 of God that dwells in you.

The Word of God for the people of God.

Thanks be to God.

CHILDREN'S SERMON

Missy Roberts

Please stand as able or remain seated if that is more appropriate

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



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



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

GOSPEL

John 11:1-45

The Holy Gospel according to Saint John the eleventh chapter.

Glory to you, O Lord.

¹Now a certain man was ill, Lazarus of Bethany, the village of Mary and her sister Martha. ²Mary was the one who anointed Jesus with perfume and wiped his feet with her hair; her brother Lazarus was ill. ³So the sisters sent a message to Jesus, "Lazarus, whom you love, is ill." ⁴But when Jesus heard it, he said, "This illness does not lead to death; rather it is for God's glory, so that the Only Begotten One may be glorified through it." ⁵Accordingly, though Jesus loved Martha and her sister and Lazarus, ⁶after having heard that Lazarus was ill, he stayed two days longer in the place where he was. ⁷Then after this Jesus said to the disciples, "Let us go to Judea again." ⁸The disciples said, "Rabbi, they were just now trying to stone you, and are you going there again?" ⁹Jesus 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. ¹⁰But those who walk at night stumble, because the light is not in them."

¹¹After saying this, Jesus told them, “Our friend Lazarus has fallen asleep, but I am going there to awaken him.” ¹²The disciples said, “Rabbi, if he has fallen asleep, he will be all right.” ¹³Jesus, however, had been speaking about his death, but they thought that he was referring merely to sleep. ¹⁴Then Jesus told them plainly, “Lazarus is dead. ¹⁵For your sake I am glad I was not there, so that you may believe. But let us go to him.” ¹⁶Thomas, who was called the Twin, said to his fellow disciples, “Let us also go, that we may die with him.” ¹⁷When Jesus arrived, he found that Lazarus had already been in the tomb four days. ¹⁸Now Bethany was near Jerusalem, some two miles away, ¹⁹and many had come to Martha and Mary to console them about their brother. ²⁰When Martha heard that Jesus was coming, she went and met him, while Mary stayed at home. ²¹Martha said to Jesus, “Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died. ²²But even now I know that God will give you whatever you ask.” ²³Jesus said to her, “Your brother will rise again.” ²⁴Martha said to him, “I know that he will rise again in the resurrection on the last day.” ²⁵Jesus said to her, “I am the resurrection and the life. Those who believe in me, even though they die, will live, ²⁶and everyone who lives and believes in me will never die. Do you believe this?” ²⁷She said to him, “Yes, Lord, I believe that you are the Messiah, God’s Only Begotten One, the one coming into the world.” ²⁸When 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.” ²⁹And when she heard it, she got up quickly and went to him. ³⁰Now Jesus had not yet come to the village, but was still at the place where Martha had met him. ³¹Those 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. ³²When Mary came to 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.” ³³When Jesus saw her weeping, and those who came with her also weeping, he was greatly disturbed in spirit and deeply moved. ³⁴Jesus said, “Where have you laid him?” They said, “Lord, come and see.” ³⁵Jesus began to weep. ³⁶The people in the crowd said, “See how Jesus loved him!” ³⁷But some of them said, “Could not the one who opened the eyes of the blind have kept this man from dying?” ³⁸Then Jesus, again greatly disturbed, came to the tomb. It was a cave, and a stone was lying against it. ³⁹Jesus 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.” ⁴⁰Jesus said to her, “Did I not tell you that if you believed, you would see the glory of God?” ⁴¹So they took away the stone. And Jesus looked upward and said, “Abba, I thank you for having heard me. ⁴²I 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.” ⁴³When Jesus had said this, he cried with a loud voice, “Lazarus, come out!” ⁴⁴The 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.” ⁴⁵Many 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.

Please be seated

Please stand as able

HYMN OF THE DAY

Jesus Is a Rock in a Weary Land

#333

Refrain

***Jesus is a rock in a weary land, a weary land,
a weary land; 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

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

Sustained by God's abundant mercy, let us pray for the church, the world, and all of creation.

A brief silence.

You have breathed into us the breath of life. Enliven your church. Deepen our partnerships with our companion churches around the globe. We pray especially for the full communion partners of the ELCA, the Presbyterian Church USA, The Moravian Church, the United Church of Christ, the United Methodist Church, the Reformed Church in America, and The Episcopal Church. Continue guiding these and all churches towards a greater understanding of your inclusive love for all people, including your beautiful LGBTQIA+ siblings. Have mercy on us, O God,
according to your steadfast love.

Your spirit brings life to creation. Enliven the natural world and restore ecosystems in need of healing. Uplift prophetic voices that turn us to the needs of the soil beneath our feet and the air all around. Heal that which we have harmed and inspire the entire world to care more deeply for your creation. Have mercy on us, O God,
according to your steadfast love.

Your divinity transcends distinctions of gender and through the generations you widen our awareness of human diversity. We gather here before you in our various expressions of gender identity, all of us one in Christ Jesus. Bring our society to peacefulness concerning a wider understanding of gender. Give courage and healing to those whose gender expressions are testified as a gift from you. Open the church to their witness. We asked with your creative spirit you cultivate new relationships, heal old wounds, and nurture communities for the sake of the one who embraces all people in love. Have mercy on us, O God,
according to your steadfast love.

You weep when we weep. Be present with those who grieve or who are troubled by illness, especially those we name now on our lips or silently in our hearts You hear us when we call to you. Deliver us from the depths of our despair, and free us from the worries that bind us. Be with hospital and hospice chaplains who watch and wait at bedsides at the time of death. Have mercy on us, O God,
according to your steadfast love.

Your Spirit of life dwells in our assembly. Bless the music ministries of this congregation, especially Jim and the choir. We give you thanks for their willingness to share the gifts and talents you have given them as they lead us in hymns of praise and thanksgiving and in songs of lament and prayer. Have mercy on us, O God,
according to your steadfast love.

You are the resurrection and the life. Even though we die, we will live. With thanksgiving, we remember all your saints who now live in your eternal love. Have mercy on us, O God, **according to your steadfast love.**

We lift our prayers to you, O God, trusting in your steadfast love and your promise to renew your whole creation; through Jesus Christ our Savior.

Amen.

PEACE

The peace of Christ is with you always.

And also with you.

Please share with one another a sign of Christ's peace.

Please be seated

MEAL

OFFERING

River of Freedom

Adult Choir

words and music by Larry Shackley

There's a river of freedom flowing to the ocean.
There's a river of freedom rolling to the sea.
And when I reach that shore, I ain't gonna wear these chains no more,
I'm gonna cross that mighty river and be free.

Gonna sing with all my brothers by that river.
Gonna sing with all my sisters on that strand.
All our loved ones will be waiting,
they'll be waiting and everyone will be celebrating,
singing to the music of that heavenly band.

There no trouble can ever find me. Devil never gonna take me back and bind me.
Never will allow his wicked lies to bind me, when I feel that river washing over me.
There's a river of freedom flowing to the ocean. There's a river of freedom rolling to the sea.
The river is deep, and the river is wide, but there's peace, sweet peace, on the other side,
I'm gonna cross that mighty river and be free.

Won't you come along and join me by the river?
Won't you come along and take me by the hand?
Can't you feel it in your soul?
Don't you long to see that ol' Jordan roll?
Won't you come along with me to the promised land?
River of freedom gonna take me to the promised land.

**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, 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**

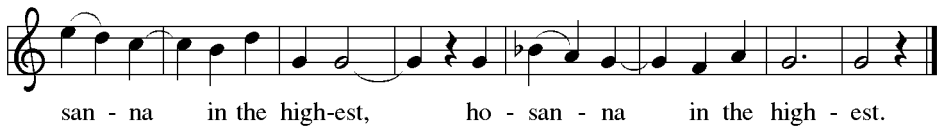
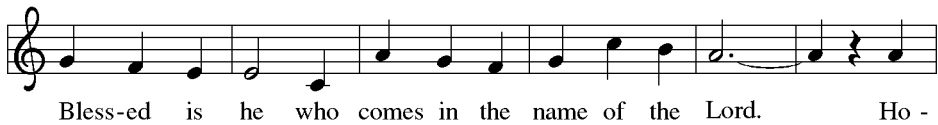
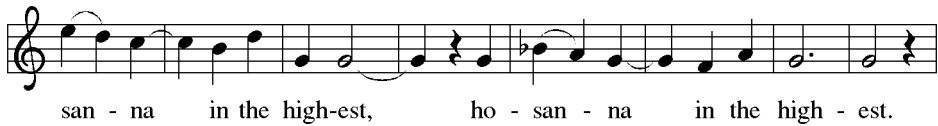
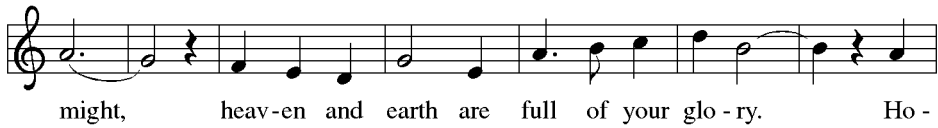
GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord is 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.**

THE INVITATION TO COMMUNION

The gifts of God for the people of God.

Thanks be to God!

Please be seated

COMMUNION

All, without exception, are welcome at the table of God's grace and love. Anyone preferring not to receive the wine may receive only the bread, completely trusting that the full benefit of communion — Christ's grace and forgiveness — may be found in either the bread or wine.

*Worshipers will come forward to receive a wafer
and a small cup of wine.*

MUSIC DURING COMMUNION



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.

Tree of Life and Awesome Mystery

#334

**Tree of Life and awesome myst'ry, in your death we are reborn;
though you die in all of hist'ry, still you rise with ev'ry morn,
still you rise with ev'ry morn.**

**We remember truth once spoken, love passed on through act and word;
ev'ry person lost and broken wears the body of our Lord,
wears the body of our Lord.**

**Christ, you lead and we shall follow, stumbling though our steps may be;
one with you in joy and sorrow, we the river, you the sea,
we the river, you the sea.**

**God of all our fear and sorrow, God who lives beyond our death,
hold us close through each tomorrow, love as near as ev'ry breath,
love as near as ev'ry breath.**

**“I am the Bread of Life. You who
come to me shall not hunger, and who
believe in me shall not thirst. No one can come to
me unless the Father beckons,”**

Refrain

**“And I will raise you up, and I will raise you up,
and I will raise you up on the last day.”**

**“The bread that I will give is my
flesh for the life of the world, and if you
eat of this bread, you shall live
forever, you shall live forever.”** *Refrain*

**“Unless you eat of the flesh
of the Son of Man and
drink of his blood, and drink of his
blood, you shall not have life within you.”** *Refrain*

**“I am the resurrection, I am the life.
If you believe in me, even though you die,
you shall live forever.”** *Refrain*

**Yes, Lord, I believe that
you are the Christ, the Son of God,
who have come into the world.** *Refrain*

What wondrous love is this, O my soul, O my soul! What wondrous love is this, O my soul! What wondrous love is this that caused the Lord of bliss to bear the dreadful curse for my soul, for my soul, to bear the dreadful curse for my soul?

When I was sinking down, sinking down, sinking down, when I was sinking down, sinking down, when I was sinking down beneath God's righteous frown, Christ laid aside his crown for my soul, for my soul, Christ laid aside his crown for my soul.

To God and to the Lamb I will sing, I will sing; to God and to the Lamb I will sing; to God and to the Lamb, who is the great I Am, while millions join the theme, I will sing, I will sing, while millions join the theme, I will sing.

And when from death I'm free, I'll sing on, I'll sing on; and when from death I'm free, I'll sing on; and when from death I'm free, I'll sing God's love for me, and through eternity I'll sing on, I'll sing on; and through eternity I'll sing on.

Please stand as able

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

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

Embodied God,
at your table, we have tasted the goodness of Jesus.
With the eyes of our hearts open to your promise,
empower us to hear the needs of our neighbors
and touch the world with your love.
Amen.

SENDING

BLESSING

God, the giver of love,
✠ Christ, the resurrection and the life,
and the Holy Spirit of rebirth
bless you in this Lenten journey.

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. Serve in Love.

Thanks be to God.

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

Rise, Shine, You People!
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