



A Congregation of the Evangelical Lutheran Church In America



FIFTH SUNDAY IN LENT

April 6, 2025 - 10:00 AM - in the Sanctuary



Welcome to Trinity Lutheran Church

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

The Altar Flowers are given to the Glory of God and in memory of Bill Kleckley by Darlene Kleckley.

SERVING TODAY

Presiding Minister	Susan Crowell
Preaching	Sarah Delap Bowers
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Lector	Kerrie Seymour
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Praying for Possibilities	Melissa Kolb
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Ushers	Richard Delap Danny Fagala David Potts
Fellowship Host	Tori and Jay Hilbourn
Video	Henry Wilcox
Audio	Gregg Alley

GATHERING

PRELUDE

WORDS OF WELCOME AND AFFIRMATION

TEMPLE TALK

GOAL's Nehemiah Action

Cathy O'Neill

Please stand as able

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Blessed be the holy Trinity, ✚ one God,
who forgives all our sin,
whose mercy endures forever.

Amen.

Let us return to God, confessing our sin in the assurance of God's abiding love.

Silence is kept for reflection.

Compassionate One,

**you are slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love,
but our lives do not always reflect you
and your love for the world.**

**We do not show others the tender compassion
you have shown to us.**

**We do not welcome others with the radical hospitality
you grant to all people.**

**We oppress others,
even though you have set us free again and again.**

We squander the abundant gifts of the earth.

**Transform our lives
and guide us again in the way of the cross.**

Amen.

Beloved in Christ,

God's arms are always stretched open wide
to welcome the wandering ones home.

In ✚ Christ your sins are forgiven.

You have a place in God's house forever.

Amen.

**As we gather at your table, as we listen to your word, help us know O God
your presence; let our hearts and minds be stirred.**

**Nourish us with sacred story till we claim it as our own:
teach us through this holy banquet how to make Love's vict'ry known.**

**Turn our worship into witness in the sacrament of life;
send us forth to love and serve you, bringing peace where there is strife.
Give us, Christ, your great compassion to forgive as you forgave;
may we still behold your image in the world you died to save.**

**Gracious Spirit, help us summon other guests to share that feast
where triumphant Love will welcome those who had been last and least.
There no more will envy blind us nor will pride our peace destroy,
as we join with saints and angels to repeat the sounding joy.**

GREETING

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

And also with you.

CANTICLE OF PRAISE

You Are Holy, You Are Whole

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**You are holy, you are whole. You are always ever more
than we ever understand. You are always at hand.
Blessed are you coming near. Blessed are you coming here
to your church in wine and bread, raised from soil, raised from dead.**

**You are holy, you are wholeness,
you are present. Let the cosmos praise you, Lord!
Sing hosanna in the highest!
Sing hosanna! Sing hosanna to our God!**

Sing two times

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray. God who is patient, wonderful, and vast, you prepare a new way in the wilderness, and your grace waters our desert. Just as you order mighty waters, so do you reign in the unruly wills of sinners. Grant us courage to use our most precious belongings and gifts to serve you and neighbor. Open our hearts to be transformed by the new thing you are doing, that our lives may proclaim the reckless extravagance of your love given to all through your Son and our savior, Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

Please be seated

WORD

FIRST READING

Isaiah 43:16-21

A reading from Isaiah.

- ¹⁶ Thus says our GOD,
who makes a way in the sea,
a path in the mighty waters,
¹⁷ who brings out chariot and horse,
army and warrior;
they lie down, they cannot rise,
they are extinguished, quenched like a wick:
¹⁸ Do not remember the former things,
or consider the things of old.
¹⁹ 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.
²⁰ 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,
²¹ 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
Refrain*



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

*Psalm
Tone*



- ¹When the LORD restored the for- | tunes of Zion,
 then were we like | those who dream.
- ²**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.”
- ³The LORD has done great | things for us,
 and we are | glad indeed.
- ⁴**Restore our for- | tunes, O LORD,**
like the watercourses | of the Negeb. R
- ⁵Those who | sowed with tears
 will reap with | songs of joy.
- ⁶**Those who go out weeping, carry- | ing the seed,**
will come again with joy, shoulder- | ing their sheaves. R

SECOND READING

Philippians 3:4-14

A reading from Philippians.

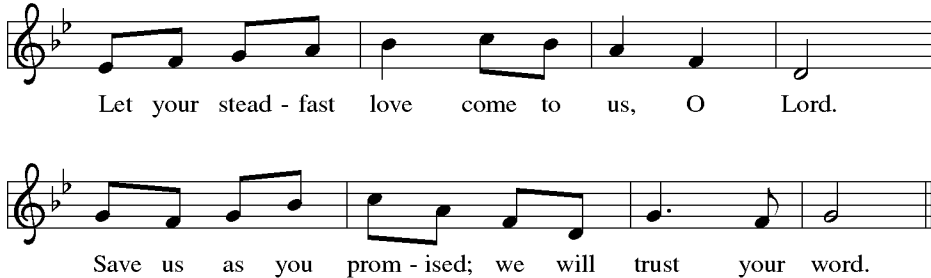
Paul writes: ^{4b} If anyone else has reason to be confident in the flesh, I have more: ⁵ circumcised on the eighth day, a member of the people of Israel, of the tribe of Benjamin, a Hebrew born of Hebrews; as to the law, a Pharisee; ⁶ as to zeal, a persecutor of the church; as to righteousness under the law, blameless. ⁷ Yet whatever gains I had, these I have come to regard as loss because of Christ. ⁸ 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 ⁹ 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. ¹⁰ I want to know Christ and the power of his resurrection and the sharing of his sufferings by becoming like him in his death, ¹¹ if somehow I may attain the resurrection from the dead. ¹² 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. ¹³ 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, ¹⁴ 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.

Please stand as able

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



GOSPEL

John 12:1-8

The Holy Gospel according to Saint John the twelfth chapter.

Glory to you, O Lord.

¹ Six days before the Passover Jesus came to Bethany, the home of Lazarus, whom he had raised from the dead. ² There they gave a dinner for Jesus. Martha served, and Lazarus was one of those at the table with him. ³ 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. ⁴ But Judas Iscariot, one of his disciples the one who was about to betray Jesus, said, ⁵ "Why was this perfume not sold for three hundred denarii and the money given to the poor?" ⁶ Judas 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. ⁷ Jesus said, "Leave her alone. She bought it so that she might keep it for the day of my burial." ⁸ 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

Deacon Sarah Bowers

Please stand as able

VOCATION, MINISTRY

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Take My Life, That I May Be

Toma, oh Dios, mi voluntad

Refrain/Estrillo

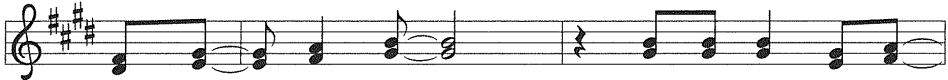
To - ma, oh Dios, mi vo - lun - tad, y haz - la tu - ya, na - da más;
 Take my life, that I may be con - se - crat - ed, Lord, to thee;



to - ma, sí, mi co - ra - zón y tu tro - no en él ten - drás.
 take my mo - ments and my days; let them flow in cease - less praise.



1 Que mi vi - da en - te - ra es - té con - sa - gra -
 1 Take my hands and let them move at the im -
 2 Take my sil - ver and my gold, not a mite
 3 Take my voice and let me sing al - ways, on -
 4 Take my will and make it thine; it shall be



da a ti, Se - ñor; que a mis ma - nos pue -
 pulse of thy love; take my feet and let
 would I with - hold; take my in - tel - lect
 ly for my King; take my lips and let
 no lon - ger mine; take my heart, it is



da guiar el im - pul - so de tu a - mor.
 them be swift and beau - ti - ful for thee.
 and use ev - 'ry pow'r as thou shalt choose.
 them be filled with mes - sag - es from thee.
 thine own; it shall be thy roy - al throne.

Refrain/Estrillo

- 2 *Que mis pies tan sólo en pos de lo santo puedan ir,*
y que a ti, Señor, mi voz,
se complazca en bendecir. Estrillo
- 3 *Que mis labios al hablar hablen sólo de tu amor;*
que mis bienes dedicar
yo los quiera a ti, Señor. Estrillo

- 4 *Que mi tiempo todo esté consagrado a tu loor;*
que mi mente y su poder
sean usados en tu honor. Estrillo

APOSTLES' CREED

God has made us God's people through our Baptism into Christ.
Living together in trust and hope, we 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

Led by the Spirit, let us turn to God in prayer for the church, the world, and all those in need.

A brief silence.

You recklessly pour out your love on the church. Guide us in the example of Isaiah's imagination, Paul's transformed identity, and Mary's faith and devotion; that our lives, too, may be like sweet perfume to you as we trust in your promises. Have mercy on us, O God,
according to your steadfast love.

You recklessly pour out your love on the earth. Make a way for the planet's future in the sea and the wilderness, the mountains and plains, the tundra and wetlands. Repair ecosystems humanity has damaged in our carelessness. Bring restoration and hope to areas in the Carolinas recently impacted by wildfires. Have mercy on us, O God,
according to your steadfast love.

You recklessly pour out your love on the nations. Where religious differences divide, bring together those who worship you in the name of Jesus Christ and those who call to you with different names. Guide interreligious dialogue, that faith may unite rather than divide communities. Have mercy on us, O God,
according to your steadfast love.

You recklessly pour out your love on those in need. Restore those whose hope has been dampened through a health diagnosis, job or home loss, divorce, or death. Bring healing to those in need especially those we name now on our lips or silently in our hearts ... May all who weep now sing songs of joy. Have mercy on us, O God,
according to your steadfast love.

You recklessly pour out your love on those human-kind tries to oppress. Your people continue to struggle under the harsh grip of racism, queerphobia, sexism, xenophobia, transphobia, and ageism. Remind us that harmful actions have a negative impact beyond those they seem at first to target. Teach us how to be part of the new thing you are doing. Make a way in the wilderness in which we now find ourselves and protect those for whom this time poses extraordinary danger. Have mercy on us, O God,
according to your steadfast love.

The communion of saints declares your praise, O God. Giving thanks for those who have died, we trust in the one who has made them his own: Christ Jesus, our crucified and risen Savior. Have mercy on us, O God,
according to your steadfast love.

Receive the prayers of your people and draw all things together in your love, in the name of Jesus, who leads us from death to life.
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

O Redeemer divine, our sole hope of salvation,
Eternal Light of the earth and the sky, we kneel in adoration.
O Savior, turn on us thy loving eye,
O Savior, turn on us thy loving eye!

Send down on us the fire of thy grace all-consuming,
whose wondrous might, whose wondrous might dispersed the pow'rs of hell,
and rouse our slumb'ring souls with thy radiance,
that they may waken thy mercy to tell!

O Christ, bestow thy blessing on us, we implore thee,
who here are gathered on penitent knee.
Accept the hymns we chant to thine eternal glory
and these thy gifts we re-turn unto thee!

Please stand as able

OFFERING HYMN

The Trumpets Sound, the Angels Sing

#531

**The trumpets sound, the angels sing, the feast is
ready to begin. The gates of heav'n are open wide,
and Jesus welcomes you inside.**

Refrain

***Sing with thankfulness songs of pure delight.
Come and revel in heaven's love and light.
Take your place at the table of the King.
The feast is ready to begin; the feast is ready to begin.***

**Tables are laden with good things; oh, taste the
peace and joy he brings. He'll fill you up with love divine;
he'll turn your water into wine. *Refrain***

**The hungry heart he satisfies, offers the
poor his paradise. Now hear all heav'n and earth applaud
the amazing goodness of the Lord. *Refrain***

Let us pray. Gracious Provider,
**you set your immense treasures among us,
opening your heart to the world.**
**As we prepare to feast on your bountiful love,
deepen our commitment to sharing those
treasures with others,
through our Savior, Jesus Christ.**
Amen.

GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord is with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

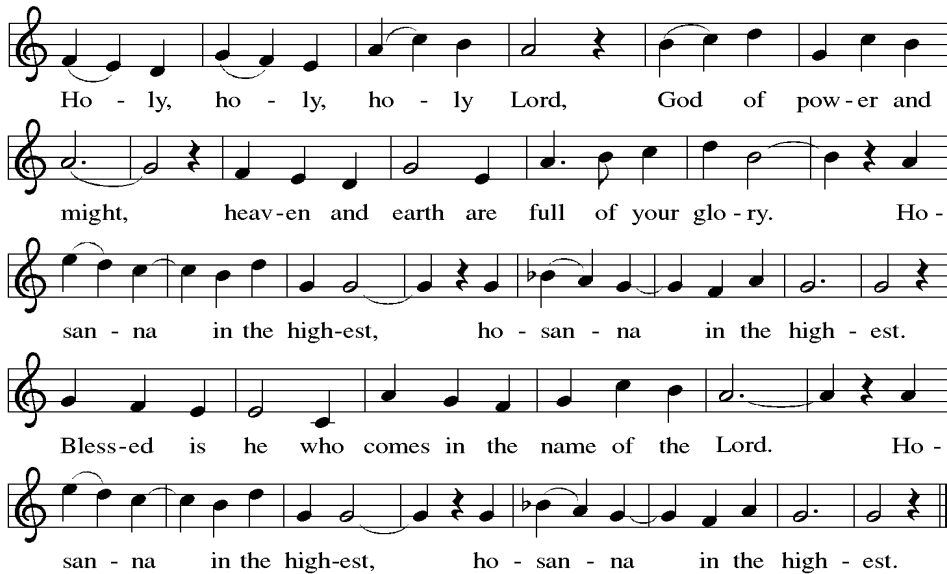
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

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 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. Both wine and grape juice are available in the split chalice— wine in the larger section and grape juice in the smaller section. Christ's grace and forgiveness is found in the bread, wine, and grape juice.

Gluten free wafers are available.

At the direction of the ushers, worshippers are invited to move to the front of the center aisle to dip the wafer into the chalice to receive Communion by intinction.

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.

**Guide me ever, great Redeemer, pilgrim through this
barren land. I am weak, but you are mighty; hold me
with your pow'rful hand. Bread of heaven, bread of heaven,
feed me now and evermore, feed me now and evermore.**

**Open now the crystal fountain where the healing
waters flow; let the fire and cloudy pillar lead me
all my journey through. Strong deliv'rer, strong deliv'rer,
shield me with your mighty arm, shield me with your mighty arm.**

**When I tread the verge of Jordan, bid my anxious
fears subside; death of death and hell's destruction, land me
safe on Canaan's side. Songs and praises, songs and praises
I will raise forevermore, I will raise forevermore.**

Guide My Feet

1 Guide my feet, Lord, while I run this race.
2 Hold my hand, Lord, while I run this race.
3 Stand by me, Lord, while I run this race.
4 I'm your child, Lord, while I run this race.

Guide my feet, Lord, while I run this race.
Hold my hand, Lord, while I run this race.
Stand by me, Lord, while I run this race.
I'm your child, Lord, while I run this race.

Guide my feet, Lord, while I run this race,
Hold my hand, Lord, while I run this race,
Stand by me, Lord, while I run this race,
I'm your child, Lord, while I run this race,

for I don't want to run this race in vain.

**“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***

Refrain

***Bread of life from heaven, your blood and body given,
we eat this bread and drink this cup until you come again.***

**Break now the bread of Christ's sacrifice; giving
thanks, hungry ones, gather round. Eat, all of you, and be
satisfied; in Christ's presence the loaves will abound. *Refrain***

**Seek not the food that will pass away; set your
hearts on the food that endures. Come, learn the true and the
living way, that the fullness of life may be yours. *Refrain***

**Love as the one who, in love for you, gave himself
for the life of the world. Come to the one who is
food for you, that your hunger and thirst be no more. *Refrain***

**Dwell in the one who now dwells in you; make your
home in the lifegiving Word. Know only Christ, Holy
One of God, and believe in the truth you have heard. *Refrain***

**Drink of this cup and declare his death; eat this
bread and believe Easter morn; trust his return and, with
ev'ry breath, praise the one in whom you are reborn. *Refrain***

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

Generous Host,
you have shared your feast with us and made us new.
Send us now to set tables of love and grace in our communities,
that your liberating love might nourish the world into freedom,
in the name of the crucified one, Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

SENDING

BLESSING

God our tender parent,
God the crucified one,
God the reconciling Spirit,
✚ bless you now and forever.

Amen

SENDING HYMN

The Glory of These Forty Days

Text: 320 Tune: 389

The glo - ry of these for - ty days we cel - e -
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

The steady walk to the cross
commences soon.

Lift your head to walk the path God has already
made through the mighty waters.

Stop and kneel to anoint the holy
even when it is unpopular.

Go in peace to pour out love.

Thanks be to God!

*Following worship, everyone is invited to gather
for refreshments and fellowship on the front lawn.*

As We Gather at Your Table

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