



# TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH

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*Anchored in Faith. Serving Our Neighbor. Singing God's Praise.*

*Mission: To be a caring and diverse community of people who know and share the love of God through Jesus Christ.*

## Fifth Sunday of Lent March 26, 2023

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In today's gospel Jesus reveals his power over death by raising Lazarus from the dead. The prophet Ezekiel prophesies God breathing new life into dry bones. To those in exile or living in the shadows of death, these stories proclaim God's promise of resurrection. In baptism we die with Christ that we might also be raised with him to new life. At the Easter Vigil we will welcome the newly baptized as we remember God's unfailing promise in our baptism.

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**WELCOME TO TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH.** *You are invited to join with us as we seek to be God's loving community for all who enter here. You are received as a friend . . .*

- *just as you are, created by God.*
- *whatever your color, culture and customs, your age, abilities, sexual orientation or gender identity.*
- *wherever circumstances find you... in the midst of change or challenge or pain, in need of strength and hope, or in search of spiritual fullness and friendship.*
- *whether you are a new visitor or an old friend, have no church home, have doubts or do not believe, or want to follow Christ and pursue peace and justice in Christ's name.*

*You are embraced as an expression of the diversity and beauty of the creation God has given us.*

**You are welcome here!**

*The presence of children is a gift to the church and a reminder that our congregation is growing. Please welcome our youngest brothers and sisters and give a smile of encouragement to their parents.*

# ✠ THE SERVICE ✠

**PRELUDE** *What Wondrous Love*  
Arr. Paul Manz, 1919-2009  
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## ✠ GATHERING ✠

(Arrows indicate when the congregation may sit ↓ or stand ↑ as able. **Bold print** are responses spoken by the congregation.)

### ↑ 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.**

↑ **HYMN** *There is A Longing in Our Hearts*  
ACS #1078 vs. 1 & 4

#### **Refrain**

***There is a longing in our hearts, O Lord,  
for you to reveal yourself to us.***

***There is a longing in our hearts for love  
we only find in you, our God.***

**1** *For justice, for freedom,  
for mercy: hear our prayer.  
In sorrow, in grief:  
be near; hear our prayer, O God. Refrain*

**4** *Lord, save us, take pity,  
light in our deepest night.  
We call you; we wait:  
be near; hear our prayer, O God. Refrain*

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### ↑ GREETING

The love of God poured into our hearts, the saving grace of Jesus Christ, and the abundant life of the Holy Spirit be with you all. **And also with you.**

### ↑ KYRIE

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*In peace, let us pray to the Lord.*

**Lord, have mercy.**

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

**Lord, have mercy.**

*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 mercy.**

*For this holy house, and for all who offer here their worship and praise, let us pray to the Lord.*

**Lord, have mercy.**

*Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.*

**Amen, amen.**

### ↑ 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.**

## ✠ WORD ✠

### ↓ FIRST READING

Ezekiel 37:1-14

<sup>1</sup>The hand of the LORD came upon me, and he brought me out by the spirit of the LORD and set me down in the middle of a valley; it was full of bones.

<sup>2</sup>He led me all around them; there were very many lying in the valley, and they were very dry. <sup>3</sup>He said to me, "Mortal, can these bones live?" I answered, "O Lord GOD, you know." <sup>4</sup>Then he said to me, "Prophecy 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 he said to me, "Prophecy to the breath, prophesy, mortal, and say to the breath: Thus says the Lord God: Come from the four winds, O breath, and breathe upon these slain, that they may live." <sup>10</sup>I prophesied as he commanded me, and the breath came into them, and they lived, and stood on their feet, a vast multitude.

<sup>11</sup>Then he said to me, "Mortal, these bones are the whole house of Israel. They say, 'Our bones are dried up, and our hope is lost; we are cut off completely.' <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."

Word of God, Word of Life.      **Thanks be to God.**

↓ **Psalm 130** (read responsively)

<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 plenteous  
redemption.

<sup>8</sup>**For the LORD shall redeem Israel  
from all their sins.**

↓ **SECOND READING**

**Romans 8:6-11**

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

Word of God, Word of Life.      **Thanks be to God.**

↓ **GOSPEL**

**John 11:1-45**

The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the 11<sup>th</sup>  
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 of him.” <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**

↓ **CHOIR**

*God So Loved the World*

Noel Goemanne, 1926-2010 Text: from John 3:16

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↑ **APOSTLES' CREED**

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Let us profess our faith in the words of the 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**

*(The congregation is encouraged to take the position which is most prayerful to you.)*

You may choose to sit or stand as you are comfortable.

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 and bless the work of missionaries who accompany them.

Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

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.

Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

You redeem the world and its peoples. Free us from systems of oppression. Unbind nations and societies from the sins of racism, sexism, and homophobia.

Raise up leaders at all levels of government who work to promote the dignity of every human life. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

You weep when we weep. Be present with those who grieve or who are troubled by illness especially *Jeanie Thompson, Pehr Markusson, the family of Stephen Mann, the family of Alan Ferris, Peter Dow, Kimberly Gutleben Sanchez, Joan Lang, Jane McDermott, Mary Goglio, Paul Koski, Wes & Marla Anderson, Elena Sweet, Constance Farber, Barry Toomajian, Alan Petersen, Vincent Maloney, George Lyon, Annalise Simmons, Helen Pedersen, Ann Kenyon, Tricia, Pam Clisham, Deanna Madarasz, Craig Anderson, Pastor Craig, Michael Rasmussen, Jackson Bohm, Buddy and Sherri Scott, Nancy Stich, Patricia Runo, Gail Cromack, Kate Ganschow, Geoff Kline, Michael Lamb, Maddy Pearce, Willie Prewitt, Christine Winberg and Dorothy Wingire.* 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. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

We pray for the ministries of your Word, for Trinity Church Council, the priesthood of all believers; Alameda Christian Science Church, the Lutheran Church of Kagitumba in Rwanda, the Lutheran Ministry to Nursing Homes, our Sunday School, and the East Bay Lutheran Youth Program. We give thanks for the fullness of the lives of Lou O'Connell, Judy Lamb, Calvin Moder, Catie Norboe and Susan Widule as they celebrate their birthdays this week. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

Your Spirit of life dwells in our assembly. Bless the music ministries of this congregation and all who lead us in hymns of praise and thanksgiving and in songs of lament and prayer. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

At this time, you are invited to pray the prayers of your heart, either silently or aloud.

*A moment is offered for prayers from the congregation*

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. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

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.**

✠ **MEAL** ✠

#### ↑ **SHARING THE PEACE**

The peace of the Lord be with you always.  
**And also with you.**

#### **OFFERING**

*The offering baskets will not be passed through the congregation at this time. Please place your offering in the basket placed on the stand in the middle aisle of the sanctuary.*

#### ↑ **GREAT THANKSGIVING**

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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.**

#### ↑ **PREFACE FOR THE DAY**

*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:*

#### ↑ **HOLY, HOLY, HOLY**

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**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory.**

**Ho-san-na, in the high-est.**

**Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.**

**Ho-san-na in the high-est.**

#### ↑ **JESUS' WORDS OF INSTITUTION OF THE LORD'S SUPPER**

#### ↑ **LORD'S PRAYER**

*You are invited to pray in the version or language of your choice.*

**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.**



## ↓ INVITATION TO COMMUNION

Come and receive Jesus, our strength in the wilderness. **Thanks be to God!**

## ↓ DISTRIBUTION

### ↓ LAMB OF GOD Page 112-113

*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.*

### ↑ POST COMMUNION BLESSING

May the body and blood of our Lord, Jesus Christ, strengthen you and give you peace.

**Amen.**

### ↑ PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Let us pray. 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.**

### ↓ ANNOUNCEMENTS

#### ↑ HYMN *Restore in Us, O God* #328

- 1 *Restore in us, O God,  
the splendor of your love;  
renew your image in our hearts,  
and all our sins remove.*
- 2 *O Spirit, wake in us  
the wonder of your pow'r;  
from fruitless fear unfurl our lives  
like springtime bud and flow'r.*
- 3 *Bring us, O Christ, to share  
the fullness of your joy;  
baptize us in the risen life  
that death cannot destroy.*
- 4 *Three-personed God, fulfill  
the promise of your grace,  
that we, when all our searching ends,  
may see you face to face.*

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### ↑ DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Serve in love.

**Thanks be to God.**

### POSTLUDE *Verset in a, Verset in C*

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# THIS WEEK'S ANNOUNCEMENTS AT TRINITY

ATTENDANCE LAST SUNDAY: 44

*Please join us after worship for a simple fellowship time of cookies and coffee in the fellowship hall.*

## IMPORTANT DATES THIS WEEK:

Sun 3/26	3:00pm	EBLP Q4 Meeting (on Zoom)
	3:00pm	Lenten Recital presented by Starr Brown (in sanctuary)
Mon 3/27	9:30am	Craft Group
Tues 3/28	7:30am	Bible Study (meets on Zoom)
Wed 3/29	10:00am	Women's Bible Study (meets on Zoom)
	7:00pm	Lenten MidWeek Worship
Thurs 3/30	7:00pm	Steeped in Stories Book Discussion (meets on Zoom)

## STEEPED IN STORIES BOOK DISCUSSION

This month, we are reading *Emily of Deep Valley* by Maud Hart Lovelace for our discussion. We hope you will join us for this gathering online. We will meet on Thursday, March 30th at 7pm on Zoom. Please see the weekly email newsletter for more information as well as the link or reach out to Pastor or Jessica to be emailed the link.

**REPLACING OUR LIVESTREAMING IPAD** *Thank you!! We have received donations totaling the amount that it cost to replace our live-streaming ipad.*

**EASTER EGG HUNT SUPPLIES NEEDED** On Easter morning after worship, the Christian Education Committee will host an Easter Egg Hunt. We are looking for donations of "stuffers" to put in the eggs, and some plastic eggs themselves. If you would like to donate candy, small toys (that can fit in plastic eggs), or plastic eggs, please bring them to Trinity and place them in the basket in the church entryway by Sunday, April 2<sup>nd</sup>. You are welcome to bring eggs already filled, or just the components. Thank you!

**EASTER FLOWERS FROM HOME** A couple of years ago when we celebrated Easter in our homes, the congregation donated flowers from their gardens to decorate for Easter. The Worship and Music Committee with the Visual Enrichment Committee asks that you help us again this year by bringing flowers from your garden to help us decorate our chancel on Easter Sunday. We ask that you bring your flowers Wednesday, April 5<sup>th</sup> and Thursday April 6<sup>th</sup>. We will be arranging the flowers on Good Friday and wouldn't want them to spoil before Easter Sunday. You are welcome to make an arrangement of your own, or you can bring your flowers (in water please) for us to arrange. If you would like the vase or container back, please label the base of the container with your name. Speak to Mary Kay Wentz if you have questions or would like to help.

**EASTER BRUNCH** Trinity will host our Easter Brunch immediately following the 9:30 worship service. Please join us! A free-will offering will be collected to help cover the cost of the brunch.

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY!**

### Birthdays this Week:

Lou O'Connell (3/26)

Judy Lamb (3/29)

Calvin Moder (3/30)

Catie Norboe (3/31)

Susan Widule (3/31)

**Visits from Pastor Stephanie**

If you would appreciate a visit from Pastor Stephanie, she is available by phone, text or email to make an appointment. She is happy to visit with you in your home, at her office, or a location of your convenience.

**Pastor's Office Hours**

*Mon-10:00-Noon; Tues. 9am-Noon; Thurs.-10:00-Noon*

You can reach Pastor Stephanie on her cell phone at (510) 846-0883