

Trinity Lutheran Church
Created to Praise
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The Fifth Sunday in Lent

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GATHERING MUSIC

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRAYER FOR THE WEEK

As part of your personal devotions, you may use this prayer throughout the coming week.

L: Gracious and holy God,

C: give us diligence to seek you, wisdom to perceive you, and patience to wait for you. Grant us, O God, a mind to meditate on you; eyes to behold you; ears to listen for your word; a heart to love you; and a life to proclaim you; through the power of the Spirit of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen. ELW p76

TRINITY WELCOME

L: The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God.

THOUGHTS FOR THE DAY

"I don't know what the future may hold, but I know who holds the future."

-Ralph Abernathy

"Hope is being able to see that there is light despite all of the darkness."

-Desmond Tutu

CALL TO WORSHIP (Please stand as you are able)

L: God calls us together from places of hope and places of need.

C: We come, trusting God will meet us here.

L: The Spirit breathes life into what feels empty and worn out.

C: God renews us and gives us strength again.

L: From the depths we wait and watch for the Lord.

C: Our hope is in God's redeeming love.

L: Jesus calls us out of darkness and into life.

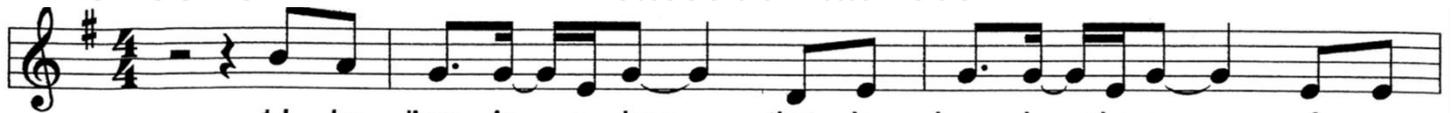
C: We respond to his voice with faith and hope.

L: Let us worship the God who restores and renews.

C: We worship with open hearts.

PRAISE SONG

"I Believe in That Love"



1. I be - lieve in a love that is born in the song of a
2. I be - lieve in a love that is felt in the touch of a
3. I be - lieve in a love that is here at the heart of a



ba - by's cry. I be - lieve in a love that lives
help - ing hand. I be - lieve in a love that sees
my - ster - y. I be - lieve in a love that for -



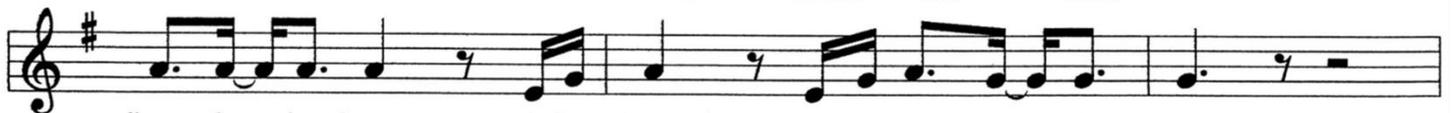
on and on e - ven when we die.
diff' - renc - es and seeks to un - der - stand.
gives, for - gets heals and sets us free.



I be - lieve in a love that reach - es out em -
I be - lieve in a love that has no bounds, no
I be - lieve in a love that los - es self for the



brac - ing all our pain and doubt. I be -
class or race to hold it down.
sake of life for some - one else.



lieve in that love, I be - lieve I be - lieve in that love.



I be - lieve in that love. I be



- lieve I be - lieve in that love.

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

L: Loving God,

C: we confess that we have not always lived as your open-hearted people. We have held back love, made assumptions about others, and forgotten that your grace is for all. We, too, live in the depths at times—afraid, uncertain, and longing for new life. Hear our cry and renew us. Amen.

Assurance

L: In Christ, God meets you where you are and calls you into life—together. Your sins are forgiven, and you are part of this community of grace and hope. Thanks be to God. Amen.

RESPONSE

"Take Up Your Cross"

The musical score is written for a single voice in treble clef, with a key signature of three sharps (F#, C#, G#) and a 4/4 time signature. The melody is simple and hymn-like, with lyrics written below the notes. The score consists of ten staves of music. The lyrics are: "In a world of man-ly voice - es call The call is hard to swal- low. Take up your cross - ing and at fol - low. it's hard to hear the one that's true. and fol - low. The words reach deep in - side of me. - E - ven when I hear it, I find my- self so trou - bled, - when my heart dis - cerns it, I lack the will to lose my life, be hum - ble, the sins with - in to re - fuse it to see through. Though I'm fall - ing, fall - ing, the voice is al - ways call - ing. Take up your cross. Take up your cross and fol - low me and fol - low me." The score includes repeat signs and a final double bar line.

- In a world of man-ly voice - es call
The call is hard to swal- low. Take up your cross
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and fol - low. The words reach deep in - side of me.
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to lose my life, be hum - ble, the sins with - in
to re - fuse it to see through.
Though I'm fall - ing, fall - ing, the voice is al - ways call - ing.
Take up your cross.
Take up your cross and fol - low
me and fol - low me.

(You may be seated)

BAPTISM

Delilah Jane Dehler

THE APOSTLES' CREED

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth. I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended into hell.

On the third day he rose again. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again 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.

Let us welcome Delilah into the family of Christ.

C: We welcome you in the body of Christ and into the mission we share: join us in giving thanks and praise to God and bearing God's creative and redeeming word to all the world.

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

Pastor Robb Kosky

WORD

P: God speaks to us in scripture reading, preaching, and song.

First Reading

The first reading is Ezekiel 37:1-14

¹The 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. ²He led me all around them; there were very many lying in the valley, and they were very dry. ³He said to me, "Mortal, can these bones live?" I answered, "O Lord God, you know." ⁴Then he said to me, "Prophesy to these bones and say to them: O dry bones, hear the word of the Lord. ⁵Thus says the Lord 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 the Lord."

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 he said to me, "Prophesy to the breath, prophesy, mortal, and say to the breath: Thus says the Lord God: Come from the four winds, O breath, and breathe upon these slain, that they may live." ¹⁰I prophesied as he commanded me, and the breath came into them, and they lived and stood on their feet, a vast multitude.

¹¹ 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.’ ¹² 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. ¹³ And you shall know that I am the Lord when I open your graves and bring you up from your graves, O my people. ¹⁴ I will put my spirit within you, and you shall live, and I will place you on your own soil; then you shall know that I, the Lord, have spoken and will act, says the Lord.”

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Second Reading

The second reading is Psalm 130

¹ Out 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.

³ If 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.

⁵ I 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.

⁷ O Israel, wait for the Lord, for with the Lord there is steadfast love; with the Lord there is plenteous redemption.

⁸ For the Lord shall redeem Israel from all their sins.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

P: Please stand as you are able for the reading of the Gospel.

The Gospel

John 11:1-45

P: The holy gospel according to St. John, the eleventh chapter.

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

¹ Now a certain man was ill, Lazarus of Bethany, the village of Mary and her sister Martha. ² Mary was the one who anointed the Lord with perfume and wiped his feet with her hair; her brother Lazarus was ill. ³ So the sisters sent a message to Jesus, "Lord, he whom you love is ill." ⁴ 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." ⁵ Accordingly, though Jesus loved Martha and her sister and Lazarus, ⁶ after having heard that Lazarus was ill, he stayed two days longer in the place where he was.

⁷ Then after this he said to the disciples, "Let us go to Judea again." ⁸ The disciples said to him, "Rabbi, the Jews were just now trying to stone you, and are you going there again?" ⁹ 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. ¹⁰ But those who walk at night stumble because the light is not in them." ¹¹ After saying this, he told them, "Our friend Lazarus has fallen asleep, but I am going there to awaken him." ¹² The disciples said to him, "Lord, if he has fallen asleep, he will be all right." ¹³ Jesus, however, had been speaking about his death, but they thought that he was referring merely to sleep. ¹⁴ Then Jesus told them plainly, "Lazarus is dead. ¹⁵ For your sake I am glad I was not there, so that you may believe. But let us go to him." ¹⁶ Thomas, who was called the Twin, said to his fellow disciples, "Let us also go, that we may die with him."

¹⁷ When Jesus arrived, he found that Lazarus had already been in the tomb four days. ¹⁸ Now Bethany was near Jerusalem, some two miles away, ¹⁹ and many of the Jews had come to Martha and Mary to console them about their brother. ²⁰ When Martha heard that Jesus was coming, she went and met him, while Mary stayed at home. ²¹ Martha said to Jesus, "Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died. ²² But even now I know that God will give you whatever you ask of him." ²³ Jesus said to her, "Your brother will rise again." ²⁴ Martha said to him, "I know that he will rise again in the resurrection on the last day." ²⁵ Jesus said to her, "I am the resurrection and the life. Those who believe in me, even though they die, will live, ²⁶ and everyone who lives and believes in me will never die. Do you believe this?" ²⁷ She said to him, "Yes, Lord, I believe that you are the Messiah, the Son of God, the one coming into the world."

²⁸ 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.” ²⁹ And when she heard it, she got up quickly and went to him. ³⁰ Now Jesus had not yet come to the village but was still at the place where Martha had met him. ³¹ 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. ³² 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.” ³³ When Jesus saw her weeping and the Jews who came with her also weeping, he was greatly disturbed in spirit and deeply moved. ³⁴ He said, “Where have you laid him?” They said to him, “Lord, come and see.” ³⁵ Jesus began to weep. ³⁶ So the Jews said, “See how he loved him!” ³⁷ But some of them said, “Could not he who opened the eyes of the blind man have kept this man from dying?”

³⁸ Then Jesus, again greatly disturbed, came to the tomb. It was a cave, and a stone was lying against it. ³⁹ 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.” ⁴⁰ Jesus said to her, “Did I not tell you that if you believed you would see the glory of God?” ⁴¹ So they took away the stone. And Jesus looked upward and said, “Father, I thank you for having heard me. ⁴² 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.” ⁴³ When he had said this, he cried with a loud voice, “Lazarus, come out!” ⁴⁴ 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.”

⁴⁵ Many of the Jews, therefore, who had come with Mary and had seen what Jesus did believed in him.

The Gospel Response:

P: The gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

(You may be seated)

MESSAGE

Pastor Robb Kosky

MESSAGE RESPONSE

“Boundless Love” vs 1,3

Bound - less love touch - es and chang - es the heart of us.

Bound - less love touch - es and chang - es the heart of us.

us. 1. Oh Spir - it of Je - sus you and 3. Oh Spir - it of life come and

sit at our ta - ble and call us to a rad - i - cal of move through the peo - ple con - front - ing the pow - ers of

meal _____ of bound - less love that climbs o - ver death _____ 'cause bound - less love climbs o - ver

bar - riers so noth - ing can keep us a - part. bar - riers so noth - ing can keep us a - part.

THE PRAYERS (Please stand as you are able)

P: Reconciled by God’s mercy and sustained by God’s presence, let us pray for the world and its needs.

(Each petition ends: “Hear us O God”. The congregation responds: “Your mercy is great”)

P: Receive our prayers, O God, through Jesus Christ, our strength and salvation.

C: Amen.

MEAL

P: God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ.

THE OFFERING (You may be seated)

Please remember that your offerings of money, time and talents enable Trinity to “share the love and promise of God” through its ministries.

Special Music

“The Eye of the Storm”

Offering Prayer (*Please stand as you are able*)

P: Let us pray. O God,

C: maker of heaven and earth, your steadfast love embraces all creation. You send rain and sunshine to nourish the earth and bring forth its bounty. Through these gifts of bread and wine, draw us into the death and life of your Son, who calls us to bear witness to his saving work. We ask this in Jesus' name. Amen.

THE COMMUNION SENTENCES

P: Come to the table, all who are weary and burdened.

C: We come trusting in God's saving grace.

P: The light of the world has come to those in darkness.

C: We receive the bread of life and the cup of salvation with glad hearts.

P: 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."

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and forever. Amen.

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

P: Come to the table. Feast on God's goodness and mercy. All are welcome.

THE DISTRIBUTION (*You may be seated*)

All who celebrate Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior are invited to commune today.

*When you receive the bread, you may either dip the wafer
in the first chalice of wine or the second chalice of grape juice*

Please indicate to the pastor if you need a gluten free wafer.

(We also have celiac friendly individually packaged wafer/wine in the first pew.)

COMMUNION SONGS

“Bread of Life”

Bread of Life, Bread of Life, come and feed our souls. *3rd time to Bridge. Last time fine.*

Bread of Life, Bread of Life, come and make us whole.

We are hun-gry for your mē-ry, hun-gry for your peace.
We are hun-gry for your pres-ence, man-na from a - bove.

We are hun-gry for your jus-tice, hun-gry to be free.
Bread of life for all cre - a - tion fill us with your love.

Bridge
Liv - ing Bread from heav - en, source of all we need. *Repeat chorus*

Liv - ing Bread from heav - en, help us to be - lieve.

"May Love Rise Above"

The beau - ty and the blood - shed runs deep and wide from the
 The cour - age and the cau - tion, it fills the air from the
 The pro - mise and the pas - sion rings loud and strong as a

cen - ter of the city - y to the roll - ing coun - try - side. The
 chil - dren on the play - ground to the wom - an on the stairs. There's a
 gen - er - a - tion search - es for a free - dom lov - ing song. Still the

heal - ing and the suff' - ring runs far and near. There is
 calm up - on the wa - ter but down be - low oh the
 mem - o - ries are haunt - ing, will they block the way? What can

hope for each to - mor - row but still so man - y fears.
 anx - ious hearts are beat - ing, will this peace ev - er hold?
 bring us all to - geth - er to start a brand new day?

Oh may love rise a - bove the moun - tains. May love rise a - bove
 the plains. May love rise a - bove the ha - tred. May
 love rise a - bove all the pain, rise a - bove it all,
 oh rise a - bove it all, oh

“God Will See Us Through”

The image shows a musical score for the hymn "God Will See Us Through". It consists of seven staves of music in a treble clef, with a key signature of two sharps (D major) and a 4/4 time signature. The lyrics are written below the notes. The melody is simple and repetitive, with a consistent rhythm. The lyrics are: "In times of broken-ness, in ev-'ry wil-der-ness, God has seen us through. Times when our strength was gone, some-how we car-ried on, God has seen us through. Look be-hind and see through-out his-to-ry, God has nev-er let us down. Lean a-head and trust God is guid-ing us, God is with us here right now. God will see me through, God will see you through, God will see us through some-how. Step by step we'll be. gi-ven all we need, God will see us through this now."

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how. Step by step we'll be. gi-ven all we need, God will see us through this now.

THE COMMUNION BLESSING (please stand as you are able)

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

C: Amen.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

P: God of our salvation,

C: we give you thanks for this meal that restores our souls, reconciles us to you, and strengthens us for the journey. Through the body and blood of your Son, may we become Christ's body in the world, bearing witness to your love for all creation, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.
Amen.

SENDING

P: God blesses us and sends us in mission to the world.

May the redeeming work of Christ guide your steps, bringing hope to the weary, and healing to the broken.

C: Amen.

THE SENDING SONG

"Build Your Kingdom Here"

1. Come, set Your rule and reign in our hearts a -
2. (We) seek Your King - dom first. We hun - ger and we
3. (Un) - leash Your King - dom's pow'r, reach - ing the near and

gain. In crease in us, we pray. Un - veil why we're made. Come
thirst; re - fuse to waste our lives, for You're our joy and prize. To
far. No force of hell can stop Your beaut - y chang - ing hearts. You

set our hearts a - blaze with hope, like wild - fire in our
see the cap - tive's heart re - leased; the hurt, the sick, the
made us for much more than this. A - wake the King - dom

ver - y souls. Ho - ly Spir - it, come, in - vade us now.
poor at peace. We lay down our lives for Heav - en's cause.
seed in us. Fill us with the strength and love of Christ.

1. Sing v. 2 | 2., 3. To chorus

We are Your church. We need Your pow'r in us. 2. We
We are Your church. We pray re - vive this earth.
We are Your church. We are the hope on earth.

Build Your King - dom here. Let the dark - ness fear. Show Your
might - y hand. Heal our streets and land. Set Your church on
fire. Win this na - tion back. Change the at - mos - phere. Build Your
King - dom here, we pray. 2 | 1. Sing v. 3 | 2. Repeat chorus
3. Un - Build Your

THE DISMISSAL

L: Go in the love of Christ, living in the power of his redemption, and share hope with all the world.

C: Thanks be to God!

Please stay for a coffee hour following the worship service.

WE THANK OUR WORSHIP ASSISTANTS

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