

worship at

# trinity lutheran church & schools

March 29, 2020 + 10:00 AM – Live Stream ♦ *Fifth Sunday in Lent*

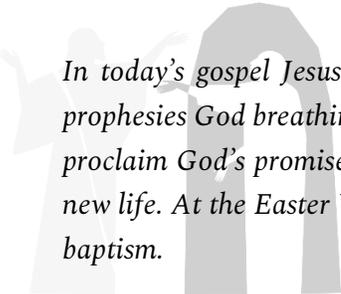


# — welcome! —

It is a delight and a joy that we can share this time together, even remotely and virtually. Whatever has led us here, whether it's a lifetime of faith or a lifetime of questions, days of joy or days of pain, moments of hope or moments of frustration, and no matter the color of our skin, our political affiliation, our gender identity or sexual orientation, our age, ALL ARE WELCOME!

## **trinity's focus: building. belonging. becoming.**

Building up and joining in God's mission as one to nurture, love, and serve all.



*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.*

# — gathering —

## **prelude**

## **welcome**

*Thank you to everyone for tuning in remotely as we worship together from afar.*

## **confession & forgiveness**

- pastor You create us and accept us as we are, O God: in the times when we have failed  
all **in our relationship with you and with each other;**
- pastor in the times when we have passively accepted.  
all **injustice done to others;**
- pastor in the times when we have enjoyed your creativity around us,  
all **but have been afraid to ask for our own healing.**
- pastor Life-giving Trinity,  
all **raise us from our pain and brokenness; touch us, heal us and strengthen us,  
so that we may live in the wholeness you desire; to the glory of your name. Amen.**

pastor Sisters and brothers, siblings in Christ, hear this Good News:  
the love of God is beyond measure, and you are included in that love.  
Know that you are forgiven and thus freed to love and serve  
to make the community livable again.

all **Amen.**

## song

ELW 763 ♦ *My Life Flows On in Endless Song*

TUNE: *How Can I Keep From Singing*



1 My life flows on in end - less song; a - bove earth's lam-en - ta - tion,  
2 Through all the tu - mult and the strife, I hear that mu - sic ring - ing.  
3 What though my joys and com-forts die? The Lord my Sav-ior liv - eth.  
4 The peace of Christ makes fresh my heart, a foun - tain ev - er spring-ing!



I catch the sweet, though far-off hymn that hails a new cre - a - tion.  
It finds an ech - o in my soul. How can I keep from sing-ing?  
What though the dark - ness gath-er round? Songs in the night he giv - eth.  
All things are mine since I am his! How can I keep from sing-ing?

*Refrain*



No storm can shake my in-most calm while to that Rock I'm cling-ing.



Since Christ is Lord of heav-en and earth, how can I keep from sing-ing?

Text & Music: Robert Lowry (1826-1899)

## greeting & prayer of the day

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

all **And also with you.**

pastor Let us pray (*brief silence*)...

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.

all **Amen.**

# — word —

## **gospel**

John 11:17-45

The Message

*The church has seen in this last great Johannine sign a picture of baptism: we too were dead, but the word of Christ has called us from death and restored us to life in the Spirit. Thus Lent is our annual emerging from the grave, our helping to unbind one another for vibrant life together.*

pastor The holy gospel according to John.

all **Glory to you, O Lord.**

**W**hen Jesus finally got there, he found Lazarus already four days dead. Bethany was near Jerusalem, only a couple of miles away, and many of the Jews were visiting Martha and Mary, sympathizing with them over their brother. Martha heard Jesus was coming and went out to meet him. Mary remained in the house.

Martha said, “Master, if you’d been here, my brother wouldn’t have died. Even now, I know that whatever you ask God he will give you.”

Jesus said, “Your brother will be raised up.”

Martha replied, “I know that he will be raised up in the resurrection at the end of time.”

“You don’t have to wait for the End. I am, right now, Resurrection and Life. The one who believes in me, even though he or she dies, will live. And everyone who lives believing in me does not ultimately die at all. Do you believe this?”

“Yes, Master. All along I have believed that you are the Messiah, the Son of God who comes into the world.”

After saying this, she went to her sister Mary and whispered in her ear, “The Teacher is here and is asking for you.”

The moment she heard that, she jumped up and ran out to him. Jesus had not yet entered the town but was still at the place where Martha had met him. When her sympathizing Jewish friends saw Mary run off, they followed her, thinking she was on her way to the tomb to weep there. Mary came to where Jesus was waiting and fell at his feet, saying, “Master, if only you had been here, my brother would not have died.”

When Jesus saw her sobbing and the Jews with her sobbing, a deep anger welled up within him. He said, “Where did you put him?”

“Master, come and see,” they said. Now Jesus wept.

The Jews said, “Look how deeply he loved him.”

Others among them said, “Well, if he loved him so much, why didn’t he do something to keep him from dying? After all, he opened the eyes of a blind man.”

Then Jesus, the anger again welling up within him, arrived at the tomb. It was a simple cave in the hillside with a slab of stone laid against it. Jesus said, “Remove the stone.”

The sister of the dead man, Martha, said, “Master, by this time there’s a stench. He’s been dead four days!”

Jesus looked her in the eye. “Didn’t I tell you that if you believed, you would see the glory of God?”

Then, to the others, “Go ahead, take away the stone.”

They removed the stone. Jesus raised his eyes to heaven and prayed, “Father, I’m grateful that you have listened to me. I know you always do listen, but on account of this crowd standing here I’ve spoken so that they might believe that you sent me.”

Then he shouted, “Lazarus, come out!” And he came out, a cadaver, wrapped from head to toe, and with a kerchief over his face.

Jesus told them, “Unwrap him and let him loose.”

That was a turnaround for many of the Jews who were with Mary. They saw what Jesus did, and believed in him. But some went back to the Pharisees and told on Jesus. The high priests and Pharisees called a meeting of the Jewish ruling body. “What do we do now?” they asked. “This man keeps on doing things, creating God-signs. If we let him go on, pretty soon everyone will be believing in him and the Romans will come and remove what little power and privilege we still have.”

The gospel of the Lord.

all **Praise to you, O Christ.**

**sermon**



1 What won-drous love is this, O my soul, O my soul! What  
 2 When I was sink - ing down, sink - ing down, sink - ing down, when  
 3 To God and to the Lamb I will sing, I will sing; to  
 4 And when from death I'm free, I'll sing on, I'll sing on; and



won - drous love is this, O my soul! What won-drous love is this  
 I was sink - ing down, sink - ing down, when I was sink - ing down  
 God and to the Lamb I will sing; to God and to the Lamb,  
 when from death I'm free, I'll sing on; and when from death I'm free,



that caused the Lord of bliss to bear the dread-ful curse for my  
 be - neath God's righ-teous frown, Christ laid a - side his crown for my  
 who is the great I AM, while mil - lions join the theme, I will  
 I'll sing God's love for me, and through e - ter - ni - ty I'll sing



soul, for my soul, to bear the dread-ful curse for my soul?  
 soul, for my soul, Christ laid a - side his crown for my soul.  
 sing, I will sing, while mil - lions join the theme, I will sing.  
 on, I'll sing on; and through e - ter - ni - ty I'll sing on.

Text: North American folk hymn, 19<sup>th</sup> cent., alt. Music: W. Walker, *Southern Harmony*, 1835

## prayers of the people

**pastor** Turning our hearts to God who is gracious and merciful, we pray for the church, the world, and all who are in need.

*A brief silence.*

**pastor** God of life, bind your faithful people into one body. Enliven the church with your Spirit and bless the work of those who work for its renewal. Accomplish your work of salvation in us and through us, for the sake of the world. Hear us, O God.

**all** **Your mercy is great.**

**pastor** God of life, you love the world you have made and you grieve when creation suffers. Restore polluted lands and waterways. Heal areas of the world ravaged by storms, floods, wildfires, droughts, or other natural disasters. Bring all things to new life. Hear us, O God.

**all** **Your mercy is great.**

pastor God of life, show redemption to all who watch and wait with eager expectation: those longing for wars to cease, those waiting for immigration paperwork to finalize, those seeking election, and those in dire need of humanitarian relief. Come quickly with your hope. Hear us, O God.

**all Your mercy is great.**

pastor God of life, you weep with those who grieve. Unbind all who are held captive by anxiety, despair, or pain. Fill us with compassion and empathy for those who struggle, and keep us faithful in prayer. Hear us, O God.

**all Your mercy is great.**

pastor God of life, we give thanks for opportunities for this congregation to collaborate with our community in caring for the needs of our neighbors. Strengthen our ties with other local congregations, agencies, and services. Hear us, O God.

**all Your mercy is great.**

pastor God of life, you are our resurrection. We remember all those who have died and trust that, in you, they will live again, especially Evelyn Austvold, Bea Wyatte, David Jones, Jack Henninger, even as we remember and continue to commend Walter Bisson into your keeping. Breathe new life into our dry bones, that we, too, might live with you forever. Hear us, O God.

**all Your mercy is great.**

pastor What else do we pray for today? *(All are invited to offer prayers aloud or in silence)* According to your steadfast love, O God, hear these and all our prayers as we commend them to you; through Christ our Lord.

**all Amen.**

## Lord's prayer

*All are invited to pray the Lord's prayer in whatever language or translation speaks to you or "the Spirit has placed in your heart."*

**all 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.**

## sharing the peace

*Greet one another virtually and in your home with a sign of Christ's peace.*

pastor The peace of Christ is with you always.

**all And also with you.**

# — sending —

## announcements

Brief text announcements can be found on the last page of this bulletin.

## benediction

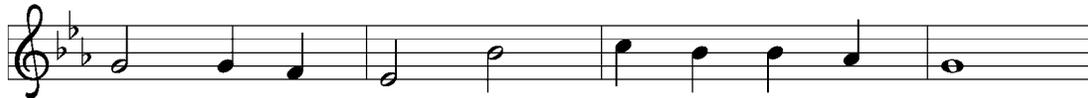
pastor Now is the acceptable time. Now is the day of salvation.  
Holy God, speaking, spoken, and inspiring, † bless you,  
unbind you, and send you in love and in peace.

all **Amen.**

## sending hymn

ELW 629 ♦ *Abide with Me*

TUNE: *Eventide*



1 A - bide with me, fast falls the e - ven - tide.  
2 Swift to its close ebbs out life's lit - tle day;  
3 I need thy pres - ence ev - 'ry pass - ing hour;  
4 I fear no foe, with thee at hand to bless;  
5 Hold thou thy cross be - fore my clos - ing eyes,



The dark - ness deep - ens; Lord, with me a - bide.  
earth's joys grow dim, its glo - ries pass a - way;  
what but thy grace can foil the tempt - er's pow'r?  
ills have no weight, and tears no bit - ter - ness.  
shine through the gloom, and point me to the skies;



When oth - er help - ers fail and com - forts flee,  
change and de - cay in all a - round I see;  
Who like thy - self my guide and stay can be?  
Where is death's sting? Where, grave, thy vic - to - ry?  
heav'n's morn - ing breaks, and earth's vain shad - ows flee;



help of the help - less, oh, a - bide with me.  
O thou who chang - est not, a - bide with me.  
Through cloud and sun - shine, oh, a - bide with me.  
I tri - umph still, if thou a - bide with me!  
in life, in death, O Lord, a - bide with me.

Text: Jaroslav J. Vajda (b. 1919), alt. © 1983 Concordia Publishing House

Music: Concordia Publishing House

## sending

pastor Go in peace, prepare the way of the Lord.

all Thanks be to God.

## postlude

# — what's happening —

## Trinity Building to Remain Closed Through April

Trinity will remain closed to public meeting and gathering at least through the end of April in an effort to abide by ongoing restrictions on public gatherings and do our part to encourage social distancing as we all continue to deal with the dangers presented by the spread of infection. Staff are working remotely and are available most consistently by email.

## Worship & Prayer Live Streams

As long as Trinity is closed to public gathering, worship services will be live streamed: Sundays at 10 AM, Wednesdays at 6:30 PM, and Thursdays at Noon. More information and links on the Trinity website: [trinitylutheranchurch.com/livestream](http://trinitylutheranchurch.com/livestream).

## Virtual Bible Study – Wednesdays at 10 AM

Join in a virtual bible study via Zoom on Wednesdays at 10 AM. To join, download the Zoom app from Google Play or Apple App Store, or head to <https://zoom.us/download> on your computer to download the client. The meeting ID for March 25 is 224-006-877. If you need help, contact [Debbie@trinitylutheranchurch.com](mailto:Debbie@trinitylutheranchurch.com).

## Middle & High School Youth

NET (High School) and ZOE (Middle School) will have virtual meetings via Zoom. NET on Sundays at 7 PM and ZOE on Mondays at 7 PM. [waystudentministries.org](http://waystudentministries.org) will have login information, or contact [David@trinitylutheranchurch.com](mailto:David@trinitylutheranchurch.com) for instructions.

## Christ In Our Home

Daily devotional booklets for April, May & June are available. If you would like one of these mailed to you, please contact Debbie Jeske ([debbie@trinitylutheranchurch.com](mailto:debbie@trinitylutheranchurch.com)).

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