



Holy Trinity  
Lutheran Church  
Buffalo, New York

HOLY TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH  
Buffalo, New York

Sunday, March 26, 2023

Fifth Sunday in Lent

Celebrating our 144<sup>th</sup> Anniversary

Holy Communion – 8:30 & 10:30 a.m.

*Welcome to Holy Trinity!*

*Holy Trinity recognizes that each of us is a unique creation made in the image of God. We celebrate and give thanks for the many diverse gifts that God has bestowed on us.*

*We proclaim ourselves to be an Open and Affirming congregation to all of God's creatures **welcoming into our ministry persons of every race, culture, age, gender identification, gender expression, sexual orientation, ability, and economic status.***

*We commit ourselves to the work of anti-racism and creating an anti-racist space **through the protection against oppression internally, in institutions, interpersonally and structurally.***

***We believe that through our openness we all grow in our faith through Christ's teaching to love one another as God loves us.***

*Visitors interested in membership may talk with a Council representative at the Council desk, contact the Church office or indicate on the blue sign in sheet.*

*We invite you to share your story and your worship experience!  
Check-in and share on any of our social media platforms using #poweroftrinity.*

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on Instagram @holytrinitybuffalo or on twitter @holytrinitybuff*

*Large print bulletins are available at the entrance ways*

## **INTRODUCTION**

*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.*

## **PRELUDE**

*Meditation on 'Picardy'*

Leo Sowerby (1895-1968)

*RINGING OF THE TOWER BELLS*

## **WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

*Please stand as you are able.*

# PROCESSIONAL HYMN

*Jesus Lives, My Sure Defense* "Jesus, Meine Zuversicht" ELW 621 (vs. 1-3, 6)



1 Je - sus lives, my sure de - fense and my ev - er - last - ing Sav - ior!  
2 Je - sus, my re - deem - er, lives; I too un - to life shall wak - en.  
3 No, too close - ly am I bound un - to him by hope for - ev - er;  
4 I am flesh and must re - turn un - to dust, whence I am tak - en.



Know - ing this, my con - fi - dence rests in hope and will not wa - ver,  
Bright the hope this prom - ise gives; shall my cour - age, then, be shak - en?  
faith's strong hand the rock has found, grasped it, and will leave it nev - er;  
But these eyes my Lord will know when from death I shall a - wak - en,



though the night of death be fraught still with man - y an anx - ious thought.  
Shall I fear then? Can the head rise and leave his mem - bers dead?  
e - ven death now can - not part from its Lord the trust - ing heart.  
with my Sav - ior to a - bide in his glo - ry, at his side.



5 Then take comfort and rejoice  
for his people Christ will cherish.  
Fear not, you will hear his voice;  
dying, you will never perish;  
for the very grave is stirred  
when the trumpet's blast is heard.

6 Here on earth, then, let your hearts  
rise from longings vain and hollow.  
Seek what Christ your Lord imparts  
while you in his footsteps follow.  
As you now still wait to rise,  
set your hearts beyond the skies!

## **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.

*(10:30)*

*You are invited to kneel or sit, as you are able.*

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.**

*(10:30)*

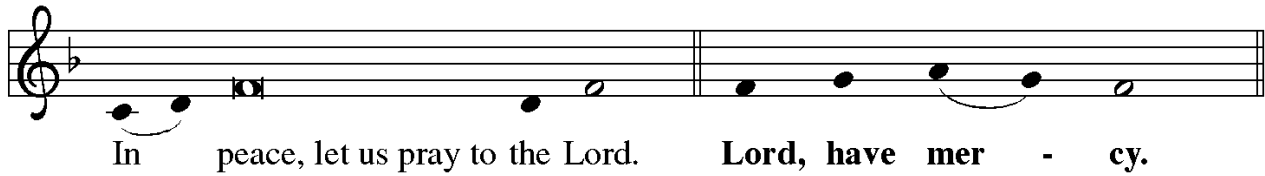
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## **GREETING**

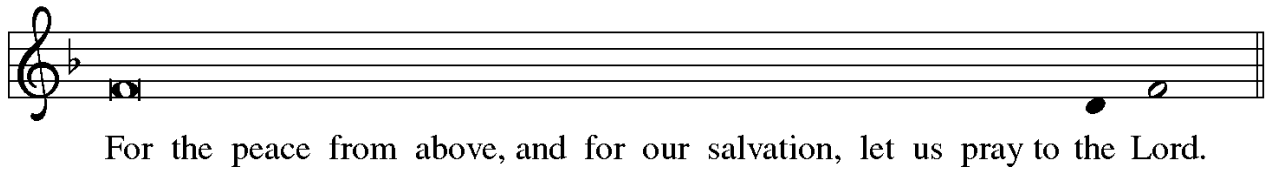
The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

**And also with you.**

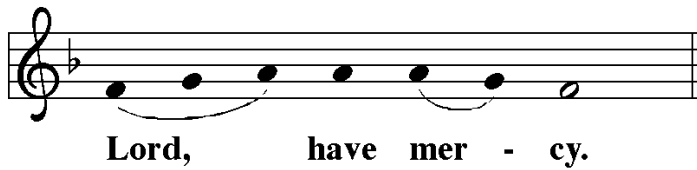
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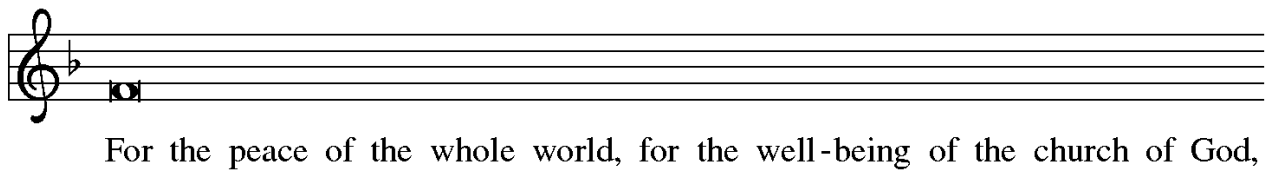
In peace, let us pray to the Lord. Lord, have mer - cy.



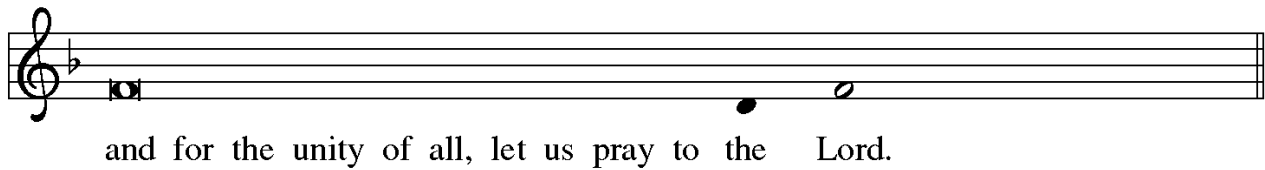
For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.



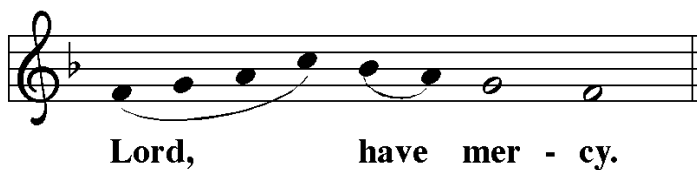
Lord, have mer - cy.



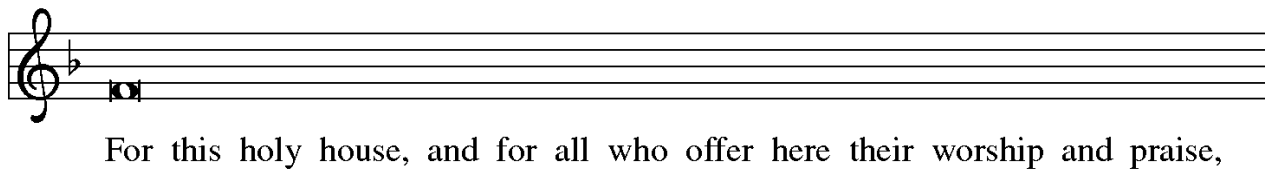
For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God,



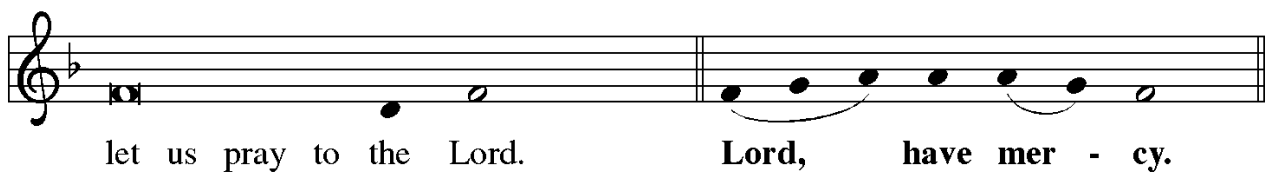
and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.



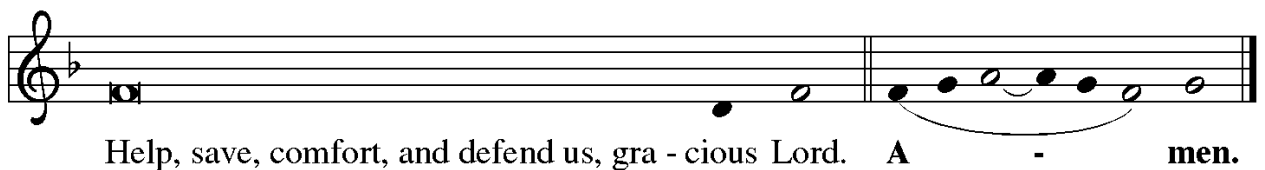
Lord, have mer - cy.



For this holy house, and for all who offer here their worship and praise,



let us pray to the Lord. Lord, have mer - cy.



Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gra - cious Lord. A - men.

# CANTICLE OF PRAISE



Glory to God in the highest, and peace to God's peo - ple on earth.



Lord God, heav - en - ly King, al - might - y God and Fa - ther,



we wor-ship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glo - ry.



Lord Je - sus Christ, on - ly Son of the Fa - ther, Lord God, Lamb of God,



you take a - way the sin of the world: have mer - cy on us;



you are seat - ed at the right hand of the Fa - ther: re - ceive our prayer.



For you a - lone are the Ho - ly One, you a - lone are the Lord,



you a - lone are the Most High, Je - sus Christ, with the Ho - ly Spir - it,



in the glo - ry of God the Fa - ther. A - men.

## **PRAYER OF THE DAY**

Let us pray together.

**Almighty God, your Son came into the world to free us all from sin and death. Renew in 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.*

**(10:30)**

## **CHILDREN'S ANTHEM**

*Lamb of God*

Carol McClure

Holy Trinity Youth Choir

Lamb of God, who takes our sin away,  
Have mercy on us, we pray.  
Grant us your peace this day. Amen.

## **FIRST READING: Ezekiel 37:1-14**

The first reading for the Fifth Sunday in Lent is recorded in Ezekiel, the 37<sup>th</sup> Chapter.

<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, “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.” <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.

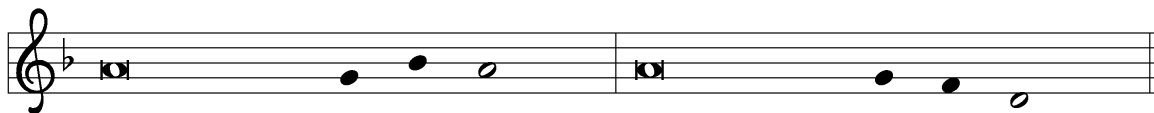
<sup>11</sup>Then he said to me, “Mortal, these bones are the whole house of Israel. They say, ‘Our bones are dried up, and our hope is lost; we are cut off completely.’ <sup>12</sup>Therefore prophesy, and say to them, Thus says the Lord GOD: I am going to open your graves, and bring you up from your 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.”

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

## PSALM: Psalm 130

The congregation will sing responsively the bold-faced type.



<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 plen- | teous redemption.

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

## **SECOND READING: Romans 8:6-11**

The second reading for today is recorded in Romans, the 8<sup>th</sup> Chapter.

<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.

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

*Please stand for the Gospel, as you are able.*

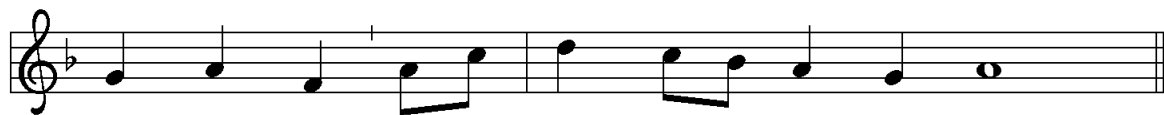
## **GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**



Re - turn to the Lord, your God, for he is gra - cious and



mer - ci - ful, slow to an - ger, and a - bound - ing in



stead - fast love, and a - bound - ing in stead - fast love.

## **GOSPEL: John 11:1-44**

The Holy Gospel according to Saint John

**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>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>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>38</sup>Then Jesus . . . 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.”

The gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

*Please be seated.*

**THE SERMON**

The Rev. Richard Neal

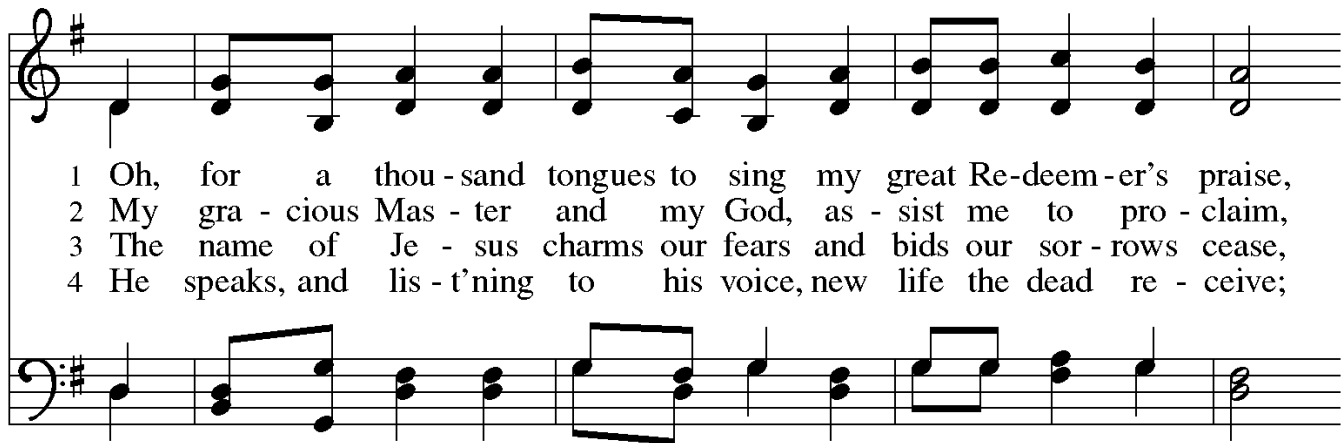
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# SERMON HYMN

*Oh, for a Thousand Tongues to Sing* “Azmon”

ELW 886

(vs. 3 women; vs. 4 men)



1 Oh, for a thou - sand tongues to sing my great Re - deem - er's praise,  
2 My gra - cious Mas - ter and my God, as - sist me to pro - claim,  
3 The name of Je - sus charms our fears and bids our sor - rows cease,  
4 He speaks, and lis - t'ning to his voice, new life the dead re - ceive;



the glo - ries of my God and king, the tri - umphs of his grace!  
to spread through all the earth a - broad the hon - ors of your name.  
sings mu - sic in the sin - ner's ears, brings life and health and peace.  
the mourn - ful, bro - ken hearts re - joice, the hum - ble poor be - lieve.

5 Look unto him, your Savior own,  
O fallen human race!  
Look and be saved through faith alone,  
be justified by grace!

6 To God all glory, praise, and love  
be now and ever giv'n  
by saints below and saints above,  
the church in earth and heav'n.

Text: Charles Wesley, 1707–1788, alt.

Music: AZMON, Carl G. Gläser, 1784–1829; arr. Lowell Mason, 1792–1872

## **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 PASTOR AND PEOPLE**

Author of new life, God-with-us, open our eyes to your new creation spread around us, that we may behold your heaven in what lies close at hand. Open our hearts to all of your children who share this life with us, that we may see them as you see them, and that we may claim our share in the ministry that brings all people into the freedom of new life you offer.

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. 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, and for all those we name out loud, or in the silence of our hearts.... 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. Bless us and the children of our congregation, especially Ethan, Brandon, Erica and Evelyn. Merciful God,  
**receive our prayer.**

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.**

## **PEACE**

The peace of Christ be with you always.

**And also with you.**

*Let us share with each other a sign of Christ's peace.*

*Please be seated.*

## **THE OFFERING**

**(8:30)**

### **SOLO AT THE OFFERING**

*He That Keepeth Israel*

Adolphe Schlösser  
(1842-1910)

Tyler Huk, *tenor*

He that keepeth Israel slumbers not nor sleeps.

He will give his Angels charge over thee, to keep thee in all thy ways.

Put thy trust in him and call upon Him, for His ears are open unto thy prayers.



**(10:30)**

## **ANTHEM AT THE OFFERING**

*Dry Bones*

African-American Spiritual

Arr. Livingston Gearhart

(1916-1996)

Ezekiel cried: Them dry bones!  
Now, hear the word of the Lord.

Ezekiel connected them dry bones!  
Now, hear the word of the Lord.

A-when y' toe bone connected to y' foot bone,  
Y' foot bone connected to y' heel bone,  
Y' heel bone connected to y' ankle bone,  
Y' ankle bone connected to y' leg bone  
Y' leg bone connected to y' knee bone,  
Y' knee bone connected to y' thigh bone,  
Y' thigh bone connected to y' hip bone,  
Y' hip bone connected to y' back bone  
Y' back bone connected to y' shoulder bone  
Y' shoulder bone connected to y' neck bone,  
Y' neck bone connected to y' head bone,  
Oh, hear the word of the Lord!

Them bones, them bones gonna walk around,  
Oh, hear the word of the Lord.

Disconnect them bones, them dry bones  
Oh, hear the word of the Lord.

*Please stand as you are able.*

## **OFFERING PRAYER**

Let us pray together.

**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  
through Christ Jesus, the wellspring of eternal life. Amen.**

## OFFERTORY

### *Create in Me a Clean Heart*

ELW 186

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 to me the joy of your salvation,  
and uphold me with your free Spirit.

## DIALOGUE

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

It is indeed right ... we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

## SANCTUS AND BENEDICTUS



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might,



heav-en and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na. Ho -



san-na. Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless-ed is he who



comes in the name of the Lord. Ho-san - na in the high - est.

## **THE EUCHARISTIC PRAYER**

Holy are you, and blessed is your Son Jesus Christ.

When you gave him to save us from our sin,

your Spirit led him into the wilderness,

where he fasted forty days and forty nights to prepare for his ministry.

When he suffered and died on a cross for our sin, you raised him to

life, presented him alive to the apostles during forty days,

and exalted him at your right hand.

By the baptism of his suffering, death, and resurrection

you gave birth to your Church, delivered us from slavery to sin and

death, and made with us a new covenant by water and the Spirit.

Now, when we your people prepare for the yearly feast of Easter,

you lead us to repentance for sin and the cleansing of our hearts,

that during these forty days of Lent we may be gifted and graced

to reaffirm the covenant you made with us through Christ.

In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread,  
and...

Again after supper, he took the cup, ...

Let us proclaim the mystery of faith:

**Christ has died.**

**Christ is risen.**

**Christ will come again.**

Pour out your Holy Spirit on us gathered here,

and on these gifts of bread and wine.

Make them be for us the body and blood of Christ,

that we may be for the world the body of Christ, redeemed by his  
blood.

By your Spirit make us one with Christ,  
one with each other, and one in ministry to all the world,  
until Christ comes in final victory, and we feast at his heavenly  
banquet.

Through your Son Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit in your holy  
Church, all honor and glory is yours, almighty God, now and for ever.

**Amen.**

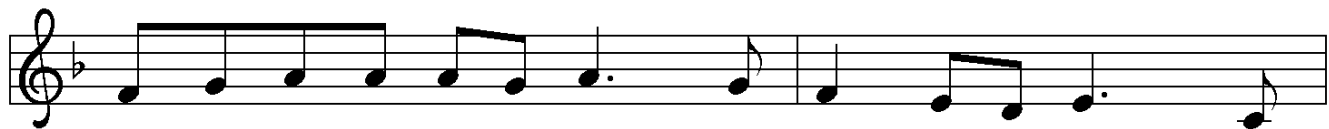
## **THE LORD'S PRAYER**

Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us.

**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 AGNUS DEI**



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.

*Please be seated.*

## **THE HOLY COMMUNION**

### *Invitation to Communion*

All are welcome to share in the sacrament of Holy Communion at Holy Trinity. Beginning with those seated closest to the altar, you are invited to come forward down the center aisle to the presiding minister. Receiving the wafer in your hand, you are invited to dip or “intinct” the wafer into the chalice. There is wine in the silver chalice and grape juice in the ceramic chalice. For those who prefer, gluten-free wafers are available by simply asking the Pastor as you are served. Portable communion cups are also available for those who are not comfortable sharing the sacrament of Holy Communion in-person. Adults or children choosing not to receive communion may come forward to receive a blessing. The Pastors will bring the sacrament to persons in the pews that are unable to come forward. Please advise an usher if you wish the pastor to do so. Come eat and drink; there is a place for you at the table of our Lord.

## **THE SOLO**

*Prayer* from *Night Songs*

Text: Langston Hughes (1901-1967)

H. Leslie Adams

(b. 1932)

Tyler Huk, *tenor*

I ask you this: Which way to go?  
I ask you this: Which sin to bear?  
Which crown to put Upon my hair?  
I do not know, Lord God, I do not know.

**(10:30)**

## **COMMUNION ANTHEM**

*Even When He is Silent*

Text: Anonymous, found written on the walls of a concentration camp

Kim André Arnesen

(b. 1980)

I believe in the sun, even when it's not shining.  
I believe in love, even when I feel it not.  
I believe in God, even when He is silent.

*Please stand as you are able.*

The body and blood of our Sovereign and Savior Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in His grace.  
**Amen.**

## **POST-COMMUNION PRAYER**

Let us pray together.

**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.**

## **BENEDICTION**

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

**(10:30)**

*Please be seated.*

**(10:30)**

## **BENEDICTION RESPONSE**

*Jesus, So Lowly*

Text: Edith Williams, from *Songs of Praise*

Harold Friedell

(1905-1958)

Jesus, so lowly, child of the earth: christen me wholly, bring me new birth.  
Jesus, so lonely, weary and sad; teach me that only love maketh glad.  
Jesus, so broken, silent and pale; be this the token love will not fail.  
Jesus, victorious, mighty and free; teach me how glorious death is to be.

# RECESSIONAL HYMN

*Restore in Us, O God* "Baylor"

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1 Re - store in us, O God, the splen - dor of your love; re -  
2 O Spir - it, wake in us the won - der of your pow'r; from  
3 Bring us, O Christ, to share the full - ness of your joy; bap -  
4 Three-per - soned God, ful - fill the prom - ise of your grace, that



new your im - age in our hearts, and all our sins re - move.  
fruit-less fear un - furl our lives like spring-time bud and flow'r.  
tize us in the ris - en life that death can - not de - stroy.  
we, when all our search-ing ends, may see you face to face.

Text: Carl P. Daw Jr., b. 1944

Music: BAYLOR, Hal H. Hopson, b. 1933

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Go in peace. Serve in love.  
**Thanks be to God.**



*You are encouraged to take the bulletin  
home with you for future reference.  
Otherwise, please place them in the recycle bins  
at the entrance ways.*

*We invite you to join us downstairs in Redeemer Hall  
for refreshments and fellowship following the 10:30 Service.*



***THIS WEEK AT HOLY TRINITY***

**SUNDAY, March 26, 2023 – Fifth Sunday in Lent**

- 8:30 a.m. Service of Holy Communion (CH)
- 9:30 a.m. Youth Choir (MR)
- 9:30 a.m. Health Ministry Meeting (CR)
- 9:40 a.m. Chat with the Pastor (FR)
- 10:30 a.m. Service of Holy Communion (MC)
- 10:30 a.m. Sunday School/Nursery (SS)
- 11:30 a.m. Coffee Hour (RH)

**MONDAY, March 27, 2023**

- 9:30 a.m. Bible Study (FR)
- 6:00 p.m. Gamblers' Anonymous (RH)

**TUESDAY, March 28, 2023**

- 7:00 p.m. Council Meeting (RH)

**THURSDAY, March 30, 2023**

- 10:00 a.m. Watercolor Class (RH)
- 6:00 p.m. Chapel Choir (CH)
- 7:00 p.m. Chancel Choir (MC)
- 7:00 p.m. AA/AL-ANON (RH)

**SUNDAY, April 2, 2023 – Palm Sunday**

- 8:30 a.m. Service of Holy Communion w/Chapel Choir (CH)
- 9:30 a.m. Youth Choir (MR)
- 9:40 a.m. Chat with the Pastor (FR)
- 10:30 a.m. Service of Holy Communion (MC)
- 10:30 a.m. Sunday School/Nursery (SS)
- 11:30 a.m. Coffee Hour (RH)

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CH = Mansperger Chapel  
FR = Fellowship Room  
MR = Music Room  
SC = Sacristy

CI = Crib Room  
FI = Fireside Room/Library  
PS = Pastor's Study  
SS = Sunday School

CR = Conference Room  
MC = Main Church  
RH = Redeemer Hall  
YR = Youth Room



At 8:30 a.m. the announcer and reader is Heidemarie Kunz. Usher and altar guilds are Gail Camilleri and Heidemarie Kunz. Acolyte is Tim Yap.

At 10:30 a.m. the announcer is Kathy Crissey. Reader is Daniel Culross. Ushers are Ron Leiser, Mike Day, Alan Heiss, Elizabeth Vihnanek and Marty Wright. Acolytes are Brandon Howard, Henry Peterson, Max Peterson and Griffin Miller.

The flowers on the altar are given:

In Loving Memory of Randall F. Smith and Marie E. Smith from Kevin, Helen, Ann Marie and Randi Jones; and

In Loving Memory of our mother Sally Patterson from Kathy Crissey and Family.

Council Vice-President, Kathy Crissey, will be at the Main Street entrance to address any questions or concerns you may have this morning.

As part of the Cherish All Children ministries, today's prayers of intercession include Ethan McKinney, Brandon Howard, Erica Sampman and Evelyn Howard.



The Chancel Choir would like to extend a special thank you to Dr. Lynda Hasseler, Professor of Conducting and Choral Music at Capital University (Lutheran, ELCA), Columbus, Ohio, for spending Thursday evening with us in rehearsal. Dr. Hasseler spent the three-hour session working on various conducting and vocal techniques with the choir in a workshop setting. She is visiting Buffalo to serve as guest conductor of the Erie County Music Educators Association (ECMEA) Senior High All-County Honors Chorus at the University of Buffalo, but accepted the invitation to come a day early to work with our beloved Chancel Choir. When she was hired at Capital University, Dr. Hasseler was the first woman ever to be appointed to a major Lutheran University conducting position in the United States. It was an honor and a privilege to spend an evening singing under her inspiring leadership and musicianship.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**MONDAY BIBLE STUDY:** Pastor Rich continues Bible Study tomorrow at 9:30am in the Fellowship Room. The new series will be “Spiritual, but Not Religious?”. All are welcome.

**CHAT WITH THE PASTOR:** Join Pastor Rich Sundays after the 8:30 a.m. worship service (approximately 9:40 a.m.) in the Fellowship Room for a time of fellowship and free-ranging conversation about our faith and discuss our life and ministries at Holy Trinity.

**HEALTH MINISTRY MEETING:** The team will meet today at 9:30am in the Conference Room.

**PLANT SALE:** The annual LYO plant sale continues! The pick-up date for the plant sale will be Saturday, May 13. Order forms can be found on the tables at the entrance ways, in the newsletter or in our weekly email. **Orders are due back to the church by today.** The proceeds will go towards our mission fund which helps to support service events. All orders are appreciated.

**LUTHERAN WORLD RELIEF:** Our congregation will be collecting items to make Personal Care Kits for our neighbors around the world. Please see the flyers located on the tables at the entrance ways, or the weekly email for guidelines and more information. Please bring kits/items to the display near the church office (Kahler’s Korner) by April 1.

**EASTER FLOWERS:** The Worship Committee has once again arranged for lilies to be placed in the chancel on Easter Sunday. If you would like to place a lily in the chancel, order forms may be found in the newsletter, in the weekly email or on the tables at the entrance ways. The cost is \$12.00 per plant.

**ALTAR FLOWERS:** Each Sunday, the beautiful vases of flowers gracing the chancel are often dedicated by members of our congregation in memory of or in honor of loved ones. The following date is available April 30<sup>th</sup>- 1 or 2 vases. Please contact Linda Schmidt with your request for this or any other specific date during the year. She can be reached at [msmarylschmidt@gmail.com](mailto:msmarylschmidt@gmail.com) or 716-835-3325. Vases are currently \$50.00 each.

**MEDICAL DEBT RELIEF LENTEN COLLECTION:** For the last three years during Lent, we have held a friendly "competition" to see who could collect the most toilet paper, female hygiene products, and diapers. This year the conference council would like to challenge congregations to collect **change for change**. We are working with nonprofit medical debt to make a difference. They have a unique model that combines generosity of donors with debt industry experts to produce a high volume of debt relief. Every \$100 dollars donated leads to about \$10,000 forgiven. We ask that you drop your spare change in the plastic jars located at the entrance ways. Thank you for your support.

**CRISIS SERVICES:** For anyone feeling down, lonely or depressed, Crisis Services is available. Their hotline number is 834-3131 and are available 24-hours a day. If you are looking for counseling services, we share a partnership with Mr. Pat Greene, LMHC, and he may be reached at 716-361-4615.



## **2023 Lenten and Easter Worship**

### **Palm Sunday, April 2**

- 8:30 a.m. Service of Holy Communion with Chapel Choir  
10:30 a.m. Service of Holy Communion with Chancel Choir

### **Maundy Thursday, April 6**

- 7:00 p.m.** Holy Communion/stripping of the altar with Chancel Choir

### **Good Friday, April 7**

- 7:00 p.m.** Tenebrae Service with Chancel Choir

### **Easter Sunday, April 9**

- 8:30 a.m. Festival Service of Holy Communion  
9:00 a.m. Easter Breakfast by the Fellowship & Hospitality Group  
10:00 a.m. Pre-service music  
10:30 a.m. Festival Service of Holy Communion with Choir/Brass/Organ

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