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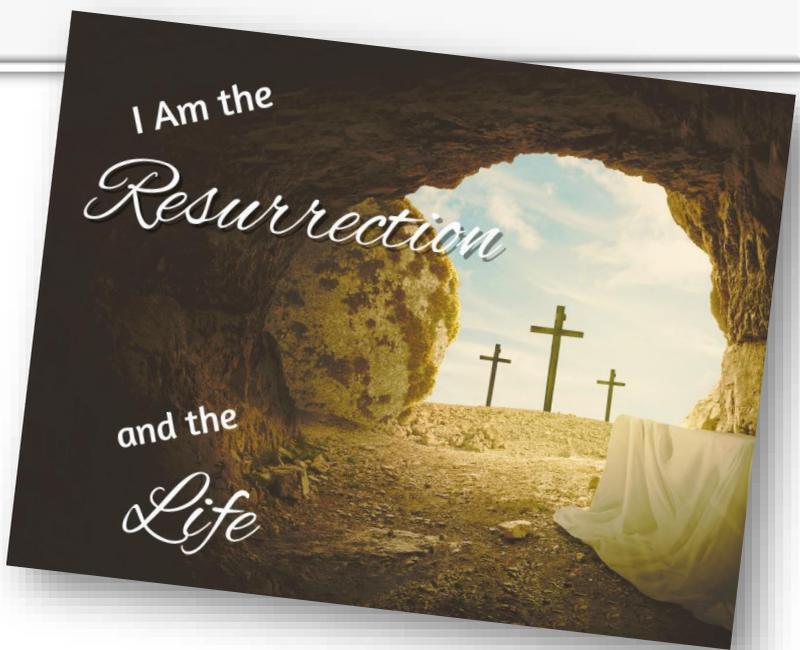
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5th Sunday in Lent

March 22, 2026

Creative Worship



PRESERVICE ANNOUNCEMENTS PROCESSIONAL

AS WE GATHER

Lent is a time when God prepares His people to celebrate the Paschal Feast, the resurrection of Jesus, with sincerity and truth. In the Reading from Ezekiel 37, we see the power of the Word that transforms dry bones into living flesh with the

breath of the Spirit. This same Spirit lives in us and will raise us at the Last Day, which is exactly what we hear from Paul in the Reading from Romans 8. The Spirit who raised Christ will also give life to us. Having received the Spirit in Baptism, we join with Martha in confessing boldly that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, who comes to us today in His Word and Sacrament and will come again to call us out of our graves.

PREPARATION

HYMN: 420 CHRIST, THE LIFE OF ALL THE LIVING

1. Christ, the life of all the living,
Christ, the death of death, our
foe,
Who, Thyself for me once giving
To the darkest depths of woe:
Through Thy suff'rings, death, and
merit
I eternal life inherit.
Thousand, thousand thanks
shall be,
Dearest Jesus, unto Thee.

2. Thou, ah! Thou, hast taken on
Thee
Bonds and stripes, a cruel rod;
Pain and scorn were heaped

upon Thee,

O Thou sinless Son of God!
Thus didst Thou my soul deliver
From the bonds of sin forever.

Thousand, thousand thanks
shall be,

Dearest Jesus, unto Thee.

3. Thou hast borne the smiting
only

That my wounds might all be
whole;

Thou hast suffered, sad and
lonely,

Rest to give my weary soul;
Yea, the curse of God enduring,
Blessing unto me securing.

Thousand, thousand thanks
shall be,

Dearest Jesus, unto Thee.

4. Heartless scoffers did surround
Thee,

Treating Thee with shameful
scorn

And with piercing thorns they
crowned Thee.

All disgrace Thou, Lord, hast
borne,

That as Thine Thou mightest own
me

And with heav'nly glory crown
me.

Thousand, thousand thanks

shall be,

Dearest Jesus, unto Thee.

5. Thou hast suffered men to
bruise Thee,

That from pain I might be free;
Falsely did Thy foes accuse Thee:

Thence I gain security;
Comfortless Thy soul did languish
Me to comfort in my anguish.

Thousand, thousand thanks
shall be,

Dearest Jesus, unto Thee.

6. Thou hast suffered great
affliction

And hast borne it patiently,
Even death by crucifixion,

Fully to atone for me;
Thou didst choose to be
tormented

That my doom should be
prevented.

Thousand, thousand thanks
shall be,

Dearest Jesus, unto Thee.

7. Then, for all that wrought my
pardon,

For Thy sorrows deep and sore,
For Thine anguish in the Garden,

I will thank Thee evermore,
Thank Thee for Thy groaning,
sighing,

For Thy bleeding and Thy dying,
For that last triumphant cry,
And shall praise Thee, Lord, on
high.

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INVOCATION

PIn the name of the Father and
of the ✠ Son and of the Holy
Spirit.

CAmen.

CONFESSION AND

ABSOLUTION *Psalm 130:1–4*

POut of the depths I cry to You,
O LORD!

CO Lord, hear my voice! Let Your
ears be attentive to the voice
of my pleas for mercy!

PIf You, O LORD, should mark
iniquities, O Lord, who could
stand?

CBut with You there is
forgiveness, that You may be
feared.

*Silent reflection on God's Word and
for self-examination.*

PLet us then confess our sins to
God our Father.

C Most merciful God, we cry to You from the depths of our sin. We were born into those depths and need Your Word to call us out of them. We have sinned against You with our thoughts, our words, our actions, and our inactions. We have lived according to the flesh rather than the Spirit. From the depths, we wait for You. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, deliver our soul from death, our eyes from tears, and our feet from stumbling. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways to the glory of Your holy name. Amen.

P Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. You are precious in His sight because Christ is in you. As a called and ordained servant of Christ and by His authority, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ✝ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

WORD

INTROIT *Psalm 116:1–4, 8;*
antiphon: v. 15

P Precious in the sight of the LORD
C is the death of His saints.

P I love the LORD, because He
has heard
C my voice and my pleas for
mercy.

P Because He inclined His ear to
me,
C therefore I will call on Him as
long as I live.

P The snares of death
encompassed me; the pangs
of Sheol laid hold on me;
C I suffered distress and anguish.

P Then I called on the name of
the LORD:
C “O LORD, I pray, deliver my
soul!”

P For You have delivered my soul
from death,
C my eyes from tears, my feet
from stumbling.

**Glory be to the Father and to
the Son and to the Holy Spirit;
as it was in the beginning, is
now, and will be forever. Amen.**

PPrecious in the sight of the LORD
Cis the death of His saints.

KYRIE

LSB 152

PIn peace let us pray to the Lord.



C Lord, have mer - cy.

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



C Lord, have mer - cy.

PFor 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.



C Lord, have mer - cy.

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



C Lord, have mer - cy.

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



SALUTATION

P The Lord be with you.

C And also with you.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P Let us pray.

Almighty God, by Your great goodness mercifully look upon Your people that we may be governed and preserved evermore in body and soul; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Ezekiel 37:1–14

The Valley of Dry Bones

¹The hand of the LORD was upon me, and he brought me out in the Spirit of the LORD and set me down in the middle of the valley; it was full of bones. ²And he led me around among them, and behold, there were very many on the surface of the valley, and

behold, they were very dry. ³And he said to me, “Son of man, can these bones live?” And I answered, “O Lord GOD, you know.” ⁴Then he said to me, “Prophecy over these bones, and say to them, O dry bones, hear the word of the LORD. ⁵Thus says the Lord GOD to these bones: Behold, I will cause breath to enter you, and you shall live. ⁶And I will lay sinews upon 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 was commanded. And as I prophesied, there was a sound, and behold, a rattling, and the bones came together, bone to its bone. ⁸And I looked, and behold, 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, “Prophecy to the breath; prophecy, son of man, and say to the breath, Thus says the Lord GOD: Come from the four winds, O breath, and breathe on these slain, that they may live.” ¹⁰So I prophesied as he

commanded me, and the breath came into them, and they lived and stood on their feet, an exceedingly great army.

¹¹Then he said to me, “Son of man, these bones are the whole house of Israel. Behold, they say, ‘Our bones are dried up, and our hope is lost; we are clean cut off.’ ¹²Therefore prophesy, and say to them, Thus says the Lord God: Behold, I will open your graves and raise you from your graves, O my people. And I will bring you into the land of Israel. ¹³And you shall know that I am the LORD, when I open your graves, and raise you from your graves, O my people. ¹⁴And I will put my Spirit within you, and you shall live, and I will place you in your own land. Then you shall know that I am the LORD; I have spoken, and I will do it, declares the LORD.”

LThis is the Word of the Lord.

CThanks be to God.

PSALM *Psalm 130; antiphon: v. 7*

PO Israel, hope in the LORD! For with the LORD there is steadfast love,

Cand with Him is plentiful redemption.

POut of the depths I cry to You,
O LORD!

CO Lord, hear my voice! Let Your ears be attentive to the voice of my pleas for mercy!

PIf You, O LORD, should mark iniquities, O Lord, who could stand?

CBut with You there is forgiveness, that You may be feared.

PI wait for the LORD, my soul waits, and in His word I hope;

Cmy soul waits for the Lord more than watchmen for the morning, more than watchmen for the morning.

PO Israel, hope in the LORD! For with the LORD there is steadfast love,

Cand with Him is plentiful redemption.

PAnd He will redeem Israel from all his iniquities.

CGlory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit;

as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.

PO Israel, hope in the LORD! For with the LORD there is steadfast love,
Cand with Him is plentiful redemption.

EPISTLE

Romans 8:1–11

Life in the Spirit

¹There is therefore now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus. ²For the law of the Spirit of life has set you free in Christ Jesus from the law of sin and death. ³For God has done what the law, weakened by the flesh, could not do. By sending his own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh and for sin, he condemned sin in the flesh, ⁴in order that the righteous requirement of the law might be fulfilled in us, who walk not according to the flesh but according to the Spirit. ⁵For those who live according to the flesh set their minds on the things of the flesh, but those who live according to the Spirit set their minds on the things of the Spirit. ⁶To set the mind on the flesh is death, but to set the mind on the

Spirit is life and peace. ⁷For the mind that is set on the flesh is hostile to God, for it does not submit to God's law; indeed, it cannot. ⁸Those who are in the flesh cannot please God.

⁹You, however, are not in the flesh but in the Spirit, if in fact the Spirit of God dwells in you.

Anyone who does not have the Spirit of Christ does not belong to him. ¹⁰But if Christ is in you, although the body is dead because of sin, the Spirit is life because of righteousness. ¹¹If the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, he who raised Christ Jesus from the dead will also give life to your mortal bodies through his Spirit who dwells in you.

LThis is the Word of the Lord.

CThanks be to God.

VERSE

John 11:25

CI am the resurrection and the life. Whoever believes in me, though he die, yet shall he live.

HOLY GOSPEL *John 11:1–45*

PThe Holy Gospel according to St. John, the eleventh chapter.

Glory to You, O Lord.

The Death of Lazarus

¹Now a certain man was ill, Lazarus of Bethany, the village of Mary and her sister Martha. ²It was Mary who anointed the Lord with ointment and wiped his feet with her hair, whose brother Lazarus was ill. ³So the sisters sent to him, saying, “Lord, he whom you love is ill.” ⁴But when Jesus heard it he said, “This illness does not lead to death. It is for the glory of God, so that the Son of God may be glorified through it.”

⁵Now Jesus loved Martha and her sister and Lazarus. ⁶So, when he heard that Lazarus was ill, he stayed two days longer in the place where he was. ⁷Then after this he said to the disciples, “Let us go to Judea again.” ⁸The disciples said to him, “Rabbi, the Jews were just now seeking to stone you, and are you going there again?” ⁹Jesus answered, “Are there not twelve hours in the day? If anyone walks in the day, he does not stumble, because he sees the light of this world. ¹⁰But if anyone walks in the night, he stumbles, because the light is not in him.” ¹¹After saying these

things, he said to them, “Our friend Lazarus has fallen asleep, but I go to awaken him.” ¹²The disciples said to him, “Lord, if he has fallen asleep, he will recover.” ¹³Now Jesus had spoken of his death, but they thought that he meant taking rest in sleep. ¹⁴Then Jesus told them plainly, “Lazarus has died, ¹⁵and for your sake I am glad that I was not there, so that you may believe. But let us go to him.” ¹⁶So Thomas, called the Twin, said to his fellow disciples, “Let us also go, that we may die with him.”

I Am the Resurrection and the Life

¹⁷Now when Jesus came, he found that Lazarus had already been in the tomb four days. ¹⁸Bethany was near Jerusalem, about two miles off, ¹⁹and many of the Jews had come to Martha and Mary to console them concerning their brother. ²⁰So when Martha heard that Jesus was coming, she went and met him, but Mary remained seated in the house. ²¹Martha said to Jesus, “Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died. ²²But even now I know that whatever you ask from God, God will give you.” ²³Jesus said to her,

“Your brother will rise again.”

²⁴Martha said to him, “I know that he will rise again in the resurrection on the last day.”

²⁵Jesus said to her, “I am the resurrection and the life. Whoever believes in me, though he die, yet shall he live, ²⁶and everyone who lives and believes in me shall never die. Do you believe this?”

²⁷She said to him, “Yes, Lord; I believe that you are the Christ, the Son of God, who is coming into the world.”

Jesus Wept

²⁸When she had said this, she went and called her sister Mary, saying in private, “The Teacher is here and is calling for you.” ²⁹And when she heard it, she rose quickly and went to him. ³⁰Now Jesus had not yet come into the village, but was still in the place where Martha had met him.

³¹When the Jews who were with her in the house, consoling her, saw Mary rise quickly and go out, they followed her, supposing that she was going to the tomb to weep there. ³²Now when Mary came to where Jesus was and saw him, she fell at his feet, saying to him, “Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not

have died.”³³ When Jesus saw her weeping, and the Jews who had come with her also weeping, he was deeply moved in his spirit and greatly troubled.³⁴ And he said, “Where have you laid him?” They said to him, “Lord, come and see.”³⁵ Jesus wept.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 also have kept this man from dying?”

Jesus Raises Lazarus

³⁸ Then Jesus, deeply moved again, came to the tomb. It was a cave, and a stone lay against it.³⁹ Jesus said, “Take away the stone.” Martha, the sister of the dead man, said to him, “Lord, by this time there will be an odor, for 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 lifted up his eyes and said, “Father, I thank you that you have heard me.⁴² I knew that you always hear me, but I said this on account of the people standing around, that they may believe that you sent me.”⁴³ When he had said these things, he cried

out with a loud voice, “Lazarus, come out.” ⁴⁴The man who had died came out, his hands and feet bound with linen strips, and his face wrapped with a cloth. Jesus said to them, “Unbind him, and let him go.”

The Plot to Kill Jesus

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

PThis is the Gospel of the Lord.

C**Praise to You, O Christ.**

HYMN: 461 I KNOW THAT MY REDEEMER LIVES

1. I know that my Redeemer lives;
What comfort this sweet
sentence gives!

He lives, He lives, who once was
dead;

He lives, my ever-living head.

2. He lives triumphant from the
grave;

He lives eternally to save;

He lives all-glorious in the sky;

He lives exalted there on high.

3. He lives to bless me with His
love;

He lives to plead for me above;
He lives my hungry soul to feed;
He lives to help in time of need.

4. He lives to grant me rich supply;
He lives to guide me with His eye;
He lives to comfort me when
faint;
He lives to hear my soul's
complaint.

5. He lives to silence all my fears;
He lives to wipe away my tears;
He lives to calm my troubled
heart;
He lives all blessings to impart.

6. He lives, my kind, wise, heav'nly
friend;
He lives and loves me to the end;
He lives, and while He lives, I'll
sing;
He lives, my Prophet, Priest, and
King.

7. He lives and grants me daily
breath;
He lives, and I shall conquer
death;
He lives my mansion to prepare;
He lives to bring me safely there.

8. He lives, all glory to His name!
He lives, my Jesus, still the same;

Oh, the sweet joy this sentence
gives:
I know that my Redeemer lives!

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**SERMON: "I AM THE
RESURRECTION AND THE
LIFE** *John 11:1-45*

**WELCOMING OF NEW
MEMBERS**

Today we welcome new members to Trinity: Deb Hertel, Angela and Piper Stone, Steve and Brianna Waterstradt and Evelyn.

CATECHISM *The Third Article*

☑ I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

What does this mean?

I believe that I cannot by my own reason or strength believe in Jesus Christ, my Lord, or come to Him; but the Holy Spirit

**has called me by the Gospel,
enlightened me with His gifts,
sanctified and kept me in the
true faith.**

**In the same way He calls,
gathers, enlightens, and
sanctifies the whole Christian
Church on earth, and keeps it
with Jesus Christ in the one true
faith.**

**In this Christian Church He daily
and richly forgives all my sins
and the sins of all believers.**

**On the Last Day He will raise
me and all the dead, and give
eternal life to me and all
believers in Christ.**

This is most certainly true.

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

PBecause the Lord has inclined His ear to us, let us call upon the One who delivers us in our time of need.

Lord of life, You look upon the ways in which sin has withered our existence, and You speak Your words of life over us. Bless all pastors, that they may speak that same word with the faithfulness of Ezekiel, for the

benefit of Your church and her mission,

Cfor Jesus is the resurrection and the life.

PLoving Father, You claimed us as children in Holy Baptism, setting us free from the law of sin and death by sending Your own Son in the likeness of human flesh. Help us to forsake the ways of sinful flesh and to walk according to the Spirit who lives in us,

Cfor Jesus is the resurrection and the life.

PFearless Lord, even in the threat of death You pursue those You love. Give us courage to follow You into those places where death taunts and persecution lingers. Help us to fix our eyes on the One who is the founder and perfecter of our faith,

Cfor Jesus is the resurrection and the life.

PAlmighty God, precious in Your sight is the death of Your saints. Strengthen our leaders, our government, and all You have put in place to protect us, that they look upon every life

entrusted to their protection
with the same care,

Cfor Jesus is the resurrection and
the life.

PMerciful Lord, You deliver those
who cry to You from the depths
of distress and anguish. Visit the
sick, the dying, and the
grieving, [especially . . .]. Bring
them Your peace, especially as
they might question Your ways
and Your timing. Comfort them
with the hope of life
everlasting, when Your Word
will restore their bodies again,

Cfor Jesus is the resurrection and
the life.

PReceiving the fullness of Your
Spirit and offering these prayers
to You, O gracious Lord, we
trust that You hear and answer
us according to Your good and
gracious will,

Cfor Jesus is the resurrection and
the life. Amen.

OFFERING

LORD'S PRAYER

C 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.

OFFERTORY *159*

☩ What shall I render to the Lord
for all His benefits to me?

I will offer the sacrifice of
thanksgiving and will call on
the name of the Lord.

I will take the cup of salvation
and will call on the name of the
Lord.

I will pay my vows to the Lord
now in the presence of all His
people,
in the courts of the Lord's house,
in the midst of you, O
Jerusalem.

☩ 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.**

BENEDICTION

PThe Lord bless you and keep
you.

The Lord make His face shine
on you and be gracious to you.

The Lord look upon you with
favor and ✠ give you peace.

C Amen.

HYMN: 575 MY HOPE IS BUILT ON NOTHING LESS

1. My hope is built on nothing less
Than Jesus' blood and
righteousness;

No merit of my own I claim

But wholly lean on Jesus' name.

Refrain

Ref. On Christ, the solid rock, I
stand;

All other ground is sinking sand.

2. When darkness veils His lovely face,
I rest on His unchanging grace;
In ev'ry high and stormy gale
My anchor holds within the veil.
Refrain

3. His oath, His covenant and blood
Support me in the raging flood;
When ev'ry earthly prop gives way,
He then is all my hope and stay.
Refrain

4. When He shall come with trumpet sound,
Oh, may I then in Him be found,
Clothed in His righteousness alone,
Redeemed to stand before His throne!
Refrain

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THE FORMS FOR EASTER LILIES TO DECORATE THE ALTAR are in your mailboxes. **Please return them to Barb Yek today.** *If you don't yet have a mailbox, there will be some at the welcome center.* Mailboxes will be adjusted soon for new members.

WORSHIP SERVANTS Mar 22, 2026

Acolyte: Clara Miller

Elders: Bill Hertel

Pastor: Pastor Ken Huner

Organist: Liz Mikkelson

Special Music:

Altar: Stacy Sprague and Deb Dugan

Counting: Deb Dugan and Joanna Krueger

Ushers: Dan and Joanna Krueger

Greeters: Jim and Penny Myers

MINISTRY CALENDAR FOR THE WEEK

Sun Mar 22

9 am – Adult

Bible Study

Matthew

9 am –

Children's

Sunday School

10 am -- Fifth Sunday in Lent

Mon Mar 23

Thurs Mar 26

10:30 am – Christian Art Class

7 pm -- Council

Fri Mar 27

Sat Mar 28

Sun Mar 29

9 am – Adult Bible Study

Matthew

9 am – Children's Sunday

School

10 am – Palm Sunday

4:30 pm -- Confirmation

6:30 pm -- Fit for Life

Tues Mar 24

10 am -- Adult Bible Study

11 am -- Prayer Warriors

Wed Mar 25

10 am – Quilters

5:30 pm – Lenten Soup Supper

6:30 pm – Lenten worship Midweek 5

Thurs Mar 26

10:30 am – Christian Art Class

7 pm – Council

Fri Mar 27

Sat Mar 28

Sun Mar 29

9 am – Adult Bible Study Matthew

9 am – Children’s Sunday School

10 am – Palm Sunday

CHARTING OUR COURSE

Attendance week of March 15, 2026

10:00 am Worship in Person:

48/Online plays: 169

Communion: N/A

9:00 am Kids Sunday school In

Person: 3

9:00 am Adult Bible Class in Person:

12/Online plays: 130

Sermon Notes:

"I Am The Resurrection And The Life"

John 11:1-45

The Waiting

The Caring

The Words

The Miracle

The Response