

Trinity



LUTHERAN CHURCH

Fifth Sunday in Lent
April 6, 2025
11:00 am



Our God makes all things new. In the first reading God promises it. In the gospel Mary anticipates it, anointing Jesus' feet with costly perfume in preparation for the day of his burial. In the second reading Paul recalls his transformation from the persecutor Saul into an apostle. In baptism, God's new person (you!) rises daily from the deadly mire of trespasses and sins.

Order of Worship

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or "All Creation Sings" (ACS)

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

GATHERING SONG

"To Him who sits on the Throne" Keith Lancaster
To Him who sits on the throne
And unto the Lamb
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And unto the Lamb

Be blessing and glory and honor and power
Forever
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forever

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(stand)

CONFESSIOIN AND FORGIVENESS

All may make the sign of the cross, the sign that is marked at baptism, as the presiding minister begins.

P Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God,
who forgives all our sin,
whose mercy endures forever.

C **Amen.**

P Let us return to God, confessing our sin in the assurance of God's abiding love.

Silence is kept for reflection.

Compassionate One,

☞ you are slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love,
but our lives do not always reflect you
and your love for the world.
We do not always show others the tender compassion
you have shown to us.
We do not readily welcome others with the radical hospitality
you grant to all people.
We can wrongly judge others
even though you have set us free again and again.
We squander the abundant gifts of the earth.
Transform our lives with your love and grace,
guiding us in the way of the cross.
Amen.

☞ Beloved in Christ,
God's arms are always stretched open wide
to welcome the wandering ones home.
In ✝ Christ your sins are forgiven.
You have a place in God's house forever.

☞ Amen

stand) **OPENING SONG**

“Oh the Glory of Your Presence” Steve Fry

**Oh the glory of Your presence
We Your temple give You rev'rence
Come and rise from Your rest
And be blessed by our praise
As we glory in Your embrace
As Your presence now fills this place**

**Jesus all-glorious
Create in us a temple
Called as living stones
Where You're enthroned
As You rose from death in pow'r
So rise within our worship
Rise upon our praise
And let the hand that saw You raised
Clothe us in Your glory
Draw us by Your grace**

**Come and rise from Your rest
And be blessed by our praise
As we glory in Your embrace
As Your presence now fills this place
This holy place**

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(stand) **GREETING**

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

G **And also with you.**

(stand) **PRAYER OF THE DAY**

P Let us pray...
Creator God, you prepare a new way in the wilderness, and your grace waters our
desert. Open our hearts to be transformed by the new thing you are doing, that our lives
may proclaim the extravagance of your love given to all through your Son, Jesus
Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one
God, now and forever.

G **Amen.**

(sit) **FIRST READINGPhilippians 3:4b-14**

Writing to Christians in Philippi, Paul admits that his heritage and reputation could give him more reason than most people to place confidence in his spiritual pedigree. But the overwhelming grace of God in Jesus calls Paul to a new set of values.

[Paul writes:] ^{4b} If anyone else has reason to be confident in the flesh, I have more: ⁵ circumcised on the eighth day, a member of the people of Israel, of the tribe of Benjamin, a Hebrew born of Hebrews; as to the law, a Pharisee; ⁶ as to zeal, a persecutor of the church; as to righteousness under the law, blameless.

⁷ Yet whatever gains I had, these I have come to regard as loss because of Christ. ⁸ More than that, I regard everything as loss because of the surpassing value of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord. For his sake I have suffered the loss of all things, and I regard them as rubbish, in order that I may gain Christ ⁹ and be found in him, not having a righteousness of my own that comes from the law, but one that comes through faith in Christ, the righteousness from God based on faith. ¹⁰ I want to know Christ and the power of his resurrection and the sharing of his sufferings by becoming like him in his death, ¹¹ if somehow I may attain the resurrection from the dead.

¹² Not that I have already obtained this or have already reached the goal; but I press on to make it my own, because Christ Jesus has made me his own. ¹³ Beloved, I do not consider that I have made it my own; but this one thing I do: forgetting what lies behind and straining forward to what lies ahead, ¹⁴ I press on toward the goal for the prize of the heavenly call of God in Christ Jesus.

A Word of God, word of life.

C Thanks be to God.

CHILDREN’S SERMON

(stand) **GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**

“Revelation 19:1” Jeffery LaValley

Hallelujah salvation and glory

Honor and power to the Lord our God

For the Lord our God is mighty

Yes the Lord our God is omnipotent

The Lord our God He is wonderful

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(stand) **GOSPEL READING.....John 12:1-8**

P The holy gospel according to John.

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

Judas willfully misinterprets as waste Mary's extravagant act of anointing Jesus' feet with costly perfume. Jesus recognizes that her lavish gift is both an expression of love and an anticipation of his burial.

¹ Six days before the Passover Jesus came to Bethany, the home of Lazarus, whom he had raised from the dead. ² There they gave a dinner for him. Martha served, and Lazarus was one of those at the table with him. ³ Mary took a pound of costly perfume made of pure nard, anointed Jesus' feet, and wiped them with her hair. The house was filled with the fragrance of the perfume. ⁴ But Judas Iscariot, one of his disciples (the one who was about to betray him), said, ⁵ "Why was this perfume not sold for three hundred denarii and the money given to the poor?" ⁶ (He said this not because he cared about the poor, but because he was a thief; he kept the common purse and used to steal what was put into it.) ⁷ Jesus said, "Leave her alone. She bought it so that she might keep it for the day of my burial. ⁸ You always have the poor with you, but you do not always have me."

P The gospel of the Lord.

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

(sit) **SERMON..... Pastor Katie Christie**

HYMN OF THE DAY

"The Wonderful Cross"Chris Tomlin

**When I survey the wondrous cross
On which the Prince of Glory died
My richest gain I count but loss
And pour contempt on all my pride**

**See from His head His hands His feet
Sorrow and love flow mingled down
Did e'er such love and sorrow meet
Or thorns compose so rich a crown**

**O the wonderful cross
O the wonderful cross
Bids me come and die and find
That I may truly live
O the wonderful cross
O the wonderful cross
All who gather here by grace**



Draw near and bless Your name

**Were the whole realm of nature mine
That were an offering far too small
Love so amazing so divine
Demands my soul my life my all**

**O the wonderful cross
O the wonderful cross
Bids me come and die and find
That I may truly live
O the wonderful cross
O the wonderful cross
All who gather here by grace
Draw near and bless Your name**

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APOSTLES' CREED

P God has made us God's people through our Baptism into Christ. Living together in trust and hope, we confess our faith.

C **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.**

(stand) **THE PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH**

A Drawn close to the heart of God, we offer these prayers for the church, the world, and all who are in need.

Silence for reflection.

*Each petition will close with the words: "Lord, in your mercy,"
The response is "hear our prayer."*

P All these prayers we offer to you, O God of boundless compassion, trusting you to care for what we have named aloud or in our hearts.

C Amen.

PEACE

P The peace of our Lord be with you always.

C And also with you.

(sit) **THE OFFERING**

"We are an Offering".....Dwight Liles

We lift our voices

We lift our hands

We lift our lives up to You

We are an offering

Lord use our voices

Lord use our hands

Lord use our lives they are Yours

We are an offering

All that we have

All that we are

All that we hope to be

We give to You

We give to You

We lift our voices

We lift our hands

We lift our lives up to You

We are an offering

We are an offering

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OFFERING PRAYER

- P** Let us pray. Gracious provider,
C you set your immense treasures among us,
opening your heart to the world.
As we prepare to feast on your bountiful love,
deepen our commitment to sharing those
treasures with others,
through our Savior, Jesus Christ.
Amen.

(stand) **GREAT THANKSGIVING**

- P** The Lord be with you.
C And also with you.
P Lift up your hearts.
C We lift them to the Lord.
P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
C It is right to give our thanks and praise.

EUCHARISTIC PRAYER AND WORDS OF INSTITUTION

THE LORD'S PRAYER

- P** Lord, remember us in your kingdom and teach us to pray. **(sung)**
C Our Father, in heaven,
Holy is Your name,
Your kingdom come,
Your will be done,
on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread;
And help us forgive as we have been forgiven
In the time of trial lead us into light
For Yours is the kingdom and
the power, and the glory,
Forever.
Our Father in heaven, holy is Your name, holy is Your name.
Amen.

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

- P** All who are hungry, come!
The feast of grace is spread.
C Thanks be to God.

(sit)

COMMUNION INSTRUCTIONS

Communion will be distributed at the altar railing. The usher will indicate when each section of pews should come forward. Whether kneeling or standing, those wishing to receive anointing, cross your arms after reaching the rail. If you are not able or not comfortable coming to the altar, the pastor will bring the bread and wine to you at the pew. Gluten free wafers and grape juice are available. Simply request these from the pastor.

MUSIC DURING COMMUNION

“As Bread that is Broken”Paul Baloche

**Many hearts are hungry tonight
Many trapped in darkness
Yearn for the light
So many who are far from home
And many who are lost
O Lord Your wounded children
Need the power of Your cross**

**As bread that is broken
Use our lives
As wine that is poured out
A willing sacrifice
Empower us Father
To share the love of Christ
As bread that is broken Lord
Use our lives**

**Help us to begin where we are
Help us love the people
Near to our hearts
Then give our faith a mission field
Wherever You may call
Lord love Your world through each of us
Until we've touched them all**

**As bread that is broken
Use our lives
As wine that is poured out
A willing sacrifice
Empower us Father
To share the love of Christ
As bread that is broken Lord
Use our lives**

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- P** The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.
G **Amen!**

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

- P** Let us pray...
Generous Host,
you have shared your feast with us and made us new.
Send us now to set tables of love and grace in our communities,
that your liberating love might nourish the world into freedom,
in the name of the crucified one, Jesus Christ our Lord.
G **Amen.**

BLESSING

- P** God our tender parent,
God the crucified one,
God the reconciling Spirit,
✠ bless you now and forever.
G **Amen.**

SENDING HYMN

“I Will Call Upon the Lord” Michael O'Shields

I will call upon the Lord (ECHO)

Who is worthy to be praised (ECHO)

So shall I be saved from my enemies (ECHO)

I will call upon the Lord

The Lord liveth

And blessed be my Rock

Let the God of my salvation be exalted

I will call upon the Lord (ECHO)

Who is worthy to be praised (ECHO)

So shall I be saved from my enemies (ECHO)

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DISMISSAL

P Go in peace. Care for others as God cares for you.

G **Thanks be to God!**

POSTLUDE

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