



Lutheran Church & Christian School



2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday in Lent

**March 5, 2023**

***Redeemed, Restored, & Rejoicing in Jesus!***

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## AS WE GATHER

Our focus during this Lenten season centers on the cross of Jesus, and the life-giving Words He spoke into our lives on Good Friday. It promises to be a meaningful journey, where, the image of the cross, just by its common usage in art, jewelry, and the like, can become devalued in the experience of the Christian. So can a lot of what we hear. However, as Jesus speaks His Word into our lives, our hope and faith is renewed for what lies ahead. From the cross itself, we hear again the seven lasting words of our Savior, finding in them forgiveness, life, and salvation. All to say, this Lenten season is more a step on the journey of faith than a stop, as we cast our vision to the empty tomb, and an eternity of joy with Jesus. Welcome in the Savior's name!

## PRELUDE

**PRESERVICE SONG**     *"Thief" (Words & Music by Brad Avery | David Carr | Mac Powell | Mark D. Lee | Tai Anderson © 1995 Gray Dot Inc. | New Spring | Kobalt Music)*

**Final Bridge:**     *And He looks at me still holding on, and the tears fall from His eyes,  
He says, "I tell the truth, today you will live with me in Paradise."*

**Ending:**             *And I know that my time, is coming soon;  
And I know that my time, is coming soon.  
And I know paradise, paradise is coming soon.*

## THE BELLS CALL GOD'S PEOPLE TO WORSHIP

## WELCOME

## OPENING PRAYER

### ✠ PREPARATION ✠

## INVOCATION

*The sign of the cross may be made by all in remembrance of their baptism.*

Pastor:                 In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

Congregation:        Amen.

## CALL TO WORSHIP

Pastor: *The word of the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved, it is the power of God.*

**Congregation: "Truly, I tell you, today you will be with Me in paradise."**

Pastor: *Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life.*

**Congregation: "Truly, I tell you, today you will be with Me in paradise."**

Pastor: *The Lord sent out His word and healed them, and delivered them from destruction.*

**Congregation: "Truly, I tell you, today you will be with Me in paradise."**

## CONFESSION OF SINS

Pastor: Beloved in the Lord! Let us draw near with a true heart, and confess our sins unto God our Father, beseeching Him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.

Pastor: Our help is in the name of the Lord,

**Congregation: who made heaven and earth.**

Pastor: I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord,

**Congregation: and You forgave the iniquity of my sin.**

*Silence for self-examination and reflection.*

Pastor: Gracious God,

**Congregation: Since You have given Your only-begotten Son to die for us, have mercy on us, and for His sake grant us forgiveness of all our sins; and by Your Holy Spirit increase in us true knowledge of You and of Your will, and true obedience to Your Word, to the end that by Your grace we may come to everlasting life; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.**

## GOD'S WORD OF FORGIVENESS

## ✠ WORD ✠

### PSALM OF PRAISE *Psalm 16 (Selected Verses)*

Pastor: Preserve me, O God, for in You I take refuge.

**Congregation: I say to the Lord, "You are my Lord; I have no good apart from You."**

Pastor: The Lord is my chosen portion and my cup; You hold my lot.

**Congregation: The lines have fallen for me in pleasant places; indeed, I have a beautiful inheritance.**

Pastor: I have set the Lord always before me; because He is at my right hand, I shall not be shaken.

**Congregation: Therefore my heart is glad, and my whole being rejoices; my flesh also dwells secure.**

Pastor: You make known to me the path of life;

**Congregation: In Your presence there is fullness of joy; at Your right hand are pleasures forevermore.**

### HYMN OF INVITATION "When I Survey the Wondrous Cross"

*LSB 425*

*For this and all subsequent hymns please see PowerPoint or the hymnal.*

### PRAYER OF THE DAY

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

**Congregation: And also with you.**

Pastor: O Lord God, You led Your ancient people through the wilderness and brought them to the Promised Land. Lead and guide us also, that following our Savior we may walk through the wilderness of this world, and into the glory of the world to come; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**Congregation: Amen.**

### CHILDREN'S MESSAGE & BLESSING

**OLD TESTAMENT READING**    Genesis 12:1-9    *(The call of Abraham.)*

<sup>1</sup> Now the LORD said to Abram, “Go from your country and your kindred and your father's house to the land that I will show you. <sup>2</sup> And I will make of you a great nation, and I will bless you and make your name great, so that you will be a blessing. <sup>3</sup> I will bless those who bless you, and him who dishonors you I will curse, and in you all the families of the earth shall be blessed.”

<sup>4</sup> So Abram went, as the LORD had told him, and Lot went with him. Abram was seventy-five years old when he departed from Haran. <sup>5</sup> And Abram took Sarai his wife, and Lot his brother's son, and all their possessions that they had gathered, and the people that they had acquired in Haran, and they set out to go to the land of Canaan. When they came to the land of Canaan, <sup>6</sup> Abram passed through the land to the place at Shechem, to the oak of Moreh. At that time the Canaanites were in the land. <sup>7</sup> Then the LORD appeared to Abram and said, “To your offspring I will give this land.” So he built there an altar to the LORD, who had appeared to him. <sup>8</sup> From there he moved to the hill country on the east of Bethel and pitched his tent, with Bethel on the west and Ai on the east. And there he built an altar to the LORD and called upon the name of the LORD. <sup>9</sup> And Abram journeyed on, still going toward the Negeb.

Lector:                      This is the Word of the Lord.

**Congregation:**            **Thanks be to God.**

**EPISTLE READING**    Romans 4:1-8                      *(We are justified by faith.)*

<sup>1</sup> What then shall we say was gained by Abraham, our forefather according to the flesh? <sup>2</sup> For if Abraham was justified by works, he has something to boast about, but not before God. <sup>3</sup> For what does the Scripture say? “Abraham believed God, and it was counted to him as righteousness.” <sup>4</sup> Now to the one who works, his wages are not counted as a gift but as his due. <sup>5</sup> And to the one who does not work but believes in him who justifies the ungodly, his faith is counted as righteousness, <sup>6</sup> just as David also speaks of the blessing of the one to whom God counts righteousness apart from works:

<sup>7</sup> “Blessed are those whose lawless deeds are forgiven, and whose sins are covered;

<sup>8</sup> blessed is the man against whom the Lord will not count his sin.”

Lector:                      This is the Word of the Lord.

**Congregation:**            **Thanks be to God.**

## OUR SAVIOR SPOKE WITH SEVEN WORDS

[Tune: KINGSFOLD, LSB 444]

**Our Savior spoke with seven words as on the cross He died;  
Through pain and sorrow echoed hope when He was crucified.  
The second word gave heaven's hope; the dying thief found peace -  
For Jesus promised on this day His joy would never cease.**

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**HOLY GOSPEL**                      Mark 10:17-31                      *(Salvation in and only through Christ.)*

**Pastor:**                              The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark, the tenth chapter.

**Congregation:**                      **Glory to You, O Lord.**

<sup>17</sup> And as He was setting out on His journey, a man ran up and knelt before Him and asked Him, "Good Teacher, what must I do to inherit eternal life?" <sup>18</sup> And Jesus said to him, "Why do you call Me good? No one is good except God alone. <sup>19</sup> You know the commandments: 'Do not murder, Do not commit adultery, Do not steal, Do not bear false witness, Do not defraud, Honor your father and mother.'" <sup>20</sup> And he said to Him, "Teacher, all these I have kept from my youth." <sup>21</sup> And Jesus, looking at him, loved him, and said to him, "You lack one thing: go, sell all that you have and give to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven; and come, follow Me." <sup>22</sup> Disheartened by the saying, he went away sorrowful, for he had great possessions.

<sup>23</sup> And Jesus looked around and said to His disciples, "How difficult it will be for those who have wealth to enter the kingdom of God!" <sup>24</sup> And the disciples were amazed at His words. But Jesus said to them again, "Children, how difficult it is to enter the kingdom of God! <sup>25</sup> It is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle than for a rich person to enter the kingdom of God." <sup>26</sup> And they were exceedingly astonished, and said to Him, "Then who can be saved?" <sup>27</sup> Jesus looked at them and said, "With man it is impossible, but not with God. For all things are possible with God." <sup>28</sup> Peter began to say to Him, "See, we have left everything and followed You." <sup>29</sup> Jesus said, "Truly, I say to you, there is no one who has left house or brothers or sisters or mother or father or children or lands, for My sake and for the gospel, <sup>30</sup> who will not receive a hundredfold now in this time, houses and brothers and sisters and mothers and children and lands, with persecutions, and in the age to come eternal life. <sup>31</sup> But many who are first will be last, and the last first."

**Pastor:**                              This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**Congregation:**                      **Praise to You, O Christ.**

## APOSTLES' CREED

*Please see PowerPoint slides or back of the hymnal.*

**HYMN OF THE DAY** "Jesus, in Your Dying Woes"

LSB 447:4-6

**SERMON** "Paradise!"

**NOTES:**

## OFFERTORY "Create in Me"

LSB, p. 192-3

The musical score is written for a single voice part on a treble clef staff. The key signature has two flats (B-flat and E-flat), and the time signature is common time (C). The melody is composed of eighth and quarter notes, with some rests. The lyrics are written below the staff, aligned with the notes. The text is as follows:

Cre - ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re -  
new a right spir - it with - in me. Cast me not a -  
way from Thy pres - ence, and take not Thy Ho - ly Spir - it  
from me. Re - store un - to me the joy of Thy sal - va -  
tion, and up - hold me with Thy free spir - it. A - men.

## PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

Pastor: As we mark the forty days of Lent with repentance and forgiveness, let us pray for the renewal of the Church and the restoration of the world to the life of God in Christ.

*Silence for time of personal reflection.*

*Each petition concludes with the following response:*

**Congregation: Lord, remember us in Your kingdom.**

*Additional petitions may be offered.*

Pastor: Gracious Father, listen to the prayers that flow from our lips, and sustain us with the forgiveness won by Your Son's Passion, death and resurrection; through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**Congregation: Amen.**

## SHARING OF THE PEACE

Pastor: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

**Congregation: And also with you.**

*At this time, we share the Lord's peace with each other.*

**HYMN OF PREPARATION** "Jesus, Remember Me"

*LSB 767*

Jesus, remember me when You come into Your kingdom.

Jesus, remember me when You come into Your kingdom.

*Repeat Three Times*



## ✠ SACRAMENT ✠

### PREFACE

Pastor: The Lord be with you. *2 Timothy 4:22*  
**Congregation: And also with you.**  
  
Pastor: Lift up your hearts. *Colossians 3:1*  
**Congregation: We lift them to the Lord.**  
  
Pastor: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. *Psalm 136*  
**Congregation: It is right to give Him thanks and praise.**

### EXHORTATION TO HOLY COMMUNION

Pastor: “Now, what is the Sacrament of the Altar? Answer: It is the true body and blood of the Lord Christ, in and under the bread and wine, which we Christians are commanded by Christ’s word to eat and drink ... In this sacrament he offers us all the treasures he brought from heaven for us, to which he most graciously invites us in other places, as when he says in Matthew 11 [:28]: “*Come to me, all you that are weary and are [heavy laden], and I will give you rest*” ... We must never regard the sacrament as a harmful thing from which we should flee, but as a pure, wholesome, soothing medicine that aids you and gives life in both soul and body. For where the soul is healed, the body is helped as well ... Here in this sacrament you are to receive from Christ’s lips the forgiveness of sins, which contains and brings with it God’s grace and Spirit with all his gifts, protection, defense, and power against death, the devil, and every trouble.” (Kolb, *Large Catechism*, 467, 473f)

**THE WORDS OF OUR LORD** *Matthew 26:26–28; Mark 14:22–24; Luke 22:19–20; 1 Corinthians 11:23–25*

### PROCLAMATION OF CHRIST

Pastor: As often as we eat this bread and drink this cup, we proclaim the Lord’s death until He comes. *1 Corinthians 11:26*  
**Congregation: Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.** *Revelation 22:20*

## LORD'S PRAYER      *Matthew 6:9–13*

*See PowerPoint or back of the hymnal.*

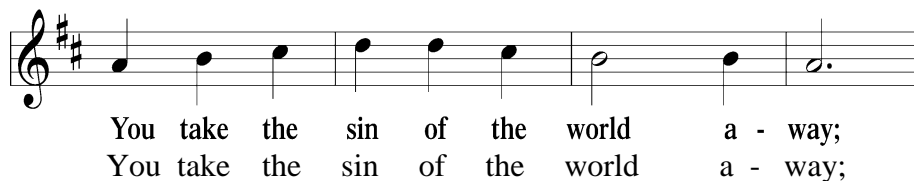
## PEACE OF THE LORD

Pastor:                      The peace of the Lord be with you always.

Congregation:        **Amen.**

## AGNUS DEI      “Lamb of God”

*LSB, p. 210*



## DISTRIBUTION

*For those desiring to receive the LORD'S SUPPER today, please refer to the laminated card in the pew racks. Those not receiving Communion are still invited to come forward for a blessing. At the Communion rail, simply bow your head to receive a blessing.*

*At the time of Communion, please follow the direction of the ushers. For those receiving the individual cups, a non-alcoholic wine is offered in the center of each tray. Following the passing of the individual cups, the common cup is offered for those who wish to commune in that manner.*

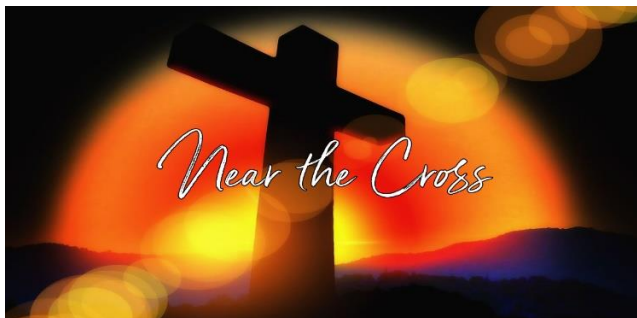
*All who are communing are encouraged to review the Sacrament of the Altar on pp. 326-327, and the Questions on pp. 329-330, in the front of the hymnal. Once again, we thank God for all who worship here today.*

## DISTRIBUTION HYMN     “Jesus, Keep Me Near the Cross”     *The Other Song Book 113*

1. Jesus, keep me near the Cross, there a precious fountain  
Free to all a healing stream, flows from Calv'ry's mountain.

*Chorus:            In the Cross, in the Cross, be my glory ever;  
Till my raptured soul shall find rest beyond the river.*

2. Near the Cross, a trembling soul, love and mercy found me;  
There the Bright and Morning Star sheds its beams around me. *(Chorus)*
3. Near the Cross! O Lamb of God, bring its scenes before me;  
Help me walk from day to day, with its shadows o'er me. *(Chorus)*
4. Near the Cross I'll watch and wait, hoping, trusting, ever,  
Till I reach the golden strand, just beyond the river. *(Chorus)*




## POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

Pastor: Precious Savior, You have nourished our faith once again through this inestimable gift. Grant that as we now rise and go from this place, we may bear witness to the salvation which is renewed to us this day. As Jesus welcomes even the least of these into His kingdom, so also enable us to extend Christ's forgiveness to all whom we meet; even as You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**Congregation: Amen.**

## BENEDICTION *Numbers 6:24–26*

Pastor: The 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.

**Congregation: Amen.**

## CLOSING HYMN “Our Savior Speaks in Love” [TUNE: *LSB 424*]

Our Savior speaks in love, from deepest agony.  
Oh, hear the message from above; His great compassion see.

His wondrous pity see! Unto the thief he cries:  
“Today, I tell you, you will be with me in Paradise.”

Our Savior speaks; may we give heed to ev’ry word,  
And grace be given faithfully to trust what we have heard.

## CONGREGATIONAL BLESSING “The Lord, My God, Be Praised” *LSB 794, St. 1*

♪ The Lord, my God, be praised, my light, my life from heaven;  
My maker, who to me has soul and body given;  
My Father, who will shield and keep me day by day  
And make each moment yield new blessings on my way. Amen! ♪

## DISMISSAL & POSTLUDE

Pastor: Redeemed and restored,  
**Congregation: We are rejoicing in Jesus.**

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**Trinity Calendar for March 5—March 12, 2023**

<b>Sunday</b>	9:00 am	Bible Study (“Seven Last Words”) and Sunday School
	10:30 am	Worship w/ Holy Communion
<b>Monday</b>		
<b>Tuesday</b>	5:00 pm	Men’s Wings Bible Study: “Gospel of John”
	6:30 pm	Elders’ Meeting
<b>Wednesday</b>	4:45 pm	Music Team
	6:00 pm	Soup & Salad Supper
	7:00 pm	Lenten Worship
<b>Thursday</b>	10:00 am	Bible Study: “Book of Matthew”
<b>Friday</b>		
<b>Saturday</b>	8:00 am	Men of Christ Bible Study: “The Truth Project”
	9:00 am	LWML Mission Projects Work Day
<b>Sunday</b>	9:00 am	Bible Study (“Seven Last Words”) and Sunday School
	10:30 am	Worship with Holy Communion

**ATTENDANCE 2-26-23:** 65

**Families of the week:** *The Olean, the Olmstead and the Paju families*

**Birthdays:**

- 5 March—Marina Schneider
- 6 March—Larry Miller
- 7 March—Priscilla Brisson
- 8 March—Norma Howe
- 8 March—Rex Lightfoot
- 10 March—Sarah Dresser
- 10 March—Karrie Kosakowski
- 10 March—John Morrissey

**Anniversaries:**

- 10 March—Gregg & Karen Denzler



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*The flowers this morning are given  
To the Glory of God.*



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So many exciting things coming this year. We have two new board members and we can use more, if you feel so moved. Thank you, Frank Bewersdorff and Sabrina Adams, for taking the steps to join our team. Abigale, one of our current registered nurses, is such an asset to The Center. Besides doing ultrasounds, she has created our new website and has successfully reached out to Keene State College. She truly needs our prayers and support in providing outreach to the community. We also need your support and prayers as we move forward. We are currently contemplating taking over the entire building at 100 Washington Street. This is a slow process, but it would provide the space to expand our services, some of which may include counseling for dads, for families in a group format, and individual Christian counseling. This would also allow us to have a play space when families are in for appointments. There are so many ideas and possibilities. This is where you, our congregation, come in. First, pray!!!. Pray for God's provision. We trust and rely on His truth and grace in each step. This is His ministry. Secondly, please prayerfully consider donating and/or financially supporting the ministry, possibly offering a monthly donation of whatever you can afford. This is so important to continue the free services we provide. Thank you for always keeping us in prayer. We have two moms expecting during the month of March. We also have two moms coming to faith through the diligence and love of our staff and volunteers. Please reach out to us. Maybe stop in for a visit. We love hearing from you.

Helen Poisson, PRC Liaison for Trinity Lutheran Church



**March 11, 9 am, SATURDAY WORK DAY:**  
There will different projects to choose from:

**MOST MINISTRIES:**

- ✓ Witness Bracelets
- ✓ Eye glass cases (No sewing necessary)
- ✓ Witness Puppets (crocheting)

**HOMELESS MINISTRY:**

- ✓ Cutting plastic bags to make the "yarn" to crochet a sleeping mat

**MISSION FOR YOUNG WOMEN, BOTH NATIONAL & INTERNATIONAL:**

- ✓ Cutting fabric for personal hygiene products (To be taken home & sewn)

**BRING YOUR OWN PROJECT:**

- ✓ Bring your own materials for projects you are working on and can work on in the group, possibly sharing if you would like to involve others.

**EXCEPT FOR THE "BYOP", ALL SUPPLIES WILL BE PROVIDED.**

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## **"7 for LIFE"**

### **WEDNESDAYS**

**(Soup, Salad & Sandwiches @ 6:00 p.m.; Worship @ 7:00 p.m.)**

### **SUNDAYS**

**(Bible Study @ 9:00 a.m. & Worship @ 10:30 a.m.)**

**"Behold!" (March 8 & 12)**

**"Forsaken!" (March 15 & 19)**

**"Thirst!" (March 22 & 26)**

**"Finished!" (March 29 & April 2)**

### **3 Opportunities to Go Deeper:**

**"For You!" (Thursday, April 6, 7:00 p.m.)**

**"Hands!" (Friday, April 7, Noon & 7:00 p.m.) "Alleluia" (Easter Sunday  
6:00 & 10:30 a.m.)**