



Lutheran Church & Christian School



4th Sunday in Lent

March 19, 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

I WILL RISE (*Words & Music by Louie Giglio, Christ Tomlin, Matt Maher & Jesse Reeves*
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1. Solo

*Pre-Chorus: Jesus has overcome, and the grave is over-whelmed.
The vic-to-ry is won. He is risen from the dead.*

*Chorus: I will rise when He calls my name; no more sorrow no more pain.
I will rise on eagle's wings, before my God, fall on my knees, and rise.
I will rise.*

2. There's a day that's drawing near when this darkness breaks to light.
And the shadows disappear, and my faith shall be my eyes.

Pre & Chorus

*Bridge: And I will hear the voice of many angels sing worthy is the Lamb.
And I hear the cry of ev'ry longing heart worthy is the Lamb. (Repeat)
Worthy is the Lamb.*

Chorus & Repeat

I will rise. I will rise.

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.

APPROACHING THE WORD

Pastor: Let the Word of Christ dwell in you richly.

Congregation: "My God, my God, why have You forsaken me?"

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: "My God, my God, why have You forsaken me?"

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

Congregation: "My God, my God, why have You forsaken me?"

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 27 (Selected Verses)*

Pastor: The LORD is my light and my salvation; whom shall I fear? The LORD is the stronghold of my life; of whom shall I be afraid?

Congregation: **Though an army encamp against me, my heart shall not fear; though war arise against me, yet I will be confident.**

Pastor: One thing have I asked of the LORD, that will I seek after: that I may dwell in the house of the LORD all the days of my life.

Congregation: **For He will hide me in His shelter in the day of trouble; He will lift me high upon a rock.**

Pastor: I believe that I shall look upon the goodness of the LORD in the land of the living!

Congregation: **Wait for the LORD; be strong, and let your heart take courage; wait for the LORD!**

HYMN OF INVITATION "Rock of Ages"

LSB 761

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: Almighty God, our heavenly Father, Your mercies are new every morning; and though we deserve only punishment, You receive us as Your children and provide for all our needs of body and soul. Grant that we may heartily acknowledge Your merciful goodness, giving thanks for all Your benefits, and serve You in willing obedience; 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 Habakkuk 1:12-2:4 (The righteous shall live by faith.)

¹² Are you not from everlasting, O LORD my God, my Holy One? We shall not die.
O LORD, you have ordained them as a judgment,
and You, O Rock, have established them for reproof.

¹³ You who are of purer eyes than to see evil and cannot look at wrong,
why do You idly look at traitors and remain silent when the wicked swallows up
the man more righteous than he?

¹⁴ You make mankind like the fish of the sea, like crawling things that have no ruler.

¹⁵ He brings all of them up with a hook; he drags them out with his net;
he gathers them in his dragnet; so he rejoices and is glad.

¹⁶ Therefore he sacrifices to his net and makes offerings to his dragnet;
for by them he lives in luxury, and his food is rich.

¹⁷ Is he then to keep on emptying his net and mercilessly killing nations forever?

² I will take my stand at my watchpost and station myself on the tower,
and look out to see what He will say to me,
and what I will answer concerning my complaint.

² And the LORD answered me:

"Write the vision; make it plain on tablets, so he may run who reads it.

³ For still the vision awaits its appointed time; it hastens to the end—it will not lie.
If it seems slow, wait for it; it will surely come; it will not delay.

⁴ "Behold, his soul is puffed up; it is not upright within him,
but the righteous shall live by his faith.

Lector: This is the Word of the Lord.

Congregation: Thanks be to God.

EPISTLE READING Roman 8:31-39 *(God's everlasting promise.)*

³⁷ No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through Him who loved us.

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 fourth word from Christ's loneliness and desolation came
As sinking in abandonment He called His Father's name.**

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HOLY GOSPEL John 11:17-44 *(The raising of Lazarus.)*

Pastor: The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the eleventh chapter.

Congregation: Glory to You, O Lord.

¹⁷ Now when Jesus came, He found that Lazarus had already been in the tomb four days. ¹⁸ Bethany was near Jerusalem, about two miles off, ¹⁹ and many of the Jews had come to Martha and Mary to console them concerning their brother.

²⁰ So when Martha heard that Jesus was coming, she went and met Him, but Mary remained seated in the house. ²¹ Martha said to Jesus, "Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died. ²² But even now I know that whatever You ask from God, God will give You." ²³ Jesus said to her, "Your brother will rise again." ²⁴ Martha said to Him, "I know that he will rise again in the resurrection on the last day." ²⁵ Jesus said to her, "I am the resurrection and the life. Whoever believes in Me, though he die, yet shall he live, ²⁶ and everyone who lives and believes in Me shall never die. Do you believe this?" ²⁷ She said to Him, "Yes, Lord; I believe that you are the Christ, the Son of God, who is coming into the world."

²⁸ When she had said this, she went and called her sister Mary, saying in private, "The Teacher is here and is calling for you." ²⁹ And when she heard it, she rose quickly and went to Him. ³⁰ Now Jesus had not yet come into the village, but was still in the place where Martha had met Him. ³¹ When 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. ³² Now 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?"

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." ⁴⁴ The 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."

Pastor: This is the Gospel of the Lord.
Congregation: Praise to You, O Christ.

HYMN OF THE DAY “Jesus, in Your Dying Woes”

LSB 447:10-12

For this and subsequent hymns, please see PowerPoint slides or back of the hymnal.

SERMON “Forsaken!”

NOTES:

HYMN OF RESPONSE “Praise the One Who Breaks the Darkness”

LSB 849

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: O God, forsake us not.

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 God’s peace.

HYMN OF PREPARATION “It Is Well” (*Words & Music by Kristene DiMarco ©2013 Bethel Music Publishing*)

Chorus: *Through it all, through it all, my eyes are on You.
Through it all, through it all, it is well.
Through it all, through it all, my eyes are on You,
And it is well with me, it is well. It is well.*

Bridge: *Let go my soul and trust in Him,
The waves and wind still know His name. (Repeat)*

Ending: *It is well with my soul.*

✠ 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. *Psalms 136*

Congregation: **It is right to give Him thanks and praise.**

EXHORTATION TO THE LORD’S SUPPER

I exhort you in Christ that you give attention to the Testament of Christ in true faith, and above all take to heart the words with which Christ presents His body and blood to us for forgiveness; that you take note of and give thanks for the boundless love that He showed us when He saved us from the wrath of God, sin, death, and hell by His blood; and that you then externally receive the bread and wine, that is, His body and blood, as a guarantee and pledge. Let us then in His name, according to His command, and with His own words administer and receive the Testament.

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 550



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 "When Peace Like a River"

LSB 763

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

Pastor: Gracious heavenly Father, we thank You that You have taught us what You would have us believe and do. Help us by Your Holy Spirit, for the sake of Jesus Christ, to hold fast Your Word in hearts which You have cleansed that thereby we may be made strong in faith and perfect in holiness, and be comforted in life and in death; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

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 “In Christ Alone” (*Words & Music by Keith Getty & Stewart Townsend, © 2002 ThankYou Music*)

In Christ alone my hope is found; He is my Light, my strength, my song.
This Cornerstone, this solid ground, firm through the fiercest draughts and storm.
What heights of love! What depths of peace, when fears are stilled, when strivings
cease.

My Comforter, my all in all, here in the love of Christ I stand.

In Christ alone, who took on flesh, fullness of God in helpless Babe.
This gift of love and righteousness, scorned by the ones He came to save
Till on that cross as Jesus died, the wrath of God was satisfied,
For ev’ry sin on Him was laid. Here in the death of Christ I live.

There in the ground His body lay, Light of the world by darkness slain.
Then bursting forth in glorious day, up from the grave He arose again.
And as He stands in victory, sin’s curse has lost its grip on me.
For I am His, and He is mine, bought with the precious blood of Christ.

No guilt in life, no fear in death: this is the power of Christ in me.
From life’s first cry to final breath, Jesus commands my destiny.
No pow’r of hell, no scheme of man can ever pluck me from His hand
Till He returns, or calls me home, here in the pow’r of Christ I’ll stand.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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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Received from DOS: NHEOC on March 2, 2023:

“We would like to draw your attention to the much asked-about 2023 Nonprofit Security Grant Program for Non-Profits that NH encourages our Faith Communities to take advantage of. This program has been in place for the past several years and there are a good number of Faith Communities that have successfully written grants that enabled them to, in conjunction with their local first responders, harden their facility and make them overall safer places to gather to worship. The deadline to submit applications is April 17, 2023, at noon (12pm). Please see the attached flyer for full details including application links. For more information, contact the State of New Hampshire, Department of Safety, Grants Management Bureau at 603-271-7663.”

Trinity Calendar for March 19—March 26, 2023

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

ATTENDANCE 3-12-23: 67

Families of the week: *The Pollard, Rajaniemi, and Randall families*

Birthdays:

- 19 March—Mark Belval
- 20 March—Cindy Cote
- 21 March—Harry Winther
- 22 March—Jane Abert
- 24 March—Marlene Dabrowski
- 25 March—Rita Corey
- 25 March—Angel Crowell

Anniversaries:

- 19 March—Frank & Karen Bewersdorff



Guest Wi Fi is available at no charge while visiting Trinity Lutheran Church, please feel free to log in.

- NETWORK: **TLC Guest**
- PASSWORD: **mapleaves**



The flowers this morning are given by
Katy Traquair in celebration of Cindy Cote's Birthday.



Pregnancy Resource Center
of the Monadnock Region

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Monadnock Region**

100 Washington Street, Keene, NH

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If you have any interest in any way in The PRC you may contact The Center by either phone, email or standard mail as above. A Donation box for needed items is in the Narthex.



Thank you to all the women who have helped work on projects to be distributed to Missions, both locally and nationally. Thank you, also, for all the Mite donations. There will be no Work Day on the 2nd Saturday of April as it is the day before Easter. Please continue working on your projects at home for collection later, and see you at the May Work Day, May 13, 2023 @ 9:00 am.

"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.)

"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.)**

Easter Flowers

ORDER BY March 26

Order flowering plants now and they will be delivered to the church and set up in the Sanctuary for Easter Sunday morning.

<u>Flowering Plants</u>	<u>Quantity</u>	<u>Cost</u>
Easter Lily	_____	\$13.25
Tulips, 6" pots	_____	\$ 9.50
Tulips, 8" pot	_____	\$15.00
Tulips, 10" pots	_____	\$18.00
Hyacinth, 3-bulbs	_____	\$ 9.50
4" Mini Daffodils pots	_____	\$ 5:00

Amount is payable when order is placed. Cash or checks accepted; make checks payable to: **Kelleher Greenhouses.**

Complete this form and leave the form in the Church Office with your cash or check. There is an envelope on the desk marked "Easter Flowers" for your order forms and payments.

Please fill in the following if you would like your flowers to be recognized in the church bulletin:

In Memory of:

To the Glory of God by:

In Thankfulness to God for:

Your Name:
