



Lutheran Church & Christian School



5th Sunday in Lent

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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

COME JUST AS YOU ARE (*Words & Music by Joseph Sabolick © 1997 Maranatha! Music*)

1. Come just as you are, hear the Spirit call.
Come just as you are. Come and see, come, receive.
Come and live forever.

*Chorus: Life everlasting, and strength for today;
Taste the Living Water, and never thirst again.*

(Repeat verse 1 & chorus two times)

2. Come just as you are, hear the Spirit call.
Come just as you are. Come receive Christ, the King.
Come and live forever.

THE BELLS CALL GOD'S PEOPLE TO WORSHIP

WELCOME

OPENING PRAYER

APPROACHING THE WORD

The sign of the cross may be made in remembrance of your Baptism.

Pastor: The grace of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ ✠ the love of God the Father, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, be and abide with you all.

Congregation: And also with you.

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

Congregation: Jesus said, "I thirst."

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

Congregation: Jesus said, "I thirst."

Pastor: The Word became flesh and dwelt among us, full of grace and truth.

Congregation: Jesus said, "I thirst."

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

Pastor: Almighty God, in His mercy, has given His one and only Son that whosoever believes in Him shall have eternal life. To them He gives the power to become the children of God, and promises to them His Holy Spirit. May the Lord who has begun this good work in us, bring it to completion in the day of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

Congregation: Amen.

PSALM OF PRAISE *Psalm 42 (Selected Verses)*

Pastor: As a deer pants for flowing streams, so pants my soul for You;

Congregation: My soul thirsts for God, for the living God.

Pastor: How I would lead God's own in procession to the house of God,

Congregation: With glad shouts and songs of praise, a host keeping festival.

Pastor: Why are you cast down, O my soul, and why are you in turmoil within me?

Congregation: Hope in God; for I shall praise him, my salvation and my God.

HYMN OF INVITATION "Come to Calvary's Holy Mountain"

LSB 435

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 *Isaiah 55:1-11* (The compassion of the Lord.)

¹“Come, everyone who thirsts, come to the waters;
and he who has no money, come, buy and eat!
Come, buy wine and milk without money and without price.

² Why do you spend your money for that which is not bread,
and your labor for that which does not satisfy?
Listen diligently to me, and eat what is good, and delight yourselves in rich food.

³ Incline your ear, and come to Me; hear, that your soul may live;
and I will make with you an everlasting covenant, My steadfast, sure love for David.

⁴ Behold, I made him a witness to the peoples,
a leader and commander for the peoples.

⁵ Behold, you shall call a nation that you do not know,
and a nation that did not know you shall run to you,
because of the LORD your God, and of the Holy One of Israel, for He has glorified you.

⁶ “Seek the LORD while He may be found; call upon Him while He is near;

⁷ let the wicked forsake his way, and the unrighteous man his thoughts;
let him return to the LORD, that He may have compassion on him,
and to our God, for He will abundantly pardon.

⁸ For my thoughts are not your thoughts,
neither are your ways my ways, declares the LORD.

⁹ For as the heavens are higher than the earth,
so are My ways higher than your ways
and My thoughts than your thoughts.

¹⁰ “For as the rain and the snow come down from heaven
and do not return there but water the earth,
making it bring forth and sprout,
giving seed to the sower and bread to the eater,

¹¹ so shall My word be that goes out from My mouth;
it shall not return to Me empty,
but it shall accomplish that which I purpose,
and shall succeed in the thing for which I sent it.

Lector: This is the Word of the Lord.

Congregation: **Thanks be to God.**

CHOIR SOLO: "O the Passion" (*David Baroni and Gary Sadler*) *Carol Kay, Soloist*

EPISTLE READING *Revelation 21:5-6; 22:1-2* (The river of life.)

⁵ And he who was seated on the throne said, "Behold, I am making all things new." Also he said, "Write this down, for these words are trustworthy and true." ⁶ And he said to me, "It is done! I am the Alpha and the Omega, the beginning and the end. To the thirsty I will give from the spring of the water of life without payment. ...

¹ Then the angel showed me the river of the water of life, bright as crystal, flowing from the throne of God and of the Lamb ² through the middle of the street of the city; also, on either side of the river, the tree of life with its twelve kinds of fruit, yielding its fruit each month. The leaves of the tree were for the healing of the nations.

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.
As for the sins of all He died, the Shepherd for the sheep,
His fifth word of His thirst He spoke to slake the sorrow deep.**

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HOLY GOSPEL Matthew 9:9-13 (*Jesus calls Matthew.*)

Pastor: The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the ninth chapter.

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

⁹ As Jesus passed on from there, He saw a man called Matthew sitting at the tax booth, and He said to him, "Follow me." And he rose and followed Him. ¹⁰ And as Jesus reclined at table in the house, behold, many tax collectors and sinners came and were reclining with Jesus and His disciples. ¹¹ And when the Pharisees saw this, they said to His disciples, "Why does your teacher eat with tax collectors and sinners?" ¹² But when He heard it, He said, "Those who are well have no need of a physician, but those who are sick. ¹³ Go and learn what this means: 'I desire mercy, and not sacrifice.' For I came not to call the righteous, but sinners."

Pastor: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

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

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

LSB 447:13-15

SERMON “Thirst!”

NOTES:

HYMN OF RESPONSE “Take My Life and Let It Be”

LSB 783

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: Satisfy us with Your overflowing grace, O God.

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.

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

Congregation: And also with you.

Sharing of God’s peace.

OFFERTORY “How Beautiful” (*Words & Music by Twila Paris ©1990 Ariose Music \ Mountain Spring Music*)

1. How beautiful the hands that served,
The wine and the bread and the sons of the earth.
How beautiful the feet that walked
The long dusty roads and the hill to the cross.

Chorus: How beautiful, how beautiful, how beautiful is the body of Christ.

2. How beautiful the heart that bled
That took all my sin and bore it instead.
How beautiful the tender eyes
That chose to forgive and never despise. (*Chorus*)
3. How beautiful the radiant Bride
Who waits for her Groom with His light in her eyes.
How beautiful when humble hearts give
The fruit of pure lives so that others may live. (*Chorus*)
4. How beautiful the feet that bring
The sound of Good News and the love of the King.
How beautiful the hands that serve
The wine and the bread and the sons of the earth. (*Chorus*)

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 "Who Am I"

Casting Crowns

See PowerPoint

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 “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.

Obediently He dies; sin’s pow’r has done its worst.
Now to fulfill God’s Word, He cries a simple word: “I thirst.”

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

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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Trinity Calendar for March 26—April 2, 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> "
	5:30 pm	Women's Bible Study
Wednesday	8:45 am	TCS Chapel
	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> "
	8:00 am	TCS PTFA Clothes Swap in Gym
Sunday	9:00 am	Bible Study (" <i>Seven Last Words</i> ") and Sunday School
	10:30 am	Palm Sunday Worship with Holy Communion

ATTENDANCE 3-19-23: 71

Families of the week: *The Reardon, the Ricks and the Rieseler families*

Birthdays:

- 26 March—Helen Poisson
- 28 March—Sandy Wyman
- 31 March—Richard Gundersen
- 1 April—Jeremy Brown
- 1 April—Sonia Scadova

Anniversaries:

- 2 April—Bob & Liz Stoeckmann



The flowers this morning are given by
The Dabrowski's in celebration of Rita Corey's Birthday.

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.



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.

Trinity Christian School News



Swap Out Your Old Clothes for New Ones!

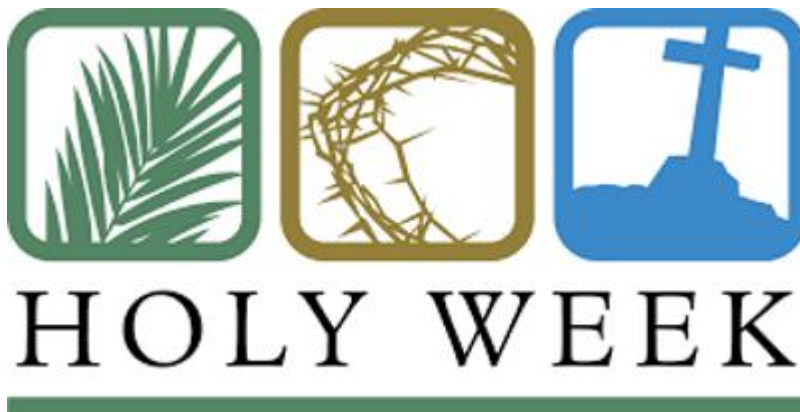
On Saturday, April 1st, Trinity Christian School will have its FIRST EVER clothing swap!

Come on the day of the swap, and for \$10 you will receive a reusable TCS bag to fill with new-to-you clothes! This includes baby clothes, maternity clothes, kid clothes, and even grownup clothes. To make this happen, we need donations of clothes! Bring the clothes you don't want any longer to the gym starting on Monday, March 27th. Here are the rules for donations:

- **Clean CLOTHING ONLY in good condition** (this does include shoes, purses, belts, hats, and scarves)
 - **NO undergarments or socks.** *You don't need to donate clothing to participate.*
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Hannaford Helps Schools! NOW THROUGH MAY 27, 2023

Do you shop at Hannaford? If so, please consider donating your Hannaford School Dollars to support Trinity Christian School! New this year is a downloadable App and an online Redemption Hub in addition to the School Dollars Tower you are used to seeing in the store, which makes it so much easier to donate. Flyers on the Narthex back table.



"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.)

"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.)

LAST SUNDAY TO ORDER EASTER FLOWERS

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.

Flowering Plants	Quantity	Cost
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:
