

Welcome to
Holy Trinity Episcopal Church



5th Sunday in Lent

March 22nd 2026

Holy Trinity Episcopal Church

A Total Ministry Congregation

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Our Mission: To seek, know, love and serve
Christ in all persons and all Creation.

Ministers: All the Baptized
Celebrant: The Rev. Dr. Samantha Crossley
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Reader: Erik Strand
Music: Jeannie Strand

The Bishop of Minnesota: The Rt. Rev. Craig W. Loya

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Sundays: 10:00 am
Services can also be viewed on KCC-TV

From Ashes to the Living Font



1. From ash - es to the liv - ing font Your
2. Through fast - ing, prayer, and char - i - ty Your
3. (*below*)
4. From ash - es to the liv - ing font Your



Church must jour - ney, Lord, Bap - tized in grace, in
voice speaks deep with - in, Re - turn - ing us to

Church must jour - ney still, Through cross and tomb to



grace re - newed By your most ho - ly word.
ways of truth And turn - ing us from sin.

Eas - ter joy, In Spir - it - fire ful - filled.

Sunday V

3. Our graves split open, bring us back,
Your promise to proclaim;
To darkened tombs call out, "Arise!"
And glorify your name.

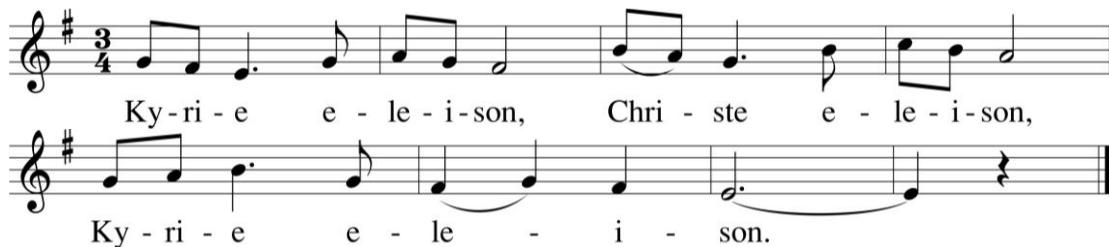
*(Lines in **BOLD** are spoken by the People)*

Celebrant: Bless the Lord who forgives all our sins.

People: **His mercy endures for ever. Amen.**

The Celebrant says

Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**



Collect of the Day

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Let us pray.

Almighty God, you alone can bring into order the unruly wills and affections of sinners: Grant your people grace to love what you command and desire what you promise; that, among the swift and varied changes of the world, our hearts may surely there be fixed where true joys are to be found; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

Please be seated.

First Reading

Ezekiel 37:1-14

The hand of the Lord came upon me, and he brought me out by the spirit of the Lord and set me down in the middle of a valley; it was full of bones. He led me all around them; there were very many lying in the valley, and they were very dry. He said to me, "Mortal, can these bones live?" I answered, "O Lord God, you know." Then he said to me, "Prophecy to these bones, and say to them: O dry bones, hear the word of the Lord. Thus says the Lord God to these bones: I will cause breath to enter you, and you shall live. I will lay sinews on 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." So I prophesied as I had been commanded; and as I prophesied, suddenly there was a noise, a rattling, and the bones came together, bone to its bone. I looked, and there were sinews on them, and flesh had come upon them, and skin had covered them; but there was no breath in them.

Then he said to me, “Prophecy to the breath, prophecy, mortal, and say to the breath: Thus says the Lord God: Come from the four winds, O breath, and breathe upon these slain, that they may live.” I prophesied as he commanded me, and the breath came into them, and they lived, and stood on their feet, a vast multitude. Then he said to me, “Mortal, these bones are the whole house of Israel. They say, ‘Our bones are dried up, and our hope is lost; we are cut off completely.’ Therefore prophecy, and say to them, Thus says the Lord God: I am going to open your graves, and bring you up from your graves, O my people; and I will bring you back to the land of Israel. And you shall know that I am the Lord, when I open your graves, and bring you up from your graves, O my people. I will put my spirit within you, and you shall live, and I will place you on your own soil; then you shall know that I, the Lord, have spoken and will act,” says the Lord.

Reader Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 130

- 1 Out of the depths have I called to you, O LORD;
LORD, hear my voice; *
let your ears consider well the voice of my supplication.
- 2 If you, LORD, were to note what is done amiss, *
O Lord, who could stand?
- 3 For there is forgiveness with you; *
therefore you shall be feared.
- 4 I wait for the LORD; my soul waits for him; *
in his word is my hope.
- 5 My soul waits for the LORD,
more than watchmen for the morning, *
more than watchmen for the morning.
- 6 O Israel, wait for the LORD, *
for with the LORD there is mercy;
- 7 With him there is plenteous redemption, *
and he shall redeem Israel from all their sins.

Second Reading

Romans 8:6-11

To set the mind on the flesh is death, but to set the mind on the Spirit is life and peace. For this reason the mind that is set on the flesh is hostile to God; it does not submit to God's law—indeed it cannot, and those who are in the flesh cannot please God. But you are not in the flesh; you are in the Spirit, since the Spirit of God dwells in you. Anyone who does not have the Spirit of Christ does not belong to him. But if Christ is in you, though the body is dead because of sin, the Spirit is life because of righteousness. If the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, he who raised Christ from the dead will give life to your mortal bodies also through his Spirit that dwells in you.

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People **Thanks be to God.**

All who are able, please stand.

Gradual Hymn

GLORY AND PRAISE TO YOU

Tom Kendzia
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The image shows two staves of musical notation in G major (one flat) and 3/4 time. The first staff has a treble clef and a key signature of one flat. The melody consists of quarter and eighth notes. The lyrics are: "Glo - ry and praise to you, Lord Je - sus Christ." The second staff continues the melody with similar note values. The lyrics are: "Glo - ry to you, Lord Je - sus Christ, glo - ry to you." There is a double bar line at the end of the second staff.

Holy Gospel

John 11:1-45

Deacon The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.

People **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

Now a certain man was ill, Lazarus of Bethany, the village of Mary and her sister Martha. Mary was the one who anointed the Lord with perfume and wiped his feet with her hair; her brother Lazarus was ill. So the sisters sent a message to Jesus, "Lord, he whom you love is ill."

But when Jesus heard it, he said, "This illness does not lead to death; rather it is for God's glory, so that the Son of God may be glorified through it." Accordingly, though Jesus loved Martha and her sister and Lazarus, after having heard that Lazarus was ill, he stayed two days longer in the place where he was. Then after this he said to the disciples, "Let us go to Judea again." The disciples said to him, "Rabbi, the Jews were just now trying to stone you, and are you going there again?" Jesus answered, "Are there not twelve hours of daylight? Those who walk during the day do not stumble, because they see the light of this world. But those who walk at night stumble, because the light is not in them." After saying this, he told them, "Our friend Lazarus has fallen asleep, but I am going there to awaken him." The disciples said to him, "Lord, if he has fallen asleep, he will be all right." Jesus, however, had been speaking about his death, but they thought that he was referring merely to sleep.

Then Jesus told them plainly, "Lazarus is dead. For your sake I am glad I was not there, so that you may believe. But let us go to him." Thomas, who was called the Twin, said to his fellow disciples, "Let us also go, that we may die with him." When Jesus arrived, he found that Lazarus had already been in the tomb four days. Now Bethany was near Jerusalem, some two miles away, and many of the Jews had come to Martha and Mary to console them about their brother. When Martha heard that Jesus was coming, she went and met him, while Mary stayed at home. Martha said to Jesus, "Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died. But even now I know that God will give you whatever you ask of him." Jesus said to her, "Your brother will rise again."

Martha said to him, "I know that he will rise again in the resurrection on the last day." Jesus said to her, "I am the resurrection and the life. Those who believe in me, even though they die, will live, and everyone who lives and believes in me will never die. Do you believe this?" She said to him, "Yes, Lord, I believe that you are the Messiah, the Son of God, the one coming into the world." When she had said this, she went back and called her sister Mary, and told her privately, "The Teacher is here and is calling for you." And when she heard it, she got up quickly and went to him. Now Jesus had not yet come to the village, but was still at the place where Martha had met him. The Jews who were with her in the house, consoling her, saw Mary get up quickly and go out. They followed her because they thought that she was going to the tomb to weep there.

When Mary came where Jesus was and saw him, she knelt at his feet and said to him, "Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died." When Jesus saw her weeping, and the Jews who came with her also weeping, he was greatly disturbed in spirit and deeply moved. He said, "Where have you laid him?" They said to him, "Lord, come and see." Jesus began to weep. So the Jews said, "See how he loved him!" But some of them said, "Could not he who opened the eyes of the blind man have kept this man from dying?" Then Jesus, again greatly disturbed, came to the tomb. It was a cave, and a stone was lying against it. Jesus said, "Take away the stone."

Martha, the sister of the dead man, said to him, "Lord, already there is a stench because he has been dead four days." Jesus said to her, "Did I not tell you that if you believed, you would see the glory of God?" So they took away the stone. And Jesus looked upward and said, "Father, I thank you for having heard me. I knew that you always hear me, but I have said this for the sake of the crowd standing here, so that they may believe that you sent me." When he had said this, he cried with a loud voice, "Lazarus, come out!" The dead man came out, his hands and feet bound with strips of cloth, and his face wrapped in a cloth. Jesus said to them, "Unbind him, and let him go." Many of the Jews therefore, who had come with Mary and had seen what Jesus did, believed in him.

Deacon The Gospel of the Lord.

People **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

Please be seated

Sermon

All who are able, please stand.

People and Celebrant

Nicene Creed

We believe in one God,
the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,
the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God,
begotten, not made,
of one Being with the Father.
Through him all things were made.

For us and for our salvation
he came down from heaven:
by the power of the Holy Spirit
he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary,
and was made man.

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered death and was buried.
On the third day he rose again
in accordance with the Scriptures;
he ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son.
With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified.
He has spoken through the Prophets.

We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.
We look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come. Amen.

Prayers of the People

In our baptism we have been called to rise from the dead and to live with Christ in the Spirit of God. Bonded to the whole people of God in baptism, let us pray for the church and for all people in their need, saying: Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer.

For the unity of the scattered people of God: Lord, in your mercy,
Hear our prayer.

For all who lead the church, and for all the baptized in their Lenten pilgrimage: Lord, in your mercy,
Hear our prayer.

For those who are preparing for baptismal death and resurrection: Lord, in your mercy,
Hear our prayer.

For the leaders of nations, and for peace throughout the world: Lord, in your mercy,
Hear our prayer.

For all who suffer, for all the dying, for those who grieve: Lord, in your mercy,
Hear our prayer.

For those whose burden is too deep for words: Lord, in your mercy,
Hear our prayer.

We pray for all those in any need, especially Ashley Kostiuk, Bruce Olson, Kris & Steve McClenney, Robin Monahan, Mike LeMieux, Michael Valdez, Meghan Finlayson, Mike Solomon, Wade Howe, Dave Karraffa, Kristi Jorgenson, Karen Cendejas, & Sue Vidor. Lord in your mercy.
Hear our prayer.

We pray for those involved in specialized licensed ministries throughout the Episcopal Church in Minnesota including lay preachers, worship leaders, catechists, Eucharistic ministers and visitors, and lay readers; and for our altar guilds, musicians and worship committees. For St. Johns' Anglican Church (*Fort Frances, Ontario*) and Point O Pines Mennonite Church (Int'l Falls). Lord in your mercy.

Hear our prayer.

In thanksgiving for the saints and martyrs, and for all who are heirs of Christ's suffering and glory: Lord, in your mercy,

Hear our prayer.

O God, in the waters of baptism you rescue our lives from death and make us your children. Into your hands we commend ourselves and all for whom we pray, through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

Celebrant says

Almighty and eternal God, ruler of all things in heaven and earth; mercifully accept the prayers of your people, and strengthen us to do your will; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

Silence.

Confession of Sin

All who are able, please kneel.

The Deacon then says

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

Silence

We Come To Ask Forgiveness Carey Landry

We come to ask your for-give-ness, O Lord, and we seek for-give-ness from each oth-er. Some-times we build up walls in-stead of brid-ges to peace, and we ask your for-give-ness, O Lord.

Minister and People

Most merciful God,
we confess that we have sinned against you
in thought, word, and deed,
by what we have done,
and by what we have left undone.
We have not loved you with our whole heart;
we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.
We are truly sorry and we humbly repent.
For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ,
have mercy on us and forgive us;
that we may delight in your will,
and walk in your ways,
to the glory of your Name. Amen.



Some-times we build up walls in-stead of



bridg-es to peace, and we ask your for-give-ness, O Lord.

The Priest stands and says

Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. **Amen.**

The Peace

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People And also with you.

Please be seated

Announcements

Holy Communion

The Celebrant says

Walk in love as Christ loved us, and gave himself for us.

All who are able, please stand

Offertory Hymn

The Cross of Jesus



1. Come, O God, re - new your peo - ple, We who long to
2. Deep with - in cre - ate a new heart; Melt a - way the
3. In the dark - ness that sur - rounds us We have lost you
4. Call us forth to walk in jus - tice. Res - cue us from



see your face. Strength - en hearts that have grown fee - ble;
win - ter chill. Help us now to make a new start,
from our sight. E - ven though your love has found us,
sin and grave. Through the pow - er of your Spir - it,



Fill our lives with truth and grace. On - ly you can
Help us now to know your will. Washed in wa - ters
We em - brace the powers of night. Scat - ter now our
Breathe in us the breath that saves. Strength - en us in



win our free - dom; On - ly you can bring us
of for - giv - ness, Cleansed in wa - ters of new
deep - est dark - ness. Guide our hearts in - to the
our com - mun - ion, One in Word and cup and



peace. On - ly in the cross of Je - sus
birth, Lead us to the cross of Je - sus,
light. Join us to the cross of Je - sus.
bread. Here with - in the cross of Je - sus,



Will the cap - tives find re - lease.
Bring - ing life to all the earth.
Help us set our liv - ing right.
All who hun - ger will be fed.

Great Thanksgiving

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Lift up your hearts.

People **We lift them to the Lord.**

Celebrant Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.

Through Jesus Christ our Lord, who was tempted in every way as we are, yet did not sin. By his grace we are able to triumph over every evil, and to live no longer for ourselves alone, but for him who died for us and rose again.

Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

Sanctus



Ho-ly... .. Ho - lymo-st ho --- ly are You;



Ho-ly... .. Ho - lymo-st ho --- ly are You;

The cosmos proclaims Your glory. All creation stands in awe.

Word-made-Flesh gives us new vision, Open hearts to sing Your praise.

Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite love you made us for yourself; and, when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent Jesus Christ, your only and eternal Son, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Father of all.

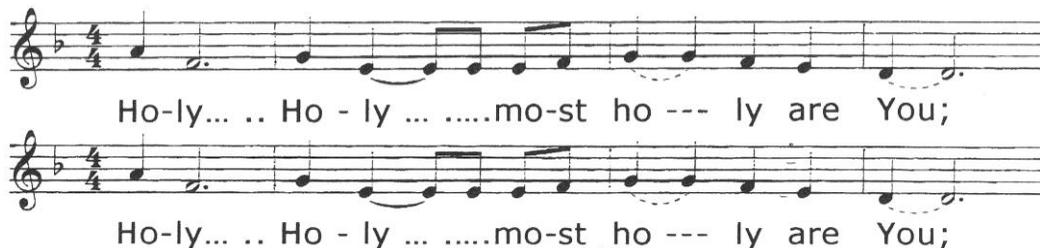
He stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world.

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me." Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Celebrant and People

Anamnesis



Ho-ly... .. Ho - lymo-st ho --- ly are You;

Ho-ly... .. Ho - lymo-st ho --- ly are You;

The Celebrant continues

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling his death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts.

Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in him. Sanctify us also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom.

All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ. By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever.

Amen



Ho-ly... .. Ho - lymo-st ho --- ly are You;



*The people may stand or kneel.
The Celebrant then continues*

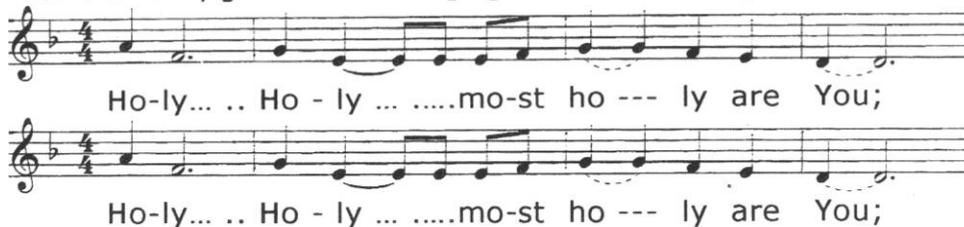
As our Savior Christ
has taught us,
we now pray,

People and Celebrant

**Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your Name,
your kingdom come,
your will be done,
on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins
as we forgive those
who sin against us.
Save us from the time of trial,
and deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power,
and the glory are yours,
now and for ever. Amen.**

Agnus Dei

Lamb of God, You are compassion, Lamb of God, You are one of us.
Lamb of God, give us Your longing ... To be messengers of peace.



*The Celebrant breaks the bread
A period of silence is kept.*

Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;
Therefore let us keep the feast.

The Celebrant says

The Gifts of God for the People of God.

Communion is open to everyone

Communion Hymn

After Communion, the Celebrant says

Let us pray.

All who are able, please stand or kneel

Celebrant and People

**Loving God, we give you thanks for restoring us in your image
and nourishing us with spiritual food
in the Sacrament of Christ's Body and Blood.**

Now send us forth

**a people, forgiven, healed, renewed;
that we may proclaim your love to the world
and continue in the risen life of Christ our Savior. Amen.**

Blessing

The priest blesses the people, saying

Look with compassion, O Lord, upon this your people; that, rightly observing this holy season, they may learn to know you more fully, and to serve you with a more perfect will; through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Closing Hymn:

Jerusalem, My Destiny

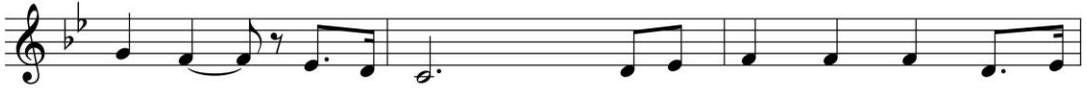
Refrain



I have fixed my eyes on your hills, Je - ru - sa - lem, my



des - ti - ny! Though I can - not see the end for me, I



can - not turn a - way. We have set our hearts for the



way; this jour - ney is our des - ti - ny. Let



no-one walk a - lone. The jour - ney makes us one.

Verses



1. Oth - er spir - its, less - er gods, have court - ed me with lies.
2. See, I leave the past be - hind; a new land calls to me.
3. In my thirst, you let me drink the wa - ters of your life.
4. All the worlds I have not seen you o - pen to my view.

D.C.



Here a - mong you I have found a truth which bids me rise.
Here a - mong you now I find a glimpse of what might be.
Here a - mong you I have met the sav - ior, Je - sus Christ.
Here a - mong you I have found a vi - sion, bright and new.

Dismissal

Deacon Let us go forth into the world, rejoicing in the power of the spirit!

People **Thanks be to God.**

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Next Sunday: March 29th ~ 10:00 a.m. ~ Holy Eucharist



Holy Trinity Episcopal Church, Faith United Church of Christ,
First Lutheran Church & Zion Lutheran Church
cordially invite you to join us for our midweek Lenten series – ***Love***

Dates

Wednesdays, Mar, 25

Time

6:00 pm soup supper

7:00 pm worship

Location

All will be at Zion Lutheran Church
530 6th Street, Int'l Falls



*March 22nd – 28th ~ Sharon Wood
~ Matthew Jenkinson
~ Linda Krieger
~ Mandy Windschitl
~ Diana Russiff*

*Congratulations to you: May your faith be true &
May God's love and blessing descend upon you!*

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Taco in a Bag
Lunch at
12 pm
and
games
at
2 PM

Sun. March
22nd, 2026

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The poster features illustrations of a bingo card, a tic-tac-toe board, a globe on a red base, and several colorful game pieces.