# THE FIFTH SUNDAY IN LENT



March 17, 2024

Trinity Lutheran Church Morris Plains, New Jersey Pastor David Russert

# WELCOME TO TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH!

We are glad to have you at worship with us today, as we receive God's good and gracious gifts!

At Trinity, we joyfully share God's love and Word with all people through worship, learning, fellowship, and service.

Trinity is a member of The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod (LCMS), meaning our beliefs and teachings follow after the Bible-based teachings of Martin Luther, who sought to bring the Church back to the pure doctrines of Scripture. Simply put, we believe, teach, and confess what the Bible says—no more, no less.

As part of the LCMS, our beliefs and teachings can be summarized as:

**Grace Alone:** God loves the people of the world, even though they are sinful,

rebel against Him & do not deserve His love. He sent Jesus, His

Son, to love the unlovable & save the ungodly.

**Faith Alone:** Jesus' suffering & death as the substitute for all people of all

time purchased & won forgiveness & eternal life for all. Those who hear this Good News & believe it receive these gifts. God creates faith in Christ & gives people forgiveness through Him.

**Scripture Alone:** The Bible is God's inerrant & infallible Word, in which He

reveals His Law & His Gospel of salvation in Christ. It is the

sole rule & norm for Christian doctrine.

God bless you as He speaks to us His Word during this time of worship!

WE OFFER BIBLE STUDIES FOR ALL OF GOD'S CHILDREN, BOTH YOUNG AND OLD! PLEASE JOIN US!

**Adult Bible Study** – 7:00 p.m. Thursday Evenings – Ages 12+ **Confirmation Class** – Contact the Church Office for more info **Membership Class** – Contact the Church Office for more info

## A NOTE ON COMMUNION:

In this congregation, the Lord's Supper is celebrated in the confession and glad confidence that, as He says, our Lord gives into our mouths not only bread and wine, but His very body and blood to eat and to drink for the forgiveness of sins and to strengthen our union with Him and with one another. Our Lord invites those who trust His words and repent of all sin to His table.

Communion is also a confession of the faith confessed at this altar. Any who are not yet instructed, in doubt, or who hold a confession different than that of this congregation and The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod (yet desire to receive the Sacrament) are asked to first speak with Pastor Russert or an usher.

"Whoever, therefore, eats the bread or drinks the cup of the Lord in an unworthy manner will be guilty concerning the body and blood of the Lord." I Cor. 11:27-28

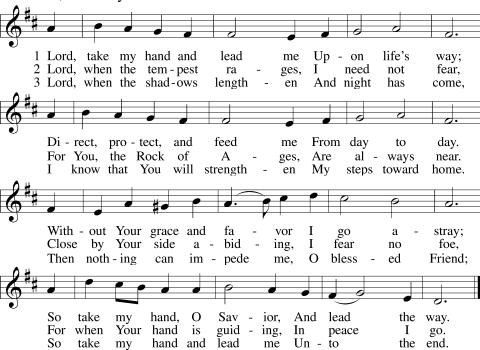
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# CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

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#### **OPENING HYMN**

722 Lord, Take My Hand and Lead Me



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- **P** In the name of the Father and of the 

  → Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- C Amen.
- **P** Our help is in the name of the Lord,
- who made heaven and earth.
- **P** If You, O Lord, kept a record of sins, O Lord, who could stand?
- **©** But with You there is forgiveness; therefore You are feared.
- E Since we are gathered to hear God's Word, call upon Him in prayer and praise, and receive the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ in the fellowship of this altar, let us first consider our unworthiness and confess before God and one another that we have sinned in thought, word, and deed, and that we cannot free ourselves from our sinful condition. Together as His people let us take refuge in the infinite mercy of God, our heavenly Father, seeking His grace for the sake of Christ, and saying: God, be merciful to me, a sinner.

- Almighty God, have mercy upon us, forgive us our sins, and lead us to everlasting life. Amen.
- Almighty God, merciful Father, in Holy Baptism You declared us to be Your children and gathered us into Your one, holy Church, in which You daily and richly forgive us our sins and grant us new life through Your Spirit. Be in our midst, enliven our faith, and graciously receive our prayer and praise; through Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord.
- C Amen.

# SERVICE OF THE WORD

#### Introit

Psalm 116:1-4, 8; ant.: Psalm 43:1

Vindicate me, O God, and defend my cause against an ungodly | people,\* from the deceitful and unjust man de- | liver me!

I love the LORD, because | he has heard\*

my voice and my pleas for | mercy.

Because he inclined his | ear to me,\*

therefore I will call on him as long | as I live.

The snares of death encompassed me; the pangs of Sheol laid | hold on me;\*

I suffered distress and | anguish.

Then I called on the name | of the LORD:\*

"O LORD, I pray, deliv- | er my soul!"

For you have delivered my | soul from death,\*
my eyes from tears, my feet from | stumbling.

Glory be to the Father and | to the Son\*

and to the Holy | Spirit;

as it was in the be- | ginning,\*

is now, and will be forever. | Amen.

Vindicate me, O God, and defend my cause against an ungodly | people,\* from the deceitful and unjust man de- | liver me!

#### KYRIE

LSB 204



C Lord, have mer-cy; Christ, have mer-cy; Lord, have mer-cy.

#### SALUTATION AND COLLECT OF THE DAY

LSB 205

- **P** The Lord be with you.
- C And also with you.
- **P** Let us pray.

Almighty God, by Your great goodness mercifully look upon Your people that we may be governed and preserved evermore in body and soul; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

OLD TESTAMENT

Jeremiah 31:31–34

<sup>31</sup>"Behold, the days are coming, declares the LORD, when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and the house of Judah, <sup>32</sup>not like the covenant that I made with their fathers on the day when I took them by the hand to bring them out of the land of Egypt, my covenant that they broke, though I was their husband, declares the LORD. <sup>33</sup>But this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, declares the LORD: I will put my law within them, and I will write it on their hearts. And I will be their God, and they shall be my people. <sup>34</sup>And no longer shall each one teach his neighbor and each his brother, saying, 'Know the LORD,' for they shall all know me, from the least of them to the greatest, declares the LORD. For I will forgive their iniquity, and I will remember their sin no more."

**A** This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

**PSALM** (spoken responsively)

Psalm 119:9-16; ant.: v. 10

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With my whole heart I | seek you;*
    let me not wander from your com- | mandments!
<sup>9</sup>How can a young man keep his | way pure?*
    By guarding it according | to your word.
<sup>10</sup>With my whole heart I | seek you;*
    let me not wander from your com- | mandments!
<sup>11</sup>I have stored up your word | in my heart,*
    that I might not sin a- | gainst you.
<sup>12</sup>Blessèd are you, O LORD;*
    teach me your | statutes!
<sup>13</sup>With my lips | I declare*
    all the just decrees of your mouth.
<sup>14</sup>In the way of your testimonies | I delight*
    as much as in all | riches.
<sup>15</sup>I will meditate on your | precepts*
    and fix my eyes on your ways.
<sup>16</sup>I will delight in your | statutes;*
    I will not for- | get your word.
Glory be to the Father and | to the Son*
    and to the Holy | Spirit;
as it was in the be- | ginning,*
    is now, and will be forever. | Amen.
With my whole heart I / seek you;*
    let me not wander from your com- | mandments!
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EPISTLE Hebrews 5:1–10

<sup>1</sup>Every high priest chosen from among men is appointed to act on behalf of men in relation to God, to offer gifts and sacrifices for sins. <sup>2</sup>He can deal gently with the ignorant and wayward, since he himself is beset with weakness. <sup>3</sup>Because of this he is obligated to offer sacrifice for

his own sins just as he does for those of the people. <sup>4</sup>And no one takes this honor for himself, but only when called by God, just as Aaron was.

<sup>5</sup>So also Christ did not exalt himself to be made a high priest, but was appointed by him who said to him.

"You are my Son,

today I have begotten you";

<sup>6</sup>as he says also in another place,

"You are a priest forever,

after the order of Melchizedek."

<sup>7</sup>In the days of his flesh, Jesus offered up prayers and supplications, with loud cries and tears, to him who was able to save him from death, and he was heard because of his reverence. <sup>8</sup>Although he was a son, he learned obedience through what he suffered. <sup>9</sup>And being made perfect, he became the source of eternal salvation to all who obey him, <sup>10</sup>being designated by God a high priest after the order of Melchizedek.

**A** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God.

Stand

#### VERSE



HOLY GOSPEL Mark 10:32–45

 ${\bf P} \;$  The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark, the  $10^{\text{th}}$  chapter.

# Glory to You, O Lord.

<sup>32</sup>And they were on the road, going up to Jerusalem, and Jesus was walking ahead of them. And they were amazed, and those who followed were afraid. And taking the twelve again, he began to tell them what was to happen to him, <sup>33</sup>saying, "See, we are going up to Jerusalem, and the Son of Man will be delivered over to the chief priests and the scribes, and they will condemn him to death and deliver him over to the Gentiles. <sup>34</sup>And they will mock him and spit on him, and flog him and kill him. And after three days he will rise."

<sup>35</sup>And James and John, the sons of Zebedee, came up to [Jesus] and said to him, "Teacher, we want you to do for us whatever we ask of you." <sup>36</sup>And he said to them, "What do you want me to do for you?" <sup>37</sup>And they said to him, "Grant us to sit, one at your right hand and one at your left, in your glory." <sup>38</sup>Jesus said to them, "You do not know what you are asking. Are you able to drink the cup that I drink, or to be baptized with the baptism with which I am baptized?" <sup>39</sup>And they said to him, "We are able." And Jesus said to them, "The cup that I drink you will drink, and with the baptism with which I am baptized, you will be baptized, <sup>40</sup>but to sit at my

right hand or at my left is not mine to grant, but it is for those for whom it has been prepared."

<sup>41</sup>And when the ten heard it, they began to be indignant at James and John. <sup>42</sup>And Jesus called them to him and said to them, "You know that those who are considered rulers of the Gentiles lord it over them, and their great ones exercise authority over them. <sup>43</sup>But it shall not be so among you. But whoever would be great among you must be your servant, <sup>44</sup>and whoever would be first among you must be slave of all. <sup>45</sup>For even the Son of Man came not to be served but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many."

- **P** This is the Gospel of the Lord.
- C Praise to You, O Christ.

APOSTLES' CREED LSB 207

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth.

And in Jesus Christ, His 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 into hell.

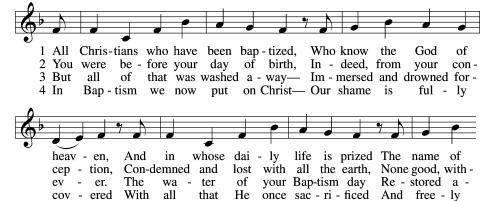
The third day He rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.

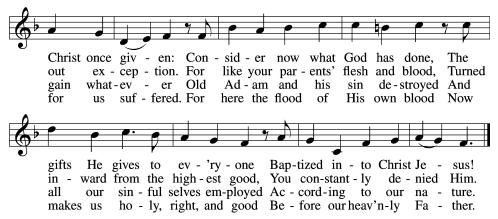
I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life + everlasting. Amen.

Sit

# HYMN OF THE DAY

596 All Christians Who Have Been Baptized





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SERMON Pastor David Russert

#### ANNIVERSARY OF BAPTISM

Gregory C. Brinkman

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#### PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

### **Healing & Comfort**

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# **Strength & Comfort**

NICHOLAS LOUIS WIEDEMANN WARREN



# Sit

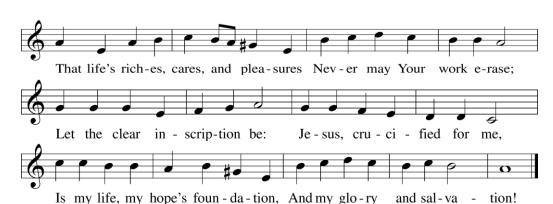
#### OFFERING

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#### PRESENTATION OF GIFTS

422 On My Heart Imprint Your Image





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# SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT



**PREFACE** 

- **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 Him thanks and praise.

#### PROPER PREFACE

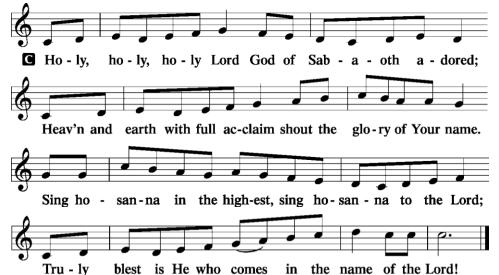
LSB 208

LSB 208

**P** It is truly good, right, and salutary...evermore praising You and saying:

#### **SANCTUS**

LSB 208



LORD'S PRAYER LSB 209

Our Father who art in heaven,

hallowed be Thy name,

Thy kingdom come,

Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven;

give us this day our daily bread;

and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us;

and lead us not into temptation,

**P** The peace of the Lord be with you always.

but deliver us from evil.

For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever and ever. Amen.

#### THE WORDS OF OUR LORD

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C Amen.

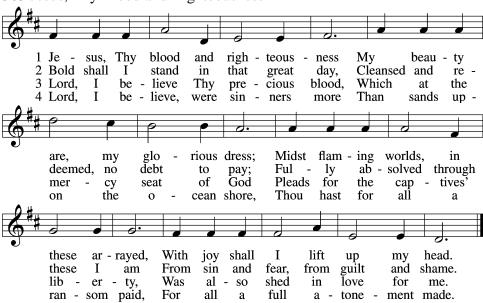


AGNUS DEI LSB 210



#### **DISTRIBUTION HYMN**

563 Jesus, Thy Blood and Righteousness



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#### **NUNC DIMITTIS**

LSB 211





#### **POST-COMMUNION COLLECT**

LSB 212

**P** Let us pray.

We give thanks to You, almighty God, that You have refreshed us through this salutary gift, and we implore You that of Your mercy You would strengthen us through the same in faith toward You and in fervent love toward one another; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

#### **BENEDICAMUS & BENEDICTION**

LSB 212

- **P** Let us bless the Lord.
- C Thanks be to God.
- 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.
- C Amen.

#### **CLOSING HYMN**

663 Rise, My Soul, to Watch and Pray



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har - vest	reap - ing	While the saints are sleep - ing.
cure are	sleep - ing	And no watch are keep - ing.
friends to	charm you,	Who but seek to harm you.
hopes to	shat - ter;	Heed not when they flat - ter.

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Today's altar flowers are given to the glory of God by the Altar Guild.



# EASTER WORKSHOP/EGG HUNT

Trinity is having a free children's Easter Workshop/Egg Hunt on **Sunday, March 24 from 1 - 2 p.m.** There will be face painting, cornhole, cookie decorating, egg hunt, and more! Volunteers and donations are needed. Check the Narthex for more details.

# **EASTER FLOWERS**

If you would like to contribute to the flowers on the altar for Easter. Fill out an envelope from the Narthex (*please print*), enclose your check and place it in the Dimitry mailbox by **Sunday, March 24**<sup>th</sup>.



Suggested donation 35.00

# PRAYER REQUEST NETWORK

Matthew 18:19 tells us "If two of you agree on earth about anything they ask, it will be done for them by my Father in heaven."

The Prayer Network will offer prayers for your concerns and joys. To request a prayer call Betty Vetter @ 973-887-6027

THE BOARD OF DIRECTION meets during the second week of each month. Members of the congregation are invited to attend. The next meeting is Wednesday, April 10<sup>th</sup>, 7:00 p.m.





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