



Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church

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**Fifth Sunday in Lent
10:30 a.m. March 26, 2023**

The mission of Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church is to embody the love of Christ at home-at work-at play-in the community and in the world.

**Pastor: Ildiko Rigney- Presiding
Pianist:
Worship Assistant: Loretta Johnson
Ushers & Greeters: Larry and Cheryl Clark
Altar Guild: Debra Beck
March Council: Pat Miller and Bill Rose**

PRE-GATHERING MUSIC:

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS:

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

All may make the sign of the cross, the sign that is marked at baptism, as the presiding minister begins.

Blessed be the holy Trinity, ✚ one God,
who journeys with us these forty days,
and sustains us with the gift of grace.
Amen.

Let us acknowledge before God and one another
our need for repentance and God's mercy.
Silence is kept for reflection.

Holy God,
we confess to you our faults and failings.
Too often we neglect and do not trust your holy word;
we take for ourselves instead of giving to others;
we spoil rather than steward your creation;
we cause hurt though you call us to heal;
we choose fear over compassion.
Forgive us, renew us, and lead us,
as we seek to follow in your way of life.
Amen.

Hear the good news:
God so loved the world that God gave the only Son,
so that all may receive life. This promise is for you! God embraces you with divine mercy,

✝ forgives you in Christ's name and revives you in the Spirit's power. Amen.

GATHERING HYMN: ELW #886 OH, FOR A THOUSAND TONGUES TO SING (verse 1-4)

GREETING


The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

And also with you.

KYRIE



Refrain:
Kyrie eleison, on our world and on our way. Kyrie eleison, every day.



Verso 1
For peace in the world, for the health of the church, for the unity of all; for this holy house, for all who worship and praise, let us pray to the Lord, let us pray to the Lord.



Refrain:
Kyrie eleison, on our world and on our way. Kyrie eleison, every day.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Almighty God, your Son came into the world to free us all from sin and death. Breathe upon us the power of your Spirit, that we may be raised to new life in Christ and serve you in righteousness all our days, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

CHILDREN'S CHURCH





FIRST READING: Ezekiel 37:1-14

¹The 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. ²He led me all around them; there were very many lying in the valley, and they were very dry. ³He said to me, “Mortal, can these bones live?” I answered, “O Lord GOD, you know.” ⁴Then he said to me, “Prophesy to these bones, and say to them: O dry

bones, hear the word of the LORD. ⁵Thus says the Lord GOD to these bones: I will cause breath to enter you, and you shall live. ⁶I 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.”

⁷So 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. ⁸I 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. ⁹Then he said to me, “Prophesy to the breath, prophesy, 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.” ¹⁰I prophesied as he commanded me, and the breath came into them, and they lived, and stood on their feet, a vast multitude.

¹¹Then 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.’ ¹²Therefore prophesy, 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. ¹³And you shall know that I am the LORD, when I open your graves, and bring you up from your graves, O my people. ¹⁴I 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.”

PSALM: Psalm 130

¹Out of the depths

I cry to you, O LORD;

²**O LORD, hear my voice!**

Let your ears be attentive to the voice of my supplication.

³If you were to keep watch over sins,

O LORD, who could stand?

⁴**Yet with you is forgiveness,**

in order that you may be feared.

⁵I wait for you, O LORD; my soul waits;

in your word is my hope.

⁶**My soul waits for the Lord more than those who keep watch for the morning,**

more than those who keep watch for the morning.

⁷O Israel, wait for the LORD, for with the LORD there is steadfast love;

with the LORD there is plentiful redemption.

⁸**For the LORD shall redeem Israel**

from all their sins.

SECOND READING: Romans 8:6-11

⁶To set the mind on the flesh is death, but to set the mind on the Spirit is life and peace. ⁷For 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, ⁸and those who are in the flesh cannot please God.

⁹But 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. ¹⁰But if Christ is in you, though the body is dead because of sin, the Spirit is life because of righteousness. ¹¹If 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.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



Re - turn to the Lord, your God, for he is gra-cious and mer-ci-ful,
slow to an - ger, and a-bound-ing in stead - fast love.

The Gospel of our Lord, taken from the 11th Chapter of John.
Glory to you, O Lord.



GOSPEL: Gospel: John 11:1-45

¹Now a certain man was ill, Lazarus of Bethany, the village of Mary and her sister Martha. ²Mary was the one who anointed the Lord with perfume and wiped his feet with her hair; her brother Lazarus was ill. ³So the sisters sent a message to Jesus, "Lord, he whom you love is ill." ⁴But 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." ⁵Accordingly, though Jesus loved Martha and her sister and Lazarus, ⁶after having heard that Lazarus was ill, he stayed two days longer in the place where he was.

⁷Then after this he said to the disciples, "Let us go to Judea again." ⁸The disciples said to him, "Rabbi, the Jews were just now trying to stone you, and are you going there again?" ⁹Jesus 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. ¹⁰But those who walk at night stumble, because the light is not in them." ¹¹After saying this, he told them, "Our friend Lazarus has fallen asleep, but I am going there to awaken him." ¹²The disciples said to him, "Lord, if he has fallen asleep, he will be all right." ¹³Jesus, however, had been speaking about his death, but they thought that he was referring merely to sleep. ¹⁴Then Jesus told them plainly, "Lazarus is dead. ¹⁵For your sake I am glad I was not there, so that you may believe. But let us go to him." ¹⁶Thomas, who was called the Twin, said to his fellow disciples, "Let us also go, that we may die with him."

¹⁷When Jesus arrived, he found that Lazarus had already been in the tomb four days. ¹⁸Now Bethany was near Jerusalem, some two miles away, ¹⁹and many of the Jews had come to Martha and Mary to console them about their brother. ²⁰When Martha heard that Jesus was coming, she went and met him, while Mary stayed at home. ²¹Martha said to Jesus, “Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died. ²²But even now I know that God will give you whatever you ask of him.” ²³Jesus said to her, “Your brother will rise again.” ²⁴Martha said to him, “I know that he will rise again in the resurrection on the last day.” ²⁵Jesus said to her, “I am the resurrection and the life. Those who believe in me, even though they die, will live, ²⁶and everyone who lives and believes in me will never die. Do you believe this?” ²⁷She said to him, “Yes, Lord, I believe that you are the Messiah, the Son of God, the one coming into the world.”

²⁸When 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.” ²⁹And when she heard it, she got up quickly and went to him. ³⁰Now Jesus had not yet come to the village, but was still at the place where Martha had met him. ³¹The 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. ³²When 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.” ³³When Jesus saw her weeping, and the Jews who came with her also weeping, he was greatly disturbed in spirit and deeply moved. ³⁴He said, “Where have you laid him?” They said to him, “Lord, come and see.” ³⁵Jesus began to weep. ³⁶So the Jews said, “See how he loved him!” ³⁷But some of them said, “Could not he who opened the eyes of the blind man have kept this man from dying?”

³⁸Then Jesus, again greatly disturbed, came to the tomb. It was a cave, and a stone was lying against it. ³⁹Jesus 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.” ⁴⁰Jesus said to her, “Did I not tell you that if you believed, you would see the glory of God?” ⁴¹So they took away the stone. And Jesus looked upward and said, “Father, I thank you for having heard me. ⁴²I 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.” ⁴³When he had said this, he cried with a loud voice, “Lazarus, come out!” ⁴⁴The 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.”

⁴⁵Many of the Jews therefore, who had come with Mary and had seen what Jesus did, believed in him.

THE SERMON- PASTOR ILDIKO RIGNEY

HYMN OF THE DAY: ELW #333 JESUS IS A ROCK IN A WEARY LAND

APOSTLE'S CREED

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth;
I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.
He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit
and born of the Virgin Mary.
He suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried.
He descended to the dead.
On the third day he rose again.
He ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of Father.
He will come again to judge the living and the dead.
I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

PEACE:

OFFERING MUSIC:

OFFERING PRAYER

God of good gifts,
receive these and all our offerings
as we present them in faithful service
for the sake of your gospel.
Prepare our hearts to receive you in this meal
as you pour out your very presence
through Christ Jesus, the wellspring of eternal life. **Amen.**



THE WORDS OF INSTITUTION

In the night in which he was betrayed,
our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks;
broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying:
Take and eat; this is my body, given for you.
Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks,
and gave it for all to drink, saying:
This cup is the new covenant in my blood,
shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin.
Do this for the remembrance of me.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

**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,
but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom,
and the power, and the glory,
forever and ever. Amen.**



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Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have
mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the
world; have mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the
world; grant us peace, grant us peace, Lamb of God.

The musical notation consists of four staves of music in G major (one sharp) and 3/4 time. The first staff begins with a treble clef and a key signature of one sharp (F#). The melody is simple and hymn-like. The lyrics are written below the notes. The second and third staves continue the melody and lyrics. The fourth staff concludes with a double bar line.

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

Come, for all has been prepared.

Please come to the table from the side aisle, receive the elements at the altar rail and return down the center aisle.

COMMUNION HYMN:

POST COMMUNION BLESSING

The body and blood of our Lord, Jesus Christ, strengthen you and keep you in His grace. **Amen.**

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Embodied God, at your table, we have tasted the goodness of Jesus.
With the eyes of our hearts open to your promise,
empower us to hear the needs of our neighbors
and touch the world with your love. **Amen.**

BLESSING

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.
Amen

SENDING HYMN: ELW # 758 YOU ARE THE WAY

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Serve the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE:

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Announcements



SPECIAL PRAYERS: Dottie Nixon, Carol Thacker, Lillie Dornak, Katalin Szanto, Aslisa Garcia, Roger & Linda Sanger, Becky McGlone, Troy Hallmark, Linda P., Henry R., Richard Chapman, Deloris Hindley Smith, R.L Montgomery, Christina Martinez



FLOWERS ON THE PEDSTAL: Flowers are placed on the pedestal in Loving Memory of Verdine Schroeter, Given by Claudette Hofer.

MARK YOU CALENDAR:

- **TODAY**, Sunday, March 26- Easter Egg Hunt. Pizza will be served for lunch.
- Monday, March 27- 6:00 pm Boy Scout Court of Honor (LH)
- Tuesday, March 28- 8:00 am LWR Sewing
- Tuesday, March 28- 9:00 am Plates of Love
- Tuesday, March 28- Victoria East High School Tours Trinity
- Tuesday, March 28- 9:00am Seadrift Retiree Meeting (Chapel)
- Tuesday, March 28- WELCA is hosting bingo at Sodalis Elmcroft @ 3:15pm
- Wednesday, March 29- 5:30 pm Lent meal provided by Christian Ed/ Youth
6:00 pm – Confirmation then 7:00 pm Worship in the Chapel

REMINDERS:

- **High school and College graduates** will be honored at both services on May 7th. If you know of someone graduating, please let the church office know.
- **Compassionate Servers and Lutheran World Relief** use donated fabric for quilts and lap covers. If you or anyone you know has fabric they would like to donate you may drop the fabric off at the church office.
- **Prayer Shawls:** If you know of someone who needs a prayer shawl we have some available in the Narthex. You may place the shawl in the bag provided and add their name in the book. Thank you for remembering someone. *Chris Rippamonti*



Easter Sunday April 9, 2023

Trinity is adorning the Altar area for Easter.

The cost is \$15.00 each. Deadline to have names printed in the Easter bulletin is **April 4, 2023.**

Next Week's Readings April 2 Palm Sunday

Isa. 50:4-9a**Ps. 31:9-16**Phil. 2:5-11
Matt. 26:14-27:66

Lenten Schedule

Wednesdays in Lent

5:30-6:30pm Soup and Sandwich meal
7pm Service in the Chapel

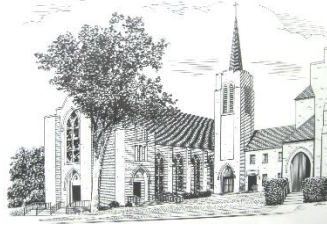
Maundy Thursday April 6 and Good Friday April 7 services

7pm in Sanctuary

Easter Sunday services – April 9

8am Chapel

10:30am Sanctuary



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RESULTS OF THE WORSHIP PREFERENCE SURVEY

Background

The survey was conducted on Sundays, March 12th and March 19th.

For the Month of February 2023, the average attendance at the 8:00 AM service was 36.

For the Month of February 2023, the average attendance at the 10:30 AM service was 60.

Thirty four (34) members responded to the survey and twelve (12) indicated their preferred service was at 8:00 AM and twenty-two (22) indicated that their preferred service was at 10:30 AM.

Scoring Values

- 1 = Very Important
- 2 = Somewhat Important
- 3 = Not Important
- 4 = Undecided

Average Score by Worship Element with Comments

Worship Time 1.3

Would like 9:00 AM.

Length of Service 2.0

You lose people's attention if too long.

Needs to be less than 1 hour.

Worship Space 2.0

Love the Chapel

If it helps the church by only heating or cooling one space let's do it.

Music Selection 1.4

More songs are needed to be known by the congregation.

Song leaders are helpful to the congregation.

Like old faithful music

Need to get back professionals.

I enjoy a variety of styles.

Needs to be more upbeat at 10:30 AM service.

Hymns should be easy to sing. Need some traditional at each service.

I don't like the black book.

Children's Time 1.4

Keep it short so you don't lose control of them. Teach them church etiquette.

Always warm and wonderful.

Not too long. Not rambling.

Preaching 1.1

Keep sermons 15-20 min. maximum.

We are blessed and grateful to have Pastor Ildiko.

Great!

Enjoy the sermons! Presented very well.

Pastor Rigney's preaching is great!

Being with Friends 2.5

Ability to Hear 1.2

Music is louder than the singers.

My husband can now hear. Pastor speaks very loudly and clearly.

Traditional Worship 1.7

I like the current service. No chanting or formal liturgy.

I enjoy going back to our traditional worship.

I enjoy both styles of worship.

Contemporary Worship 2.3

Nice for others.

On occasion.

My favorite.

I enjoy both styles of worship.

Use of Member Musicians 1.7

No

Only when we need to fill in.

I enjoy seeing our own members in the choir. We have many talented members.

Use of members gives the congregation "ownership".

Necessary without a music director.

Like Jammin' 4 Jesus and the Dentler family at the 8:00 AM service.

Love J4J and uplifting music.

No guitars – need full choir.

Use of Paid Musicians 2.3

Need a pianist or organist

Sometimes paid are more reliable or talented.

Other Elements

Sharing of the Peace – Shorten the time. Visit before or after the service

Recognize members for their accomplishment and recognitions.

Holy Communion is very important.

The Liturgy, Creed and Prayers are very important.

Use of Screens in Worship 1.9

It helps many. I enjoy the hymnals to watch the notes.

I really like this.

Darker script is easier to see.

Need to give Steve more help!!

I use it now because it is easy, but it seems like it takes something out of the holy atmosphere of the church.