

# LENT



*The kingdom of God is at hand.*

Mark 1:15

# **TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH**

## **Lenten Midweek 5**

**April 2, 2025, 1:00 & 7:00 p.m.**

### **WELCOME TO TRINITY!**

Thank you for worshipping with us today, whether at home or in person. If you are visiting, please honor us by signing the Guest Register in the Narthex.

There are times in our worship service where we stand or kneel. Feel free to participate in either as you are able or feel comfortable to remain seated.

Please ask an usher should you require a hearing assistance device.

(†) ~ Those who wish may make the sign of the Cross in remembrance of their Baptism.

### **REQUESTS FOR PRAYER**

Prayer requests may be emailed to [trinityoffice@bellsouth.net](mailto:trinityoffice@bellsouth.net) or to [pastorjeffwebb@yahoo.com](mailto:pastorjeffwebb@yahoo.com).

### **FOR PARENTS WITH YOUNG CHILDREN**

We are delighted that you have brought your child to worship! We invite you to use the Cry Room as a courtesy to others if your little one gets a little rambunctious. Our Cry Room, complete with seating and children's activities, is located at the back of the Sanctuary. The service can be heard through the sound system. We hope your children feel glad they were here and that they are a part of the Trinity family!

### ***Our Vision:***

***Growing in God's Word to Share Christ's Love***

### ***Our Mission:***

***Led by God, equipped as disciples through Word and Sacrament,  
we are empowered by the Holy Spirit to reach out with the Gospel of Jesus Christ to all.***



### **AS WE GATHER TODAY**

Some of the tools and implements that make our lives easier do not have very lengthy histories. Although ladders of rope, wood, and stone have been around for thousands of years, the trusty stepladder we use in so many ways was not invented until 1862, when John Basely of Dayton, Ohio, constructed a hinged ladder so it could be put away easily after use. Ladders have aided humans for centuries. They assist a person to reach high places safely. The ladder in Jacob's dream did that and more—it reached down to him on earth with an affirmation of God's promises. As we worship, God reaches to us with His promises of redemption, forgiveness, and love. What a great vision that is for us to share!

## LENT MIDWEEK 5

### The Good News of a Savior Who Unites Heaven and Earth

*Please Stand*

#### HYMN 560 "Drawn to the Cross, Which Thou Hast Blessed"

1 Drawn to the cross, which Thou hast blessed With heal - ing  
2 Thou know - est all my griefs and fears, Thy grace a -  
3 Wash me and take a - way each stain; Let noth - ing  
4 And then for work to do for Thee, Which shall so

gifts for souls dis - tressed, To find in Thee my  
busied, my mis - spent years; Yet now to Thee with  
of my sin re - main. For cleans - ing, though it  
sweet a ser - vice be That an - gels well might

life, my rest, Christ cru - ci - fied, I come.  
con - trite tears, Christ cru - ci - fied, I come.  
be through pain, Christ cru - ci - fied, I come.  
en - vy me, Christ cru - ci - fied, I come.

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#### INVOCATION

Pastor: In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.  
People: **Amen.**

#### PSALM *Psalms 121*

Pastor: I lift up my eyes to the hills. From where does my help come?  
People: **My help comes from the LORD, who made heaven and earth.**

Pastor: He will not let your foot be moved; He who keeps you will not slumber.  
People: **Behold, He who keeps Israel will neither slumber nor sleep.**

Pastor: The LORD is your keeper; the LORD is your shade on your right hand.  
People: **The sun shall not strike you by day, nor the moon by night.**

Pastor: The LORD will keep you from all evil; He will keep your life.  
People: **The LORD will keep your going out and your coming in from this time forth and forevermore.**

**Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit;  
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.**

## SALUTATION

Pastor: The Lord be with you.  
People: **And also with you.**

## COLLECT

Pastor: Let us pray.  
Eternal God, You so loved the world that You gave Your only Son into death for our sin. Take our lives, Lord, and use them to lift up Your Son so that all will be drawn to Him and find eternal life; for He lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

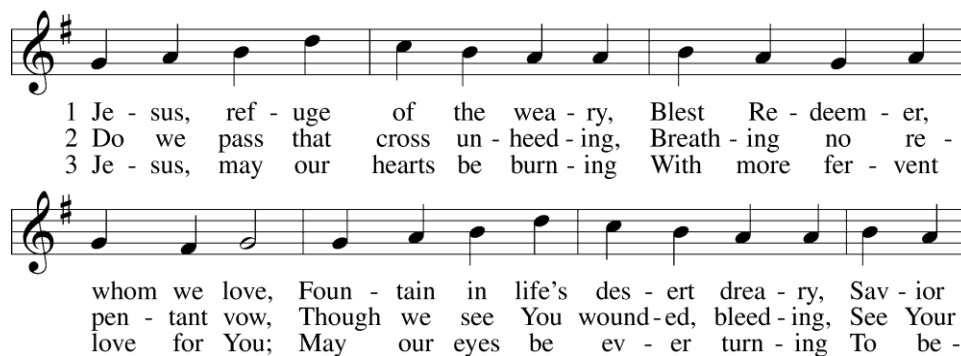
People: **Amen.**

## HYMN INTRODUCTION

Pastor: Singing hymns together as the people of God is an activity we may take for granted. That joyful exercise has not always been part of the worship life of the church. In centuries past, the singing of sacred music in churches was limited to the clergy, monks, nuns, and choristers singing the liturgy. During the Middle Ages, some musical reformers in the church brought hymn singing to laypeople through the singing of laudes, which were sacred songs sung in religious processions and at devotional assemblies. “Jesus, Refuge of the Weary” is one of those early hymns, dating back to Italy in the fifteenth century. It calls all of God’s people to repentance and a deeper devotion to Jesus, our Savior, as we view His cross with faith-filled eyes.

The text of this hymn was written by Girolamo Savonarola, one of the most notable churchmen of the Middle Ages. Distressed by the secular excesses of the city of Florence, Italy, he preached repentance and reform and, for a while, became ruler of the great medieval city. With his spirited preaching and his insistence on destroying whatever he considered detrimental to the society of Florence in what were called “bonfires of the vanities,” he gained strong supporters and made fierce enemies. After public opinion turned against him, he was charged with heresy and executed. Savonarola has been considered by many in the centuries after his death to be one of the first martyrs of the Reformation. Translated into English in the nineteenth century by noblewoman Lady Jane Wilde, the hymn has become a Lenten favorite.

## HYMN 423 “Jesus, Refuge of the Weary”



1 Je - sus, ref - uge of the wea - ry, Blest Re - deem - er,  
2 Do we pass that cross un - heed - ing, Breath - ing no re -  
3 Je - sus, may our hearts be burn - ing With more fer - vent

whom we love, Foun - tain in life's des - ert drea - ry, Sav - ior  
pen - tant vow, Though we see You wound - ed, bleed - ing, See Your  
love for You; May our eyes be ev - er turn - ing To be -

from the world a - bove: Of - ten have Your eyes, of - fend - ed,  
thorn - en - cir - cled brow? Yet Your sin - less death has brought us  
hold Your cross a - new Till in glo - ry, part - ed nev - er

Gazed up - on the sin - ner's fall; Yet up - on the  
Life e - ter - nal, peace, and rest; On - ly what Your  
From the bless - ed Sav - ior's side, Grav - en in our

cross ex - tend - ed, You have borne the pain of all.  
grace has taught us Calms the sin - ner's deep dis - tress.  
hearts for - ev - er, Dwell the cross, the Cru - ci - fied.

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*Be Seated*

## FIRST READING *Genesis 28:10–22*

(Jacob's dream of a ladder between earth and heaven.)

Jacob left Beersheba and went toward Haran. And he came to a certain place and stayed there that night, because the sun had set. Taking one of the stones of the place, he put it under his head and lay down in that place to sleep. And he dreamed, and behold, there was a ladder set up on the earth, and the top of it reached to heaven. And behold, the angels of God were ascending and descending on it! And behold, the LORD stood above it and said, "I am the LORD, the God of Abraham your father and the God of Isaac. The land on which you lie I will give to you and to your offspring. Your offspring shall be like the dust of the earth, and you shall spread abroad to the west and to the east and to the north and to the south, and in you and your offspring shall all the families of the earth be blessed. Behold, I am with you and will keep you wherever you go, and will bring you back to this land. For I will not leave you until I have done what I have promised you." Then Jacob awoke from his sleep and said, "Surely the LORD is in this place, and I did not know it." And he was afraid and said, "How awesome is this place! This is none other than the house of God, and this is the gate of heaven."

So early in the morning Jacob took the stone that he had put under his head and set it up for a pillar and poured oil on the top of it. He called the name of that place Bethel, but the name of the city was Luz at the first. Then Jacob made a vow, saying, "If God will be with me and will keep me in this way that I go, and will give me bread to eat and clothing to wear, so that I come again to my father's house in peace, then the LORD shall be my God, and this stone, which I have set up for a pillar, shall be God's house. And of all that you give me I will give a full tenth to you."

**Pastor:** This is the Word of the Lord.

**People:** Thanks be to God.

## PRAYER RESPONSE

**Pastor:** Let us pray.

Lord God, You never slumber nor sleep and Your eyes are always open to our needs. On our journey through this life to the life of the world to come, graciously guide us and guard us through Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord, for He lives and reigns with You and the

Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever, and in Him You will keep our going out and our coming in from this time forth and forevermore.

**People:** **Amen.**

**SECOND READING**      *Ephesians 2:11–22*      (We are one in Christ.)

Remember that at one time you Gentiles in the flesh, called “the uncircumcision” by what is called the circumcision, which is made in the flesh by hands— remember that you were at that time separated from Christ, alienated from the commonwealth of Israel and strangers to the covenants of promise, having no hope and without God in the world. But now in Christ Jesus you who once were far off have been brought near by the blood of Christ. For he himself is our peace, who has made us both one and has broken down in his flesh the dividing wall of hostility by abolishing the law of commandments and ordinances, that he might create in himself one new man in place of the two, so making peace, and might reconcile us both to God in one body through the cross, thereby killing the hostility. And he came and preached peace to you who were far off and peace to those who were near. For through him we both have access in one Spirit to the Father. So then you are no longer strangers and aliens, but you are fellow citizens with the saints and members of the household of God, built on the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Christ Jesus himself being the cornerstone, in whom the whole structure, being joined together, grows into a holy temple in the Lord. In him you also are being built together into a dwelling place for God by the Spirit.

**Lector:** This is the Word of the Lord.

**People:** **Thanks be to God.**

**VERSE**      *Philippians 2:8*

**People:** **He humbled Himself by becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross.**

*Please Stand*

**HOLY GOSPEL**      *John 1:43–51*      (Jesus calls Philip and Nathanael.)

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

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

The next day Jesus decided to go to Galilee. He found Philip and said to him, “Follow me.” Now Philip was from Bethsaida, the city of Andrew and Peter. Philip found Nathanael and said to him, “We have found him of whom Moses in the Law and also the prophets wrote, Jesus of Nazareth, the son of Joseph.” Nathanael said to him, “Can anything good come out of Nazareth?” Philip said to him, “Come and see.” Jesus saw Nathanael coming toward him and said of him, “Behold, an Israelite indeed, in whom there is no deceit!” Nathanael said to him, “How do you know me?” Jesus answered him, “Before Philip called you, when you were under the fig tree, I saw you.” Nathanael answered him, “Rabbi, you are the Son of God! You are the King of Israel!” Jesus answered him, “Because I said to you, ‘I saw you under the fig tree,’ do you believe? You will see greater things than these.” And he said to him, “Truly, truly, I say to you, you will see heaven opened, and the angels of God ascending and descending on the Son of Man.”

**Pastor:** This is the Gospel of the Lord.

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

*Be Seated*

## HYMN 611 "Chief of Sinners Though I Be"



1 Chief of sin - ners though I be, Je - sus shed His  
 2 Oh, the height of Je - sus' love, High - er than the  
 3 On - ly Je - sus can im - part Balm to heal the  
 4 Chief of sin - ners though I be, Christ is all in  
 5 O my Sav - ior, help af - ford By Your Spir - it



blood for me, Died that I might live on high,  
 heav'ns a - bove, Deep - er than the depths of sea,  
 wound - ed heart, Peace that flows from sin for - giv'n,  
 all to me; All my wants to Him are known,  
 and Your Word! When my way - ward heart would stray,



Lives that I might nev - er die. As the branch is  
 Last - ing as e - ter - ni - ty! Love that found me—  
 Joy that lifts the soul to heav'n, Faith and hope to  
 All my sor - rows are His own. He sus - tains the  
 Keep me in the nar - row way; Grace in time of



to the vine, I am His, and He is mine.  
 won - drous thought! Found me when I sought Him not.  
 walk with God In the way that E - noch trod.  
 hid - den life Safe with Him from earth - ly strife.  
 need sup - ply While I live and when I die.

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## SERMON

## HYMN 422 "On My Heart Imprint Your Image"



On my heart im - print Your im - age, Bless - ed Je - sus, King of grace,



That life's rich - es, cares, and plea - sures Nev - er may Your work e - rase;



Let the clear in - scrip - tion be: Je - sus, cru - ci - fied for me,



Is my life, my hope's foun - da - tion, And my glo - ry and sal - va - tion!  
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*Please Stand*

**CREED**      *Apostles' Creed*

**People:**      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.

**PASSION READING**      *John 18:33–40 (Pilate interviews Jesus.)*

So Pilate entered his headquarters again and called Jesus and said to him, “Are you the King of the Jews?” Jesus answered, “Do you say this of your own accord, or did others say it to you about me?” Pilate answered, “Am I a Jew? Your own nation and the chief priests have delivered you over to me. What have you done?” Jesus answered, “My kingdom is not of this world. If my kingdom were of this world, my servants would have been fighting, that I might not be delivered over to the Jews. But my kingdom is not from the world.” Then Pilate said to him, “So you are a king?” Jesus answered, “You say that I am a king. For this purpose I was born and for this purpose I have come into the world—to bear witness to the truth. Everyone who is of the truth listens to my voice.” Pilate said to him, “What is truth?”

After he had said this, he went back outside to the Jews and told them, “I find no guilt in him. But you have a custom that I should release one man for you at the Passover. So do you want me to release to you the King of the Jews?” They cried out again, “Not this man, but Barabbas!” Now Barabbas was a robber.

**Pastor:**      This is the Gospel of the Lord.  
**People:**      Thanks be to God.

*Be Seated*

**OFFERING**

*Please Stand*

## OFFERTORY



What shall I ren-der to the Lord for all His ben-e-fits to  
me? I will of - fer the sac-ri-fice of thanks-giv - ing and will  
call on the name of the Lord. I will take the cup of sal-  
va - tion and will call on the name of the Lord. I will pay my  
vows to the Lord now in the pres-ence of all His peo-ple, in the  
courts of the Lord's house, in the midst of you, O Je - ru - sa - lem.

*Kneel or Be Seated*

## RESPONSIVE LITANY

Pastor: Hear our prayer, O Lord.

People: **Let our cry come to You.**

Pastor: Lord God, in our journey through this life, help us to build our hopes not on what we have done for You

People: **but on what You have done for us,**

Pastor: and help us to find peace not by searching within ourselves

People: **but by looking to Christ and His cross;**

Pastor: for our hearts are restless

People: **until they find their rest in You.**

Pastor: Gracious God, be with all who are lost and searching,

People: **and draw their hearts to Christ,**

Pastor: that they may know Him as the way, and the truth, and the life,

People: **and find in Him a peace that surpasses all understanding;**

Pastor: for He is the stairway to heaven,  
**People: and through Him the door to paradise is open.**

Pastor: Hear us, O Lord, as we silently bring You our private petitions.

*Silent prayer*

Pastor: Trusting in Your mercy, we pray as Your Son taught us:

## **LORD'S PRAYER** *Matthew 6:9–13*

**People:** 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.

*Please Stand*

## **BENEDICTION**

Pastor: The Lord bless you, defend you from all evil, and bring you to everlasting life.

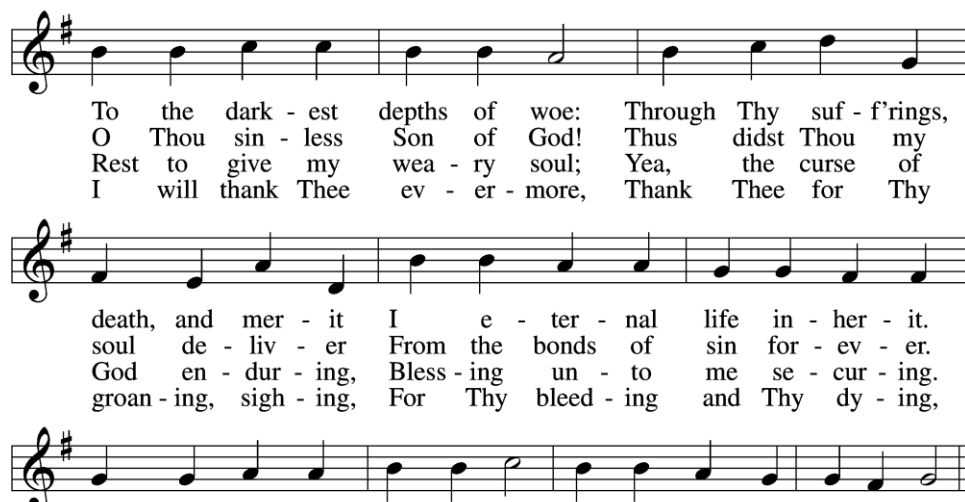
**People: Amen.**

## **HYMN 420 vv. 1-3, 7** "Christ, the Life of all the Living"



1 Christ, the life of all the liv - ing, Christ, the death of  
2 Thou, ah! Thou, hast tak - en on Thee Bonds and stripes, a  
3 Thou hast borne the smit - ing on - ly That my wounds might  
7 Then, for all that wrought my par - don, For Thy sor - rows

death, our foe, Who, Thy - self for me once giv - ing  
cru - el rod; Pain and scorn were heaped up - on Thee,  
all be whole; Thou hast suf - fered, sad and lone - ly,  
deep and sore, For Thine an - guish in the Gar - den,



To the dark - est depths of woe: Through Thy suf - f'rings,  
 O Thou sin - less Son of God! Thus didst Thou my  
 Rest to give my wea - ry soul; Yea, the curse of  
 I will thank Thee ev - er - more, Thank Thee for Thy  
 death, and mer - it I e - ter - nal life in - her - it.  
 soul de - liv - er From the bonds of sin for - ev - er.  
 God en - dur - ing, Bless - ing un - to me se - cur - ing.  
 groan - ing, sigh - ing, For Thy bleed - ing and Thy dy - ing,  
 Thou - sand, thou - sand thanks shall be, Dear - est Je - sus, un - to Thee.  
 Thou - sand, thou - sand thanks shall be, Dear - est Je - sus, un - to Thee.  
 Thou - sand, thou - sand thanks shall be, Dear - est Je - sus, un - to Thee.  
 For that last tri - um - phant cry, And shall praise Thee, Lord, on high.

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## DISMISSAL

Pastor: Go in peace as you serve the Lord.  
 People: **Thanks be to God.**

*Be Seated*

*With my voice I cry out to the Lord; with my voice I plead for mercy to the Lord.*  
*Psalm 142:1*

## LENT & EASTER SCHEDULE

### **Wednesdays in Lent**

(April 2, 9): 1:00 & 7:00pm

**Palm Sunday** (April 13): 8:30 & 11:00am

**Maundy Thursday** (April 17): 1:00 & 7:00pm

**Good Friday** (April 18): 3:00 & 7:00pm

**Easter Sunday** (April 20): 8:30 & 11:00am

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