

Sunday, March 22, 2026
The Fifth Sunday in Lent

Trinity Lutheran Church
Worship in the Park



GATHERING HYMN *O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing*

ELW 866



1 Oh, for a thou-sand tongues to sing my great Re-deem-er's praise,
2 My gra-cious Mas-ter and my God, as-sist me to pro-claim,
3 The name of Je-sus charms our fears and bids our sor-rows cease,
4 He speaks, and lis-t'ning to his voice, new life the dead re-ceive;



the glo-ries of my God and king, the tri-umphs of his grace!
to spread through all the earth a-broad the hon-ors of your name.
sings mu-sic in the sin-ner's ears, brings life and health and peace.
the mourn-ful, bro-ken hearts re-joice, the hum-ble poor be-lieve.

Text: Charles Wesley, 1707–1788, alt.

Music: AZMON, Carl G. Gläser, 1784–1829; arr. Lowell Mason, 1792–1872

GREETING and PRAYER OF THE DAY

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.

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.**

INTRODUCTION TO GOSPEL and DISCUSSION

GOSPEL: John 11:1-44

The good news of God's love according to John.

Glory to you, O Lord.

¹ Now a certain man was ill, Lazarus of Bethany, the village of Mary and her sister Martha. ² Mary was the one who anointed the Lord

with perfume and wiped his feet with her hair; her brother Lazarus was ill. ³ So the sisters sent a message to Jesus, “**Lord, he whom you love is ill.**” ⁴ 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.” ⁵ Accordingly, though Jesus loved Martha and her sister and Lazarus, ⁶ after having heard that Lazarus was ill, he stayed two days longer in the place where he was.

⁷ Then after this he said to the disciples, “Let us go to Judea again.” ⁸ The disciples said to him, “Rabbi, the Judeans were just now trying to stone you, and are you going there again?” ⁹ 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. ¹⁰ But **those who walk at night stumble because the light is not in them.**”

¹¹ After saying this, he told them, “Our friend Lazarus has fallen asleep, but I am going there to awaken him.” ¹² The disciples said to him, “Lord, if he has fallen asleep, he will be all right.” ¹³ Jesus, however, had been speaking about his death, but they thought that he was referring merely to sleep. ¹⁴ Then Jesus told them plainly, “Lazarus is dead. ¹⁵ For your sake I am glad I was not there, so that you may believe. But let us go to him.” ¹⁶ Thomas, who was called the Twin, said to his fellow disciples, “**Let us also go, that we may die with him.**” ¹⁷ When Jesus arrived, he found that Lazarus had already been in the tomb four days.

¹⁸ Now Bethany was near Jerusalem, some two miles away, ¹⁹ and many of the Jews had come to Martha and Mary to console them about their brother. ²⁰ When Martha heard that Jesus was coming, she went and met him, while Mary stayed at home. ²¹ Martha said to Jesus, “Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died. ²² But even now **I know that God will give you whatever you ask of him.**”

²³ Jesus said to her, “Your brother will rise again.” ²⁴ Martha said to him, “I know that he will rise again in the resurrection on the last day.” ²⁵ Jesus said to her, “**I am the resurrection and the life.** Those who believe in me, even though they die, will live, ²⁶ and everyone who lives and believes in me will never die. Do you believe this?” ²⁷ She said to him, “Yes, Lord, I believe that you are the Messiah, the Son of God, the one coming into the world.”

²⁸ 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.”
²⁹ And when she heard it, she got up quickly and went to him. ³⁰ Now Jesus had not yet come to the village but was still at the place where Martha had met him. ³¹ 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.
³² 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.**”
³³ When Jesus saw her weeping and the Jews who came with her also weeping, he was greatly disturbed in spirit and deeply moved.
³⁴ He said, “Where have you laid him?” They said to him, “Lord, come and see.” ³⁵ **Jesus began to weep.** ³⁶ So the Jews said, “See how he loved him!” ³⁷ But some of them said, “Could not he who opened the eyes of the blind man have kept this man from dying?”
³⁸ Then Jesus, again greatly disturbed, came to the tomb. It was a cave, and a stone was lying against it. ³⁹ 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.”
⁴⁰ Jesus said to her, “Did I not tell you that if you believed you would see the glory of God?” ⁴¹ So they took away the stone. And Jesus looked upward and said, “Father, I thank you for having heard me.
⁴² 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.” ⁴³ When he had said this, he cried with a loud voice, “Lazarus, come out!” ⁴⁴ 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.**”

This is the Gospel of the Lord.
Praise to You, O Christ.

Pre-cious Lord, take my hand, lead me on, let me stand,
 When my way grows drear, precious Lord, lin-ger near,
 When the dark - ness ap - pears and the night draws near,

I am tired, I am weak, I am worn.
 when my life is al - most gone,
 and the day is past and gone,

Through the storm, through the night, lead me on to the light.
 hear my cry, hear my call, hold my hand lest I fall.
 at the riv - er I stand, guide my feet, hold my hand.

Take my hand, precious Lord, lead me home.

Text: Thomas A Dorsey, 1899-1993

Music: George N Allen, 1812-1877, adapt. Thomas A Dorsey

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PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Reconciled by God's mercy and sustained by God's presence, let us pray for the world and its needs.

After each petition:

Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

At the conclusion of the prayers:

Receive our prayers, O God, through Jesus Christ, our strength and salvation. **Amen.**

THE SHARING OF PEACE

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.**

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Let us pray. God of our salvation,
we give you thanks for this meal that restores our souls,
reconciles us to you, and strengthens us for life's journey.
Through the body and blood of your Son,
may we become Christ's body in the world,
bearing witness to your love for all creation.
Amen.

SENDING HYMN *I am the Bread of Life*

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Leader or All

1 "I am the Bread of life. You who
 4 "I am the res - ur - rec - tion,
 5 Yes, Lord, I be - lieve that

come to me shall not hun - ger, and who be -
 I am the life. If you be -
 you are the Christ, the

lieve in me shall not thirst. No one can come to
 lieve in me, e - ven . . . though you
 Son of God, who have

me un - less the Fa - ther beck - ons."
 die, you shall live for - ev - er."
 come in - to the world.

Refrain
 All

"And I will raise you up, and I will raise you up,
 and I will raise you up on the last day."

Text: Suzanne Toolan, RSM, b. 1927, based on John 6
 Music: I AM THE BREAD, Suzanne Toolan, RSM
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BLESSING

God, who calls all things into existence,
 Jesus Christ, who redeems us,
 and the Holy Spirit, whose breath sustains creation,
 † bless you now and always. **Amen.**

Thank you to those serving this month: (ML) = Meadowlawn Campus (DT) = Downtown Campus

Date	Loc	Time	Lector	Communion Assistant(s)	Flower Sponsor	Dedication
03/01/26	DT	11 AM	Linda Gascon	Francis Guido, Aimee Fox	Roy Pringle	In Gratitude
03/08/26	DT	11 AM	Marty Snapp	Phil Rearick, Ruth Kinsey	Pat Shipley	IHO Don Shipley's birthday
03/15/26	ML	11 AM	Terri Craig	Marty Snapp, Gary Bartelt		
03/22/26	LSP	11 AM	None	Violet Prepost, Margarita Rodriguez		
03/29/26	ML	11 AM	Betty Herzhauser	Suzanne Bohning, Linda Gascon	Phil Rearick	IMO Annemarie Rearick

Birthdays this week:

- None -

Anniversaries this week:

- None -

This Week's Calendar of Events:

Today (03/22)

9:00am – City Church (DT Sanctuary)
 11:00am – Worship in the Park (Lake Seminole Park)
 (with picnic to follow)
 1:00pm – Lunch with the Lancers (CommUNITY Rm)

Monday (02/23)

Items due for next Sunday's bulletin

Tuesday (02/24)

2:00pm – Healthy Grieving (DT 2nd Floor)
 7:00pm – Meadowlawn Assoc Mtg (CommUNITY Rm)

Wednesday (03/25)

10:00am – Women's Bible Study (ML Nursery)
 11:30am – Community Meal (DT 3rd Floor)
 1:00pm – Grace & Games (DT 2nd Floor)
 6:00pm – Bible Study (CommUNITY Rm)

Thursday (03/26)

6:00pm – Grace Family Bible Study (CommUNITY Rm)
 6:30pm – Choir Practice (ML Sanctuary)

Friday (03/27)

9:30am – TLC Pantry (DT 1st Floor)
 9:30am – Dolores Food Pantry (CommUNITY Room)

Saturday (03/28)

9:00am – Hope Chest (Thrift Store)
 9:00am – Council/Staff Retreat (Westminster Palms)

Further Info & Items of Interest:

April Newsletter: If you haven't yet submitted your articles for the April newsletter, get them in before the end of day today! (Deadline was Friday)

Easter Eggs: Grab some Easter eggs this morning and take them home to fill them for the Easter egg hunt. Fill them with treats of all kinds – think small toys, erasers, etc. If you include candy, please ensure they are individually wrapped and remember our weather – keep away from chocolate or anything that will tend to melt. The egg hunt will be held on Sunday, April 5th (after the sunrise service and breakfast at the Meadowlawn campus).

Easter Flowers:

- Coming to the Sunrise service?
Bring a flower or greenery from your garden to adorn the cross as we celebrate the resurrection.
- Lilies? Mums? Hydrangeas?
The chancel at the Downtown campus will be decorated with some sort of festive live flowers on Easter morning. The potted plants will be available for adoption after the service.

HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE

- Palm Sunday will be at Meadowlawn – 11am
- Maundy Thursday will be a seder-style supper at Meadowlawn – 6pm
- Good Friday Service will be Downtown – 12pm (noon)
- Easter Sunday: Sunrise service at Meadowlawn – 8am
 Breakfast in the CommUNITY Room – 9am
 Egg Hunt – 9:45am (somewhere on the Meadowlawn property – let's be surprised!)
 Regular Sunday service Downtown – 11am

Prayer List:

For those ministering in our congregations:

Pastor Paul Gibson
Deacon Lynne Tallon
Music Director Ross Kimura
Music Director Brenden Hall

For those suffering from cancer:

Jim Tallon
Whitney & Greg Corrigan
Rick Jackson
Frank Durilla
Rev. Ernest Knoche
Ron Oughton
Bob Sockrider

For those homebound:

Lorna Holder
Shirley Taylor
Betty Aker
Marion Cheslock
Judy Milanese
Petra Young
Sally Evans

Note: These prayer requests are active for 3 months unless a shorter timeframe is requested.

For those needing strength or healing:

Paula Smith
Vickie Clark
Luke Mendenhall
Guy Smith
Joyce Dare
Cecil Miles
Linda Miles
Bill Quinn
Doug Pryor
Corinne, Bob, & Irma Kay
Leonard
Robert & Brenda Meredith
Brian Schutzbach
Shakira and family
Janet Crim
Pr. Tom Snapp
Will Diefel
Billy Boynton
Jill Boos Martin
Gerry Barnard
Pr. Felice Johnson

For those grieving the loss of a loved one:

Logan and Grace Paul (baby Millie)
Deigh Stanton
The family & friends of Melissa Hixon

Welcome, visitors! Please tell us something about yourself.

Fill out the form below or scan the provided QR Code to contact us digitally.



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CHURCH

Today's Date:

03/22/26

Name and Address
Email
Phone
Home church, city, and state

Questions, Comments, Prayer Requests:

- I'm visiting: First time Repeat
- I just moved here
- Please add me to your email list(s)
 - Pastor's weekly announcements, etc.
 - Office's Monthly Newsletter, etc.

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