

The Fifth Sunday of

LENT

March 22, 2026

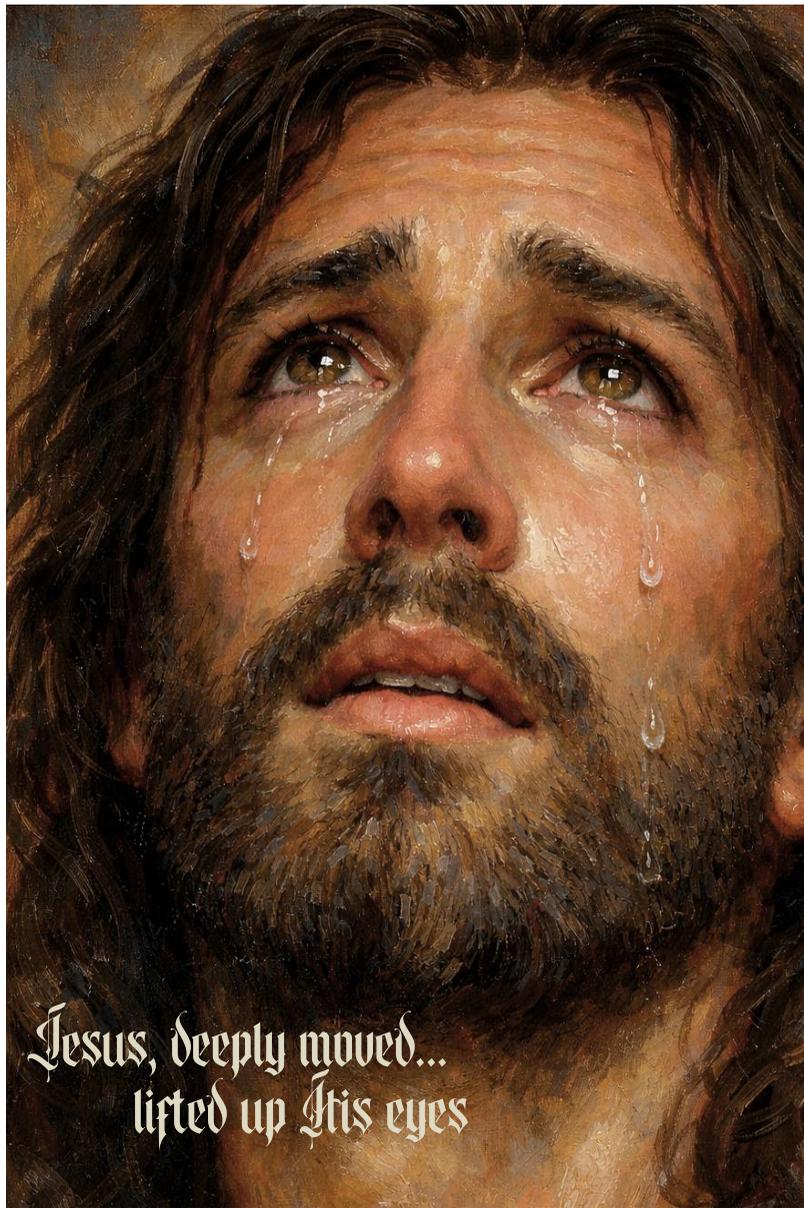


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*Jesus, deeply moved...
lifted up His eyes*



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PRELUDE

“Adagio”

J. S. Bach

(Adagio, Toccata, and Fugue)

PROCESSIONAL HYMN

“We Praise You, O God”

LSB 785



1 We praise You, O God, our Re - deem - er, Cre - a - tor;
2 We wor - ship You, God of our fa - thers, we bless You;
3 With voic - es u - nit - ed our prais - es we of - fer



In grate - ful de - vo - tion our trib - ute we bring.
Through tri - al and tem - pest our guide You have been.
And glad - ly our songs of thanks - giv - ing we raise.



We lay it be - fore You, we kneel and a - dore You;
When per - ils o'er - take us, You will not for - sake us,
With You, Lord, be - side us, Your strong arm will guide us.



We bless Your ho - ly name, glad prais - es we sing.
And with Your help, O Lord, our strug - gles we win.
To You, our great Re - deem - er, for - ev - er be praise!

INVOCATION Mt 28:19

Pastor: In the name of the Father and of the † Son and of the Holy Spirit.

People: ♪ Amen.

CONFESSION and ABSOLUTION

Pastor: Beloved in the Lord! Let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins unto God our Father, beseeching Him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness. *Hebrews 10:22*

Pastor: Our help is in the Name of the Lord,

People: ♪ who made heaven and earth. *Psalms 124:8*

Pastor: I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord,

People: ♪ **And Thou forgave the iniquity of my sins** *Psalm 32:5*

People: **O almighty God, merciful Father, I, a poor, miserable sinner, confess unto Thee all my sins and iniquities with which I have ever offended Thee and justly deserved Thy temporal and eternal punishment. But I am heartily sorry for them and sincerely repent of them, and I pray Thee of Thy boundless mercy and for the sake of the holy, innocent, bitter sufferings and death of Thy beloved Son, Jesus Christ, to be gracious and merciful to me, a poor, sinful being.**

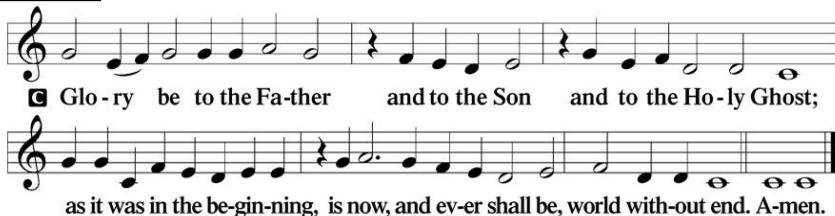
Pastor: Upon this your confession, I, by virtue of my office, as a called and ordained servant of the Word, announce the grace of God unto all of you, and in the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ I forgive you all of your sins in the name of the Father and of the † Son and of the Holy Spirit.

People: ♪ **Amen.**

THE INTROIT from *Psalm 130*

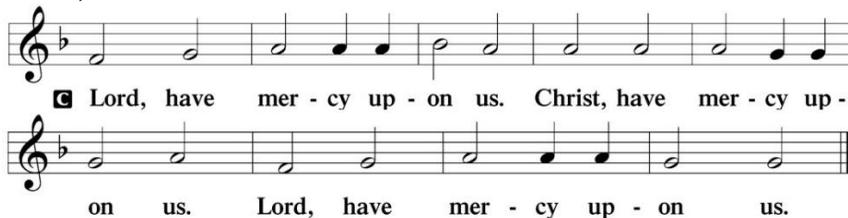
Pastor/Choir: Out of the depths I cry to you, O Lord! O Lord, hear my voice! Let your ears be attentive to the voice of my pleas for mercy! If you, O Lord, should mark iniquities, O Lord, who could stand? But with you there is forgiveness, that you may be feared. I wait for the Lord, my soul waits, and in his word I hope.

THE GLORIA PATRI



☐ Glo - ry be to the Fa - ther and to the Son and to the Ho - ly Ghost;
as it was in the be - gin - ning, is now, and ev - er shall be, world with - out end. A - men.

THE KYRIE *Mt 9:27, 15:22*



☐ Lord, have mer - cy up - on us. Christ, have mer - cy up -
on us. Lord, have mer - cy up - on us.

LENTEN VERSE

3 He lives— oh, the bliss of this glo - ri - ous thought; My
 sin, not in part, but the whole, Is nailed to His cross, and I
 bear it no more. Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, O my soul!
Refrain
 It is well with my soul, It is well, it is well with my soul.

THE SALUTATION 2 Tim 4:22

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

People:

☐ And with thy spir - it.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Pastor: Almighty God, in whom is life now and forever, through Your Son's suffering and death You have given us victory over all we ever need fear in sin, eternal death, and the power of the devil. Breathe into our bones and our souls Your life-giving Word, that we rejoice in Your forgiveness and serve You and others in love and faithfulness; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

People: ♪ Amen.

OLD TESTAMENT

Ezekiel 37:1-14

(A vision of resurrection.)

¹ The hand of the LORD was upon me, and he brought me out in the Spirit of the LORD and set me down in the middle of the valley; it was full of bones. ²And he led me around among them, and behold, there were very many on the surface of the valley, and behold, they were very dry. ³And he said to me, "Son of man, can these bones live?" And I answered, "O Lord GOD, you know." ⁴Then he said to me, "Prophecy over these bones, and say to them, O dry bones, hear the word of the LORD. ⁵Thus says the Lord GOD to these bones: Behold, I will cause breath to enter you, and you shall live. ⁶ And I will lay

sinews upon 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 was commanded. And as I prophesied, there was a sound, and behold, a rattling, and the bones came together, bone to its bone. ⁸And I looked, and behold, 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, son of man, and say to the breath, Thus says the Lord GOD: Come from the four winds, O breath, and breathe on these slain, that they may live.” ¹⁰So I prophesied as he commanded me, and the breath came into them, and they lived and stood on their feet, an exceedingly great army.

¹¹Then he said to me, “Son of man, these bones are the whole house of Israel. Behold, they say, ‘Our bones are dried up, and our hope is lost; we are indeed cut off.’ ¹²Therefore prophesy, and say to them, Thus says the Lord GOD: Behold, I will open your graves and raise you from your graves, O my people. And I will bring you into the land of Israel. ¹³And you shall know that I am the LORD, when I open your graves, and raise you from your graves, O my people. ¹⁴And I will put my Spirit within you, and you shall live, and I will place you in your own land. Then you shall know that I am the LORD; I have spoken, and I will do it, declares the LORD.”

Pastor: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

EPISTLE

Romans 8:1-11

(Resurrection life now by faith)

¹There is therefore now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus. ²For the law of the Spirit of life has set you free in Christ Jesus from the law of sin and death. ³For God has done what the law, weakened by the flesh, could not do. By sending his own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh and for sin, he condemned sin in the flesh, ⁴in order that the righteous requirement of the law might be fulfilled in us, who walk not according to the flesh but according to the Spirit. ⁵For those who live according to the flesh set their minds on the things of the flesh, but those who live according to the Spirit set their minds on the things of the Spirit. ⁶For to set the mind on the flesh is death, but to set the mind on the Spirit is life and peace. ⁷For the mind that is set on the flesh is hostile to God, for it does not submit to God’s law; indeed, it cannot. ⁸Those who are in the flesh cannot please God.

⁹You, however, are not in the flesh but in the Spirit, if in fact 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, although the body is dead because of sin, the Spirit is life because of

in him, and the Romans will come and take away both our place and our nation.”⁴⁹But one of them, Caiaphas, who was high priest that year, said to them, “You know nothing at all.⁵⁰Nor do you understand that it is better for you that one man should die for the people, not that the whole nation should perish.”⁵¹He did not say this of his own accord, but being high priest that year he prophesied that Jesus would die for the nation,⁵²and not for the nation only, but also to gather into one the children of God who are scattered abroad.⁵³So from that day on they made plans to put him to death.

Pastor: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

People:



THE NICENE CREED

The Council of Nicaea began in June of 325 AD with 250 church bishops gathered together from the entire empire. The opening address was delivered by the Roman Emperor Constantine, who advised the delegates to put away all strife and discord. The Christian Church regards the resolve and concluding profession of the Council of Nicaea (“The Nicene Creed”) as one of the most important events in the history of the Christian Church. It forms an epoch in the history of doctrine, summing up the results of all previous discussions on the deity of Christ and the incarnation. You will notice the focused application on the person and work of Jesus in the second article of the Creed.

**I believe in one God, the Father Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth, and of all things visible and invisible.
And in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of His Father
before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God, begotten, not
made, being of one substance with the Father, by whom all things were made; who
for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven; and was incarnate by
the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary, and was made man; and was crucified also for us
under Pontius Pilate. He suffered and was buried. And the third day he rose again
according to the Scriptures and ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of
the Father. And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the
dead, whose kingdom will have no end.
And I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and giver of life, who proceeds from the
Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and
glorified, who spoke by the prophets. And I believe in one holy Christian and
apostolic Church, I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins, and I look
for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen**

HYMN OF THE DAY

“Sing, My Tongue, the Glorious Battle”

Tune: LSB 621



1 Sing, my tongue, the glo - rious bat - tle; sing the end - ing
 2 Tell how, when at length the full - ness of the ap - point - ed
 3 Thus, with thir - ty years ac - com - plished, he went forth from
 4 Faith - ful cross, true sign of tri - umph, be for all the
 5 Un - to God be praise and glo - ry; to the Fa - ther



of the fray. Now a - bove the cross, the troph - y,
 time was come, he, the Word, was born of wom - an,
 Naz - a - reth, des - tined, ded - i - cat - ed, will - ing,
 no - blest tree; none in fo - liage, none in blos - som,
 and the Son, to the e - ter - nal Spir - it hon - or



sound the loud tri - um - phant lay; tell how Christ, the world's re -
 left for us his Fa - ther's home, blazed the path of true o -
 did his work, and met his death; like a lamb he hum - bly
 none in fruit your e - qual be; sym - bol of the world's re -
 now and ev - er - more be done; praise and glo - ry in the



deem - er, as a vic - tim won the day.
 be - dience, shone as light a - midst the gloom.
 yield - ed on the cross his dy - ing breath.
 demp - tion, for your bur - den makes us free.
 high - est, while the time - less a - ges run.

SERMON

“When Jesus is There”

John 11:32

Rev. Peter Nickel

Historic Trinity Lutheran Church

OFFERTORY Ps 51:10-12

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♪ Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me.

Cast me not away from Thy presence, and take not Thy Holy Spirit from me.

Restore unto me the joy of Thy salvation, and uphold me with Thy free spirit.

Amen.

GATHERING OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

We continue to gather offerings utilizing the offering receptacles (the back of the church and at the Gratiot entrance in the parish hall), through the mail, and online.



PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

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.

10:30am continues with the Benediction

† The Order of Holy Communion †

@9:00am

THE PREFACE AND PROPER PREFACE

Pastor: The Lord be with you. *2 Tim. 4:22*

People: 

☛ And with thy spir - it.

Pastor: Lift up your hearts. *Lam 3:41*

People: 

☛ We lift them up un - to the Lord.

Pastor: Let us give thanks unto the Lord, our God. *Ps 100:4*

People: 

☛ It is meet and right so to do.

Pastor: It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God. And now we bless You that in Jesus Christ, our perfect Substitute, You have shown us Your plan for us to live forever. As Jesus proclaims, “I am the resurrection and the life,” we find in Him the fullness of Your forgiving and limitless love. By the working of the Holy Spirit, grant us grace to grow in faith, remaining steadfast in hope as we await the joys of heaven where we will join in the eternal chorus of angels and archangels giving You unending praise.

People:  **Amen.**

THE WORDS OF INSTITUTION *Mt 26:26-28; Mk 14:22-24; Lk 22:19-20; 1 Co 11:23-25*

THE PAX DOMINI Jn 20:19

Pastor: The peace of Lord be with you all.

People:  Amen.

THE AGNUS DEI Jn 1:29

“Agnus Dei (Mass in D Minor)”

Franz Schubert

The Cathedral Choir; Alana Meeker, Soprano Todd Schurig, Bass

DISTRIBUTION

For those with health concerns, there is non-alcoholic white wine and gluten free wafers in the center of each tray.

TWO STATION COMMUNION:

If you would like to receive communion at the altar, take the path to the left before the chancel step.

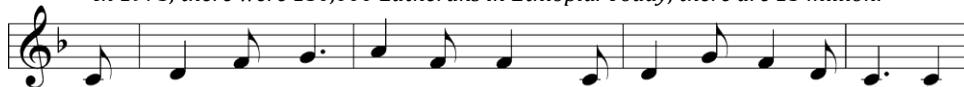
If you would like to receive communion in a continuous line, take the path to the right before the chancel step.

“What Kind of Love Is This?”

LSB 542

This Lenten Hymn (#542 in LSB) comes from the Ethiopian Lutheran Church Mekane Yesus, written in 1970 by a then 16-year-old girl named Almaz Belihu, and is now one of the favorite hymns of the Lutheran Churches in Ethiopia.

In 1975, there were 150,000 Lutherans in Ethiopia. Today, there are 15 million!



1 When I be - hold Je - sus Christ, True God who died for me,
2 For me You gave all Your love, For me You suf-fered pain;
3 You had no sin, ho - ly Lord, But You were tor-tured, tried;
4 What love is this? Great - er love No one has ev - er known.



I won - der much at His love As He hung on the tree.
I find no words, noth - ing can Your self - less - ness ex - plain.
On Gol - go - tha there for all My sins You bled and died.
My life with God— this I owe To You, and You a - lone.



What kind of love is this? What kind of love is this?



You showed Your love, Je - sus, there To me on Cal - va - ry.



What kind of love is this? What kind of love is this?



You showed Your love, Je - sus, there To me on Cal - va - ry.

DISMISSAL

NUNC DIMITTIS *Lk 2:29-32*

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♪ Lord, now lettest Thou Thy servant depart in peace according to Thy word, for mine eyes have seen Thy salvation, which Thou hast prepared before the face of all people, a light to lighten the Gentiles and the glory of Thy people Israel.

Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost, as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

Pastor: Heavenly Father, we thank You for the life and knowledge You have revealed to us through Jesus, Your Son. To You be glory forever. By this Sacrament, strengthen and preserve us. Guide, guard, and rule our hearts and minds by Your Holy Spirit, that we may be enabled constantly to serve You here on earth, looking to the final day of resurrection and that time after the end of time when we feast with Christ the Lamb of sacrifice in His kingdom. This we ask through Your beloved Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

People: ♪ Amen.

BENEDICTION *Num. 6:24-26*

Pastor: The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make His face shine upon you and be gracious to you. The † Lord lift his countenance upon you and give you peace.

People:



■ A-men, a-men, a - men.

RECESSIONAL HYMN

“Rock of Ages”

LSB 761



1 Rock of A - ges, cleft for me, Let me hide my - self in Thee;
2 Not the la - bors of my hands Can ful - fill Thy Law's de-mands;
3 Noth - ing in my hand I bring; Sim - ply to Thy cross I cling.
4 While I draw this fleet - ing breath, When mine eye - lids close in death,



Let the wa - ter and the blood, From Thy riv - en side which flowed,
Could my zeal no res - pite know, Could my tears for - ev - er flow,
Na - ked, come to Thee for dress; Help - less, look to Thee for grace;
When I soar to worlds un - known, See Thee on Thy judg - ment throne,



Be of sin the dou - ble cure: Cleanse me from its guilt and pow'r.
All for sin could not a - tone; Thou must save, and Thou a - lone.
Foul, I to the foun - tain fly; Wash me, Sav - ior, or I die.
Rock of A - ges, cleft for me, Let me hide my - self in Thee.

POSTLUDE

“Tocatta in D Minor”

Johann Jacob Froberger