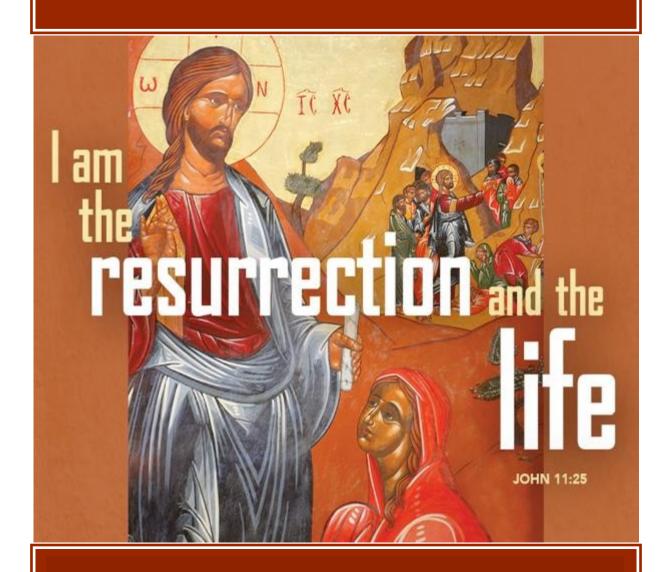
### TRINITY EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH



SUNDAY, APRIL 2, 2017 FIFTH SUNDAY IN LENT

# Sunday, April 2, 2017 Service of Holy Eucharist—Now the Feast

To all who join in worship, we are grateful that you are here today!

- We invite all believers in Christ to receive the Sacrament with us. White grape juice is available. Gluten-free wafers are also available. If you would like us to bring the bread and wine to you, please notify one of the ushers.
- Nursery attendants are available during worship just off the South Lobby area for children ages 5 years and younger. If you arrive and no one is in the nursery, please notify one of the ushers to get the attendant. A changing table is available in the nursery.
- Pew Pads are located at the end of each pew. Please sign in and pass them down to the end of the row so we can note that you attended worship with us today. If you or someone you know would like a visit from one of our staff, please inform the Pastor.
- Prayer request cards are in the pew racks. Please hand to an usher during the hymn following the sermon.

WELCOME... We pray this worship time is enriching for your spiritual life.

#### Fifth Sunday in Lent:

In today's gospel Jesus reveals his power over death by raising Lazarus from the dead. The prophet Ezekiel prophesies God breathing new life into dry bones. To those in exile or living in the shadows of death, these stories proclaim God's promise of resurrection. In baptism we die with Christ that we might also be raised with him to new life.

# PRELUDE WELCOME

#### **CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**

All may make the sign of the cross, the sign marked at baptism, as the minister begins. In the name of the Father,

and of the + Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

God of heaven and earth, you come in close and make us yours. Equip us by your Spirit to confess our sin, embrace your forgiveness, and seek the way you set before us in your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

With honesty of heart, let us confess our sin.

Merciful God,
forgive us.

Our will is handcuffed to sin, and we cannot break free.
We have spoken when we should have kept quiet.
We were silent when we should have said something.
We acted when we knew better.
We were still when we know we should have moved.
For the wrong we have done,
for the good we have failed to do,
have mercy on us,
through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.
Amen.

People of God, look to the + Son, given to heal you and set you free because God loved the world so much. Take hold of life—eternal life!

Amen.

GATHERING HYMN: "Oh, for a Thousand Tongues to Sing" (ELW 886)

#### **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.



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#### **NOW THE FEAST**



#### PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray.

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.

The assembly is seated.

#### CHOIR ANTHEM: "Alas and did my Savior bleed"

(By Robert Lehman, words by Isaac Watts)

Alas! and did my Savior bleed, and did my Sovereign die! Would he devote that sacred head for sinners such as I? Well might the sun in darkness hide, and shut its glories in, when God, the mighty maker, died for his own creature's sin. Thus might I hide my blushing face while his dear cross appears; dissolve my heart in thankfulness. and melt mine eyes to tears. But drops of tears can ne'er repay the debt of love I owe. Here, Lord, I give myself away; 'tis all that I can do.

#### FIRST READING: Ezekiel 37:1-14

Ezekiel's vision of the valley of dry bones is a promise that Israel as a nation, though dead in exile, will live again in their land through God's life-giving spirit. Three times Israel is assured that through this vision they will know that "I am the Lord."

A reading from Ezekiel.

<sup>1</sup>The 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. <sup>2</sup>He led me all around them; there were very many lying in the valley, and they were very dry. <sup>3</sup>He said to me, "Mortal, can these bones live?" I answered, "O Lord God, you know." <sup>4</sup>Then he said to me, "Prophesy to these bones, and say to them: O dry bones, hear the word of the LORD. <sup>5</sup>Thus says the Lord God to these bones: I will cause breath to enter you, and you shall live. <sup>6</sup>I 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."

<sup>7</sup>So 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. <sup>8</sup>I 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. <sup>9</sup>Then 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." <sup>10</sup>I prophesied as he commanded me, and the breath came into them, and they lived, and stood on their feet, a vast multitude.

<sup>11</sup>Then 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.' <sup>12</sup>Therefore 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. <sup>13</sup>And you shall know that I am the Lord, when I open your graves, and bring you up from your graves, O my people. <sup>14</sup>I 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."

Word of God, word of life.

Thanks be to God.

#### **PSALM: Psalm 130**

The psalm for the day is sung.

<sup>1</sup>Out | of the depths

I cry to | you, O LORD;

<sup>2</sup>O Lord, | hear my voice!

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

<sup>3</sup>If you were to keep watch | over sins,

O LORD, | who could stand?

<sup>4</sup>Yet with you | is forgiveness,

in order that you | may be feared.

<sup>5</sup>I wait for you, O LORD; | my soul waits; in your word | is my hope.

<sup>6</sup>My soul waits for the Lord more than those who keep watch | for the morning, more than those who keep watch | for the morning.

O Israel, wait for the LORD, for with the LORD there is | steadfast love; with the LORD there is plen- | teous redemption.

<sup>8</sup>For the LORD shall | redeem Israel from | all their sins.

#### **SECOND READING: Romans 8:6-11**

For Paul, Christian spirituality entails living in the reality of the Holy Spirit. The driving force behind our actions and values is not our sinful desire for self-satisfaction but the very Spirit by which God raised Jesus from the dead and will also raise us from the dead.

A reading from Romans.

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

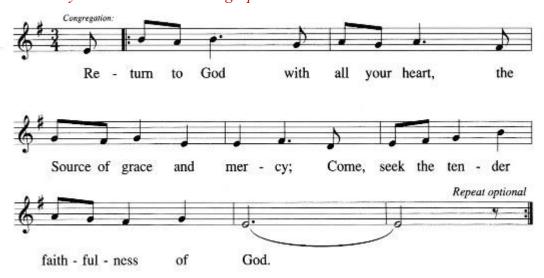
<sup>9</sup>But you are not in the flesh; you are in the Spirit, since the Spirit of God dwells in you. Anyone who does not have the Spirit of Christ does not belong to him. <sup>10</sup>But if Christ is in you, though the body is dead because of sin, the Spirit is life because of righteousness. <sup>11</sup>If 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.

Word of God, word of life.

Thanks be to God.

#### GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

The assembly stands to welcome the gospel.



#### **GOSPEL: John 11 (Selected Verses)**

Jesus is moved to sorrow when his friend Lazarus falls ill and dies. Then, in a dramatic scene, he calls his friend out of the tomb and restores him to life.

The holy gospel according to John.

#### Glory to you, O Lord.

<sup>1</sup>Now a certain man was ill, Lazarus of Bethany, the village of Mary and her sister Martha. <sup>3</sup>So the sisters sent a message to Jesus, "Lord, he whom you love is ill."

<sup>17</sup>When Jesus arrived, he found that Lazarus had already been in the tomb four days. <sup>18</sup>Now Bethany was near Jerusalem, some two miles away, <sup>19</sup>and many of the Jews had come to Martha and Mary to console them about their brother. <sup>20</sup>When Martha heard that Jesus was coming, she went and met him, while Mary stayed at home. <sup>21</sup>Martha said to Jesus, "Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died. <sup>22</sup>But even now I know that God will give

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

<sup>28</sup>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." <sup>31</sup>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. <sup>32</sup>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." <sup>33</sup>When Jesus saw her weeping, and the Jews who came with her also weeping, he was greatly disturbed in spirit and deeply moved. <sup>34</sup>He said, "Where have you laid him?" They said to him, "Lord, come and see." <sup>35</sup>Jesus began to weep. <sup>36</sup>So the Jews said, "See how he loved him!"

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

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

The gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.** 

#### **SERMON**

The assembly is seated. Silence for reflection follows the sermon.

#### HYMN OF THE DAY: "When the Poor Ones" (ELW 725)

#### **APOSTLES' CREED**

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, God's 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 to the dead.

On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come 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

Lifting our voices and turning toward God, let us pray for the church, the earth, and all who are in need.

#### A brief silence.

God, our sure strength, set the mind of your church on the Spirit of love and kinship. Bring healing where there is division and hope where there is worry. Hear us, O God.

#### Your mercy is great.

You bring life where there was despair and death. Bring new hope and new growth to barren lands and water to parched earth. Hear us, O God.

#### Your mercy is great.

Listen to the voices of the weak and oppressed. Guard people in all lands from danger and injustice. Hear us, O God.

#### Your mercy is great.

Martha and Mary pleaded for healing. Hear the cries of your people who call out in need and pain. Grant healing and comfort to those who are ill. We pray especially for Pastor Rachel Larson; Eleanore Barrett; Ruth Castor; the family of Kathy Vialpando; and the family of Peggy "Rosa" Tarbell. Hear us, O God.

#### Your mercy is great.

Bring life to dry bones in our community. Breathe your life-giving Spirit into the corners of our ministry that need renewal. Hear us, O God.

#### Your mercy is great.

#### Here other intercessions may be offered.

We give thanks for the faithful departed and for the assurance that we will join with them in the heavenly banquet. Hear us, O God.

#### Your mercy is great.

Into your hands, merciful God, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your steadfast love; through Christ our Lord.

#### Amen.

#### SHARING OF THE PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you always.

And also with you.

The assembly is seated.

#### PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

Brief announcements will be made by the Pastor and thanks given for what our offerings provide towards the church's mission.

#### **OFFERING**

#### CONGREGATIONAL OFFERTORY HYMN

The assembly stands and sings the offertory hymn as the gifts are brought forward.



#### **OFFERING PRAYER**

After the table is set, the assisting minister leads the prayer.

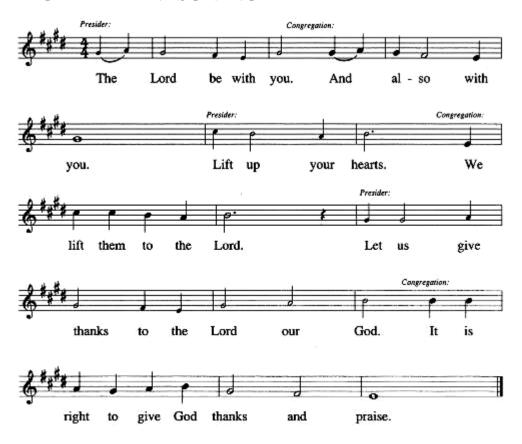
Let us pray.

Merciful God,

receive the sacrifice of our praise and thanksgiving and the offering of our lives, that following in the way of the cross, we may know the joy of the resurrection; through Christ our Lord.

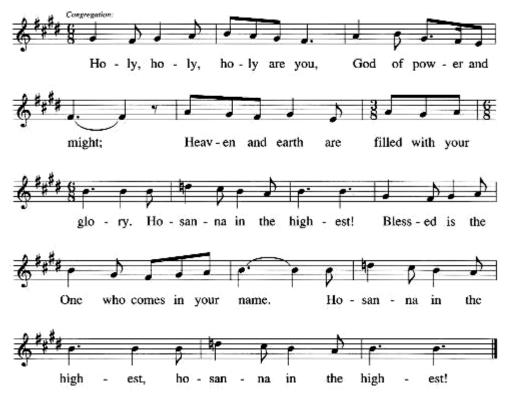
Amen.

#### THE GREAT THANKSGIVING



#### **PREFACE**

#### HOLY, HOLY, HOLY



#### **EUCHARISTIC PRAYER**

#### LORD'S PRAYER

Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us.

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;

but deliver us from evil.

For thine is the kingdom,
and the power, and the glory,
forever and ever. Amen.

and lead us not into temptation,

#### INVITATION TO COMMUNION

Return to God with all your heart.

Receive bread for the journey, drink for the desert.

#### **COMMUNION**

When giving the bread and cup, the communion ministers say

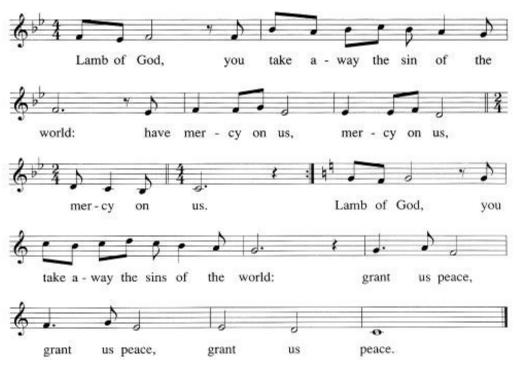
The body of Christ, given for you.

The blood of Christ, shed for you.

and each person may respond

Amen.

#### **LAMB OF GOD**



#### **DISTRIBUTION MUSIC:**

Reflective music is provided for Communion contemplation.

#### POST COMMUNION BLESSING

The assembly stands to receive the blessing.

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

#### PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Compassionate God,

you have fed us with the bread of heaven. Sustain us in our Lenten pilgrimage: may our fasting be hunger for justice, our alms, a making of peace, and our prayer, the song of grateful hearts; through Christ our Lord.

Amen.

#### THANKS BE TO YOU



#### BLESSING

Almighty God,

Father, Son, and Holy Spirit,

Keep you in his light, truth, and love.

Now and Forever.

Amen.

SENDING HYMN: "Abide with Me" (ELW 629)

The assembly stands.

#### DISMISSAL

Marked with the cross of Christ, go forth to love and serve the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

#### **POSTLUDE**

### **Serving the Church**

TODAY—April 2, 2017 NEXT WEEK—April 9, 2017

**Lector:** 9:00AM Debbe Conyers **Lector:** 9:00AM Maia Anderson

**Acolyte:** 9:00AM Rylie Heggie **Acolyte:** 9:00AM Kent Henry

Ushers: 9:00AM TBD Ushers: 9:00AM Bobbie & Al

Schimek

**Greeters:** 9:00AM Debbe, Lindsay, **Greeters:** 9:00AM Iris Brunett

& Lily Conyers Mike Nutter

**Nursery:** 9:00AM Madie Jablin **Nursery:** 9:00AM MaryGrace Buckner

**Stewards:** Judy Moline & Martin Greller

Altar Guild: Judi Weatherwax Coffee Fellowship: *OPEN!* 

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