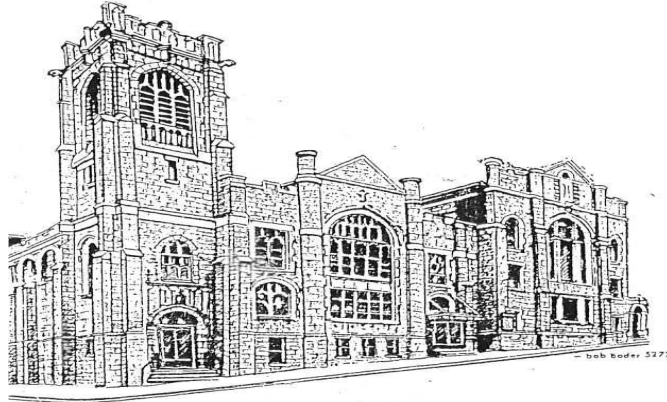


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**March 21-22, 2026**

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# 327 Through the Night of Doubt and Sorrow

1 Through the night of doubt and sor - row, on - ward  
 2 One the light of God's own pres - ence on the  
 3 One the strain that lips of thou - sands lift as  
 4 On - ward, there - fore, sis - ters, broth - ers; on - ward,

goes the pil - grim band, sing - ing songs of ex - pec -  
 ran - somed peo - ple shed, chas - ing far the gloom and -  
 from the heart of one; one the con - flict, one the  
 with the cross our aid. Bear its shame, and fight its

ta - tion, march - ing to the prom - ised land. Clear be -  
 ter - ror, bright - ning all the path we tread. One the  
 per - il, one the march in God be - gun. One the  
 bat - tle till we rest be - neath its shade. Soon shall

fore us through the dark - ness gleams and burns the  
 ob - ject of our jour - ney, one the faith which  
 glad - ness of great re - joic - ing on the far re -  
 come the a - wak - 'ning; soon the the rend - ing

guid - ing light; pil - grim clasps the hand of  
 nev - er tires, one the ear - nest look - ing  
 of the tomb! Then the the one al - might - y  
 of the tomb! Then the the seat - t'ring of all

pil - grim step - ping fear - less through the night.  
 for - ward, one the in hope our God in - spires.  
 Fa - ther reigns in the love for - ev - er - more.  
 shad - ows, and the end of - toil - and gloom.

## **Greeting**

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

**Congregation: And also with you.**

## **Kyrie**

Worship Assistant: In peace, let us pray to our Lord.

**Congregation: Lord, have mercy.**

Worship Assistant: For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray to our Lord.

**Congregation: Lord, have mercy.**

Worship Assistant: For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of  
God, and for the unity of all, let us pray to our Lord.

**Congregation: Lord, have mercy.**

Worship Assistant: For this holy house, and for all who offer here their worship and praise,  
let us pray to our Lord.

**Congregation: Lord, have mercy.**

Worship Assistant: Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.

**Congregation: Amen.**

## **Canticle #14 Listen! You Nations**

### ***Refrain***

***Listen! You nations of the world: listen to the Word of the Lord. Announce it from coast to coast: declare it to distant islands.***

The Lord who scattered Israel will gather his people again; and he will keep watch over them as a shepherd watches his flock.

## ***Refrain***

With shouts of joy they will come, their faces radiantly happy, for the Lord is so gen'rous to them; he showers his people with gifts.

## ***Refrain***

Young women will dance for joy, and men young and old will make merry. Like a garden refreshed by the rain, they will never be in want again. Break into shouts of great joy: Jacob is free again! Teach nations to sing the song: "The Lord have saved his people!"

**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.**

First Lesson:	Ezekiel 37:1-14	Celebrate Insert
Psalm:	Psalm 130	Celebrate Insert
Second Lesson:	Romans 8:6-11	Celebrate Insert

**Congregation:** **Return to the Lord, your God, for he is gracious and merciful, slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love.**

Leader: The holy gospel according to Saint John the 11th chapter.

**Congregation:** **Glory to you, O Lord.**

Gospel:	John 11:1-45	Celebrate Insert
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Leader: The gospel of our Lord.

**Congregation:** **Praise to you, O Christ.**

Sermon:	Bob Thomas
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<b>Hymn of the Day:</b>	<b>#329 As the Sun with Longer Journey</b>	<b>(Next Page)</b>
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## As the Sun with Longer Journey



1 As the sun with long-er jour-ney melts the win-ter's snow and ice,  
 2 Through the days of wait-ing, watch-ing, in the des-ert of our sin,  
 3 Praise be giv-en to the mak-er of the sea-sons' year-ly round:



with its slow-ly grow-ing ra-diance warms the seed be-neath the earth,  
 search-ing on the far ho-ri-zon for a sign of cloud or wind,  
 Fa-ther, Son, and Ho-ly Spir-it—Source, Sus-tain-er, Lord of life,



may the sun of Christ's up-ris-ing gent-ly bring our hearts to life.  
 we a-wait the heal-ing wa-ters of our Sav-ior's vic-to-ry.  
 as the ev-er turn-ing a-ges roll to their e-ter-nal rest.

### **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**

**Offering Anthem: Jesus, Joy of Man's Desiring (9:30)  
Senior Choir**

**J.S. Bach**

### **Offertory Response: #185 Create in Me**

**Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me. Cast me not away  
from your presence, and take not your Holy Spirit from me. Restore to me the joy of your  
salvation, and uphold me with your free Spirit. Create in me a clean heart, O God, and  
renew a right spirit within me.**

### **Prayer Hymn-#751 O'Lord, Hear My Prayer**

**O Lord, hear my prayer, O Lord, hear my prayer: when I call, answer me.  
O Lord, hear my prayer, O Lord, hear my prayer: come and listen to me.**

### **Prayers:**

**Lord, in your mercy,  
Hear our prayer.**

## **Great Thanksgiving:**

Leader:

The Lord be with you.

**Congregation: (sung)**

**And also with you.**

Leader:

Lift up your hearts.

**Congregation: (sung)**

**We lift them to the Lord.**

Leader:

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**Congregation: (sung)**

**It is right to give our thanks and praise**

Leader:

When our congregation last gathered in worship, we heard again of God's mighty acts and the love shown us in Jesus' life, death, and resurrection. We shared in the holy meal of the Lord's supper. Now we bring you this word of life, and this bread and cup of blessing, so that you may share in these same gifts and be strengthened in communion with all the people of God.

**Congregation: (sung)**

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, Lord God of pow'r and might,  
heav'n and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna, Hosanna,  
Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name  
of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.**

Leader:

Gathered around our Lord's table, we remembered with Thanksgiving the words of the Apostle, Paul. For I received from the Lord what I also handed on to you, that the Lord Jesus on the night when he was betrayed took a loaf of bread, and when he had given thanks, he broke it and said, "This is my body that is for you. Do this in remembrance of me." In the same way he took the cup also, after supper, saying, "This cup is the new covenant in my blood. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me."

Leader:

The Peace of the Lord be with you all.

**Congregation:**

**And also with you.**

Leader:

Greet one another with the peace of the Lord.

## **Hymns during communion:**

**Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; Have mercy on us.**

**Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; Have mercy on us.**

**Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; Grant us peace.**

# Strengthen for Service, Lord

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1 Streng-then for ser - vice, Lord, the hands that ho - ly  
2 The tongues that sang your ho - ly name now purge of  
3 And may the feet that walked your courts be nev - er



things have ta - ken; and let the ears that heard your  
all de - cep - tion; keep bright the eyes that saw your  
lured to wan - der; but lead the faith - ful nour - ished



word to false - hood nev - er wak - en.  
love and sharp - en their per - cep - tion.  
here to jour - ney on in splen - dor.

Leader: May the Body and Blood of Our Lord Jesus Christ  
Strengthen You and Keep You in His Grace. **Amen.**

**Post Communion Canticle #200**

**Now, Lord, you let your servant go--in—peace: your word has been fulfilled.  
My own eyes have seen the salvation which you have prepared in the sight of all people:  
a light—to reveal you to the nations and the glory of your people Israel.  
Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit,  
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. A—men.**

**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.**

**Blessing:**

Leader: The Lord bless you and keep you.  
The Lord's face shine on you with grace and mercy.  
The Lord look upon you with favor and give you peace.  
In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy  
Spirit.

**Congregation: Amen.**

**Dismissal:**

Worship Assistant: Go in peace to Love and Serve the Lord.

**Congregation: Thanks be to God.**

**Recessional Hymn: #325 I Want Jesus to Walk with Me**

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## I Want Jesus to Walk with Me

1 I want Je - sus to walk with me;  
 2 In my tri - als, Lord, walk with me; walk with  
 3 When I'm in trou - ble, Lord, walk with me;

me; I want Je - sus to walk with me;  
 in my tri - als, Lord, walk with me; walk with  
 when I'm in trou - ble, Lord, walk with me;

me; all a - long my pil - grim jour - ney,  
 when my heart is al - most break - ing,  
 when my head is bowed in sor - row,

Lord, I want Je - sus to walk with me.  
 Lord, I want Je - sus to walk with me. walk with me.  
 Lord, I want Je - sus to walk with me.

*God be with you till we meet again, By His counsels guide uphold you,  
With His sheep securely fold you, God be with you till we meet again.*

## Organ Postlude

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Each week, individuals have an opportunity to support our Worship Ministries by sponsoring altar flowers, bulletins, and radio/digital broadcasts in honor or in memory of a loved one.

Altar Flowers are \$35.00, Bulletins, and Digital Ministry are \$30.00 each; Radio Ministry is \$50.00 (Radio Ministry half-sponsorships are also available). (Please contact the church office at 570-622-9910 to reserve your date.)

***Bulletins*** are presented to the Glory of God and in memory of our mother/grandmother, Grace Stoffregen, on the anniversary of her death, March 26th, by Conrad, Teresa, Andrea, & Kylie.

***Children's Bulletins*** are presented to the Glory of God and in memory of the deceased members of the Craft Class.

***Radio Ministry*** is presented to the Glory of God and in honor of Emily Wood and Sean Brennan by Godchildren, Luke & Lila Diven.

***Digital Ministry*** is presented to the Glory of God and our parents, Peg & Al Shukwit, and Aranetta & John Wagner, by Barbara & Charles Wagner.

## Prayer List

**Members of Trinity with immediate concerns:** Donna Albert, Andrea Antolick, Dolores Barton, Cindy Bohr, Gary Bruen, Mike Ciccanti, Tony Downey, Albert Ebert, Paul Ebert, III, Susan Fees, Carolyn Gauntlett, Colleen Kline, Richard Kline, Thelma Mansfield, Missy White Marshall, Meagan McGeever, Brandon Miller, Harry Reed, Cindy Seltzer, Harold Seltzer, Ron Schaeffer, Peg Schappell, Margaret Snyder, Pastor Frank Stinner, Barbara Wagner, Helen Walasavage, Eric Zapolsky

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**Family Members/Friends:** Kathy Abraham, Karen Alban, Joseph Alfonsi, Catherine Eleanor Ambrose, Michelle Ambrose, Millie Bachert, Martha Balboa, Sando Barnes, Lisa Bashore, Kathy Bauers, Bob & Christine Baum, David Bechtel, Dennis Benjamin, Timothy Beissel, Olivia Bensinger, Pastor Jim Berggren, Tawnya Bickelman, Heather Boltz, Linda Borchardt, Ron Boris, Bobby Bowers, Xavier Bowman, Bernie Bremer, Doug Broughton, Joan Buehner,

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**Those who mourn:** Especially the family and friends of Camille McGonigle & Grace Samay  
*\*Members are encouraged to call the church office to place individuals on our prayer list. If an individual is not a member of Trinity, we will place them on the Family Members/Friends list for a period of two weeks. If an individual needs to remain on longer, please call the church*



**LENT**

**TRINITY CALENDAR OF EVENTS:**

<b>Saturday, March 21</b>	<b>6:00 pm</b>	<b>Worship</b>
<b>Sunday, March 22</b>	<b>9:30 am</b>	<b>Worship</b>
	<b>10:30am</b>	<b>Sunday School /First Communion Class</b>
<b>Monday, March 23</b>	<b>6:30 pm</b>	<b>Adult Volleyball</b>
<b>Tuesday, March 24</b>	<b>10:00 am</b>	<b>Exercise Club</b>
<b>Thursday, March 26</b>	<b>12:00 pm</b>	<b>Lenten Noonday Service and Luncheon</b>
<b>Friday, March 27</b>	<b>10am</b>	<b>Exercise Club</b>

<b><u>Date</u></b>	<b><u>Pastor/Vicar</u></b>	<b><u>Worship Assistant</u></b>	<b><u>Lector</u></b>
<b>Saturday, Mar. 21</b>	<b>Bob Thomas</b>		
<b>Sunday, Mar. 22</b>	<b>Bob Thomas</b>	<b>Mike Ward</b>	<b>Ed Hauck</b>

***STATEMENT OF CONGREGATIONAL MISSION: TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH***

Trinity Lutheran Church is a worshipping, learning, witnessing, and serving community of baptized Christians. It is a welcoming place where the Word is proclaimed and the Sacraments are celebrated according to the Gospel. As a community of believers, we challenge each other to respond to the call of our Lord to love and minister to persons at home and throughout the world. We encourage each other to share our time, our talents, and gifts to further the mission of our Lord Jesus Christ. In these ways, we bear witness to the love we have first received from God through Jesus Christ.

*Adopted by the Congregation - January 25, 1998*

**“THE CONNECTING LINK”**

*Sunday mornings, WPPA, 1360 AM at 11:00 a.m.*

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## **YOUTH / CHRISTIAN EDUCATION NEWS**

*Sunday School for all ages has returned!!!*

Join our beginners Sunday school class (for ages 3 years to Kindergarten) on an adventure...we will travel back in time to experience stories of the Bible. We'll join Chris, Joy, and Gizmo the Robot as they help tell all the stories.

There will be snacks and craft time after the story.

We also invite you to Sunday School class for children 1st-4th grade.

First Communion & Confirmation for youth 5th grade & above.

Adult Sunday School Class

- \* Our next Confirmation class is scheduled for **Sunday, March 29th.**
- \* **Our Last First Communion Classes will be held Sunday, March 22nd. following worship.**

**Our kids would love YOUR help!**

**THANK YOU FOR SUPPORTING OUR YOUTH!!!**

## **SPONSORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES**

**Bulletins: 4/12/2026, 4/26/2026**

**Radio Ministry: 4/19/2026**

**Digital Ministry: 4/12/2026, 4/19/2026, 4/26/2026,**

If you would like to sponsor any of the dates above, please call Melissa in the church office (570) 622-9910

## **HOLY WEEK SERVICES**

Lenten Noonday services: Thursdays March 12, 19, 26 & April 2

Palm Sunday (& Saturday): March 28 @ 6PM & 29 @ 9:30AM

Maundy Thursday: April 2 @ 7:30PM **ONLY**

(First Communion recipients)

Good Friday Solemn Service: April 3 @ 2:30PM

Good Friday Tenebrae: April 3 @ 7:30PM

Easter Vigil service Sat: April 4 @ **7:30PM**

Easter Sunday services: April 5 @ 8:30AM & 11AM

Youth-led services Sat & Sun: April 11 @ 6PM & 12 @ 9:30AM

# **SOCIAL MINISTRY NEWS**

## **Prayer Shawl Ministry**

To date, more than 65 shawls have been distributed to recipients experiencing difficult times. Please keep that ministry in mind if you identify someone in that situation. Anyone is welcome to pick up and deliver a shawl/blanket/lap cover to anyone in need. Please just sign out in log so each recipient doesn't receive duplicates. As pages are filled, please just place new one on top, but filled pages are always available. Anyone talented in crocheting and knitting is welcome to participate so this ministry can continue. Start-up supplies are available in the Prayer Shawl room off Main Sunday School for your use. Thank you.

## **Recycling Projects**

Please continue to save newspapers, prescription and non-prescription glasses and sunglasses. We are also restarting our collection for pull-tabs from aluminum cans. All your efforts to date have been greatly appreciated and will continue till the end of the year.

## **Help for the SPCA**

During the first part of the new year we will be collecting items for the Hillside SPCA as they are in great need of supplies for the animals there. They sent a wishlist of items that they could really use. Items such as, Fabuloso, dish detergent, laundry detergent, toilet paper, paper towels, soft dog treats (Made in the USA), peanut butter, Purina or Pedigree dog food (dry and wet), Dog and Cat toys, kitty food and water dishes, tuna, Friskies cat food (dry or wet), cat litter, bunny pellets, Timothy hay, bunny treats, bunny toys, bunny litter boxes. We will be collecting from January until March.

# SENIOR/FAMILY MINISTRY

## **March**

**Paint Party on Sunday, March 29th** with Shannon Haley, we will be doing spring paintings. Cost is still \$25/person and refreshments will be available.

**If you are interested in any of these events, please sign up in the church office or call 570-622-9910.**

## **Basket Auction**

We would like to have a Basket Auction at the end of April, and we will need basket donations from the congregation. The baskets can have a theme or you could donate a prize. Your help will be greatly appreciated. The money will be going toward trips for Adults and our Youth. Thank you. If you have any questions please contact Melissa in the Church Office 570-622-9910.



## UPCOMING GROUP MEETINGS AT TRINITY

### **FRIEDA HOH**

**April**—will meet on April 21st at 6:30pm. Hostesses will be: Joan Honicker, Dorothea Schappell, and Betty Greenback. We will have a “Rummageless Rummage Sale”, each member is asked to donate \$5.00.

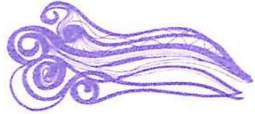
### **CIRCLE V**

**April** –Due to Holy Week, Circle V will have a change in our meeting schedule to Thursday, April 9th, 2026 at noon. Hostess will be Circle Leaders & Carolyn Gauntlett. Kim Searle local artist and Community Life Director at Providence Place will be our guest speaker. We look forward to seeing our members and anyone else who may be interested in attending. We can promise an interesting program, desserts, and fellowship!

### **Mother’s Day Brunch**

Join us Sunday, May 3rd at 11:00am in Trinity Hall. This brunch is sponsored by Women of Trinity. Ticket are available from March 15th through April 26th after the 9:30am church service in the Main Sunday School Room. Tickets will not be available at the door for this event. **Seating is limited to 96 tickets, so get your tickets early!**

Tickets are also available from Marie Weikel, Teresa Stoffregen, & Susan Morgan.



# Celebrate

Fifth Sunday in Lent  
March 22, 2026

*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. At the Easter Vigil we will welcome the newly baptized as we remember God's unfailing promise in our baptism.*

## Prayer of the Day

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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.**

## First Reading

Ezekiel 37:1-14

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*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."*

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, "Prophecy 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, "Prophecy to the breath, prophecy, 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."



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

I cry to <sup>1</sup> you, O LORD;

<sup>2</sup>O LORD, <sup>1</sup> hear my voice!

Let your ears be attentive to the voice of my <sup>1</sup> supplication.

<sup>3</sup>If you were to keep watch <sup>1</sup> over sins,

O LORD, <sup>1</sup> who could stand?

<sup>4</sup>Yet with you <sup>1</sup> is forgiveness,

in order that you <sup>1</sup> may be feared. **R**

<sup>5</sup>I wait for you, O LORD; <sup>1</sup> my soul waits;

in your word <sup>1</sup> is my hope.

<sup>6</sup>My soul waits for the Lord

more than those who keep watch <sup>1</sup> for the morning,

more than those who keep watch <sup>1</sup> for the morning.

<sup>7</sup>O Israel, wait for the LORD, for with the LORD there is <sup>1</sup> steadfast love;

with the LORD there is plen- <sup>1</sup> teous redemption.

<sup>8</sup>For the LORD shall <sup>1</sup> redeem Israel

from <sup>1</sup> all their sins. **R**

## 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.*

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, then the body is dead because of sin, but 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 Jesus from the dead will give life to your mortal bodies also through his Spirit that dwells in you.

*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.*

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

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

<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>29</sup>And when she heard it, she got up quickly and went to him. <sup>30</sup>Now Jesus had not yet come to the village but was still at the place where Martha had met him. <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>37</sup>But some of them said, "Could not he who opened the eyes of the blind man have kept this man from dying?"

<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.

## Prayers of Intercession

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The prayers are prepared locally for each occasion. The following examples may be adapted or used as appropriate.

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

*A brief silence.*

We pray for the church. Grant life and peace to all who gather in your name. Breathe into us so that we may share your message of forgiveness, hope, and love. Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

We pray for creation. Renew landscapes that have dried up, prosper the work of those who restore homes and habitats after natural disasters, and sustain places where biodiversity thrives (*local places in nature may be named*). Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

We pray for the nations. Unbind leaders trapped by fear to act boldly for justice, free all who live in places of war and violence, and guide refugees and asylum seekers to safety. Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

We pray for all people in need. Take away the stone of poverty that weighs down so many. Console any who weep and heal all who are sick (*especially*).

Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

We pray for this assembly. Ready the hearts and spirits of all preparing to be baptized (*especially*). Deepen our wonder at the mystery of your resurrection and life. Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

*Here other intercessions may be offered.*

We offer our thanksgiving for (*Jonathan Edwards and*) all people who have died in faith. Give us faith to trust in your power to redeem and save, and bring us up from our graves to life in you. Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

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

## Preparing for Next Week

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**Monday** Psalm 143. **Tuesday** (commemoration of Oscar Arnulfo Romero, Bishop of El Salvador, martyr, died 1980) 2 Kings 4:18-37. **Wednesday** (Annunciation of Our Lord) Luke 1:26-38. **Thursday** Psalm 31:9-16. **Friday** Philippians 1:21-30. **Saturday** Mark 10:32-34. **Passion/Palm Sunday** (commemoration of Hans Nielsen Hauge, renewer of the church, died 1824) Isaiah 50:4-9a; Psalm 31:9-16; Philippians 2:5-11; Matthew 26:14—27:66 *or* Matthew 27:11-54.

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