



*FIFTH SUNDAY IN LENT*  
**“BREATH OF LIFE”**

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**FOCUS** Each Sunday in Lent brings us closer to Holy Week and closer to the foot of the cross. In a sense, we are annual pilgrims traveling on the way of and to the cross. Each year is slightly different from the one that has come before on that cross way. According to the liturgical year in the Church, we are closer today to the death of Christ and His glorious resurrection than we were a week ago. And, according to our earthly lives, we are drawing closer to our own individual death and resurrection. Along this way, we intersect with the cross, which serves as a sign for our lives at all times. May we each be blessed in our pilgrimage!

## PRE-SERVICE MUSIC

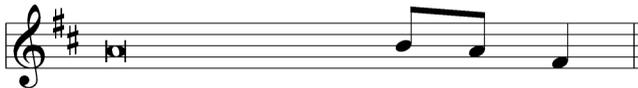
## RINGING of the BELLS

## WELCOME

## OPENING VERSICLES



**L** O Lord, o - pen my lips,



**C** and my mouth will de - clare Your praise.



**L** Make haste, O God, to de - liv - er me;



**C** make haste to help me, O Lord.



**G** Glo-ry be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spir - it;



as it was in the be - gin - ning, is now, and will be for-ev-er. A - men.



Praise to You, O Christ, Lamb of our sal - va - tion.

## ANTIPHON

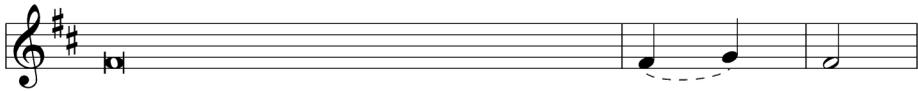


**L** Blessed be God, the Fa-ther, the Son, and the Ho-ly Spir-it.



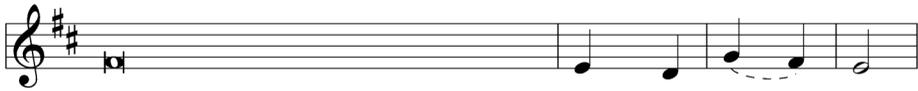
**G** O come, let us wor-ship Him.

## VENITE



**G** 1 O come, let us sing . . . . . to the Lord,  
2 For the Lord is a . . . . . great God  
3 The sea is His, for He . . . . . made it,

5 Glory be to the Father and . . . . . to the Son



1 let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our sal - va - tion.  
2 and a great . . . . . king a - bove all gods.  
3 and His hand . . . . . formed the dry land.

5 and to the . . . . . Ho - ly Spir - it;





*Cantor: Out of the depths I cry to you, O LORD; Lord, hear my voice.  
 Listen closely as I call on you for help.  
 LORD, if you kept track of sins, O Lord, then who could stand?  
 But with you there is forgiveness, in order that you may be feared. REFRAIN*

*Cantor: I wait for the LORD, my soul waits, and in his word I put my hope.  
 More than watchers wait for morning my soul waits for the Lord.  
 Israel, put your hope in the LORD, for with the LORD is faithful love;  
 With him is complete redemption.  
 He will redeem Israel from the guilt of all their sins.*

**ALL:**

Glory be to the Father and to the Son  
 And to the Ho - ly Spir - it,  
 As it was in the be - gin - ing,  
 is now and will be for - ev - er. A - men. **REFRAIN**

*(Silence for prayer and meditation.)*

## PSALM PRAYER

**L** God our Father, You are rich in mercy, and there is forgiveness with You that You may be feared. Do not remember our sins, but blot them out for the sake of Jesus, who has redeemed us by His precious blood and His innocent suffering and death. Lead us to put our hope in You, for with You is unfailing love.

**C** Amen.

# OFFICE HYMN

## “Jesus Lives! The Victory’s Won”

LSB 490, v.1,4,5



1 Je - sus lives! The vic - t'ry's won! Death no long - er can ap -  
4 Je - sus lives! I know full well Noth - ing me from Him shall  
5 Je - sus lives! And now is death But the gate of life im -



pall me; Je - sus lives! Death's reign is done!  
sev - er. Nei - ther death nor pow'rs of hell  
mor - tal; This shall calm my trem - bling breath



From the grave will Christ re - call me. Bright - er  
Part me now from Christ for - ev - er. God will  
When I pass its gloom - y por - tal. Faith shall



scenes will then com - mence; This shall be my con - fi - dence.  
be my sure de - fense; This shall be my con - fi - dence.  
cry, as fails each sense: Je - sus is my con - fi - dence!

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## Service of the Word

### OLD TESTAMENT

*Ezekiel 37:1-14*

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. <sup>2</sup> And he led me around among them, and behold, there were very many on the surface of the valley, and behold, they were very dry. <sup>3</sup> And he said to me, “Son of man, can these bones live?” And I answered, “O Lord God, you know.” <sup>4</sup> Then he said to me, “Prophesy over 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: Behold, I will cause breath to enter you, and you shall live. <sup>6</sup> 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.” <sup>7</sup> So 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. <sup>8</sup> And 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.<sup>9</sup> Then he said to me, “Prophecy to the breath; prophecy, 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.”<sup>10</sup> So I prophesied as he commanded me, and the breath came into them, and they lived and stood on their feet, an exceedingly great army.<sup>11</sup> Then 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.’<sup>12</sup> Therefore prophecy, 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.<sup>13</sup> And you shall know that I am the Lord, when I open your graves, and raise you from your graves, O my people.<sup>14</sup> And 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.”

**L** This is the Word of the Lord.

**G** Thanks be to God.

## EPISTLE

*Romans 8:1-11*

There is therefore now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus.<sup>2</sup> For the law of the Spirit of life has set you free in Christ Jesus from the law of sin and death.<sup>3</sup> For 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,<sup>4</sup> in 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.<sup>5</sup> For 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.<sup>6</sup> For 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 the mind that is set on the flesh is hostile to God, for it does not submit to God's law; indeed, it cannot.<sup>8</sup> Those who are in the flesh cannot please God.<sup>9</sup> You, 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.<sup>10</sup> But if Christ is in you, although 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 Jesus from the dead will also give life to your mortal bodies through his Spirit who dwells in you.

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## HOLY GOSPEL

*John 11:17-27, 38-53*

**L** The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the eleventh chapter.

**C** **Glory to You, O Lord.**

Now when Jesus came, he found that Lazarus had already been in the tomb four days.<sup>18</sup> Bethany was near Jerusalem, about two miles off,<sup>19</sup> and many of the Jews had come to Martha and Mary to console them concerning their brother.<sup>20</sup> So when Martha heard that Jesus was coming, she went and met him, but Mary remained seated in the house.<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 whatever you ask from God, God will give you."<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. Whoever believes in me, though he die, yet shall he live,<sup>26</sup> and everyone who lives and believes in me shall never die. Do you believe this?"<sup>27</sup> She said to him, "Yes, Lord; I believe that you are the Christ, the Son of God, who is coming into the world." ...<sup>38</sup> Then Jesus, deeply moved again, came to the tomb. It was a cave, and a stone lay against it.<sup>39</sup> Jesus said, "Take away the stone." Martha, the sister of the dead man, said to him, "Lord, by this time there will be an odor, for 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 lifted up his eyes and said, "Father, I thank you that you have heard me.<sup>42</sup> I knew that you always hear me, but I said this on account of the people standing around, that they may believe that you sent me."<sup>43</sup> When he had said these things, he cried out with a loud voice, "Lazarus, come out."<sup>44</sup> The man who had died came out, his hands and feet bound with linen strips, and his face wrapped with 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 he did, believed in him,<sup>46</sup> but some of them went to the Pharisees and told them what Jesus had done.<sup>47</sup> So the chief priests and the Pharisees gathered the council and said, "What are we to do? For this man performs many signs.<sup>48</sup> If we let him go on like this, everyone will believe in him, and the Romans will come and take away both our place and our nation."<sup>49</sup> But one of them, Caiaphas, who was high priest that year, said to them, "You know nothing at all.<sup>50</sup> Nor do you understand that it is better for you that one man should die for the people, not that the whole nation should perish."<sup>51</sup> He did not say this of his own accord, but being high priest that year he prophesied that Jesus would die for the nation,<sup>52</sup> and not for the nation only, but also to gather into one the children of God who are scattered abroad.<sup>53</sup> So from that day on they made plans to put him to death.



Organ: He came from His blest throne Salvation to bestow;  
 But men made strange, and none The longed-for Christ would know.  
 But, oh, my friend, My friend indeed, Who at my need His life did spend!

**ALL:** Sometimes they strew His way And His sweet praises sing;  
 Resounding all the day Hosannas to their King.  
 Then "Crucify!" Is all their breath, And for His death They thirst and cry.

**Men:** *Why, what hath my Lord done? What makes this rage and spite?  
 He made the lame to run, He gave the blind their sight. Sweet injuries!  
 Yet they at these Themselves displease And 'gainst Him rise.*

**Women:** *They rise and needs will have My dear Lord made away;  
 A murderer they save, The Prince of Life they slay.  
 Yet cheerful He To suff'ring goes That He His foes From thence might free.*

**ALL:** Here might I stay and sing, No story so divine!  
 Never was love, dear King, Never was grief like Thine.  
 This is my friend, In whose sweet praise I all my days Could gladly spend!

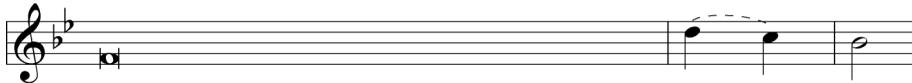
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## SERMON

## "Breath of Life"

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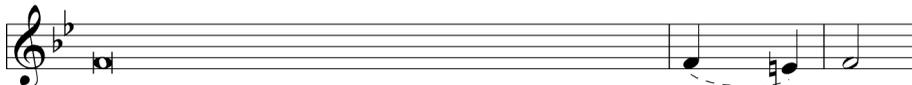
## TE DEUM



- 1 We praise You, O God; we acknowledge You to be the Lord.  
 2 Holy, holy, holy, Lord God of . . . . . Sab - a - oth;  
 3 The noble army of martyrs . . . . . praise — You.



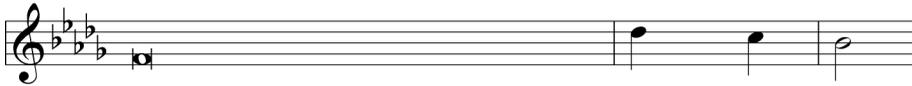
- 1 All the earth now worships You, the Fa-ther ev - er - last - ing.  
 2 heaven and earth are full of the majes - ty of Your glo - ry.  
 3 The holy Church throughout all the world does ac - knowl-edge You:



- 1 To You all angels cry aloud, the heavens and all the pow'rs there-in.  
 2 The glorious company of the apostles . . . . . praise — You.  
 3 The Father of an infinite majesty; Your adorable, true, and on - ly Son;  
 4 You are the king of glory, . . . . . O — Christ;



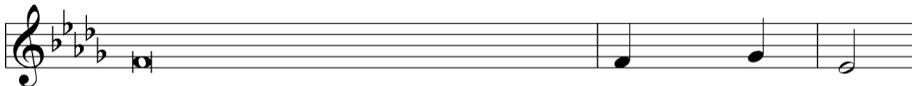
1 To You cherubim and seraphim con - tin - ual - ly do cry:  
 2 The goodly fellowship of the . . . . . proph-ets praise— You.  
 3 also the Holy . . . . . Ghost, the Com-fort - er.  
 4 You are the everlasting Son . . . . . of the Fa - ther.



5 When You took upon Yourself to de - liv - er man,  
 6 You sit at the right . . . . . hand of God



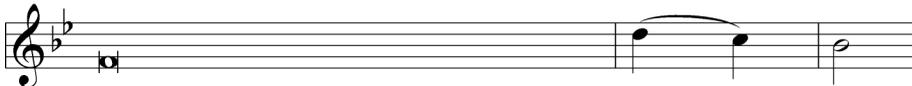
5 You humbled Yourself to be born of a vir - gin.  
 6 in the glory . . . . . of the Fa - ther.



5 When You had overcome the . . . . . sharpness of death,  
 6 We believe that . . . . . You will come



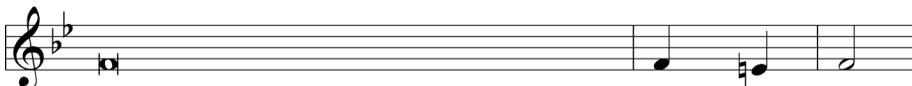
5 You opened the kingdom of heaven to all be - liev - ers.  
 6 to . . . . . be— our— judge.



7 We therefore pray You to help Your . . . . . ser - vants,



7 whom You have redeem - ed with Your pre - cious blood.



7 Make them to be numbered . . . . . with Your saints



7 in glory . . . . . ev - er - last - ing.

# GATHERING of TITHES and OFFERINGS

**MISSION STATEMENT:** *To gather people who grow in faith and share Jesus with all.*

**VISION STATEMENT:** *To strive to be a mature and faithful congregation that is focused on our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ.*

## MUSICAL OFFERING

### KYRIE



**C** Lord, have mer-cy; Christ, have mer-cy; Lord, have mer-cy.

### COLLECTS

**L** O Lord, hear my prayer.



**C** And let my cry come to You.

**L** Almighty God, by Your great goodness mercifully look upon Your people that we may be governed and preserved evermore in body and soul; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C** Amen.

**L** God of the Church, we pray for all Christians around the world that, as people united in faith, we may witness to the Good News that is ours in Christ Jesus, our Redeemer; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

**C** Amen.

**L** God of healing, today we remember all those with special needs, especially... In love, look upon them and according to Your good and gracious will, meet their needs and send us to minister to them; through Jesus Christ, our Lord,

**C** Amen.

**L** Compassionate Lord, we mourn with those who mourn, that they may be comforted with the peace that comes alone from You. Today we especially remember... Comfort them and us with the certain hope of the resurrection to everlasting life and a joyful reunion with those we love who have died in the faith; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord,

**C** Amen.

**L** O Lord, our heavenly Father, almighty and everlasting God, You have safely brought us to the beginning of this day. Defend us in the same with Your mighty power and grant that this day we fall into no sin, neither run into any kind of danger, but that all our doings, being ordered by Your governance, may be righteous in Your sight; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C** Amen.

## The LORD'S PRAYER

**C** 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.

## BENEDICAMUS

**L** Let us bless the Lord.



**C** Thanks be to God.

## BENEDICTION

*Numbers 6:24-26*

**L** The Lord bless you and keep you.  
The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.  
The Lord look upon you with favor and ✠ give you peace.



**C** A - - men.

## CLOSING HYMN "O Christ, Who Shared Our Mortal Life"



1. O Christ, who shared our mor-tal life And end - ed death's long reign,
2. Two weep - ing sis - ters, worn by grief And mired in depth's of gloom.
3. "I am the Lord of life and death!" You an-swered Mar - tha's cry,
4. Death's pow - er holds us still in thrall And bears us toward the tomb.



Who healed the sick and raised the dead And bore our grief and pain:  
Stood watch-ing where their broth-er lay with - in a rock - sealed tomb.  
"And all who hear and trust My Word Shall live, al - though they die!"  
Death's dark-'ning cloud hangs like a pall That threat-ens us with doom.



We know our years on earth are few, That death is al - ways near.  
When, Lord, You met them as they mourned, You\_ wept com-pas-sion's tear;  
You walked the path to Laz'-rus' tomb, You\_ called him\_forth by name,  
But You have bro - ken death's em - brace And torn a - way its sting.



Come now to us, O Lord of Life; Bring hope that con-quests fear!  
But Mar-tha, sore with sor-row, said, "He'd lived had You been here!"  
And liv - ing, lov - ing once a - gain, From death to life he came!  
Re - store to life our mor-tal race! Raise us, O Ris - en King!

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### DISMISSAL

**L** Go in peace. Christ is with you!

**G** Thanks be to God!

## POSTLUDE

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LITURGIST: *Rev. James L. Mayland, Senior Pastor*  
ORGANIST & CANTOR: *Matthew Hoehne, Director of Music*  
ELDERS: *7:30am—Bob Zimmerman, John Schult; 9am—Mike Hase, Troy Pagel*  
ACOLYTES: *7:30am—Brayden Nelson; 9am—*  
TECH: *7:30am— ; 9am—*

## WELCOME TO TRINITY!

Your presence is very special to us. May your faith be strengthened and your life enriched as you join us in worship to God!

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### TRADITIONAL WORSHIP SERVICES IN THE UPPER SANCTUARY—

7:30am & 9am Sunday

### CONTEMPORARY WORSHIP SERVICE IN THE UPPER SANCTUARY—

5pm Saturday

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- **WORSHIP SCHEDULE**—Holy Communion is celebrated on the 1<sup>st</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup>, & 5<sup>th</sup> Sundays of the month in the Upper Sanctuary. We invite those who have been instructed in the teachings of the Evangelical Lutheran Church to receive the Sacrament of the Altar. Others are asked to speak with a pastor before receiving the Sacrament. *Gluten free wafers are available upon request.*
- **LARGE PRINT**—large print copies of the bulletin are available on the table in the Narthex or you may ask the usher for one.
- **CHILDREN'S BULLETINS**—for ages 3-6 & 7-12 years, are available on the table in the Narthex.
- **NURSERY**—for children ages 3 & under. The upper level nursery is located near the Church Lounge on Sundays. *Please Note: The upper level nursery will be unstaffed unless volunteers are available.*
- **CHRISTIAN EDUCATION**—Sunday School is available for children 4 years old through 6th Grade at 10:15am on Sunday mornings during the school year. Christian Education courses for adults and young adults are held at 10:15am on Sunday mornings & various times throughout the week during the school year. Trinity is committed to Christian Education through the 4K-8th grade School, our Childcare (infant through 13 years), and through our association with Wisconsin Valley Lutheran High School.
- **ELEVATOR**—is located next to the nursery on the upper level. On the lower level the elevator is located across from Classroom #101, which is past the offices. Use as needed.
- **RESTROOMS**—Narthex level across from the Library, lower level next to the elevator.
- **JOINING TRINITY**—We invite you to become part of this Christian community! If interested in membership, please speak with an elder or pastor, and we will contact you.

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