



MIDWEEK LENT 5

APRIL 9, 2025

**congregation stands*

AS WE GATHER

Tonight, we look to Jesus who comforts us in struggles and sorrows that we might find rest in his promises.

HYMN

COMFORT, COMFORT YE MY PEOPLE

LSB 347

***INVOCATION**

- P In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.
C **Amen.**

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

- P Comfort, comfort my people
C **Says your God. (Isaiah 40:1)**
P Even though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death,
C **I will fear no evil**
P For you are with me
C **Your rod and your staff, they comfort me. (Psalm 23:4)**
P This is my comfort in my affliction,
C **That your promise gives me life. (Psalm 119:50)**
P Let your steadfast love comfort me
C **According to your promise to your servant. (Psalm 119:76)**

***CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION**

- P Sin threatens to separate us from the comfort we have in our Savior, Servant, Friend, Jesus.
C **Lord Jesus, hear us now as we confess our sins to you.**
P We have sought comfort and peace in all the wrong places.
C **We have tried to comfort ourselves by our desires and lusts.**

- P We have failed to comfort others as we should.
 C **We have torn down and harmed, slandered and lied.**
 P We have found no comfort or peace in our sin and shame.
 C **Lord, have mercy! Christ, have mercy! Lord, have mercy!**

We silently reflect on the discomfort of sin and the comforting assurance of Christ's forgiveness.

- P Comfort, comfort my people, says our God! Our friend Jesus faced the discomfort and pain of the cross in order to forgive us of all our sins. In the stead and by the command of our friend, Jesus Christ, I declare to you the forgiveness of all your sins and the comforting assurance that are set free from sin and shame.
 C **Amen.**

***COLLECT OF THE DAY**

ISAIAH 51:1–6

¹Listen to me, you who pursue righteousness,
 you who seek the LORD;
 look to the rock from which you were hewn,
 and to the quarry from which you were dug.

²Look to Abraham your father
 and to Sarah who bore you;
 for he was but one when I called him,
 that I might bless him and multiply him.

³For the LORD comforts Zion;
 he comforts all her waste places
 and makes her wilderness like Eden,
 her desert like the garden of the LORD;
 joy and gladness will be found in her,
 thanksgiving and the voice of song.

⁴"Give attention to me, my people,
 and give ear to me, my nation;
 for a law will go out from me,
 and I will set my justice for a light to the

peoples.

⁵My righteousness draws near,
 my salvation has gone out,
 and my arms will judge the peoples;
 the coastlands hope for me,

and for my arm they wait.

⁶Lift up your eyes to the heavens,
 and look at the earth beneath;
 for the heavens vanish like smoke,
 the earth will wear out like a garment,
 and they who dwell in it will die in like manner;
 but my salvation will be forever,
 and my righteousness will never be dismayed."

A O Lord, have mercy on us.

C **Thanks be to God.**

EPISTLE

2 Corinthians 1:3–7

³Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of mercies and God of all comfort,
⁴who comforts us in all our affliction, so that we may be able to comfort those who are in any affliction,
 with the comfort with which we ourselves are comforted by God. ⁵For as we share abundantly in Christ's
 sufferings, so through Christ we share abundantly in comfort too. ⁶If we are afflicted, it is for your comfort
 and salvation; and if we are comforted, it is for your comfort, which you experience when you patiently
 endure the same sufferings that we suffer. ⁷Our hope for you is unshaken, for we know that as you share in
 our sufferings, you will also share in our comfort.

- A O Lord, have mercy on us.
C **Thanks be to God.**

***GOSPEL**

John 11:17–27

- P The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the eleventh chapter.
C **Glory to You, O Lord.**

¹⁷Now when Jesus came, he found that Lazarus had already been in the tomb four days. ¹⁸Bethany was near Jerusalem, about two miles off, ¹⁹and many of the Jews had come to Martha and Mary to console them concerning their brother. ²⁰So when Martha heard that Jesus was coming, she went and met him, but Mary remained seated in the house. ²¹Martha said to Jesus, "Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died. ²²But even now I know that whatever you ask from God, God will give you." ²³Jesus said to her, "Your brother will rise again." ²⁴Martha said to him, "I know that he will rise again in the resurrection on the last day." ²⁵Jesus said to her, "I am the resurrection and the life. Whoever believes in me, though he die, yet shall he live, ²⁶and everyone who lives and believes in me shall never die. Do you believe this?" ²⁷She said to him, "Yes, Lord; I believe that you are the Christ, the Son of God, who is coming into the world."

- P This is the Gospel of the Lord.
C **Praise to You, O Christ.**
P In many and various ways, God spoke to His people of old by the prophets.
C **But now in these last days, He has spoken to us by His Son.**

SERMON HYMN

AMAZING GRACE

LSB 744, vs. 1–5

SERMON

SAVIOR, SERVANT, FRIEND: COMFORTER

OFFERING

***PRAYER OF THE CHURCH**

- P Lord, in Your mercy,
C **Hear our prayer.**

***COLLECT FOR PEACE**

***LORD'S PRAYER**

***BENEDICAMUS**

- P Let us bless the Lord.
C **Thanks be to God.**

***BENEDICTION**

HYMN

HOW SWEET THE NAME OF JESUS SOUNDS

LSB 524, vs. 1, 4–6

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Serving Our Lord

	6:30pm	April 9, 2025
Musician	6:30pm	Diane Streich
Cantor	6:30pm	Andy Koch
Altar Guild	6:30pm	Sharon Drews and Nim Traeger
Elder	6:30pm	Rob Orr
Reader	6:30pm	Jim Kohn
Usher Team	6:30pm	Layne Streich
Acolyte	6:30pm	Open
Projection	6:30pm	Sebastian Ness
Live Stream	6:30pm	Jim Nicklas

Join us for Holy Week and Easter Worship



Maundy Thursday—Thursday, April 17

5:00pm Seder Meal;

please reserve by April 13 in the church narthex

6:30pm Worship with Holy Communion



Good Friday—Friday, April 18

6:30pm* Worship

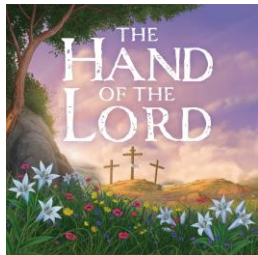


Easter—Sunday, April 20

8:00am* and 10:30am Worship with Holy Communion

9:15am **BOUNTIFUL (!)** Food and Fellowship; no Sunday school, no Adult Bible Class

*livestream at www.trinityloneoak.org



Easter Breakfast Menu served April 20 at 9:15am

Invite a neighbor or friends to join you at the bountiful Easter breakfast. Menu includes biscuits with sausage gravy, pancakes and sausage, strawberry soup with muffins, ButterBraids and pastries, fruit, juice and coffee. Don't miss this!