



Fifth Sunday in Lent

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AS WE GATHER

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!

HYMN DRAWN TO THE CROSS, WHICH THOU HAS BLESSED LSB 560***INVOCATION**

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

OPENING SENTENCESPsalm 36:5, 7–9*

P Your steadfast love, O LORD, extends to the heavens,
C **Your faithfulness to the clouds.**

P How precious is Your steadfast love, O God!
C **The children of mankind take refuge in the shadow of Your wings.**

P They feast on the abundance of Your house,
C **and You give them drink from the river of Your delights.**

P For with You is the fountain of life;
C **in Your light do we see light.**

***CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION**

P Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hidden, cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of Your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love You and worthily magnify Your holy name; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord.
C **Amen.**

P Humble yourselves before God, confess your sins to Him, and implore His forgiveness.
C **Almighty God, merciful Father, we acknowledge our sinful nature and repent of our sins—those of which we are not aware and those we know full well. We do not love You and other people as we ought. We are often careless with Your creation and heedless in choosing the proper priorities of our lives. Yet it is our intent to say and do that which honors You. For the sake of Jesus grant us Your forgiveness so that, as Your redeemed people, we may be fit places for the indwelling of the Holy Spirit and may serve You in time and in eternity.**

P God be gracious to you and strengthen your faith. In the stead and by the command of our Lord Jesus Christ, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the X Son and of the Holy Spirit. Now may the God of peace Himself sanctify you completely, and may your whole spirit, soul, and body be kept blameless at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. He who calls you is faithful; He will surely do it. Go in T peace.

C **Amen.**

*KYRIE

LSB 204

C **Lord, have mercy;
Christ, have mercy;
Lord, have mercy.**

*SALUTATION

P The Lord be with you.

C **And also with you.**

*PRAYER OF THE DAY

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Ezekiel 37:1–14

¹The 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. ⁶And 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, "Prophecy 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 clean 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."

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM – read responsively

Psalm 130

A O Israel, hope in the LORD! For with the LORD there is steadfast love,
and with Him is plentiful redemption.

C **Out of the depths I cry to You, O LORD!**

A O LORD, hear my voice! Let Your ears be attentive to the voice of my pleas for mercy!

C **If You, O LORD, should mark iniquities, O LORD, who could stand?**

A But with You there is forgiveness, that You may be feared.

C **I wait for the LORD, my soul waits, and in His word I hope;**

A My soul waits for the Lord more than watchmen for the morning, more than watchmen for the morning. O Israel, hope in the LORD! For with the LORD there is steadfast love, and with Him is plentiful redemption.

C **And He will redeem Israel from all his iniquities.**

All Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit; as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.

A O Israel, hope in the LORD!

C **For with the Lord there is steadfast love, and with Him is plentiful redemption.**

EPISTLE

Romans 8:1–11

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. ⁶To 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 righteousness. ¹¹If 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.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

*GRADUAL AND VERSE

John 11:25, Hebrews 12:2

Pastor *I am the resurrection and the life. Whoever believes in Me, though he die, yet shall he live.*

Men O come, let us fix our eyes on Jesus, the founder and perfecter of our faith,

Women *who for the joy that was set before Him endured the cross, despising the shame, and is seated at the right hand of the throne of God.*

Pastor I am the resurrection and the life. Whoever believes in Me, though he die, yet shall he live.

*HOLY GOSPEL

John 11:1–45

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

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

¹Now a certain man was ill, Lazarus of Bethany, the village of Mary and her sister Martha. ²It was Mary who anointed the Lord with ointment and wiped his feet with her hair, whose brother Lazarus was ill. ³So the sisters sent to him, saying, "Lord, he whom you love is ill." ⁴But when Jesus heard it he said, "This illness does not lead to death. It is for the glory of God, so that the Son of God may be glorified through it."

⁵Now Jesus loved Martha and her sister and Lazarus. ⁶So, when he heard that Lazarus was ill, he stayed two days longer in the place where he was. ⁷Then after this he said to the disciples, "Let us go to Judea again." ⁸The disciples said to him, "Rabbi, the Jews were just now seeking to stone you, and are you going there again?" ⁹Jesus answered, "Are there not twelve hours in the day? If anyone walks in the day, he does not stumble, because he sees the light of this world. ¹⁰But if anyone walks in the night, he stumbles, because the light is not in him." ¹¹After saying these things, he said to them, "Our friend Lazarus has fallen asleep, but I go to awaken him." ¹²The disciples said to him, "Lord, if he has fallen asleep, he will recover." ¹³Now Jesus had spoken of his death, but they thought that he meant taking rest in sleep. ¹⁴Then Jesus told them plainly, "Lazarus has died, ¹⁵and for your sake I am glad that I was not there, so that you may believe. But let us go to him." ¹⁶So Thomas, called the Twin, said to his fellow disciples, "Let us also go, that we may die with him."

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."

²⁸When she had said this, she went and called her sister Mary, saying in private, "The Teacher is here and is calling for you." ²⁹And when she heard it, she rose quickly and went to him. ³⁰Now Jesus had not yet come into the village, but was still in the place where Martha had met him. ³¹When the Jews who were with her in the house, consoling her, saw Mary rise quickly and go out, they followed her, supposing that she was going to the tomb to weep there. ³²Now when Mary came to where Jesus was and saw him, she fell at his feet, saying to him, "Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died." ³³When Jesus saw her weeping, and the Jews who had come with her also weeping, he was deeply moved in his spirit and greatly troubled. ³⁴And he said, "Where have you laid him?" They said to him, "Lord, come and see."

³⁵Jesus wept. ³⁶So the Jews said, "See how he loved him!" ³⁷But some of them said, "Could not he who opened the eyes of the blind man also have kept this man from dying?"

³⁸Then Jesus, deeply moved again, came to the tomb. It was a cave, and a stone lay against it. ³⁹Jesus 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." ⁴⁰Jesus said to her, "Did I not tell you that if you believed you would see the glory of God?" ⁴¹So they took away the stone. And Jesus lifted up his eyes and said, "Father, I thank you that you have heard me. ⁴²I 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." ⁴³When he had said these things, he cried out with a loud voice, "Lazarus, come out." ⁴⁴The 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."

⁴⁵Many of the Jews therefore, who had come with Mary and had seen what he did, believed in him.

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C **Praise to You, O Christ.**

***APOSTLES' CREED**—*See inside back cover of hymnal or projection screens*

HYMN

O PERFECT LIFE OF LOVE

LSB 452

SERMON

CROSS PURPOSES: "CROSS" WAY

HYMN

THE FATHER'S PURPOSE ON THE CROSS

Tune LSB 524

1 The Father's purpose on the cross
Our Savior has fulfilled;
The love revealed, the promise kept
In everything God willed.

11 Alone, the sinless Son of God
Dies in the sinner's place;
And in his sacrifice God turns
To us in love and grace.

10 The Son of God hangs from the cross,
Alone on that dark day,
To God the Father crying out,
"Why have you turned away?"

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OFFERING

Please complete a worship attendance card and place in the plate as it passes. Those who support this church and its ministry by giving electronically are invited to place the "I Give Online" cards located in each pew in the offering plate as a way of participating in this act of worship.

RECEPTION OF NEW MEMBERS

***PRAYER OF THE CHURCH**

After each petition:

P God of grace,

C **Your strength is made perfect in our weakness.**

***LORD'S PRAYER**—See inside back cover of hymnal or projection screens

***BENEDICTION**

HYMN TO DEPART

GO TO DARK GETHSEMANE

LSB 436

"WHY DO I SERVE?" VIDEO

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Serving Our Lord

		March 26, 2023	April 2, 2023
Musician		Diane Streich	Diane Streich
Cantor		Dave Workman	Andy Koch
Altar Guild		Roxanne Foley	Sharon Drews
Elder	8:00am	Andy Olson	Andy Olson
	10:30am	Open	Jon Peterson
Reader	8:00am	Andy Olson	Andy Olson
	10:30am	Keith Prusak	Keith Prusak
Usher Team	8:00am	Gary Sheets	Andy Olson
	10:30am	Open	Jon Peterson
Greeter(s)	8:00am	Open	Carolyn Wesling
	10:30am	Open	Open
Acolyte	8:00am	Open	Camryn Ergang
	10:30am	Sebastian Ness	Ethan Swenson
Projection	8:00am	Matt Seeman	Marc Ergang
	10:30am	Chris Martin	Ben Swenson
Livestream	8:00am	Jim Nicklas	Jim Nicklas



Welcome New Members!

Today we welcome new members to our congregation. A cake reception is being held in their honor between services—please join us this morning or introduce yourself to them at your earliest convenience. We welcome:

- The Kolb family — Jamie and Justine with baptized children Mason, Gavin and Weston
- Christian Larson
- Yvonne Roe
- Willard Schindlecker

COMING UP AT TLO — March 26, 2023 — April 2, 2023**FIFTH SUNDAY IN LENT**

Sun	8:00*am	Worship
	9:15am	Education Hour for all ages
	10:30am	Worship
	12:30pm	Peniel Evangelical Church worship
	6:00pm	Hoops
No school this week — Spring Break — No school this week — Spring Break		
Mon	10:00am	Adult Bible study
	7:00pm	CRUX–TLO Youth
Tue	7:00pm	Church Council
Wed	6:30am	Men's Bible study
	4:00pm	Confirmation
	5:15pm	Lent Meal served by TLO Quilters
	6:30pm	Lenten worship
	7:15pm	Men's choir rehearsal
Fri	10:30am	Privileged to Pray
Sat	9:00am	Women's Bible study
	3:00-8:00pm	Peniel Evangelical Church activities

PALM SUNDAY

Sun	8:00*am	Worship with Holy Communion
	9:15am	Education Hour for all ages
	10:30am	Worship with Holy Communion
	12:30pm	Peniel Evangelical Church worship
	6:00pm	Hoops

*worship online at www.trinityloneoak.org

**Midweek activities**

Supper*: 5:15-6:15pm served March 29 by TLO Quilters

Worship: 6:30pm and streamed at trinityloneoak.org

In Wednesday's service, we go to Pilate's Judgment Hall, where Pilate is positioned to set Jesus free, but turns him over to be crucified instead. We are called to remember that the judgment that should have been placed on us was placed on Him that we might be free.

*Lenten meals sponsored in large part by grants from Thrivent Financial

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VBS at TLO

Dates: June 19-23

Times: 9:00am to 11:30am

Place: TLO

We will need 35+ volunteers so consider helping out with this great program that brings Christ to our community. To volunteer, go to trinityloneoak.org or contact the church office.



Vocatio

June 24 - July 1, 2023 | St. Louis, Missouri

Vocatio is a free, weeklong retreat for high school students who might be considering a career in ministry. During this event, participants experience the Seminary through:

- worship and devotions
- thoughtful conversations
- recreational activities
- sessions with professors.

Do you know a high school student considering becoming a pastor or a deaconess? Share this information with him or her! The deadline to register is May 27.



Camp Omega is all about relationships.

Camp is a place for children, teens, adults, families, congregations, and communities to grow in their relationship to Christ. Camp is a place for campers young and old to discover and rediscover what life in Jesus means. Camp Omega is a place of action and relationship and helps people realize they CAN with CHRIST! We hope you can join us this summer! Go to campomega.org to check out the list of camps.



Registration is now open for 2023 Concordia Academy Camps!

Concordia Academy is offering almost three dozen summer camps focusing on athletics, arts, STEM, and other areas for students in Grades 1-12. In addition to favorites like Boys and Girls Basketball, CSI, G3 (Genuinely Great Girls), Camp Create, Playmakers, Volleyball, and Youth Worship Team, we're offering plenty of exciting new camps like theatre, hand sewing, cooking, video production, and more. In addition, we're offering two weeklong sessions of our popular Auto Shop and ICE Lab camps. Go to concordiaacademy.com to view the CA Camps catalog, and register for camps. Many camps have size limits and fill up quickly, so don't delay.

WEEKLY DEPOSITS: March 19, 2023

General Fund Income:			
	Current and Mission Weekly Offering	\$	9,768.75
	(Our offering budget is \$8,175 per week)		
	Building Reserve Fund	\$	1,015.15
	(Our offering budget is \$665 for per week)		
	Tuition	\$	2,929.28
	Sunday school	\$	5.50
	1883 Annual Fund	\$	367.00
	Garden Club	\$	226.00
	Woodland Restoration	\$	51.50
	Chapel	\$	66.60
	Gala	\$	382.00
	Church and school fees	\$	634.25
	Subtotal General Fund Income	\$	15,446.03
Special Purpose Income (not available for general fund spending)			
	YTF2	\$	420.45
	Acorn Scholarship Fund	\$	223.00
	Young Investor's Club via Lutheran Church Extension Fund	\$	207.00
	Subtotal Special Fund Income	\$	850.45

Fiscal Year To Date as of March 19, 2023

Current and Mission:			
	YTD Budgeted Giving (\$8,175.00 per week for 38 weeks)	\$	310,650.00
	YTD Actual Giving	\$	326,441.89
	YTD Difference	\$	15,791.89
Building Reserve Fund			
	YTD Budgeted Giving (\$665.00 per week for 38 weeks)	\$	25,270.00
	YTD Actual Giving	\$	25,093.62
	YTD Difference	\$	-176.38



Clean Up Day at TLO

Saturday, April 22 | 8am-12noon

See the poster in the narthex for specific tasks. Please join the work crew if you can. Working together for the good of others is always a great time.



Remember in Prayer

Rich and Dixie Cliff

Kristi, Gary Foley's daughter, battling health issues and returning to Florida

Ginny & Steve, Hannah's coworker, as Ginny is diagnosed w/ stage 4 non hodgkin's lymphoma

Ed Jones, father of David Jones and Julie Casby, for peace and comfort as he struggles with dementia

Joseph Labhart (Flannery's grandson) ongoing health concerns

Joyce (Kirchner) Moynihan, recently diagnosed with cancer

Shirley Koderick, knee surgery rescheduled for April 13; prayers while we wait

Brian Motz, hospitalized and in need of our prayers

Linda Muinch, having hip replacement March 30

Ian Olander, TLO grade 3 student, MRI April 11. Keep updated at caringbridge.org/visit/iano

Donna Simmons, former TLO Secretary, has leukemia, no longer can drive, and requests our prayers

Char Timm, dealing with back pain

Elizabeth Volkert, mom of Deb, Denise, and Diane who fell March 21.

Laverne and Beverly Ziebell, thanksgiving to God for His mighty hand in their lives. Beverly has transitioned home; prayers that she can get the care she needs at home.



Privileged to Pray

Friday, March 31 | 10:30am | TLO Conference Room

For everyone who has wanted to pray with the TLO prayer group but couldn't make the evening meetings, here's your chance to join in! Pray with us this Friday. No RSVP necessary, but contact the church office if you have questions.



Weekly Memory Verse

"He is the propitiation for our sins, and not for ours only but also for the sins of the whole world." *1 John 2:2*



Birthdays this week

March 27 Irma Blork, Chuck Wachter

March 28 Benjamin Orr, Courtney Schaaf, Ethan Swenson

March 30 Donna Logan, Jacob Nadeau, Tracey Siewert

March 31 Leonard Perron

April 1 Dan Linse



Welcome Guests

We are glad you are here today! Here are a few things we thought you would like to know to help you feel at home with us today. If you are visiting please introduce yourself to our pastor, a greeter or an usher. We love to make new friends!

For those with small children, a nursery is available, located in the narthex, if you need a place to care for your child. Children’s bulletins are in the narthex, or ask an usher.

Restrooms are located to the east end of the narthex near the main entrance.

Large print copies of the worship folder are available. Please ask an usher.

Join us for Holy Week and Easter Worship



Maundy Thursday—Thursday, April 6

5:00pm Seder Meal; please reserve by April 2 in the church narthex
6:30pm Worship with Holy Communion



Good Friday—Friday, April 7

6:30pm* Worship



Easter—Sunday, April 9

8:00am* and 10:30am Worship with Holy Communion
9:15am Food and Fellowship; no Sunday school, no Adult Bible Class

*livestream at www.trinityloneoak.org



Holy Week and Easter Invitations in the narthex

Who can **YOU** invite to Holy Week and Easter activities? Pick up an invitation in the narthex to help start the conversation about worshipping our Savior who died and rose for us.



Easter flower orders due today

Place your flower order today to add to TLO’s Easter Garden. Choose from lilies, tulips, mums, hydrangeas, azaleas, and pansy bowls. Order forms with complete details are in your bulletin and in the narthex. The plants are yours to take home after the 10:30am Easter service.