



LENT MIDWEEK 6

MARCH 25, 2026

**congregation stands*

AS WE GATHER

The Lord heard the cries of the Israelites and provided deliverance from the Egyptians by crossing the Red Sea. But not very much later, they grumbled that the Lord was not providing for them. Like the Israelites, we, too, have been provided with divine deliverance. Our enemies are sin, death, and the power of the devil, all of which have been defeated in Christ. And yet we, too, grumble. Today we hear the good news of how God sustains us on our journey, feeding us with the bread of life and the promise of eternal life in heaven.

OPENING HYMN

JESUS, REFUGE OF THE WEARY

LSB 423

***OPENING SENTENCES**

Psalm 103:17; Exodus 16:11, Philippians 4:12-13; John 6:32, 35

P The steadfast love of the LORD is from everlasting to everlasting.

C **In the morning you shall be filled with bread.**

P I know how to be brought low, and I know how to abound.

C **I can do all things through Him who strengthens me.**

P My Father gives you the true bread from heaven.

C **I am the bread of life; whoever comes to Me shall not hunger.**

***PSALM**

Psalm 103:1-5

P Bless the LORD, O my soul, and all that is within me, bless His holy name!

C **Bless the LORD, O my soul, and forget not all His benefits,**

P who forgives all your iniquity,

C **who heals all your diseases,**

P who redeems your life from the pit,

C **who crowns you with steadfast love and mercy,**

- P who satisfies you with good
C **so that your youth is renewed like the eagle's.**

EXODUS 16:1–18, 35

¹They set out from Elim, and all the congregation of the people of Israel came to the wilderness of Sin, which is between Elim and Sinai, on the fifteenth day of the second month after they had departed from the land of Egypt. ²And the whole congregation of the people of Israel grumbled against Moses and Aaron in the wilderness, ³and the people of Israel said to them, "Would that we had died by the hand of the LORD in the land of Egypt, when we sat by the meat pots and ate bread to the full, for you have brought us out into this wilderness to kill this whole assembly with hunger."

⁴Then the LORD said to Moses, "Behold, I am about to rain bread from heaven for you, and the people shall go out and gather a day's portion every day, that I may test them, whether they will walk in my law or not. ⁵On the sixth day, when they prepare what they bring in, it will be twice as much as they gather daily." ⁶So Moses and Aaron said to all the people of Israel, "At evening you shall know that it was the LORD who brought you out of the land of Egypt, ⁷and in the morning you shall see the glory of the LORD, because he has heard your grumbling against the LORD. For what are we, that you grumble against us?" ⁸And Moses said, "When the LORD gives you in the evening meat to eat and in the morning bread to the full, because the LORD has heard your grumbling that you grumble against him—what are we? Your grumbling is not against us but against the LORD."

⁹Then Moses said to Aaron, "Say to the whole congregation of the people of Israel, 'Come near before the LORD, for he has heard your grumbling.'" ¹⁰And as soon as Aaron spoke to the whole congregation of the people of Israel, they looked toward the wilderness, and behold, the glory of the LORD appeared in the cloud. ¹¹And the LORD said to Moses, ¹²"I have heard the grumbling of the people of Israel. Say to them, 'At twilight you shall eat meat, and in the morning you shall be filled with bread. Then you shall know that I am the LORD your God.'"

¹³In the evening quail came up and covered the camp, and in the morning dew lay around the camp. ¹⁴And when the dew had gone up, there was on the face of the wilderness a fine, flake-like thing, fine as frost on the ground. ¹⁵When the people of Israel saw it, they said to one another, "What is it?" For they did not know what it was. And Moses said to them, "It is the bread that the LORD has given you to eat. ¹⁶This is what the LORD has commanded: 'Gather of it, each one of you, as much as he can eat. You shall each take an omer, according to the number of the persons that each of you has in his tent.'" ¹⁷And the people of Israel did so. They gathered, some more, some less. ¹⁸But when they measured it with an omer, whoever gathered much had nothing left over, and whoever gathered little had no lack. Each of them gathered as much as he could eat.

³⁵The people of Israel ate the manna forty years, till they came to a habitable land. They ate the manna till they came to the border of the land of Canaan.

- A This is the Word of the Lord.
C **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM

Psalm 103:6–14

- A The LORD works righteousness
C **and justice for all who are oppressed.**

A The LORD is merciful and gracious,
C **slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.**

A He does not deal with us according to our sins,
C **nor repay us according to our iniquities.**

A For as high as the heavens are above the earth,
C **so great is His steadfast love toward those who fear Him;**

A as far as the east is from the west,
C **so far does He remove our transgressions from us.**

A As a father shows compassion to his children,
C **so the LORD shows compassion to those who fear Him.**

SECOND READING

Philippians 4:10–13

¹⁰I rejoiced in the Lord greatly that now at length you have revived your concern for me. You were indeed concerned for me, but you had no opportunity. ¹¹Not that I am speaking of being in need, for I have learned in whatever situation I am to be content. ¹²I know how to be brought low, and I know how to abound. In any and every circumstance, I have learned the secret of facing plenty and hunger, abundance and need. ¹³I can do all things through him who strengthens me.

A This is the Word of the Lord.
C **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM

Psalms 103:15–22

P As for man, his days are like grass;
he flourishes like a flower of the field;
C **for the wind passes over it, and it is gone,
and its place knows it no more.**

P But the steadfast love of the LORD is from everlasting to everlasting on those who fear Him,
C **and His righteousness to children's children,
to those who keep His covenant and remember to do His commandments.**

P The LORD has established His throne in the heavens,
C **and His kingdom rules over all.
Bless the LORD, all His works, in all places of His dominion.
Bless the LORD, O my soul!**

*GOSPEL READING

John 6:25–35

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

²⁵When they found him on the other side of the sea, they said to him, "Rabbi, when did you come here?"
²⁶Jesus answered them, "Truly, truly, I say to you, you are seeking me, not because you saw signs, but because you ate your fill of the loaves. ²⁷Do not labor for the food that perishes, but for the food that endures to eternal life, which the Son of Man will give to you. For on him God the Father has set his seal."
²⁸Then they said to him, "What must we do, to be doing the works of God?" ²⁹Jesus answered them, "This is the work of God, that you believe in him whom he has sent." ³⁰So they said to him, "Then what sign do you do, that we may see and believe you? What work do you perform?" ³¹Our fathers ate the manna in the wilderness; as it is written, 'He gave them bread from heaven to eat.'" ³²Jesus then said to them, "Truly, truly, I say to you, it was not Moses who gave you the bread from heaven, but my Father gives you the true bread from heaven. ³³For the bread of God is he who comes down from heaven and gives life to the world." ³⁴They said to him, "Sir, give us this bread always."

³⁵Jesus said to them, "I am the bread of life; whoever comes to me shall not hunger, and whoever believes in me shall never thirst.

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

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

HYMN FOR THE WORD

O DEAREST JESUS

LSB 439, vs. 1–3, 15

***PASSION READING**

Mark 15:25–41

²⁵And it was the third hour when they crucified him. ²⁶And the inscription of the charge against him read, "The King of the Jews." ²⁷And with him they crucified two robbers, one on his right and one on his left. ²⁹And those who passed by derided him, wagging their heads and saying, "Aha! You who would destroy the temple and rebuild it in three days, ³⁰save yourself, and come down from the cross!" ³¹So also the chief priests with the scribes mocked him to one another, saying, "He saved others; he cannot save himself. ³²Let the Christ, the King of Israel, come down now from the cross that we may see and believe." Those who were crucified with him also reviled him.

³³And when the sixth hour had come, there was darkness over the whole land until the ninth hour. ³⁴And at the ninth hour Jesus cried with a loud voice, "Eloi, Eloi, lema sabachthani?" which means, "My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?" ³⁵And some of the bystanders hearing it said, "Behold, he is calling Elijah." ³⁶And someone ran and filled a sponge with sour wine, put it on a reed and gave it to him to drink, saying, "Wait, let us see whether Elijah will come to take him down." ³⁷And Jesus uttered a loud cry and breathed his last. ³⁸And the curtain of the temple was torn in two, from top to bottom. ³⁹And when the centurion, who stood facing him, saw that in this way he breathed his last, he said, "Truly this man was the Son of God!"

⁴⁰There were also women looking on from a distance, among whom were Mary Magdalene, and Mary the mother of James the younger and of Joses, and Salome. ⁴¹When he was in Galilee, they followed him and ministered to him, and there were also many other women who came up with him to Jerusalem.

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

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

SERMON HYMN

COME TO CALVARY'S HOLY MOUNTAIN

LSB 435

SERMON THE GOOD NEWS OF A GOD WHO SUSTAINS US ON OUR JOURNEY

OFFERING

*PRAYERS

P Let us pray for all people who are unsure of God's hearing their prayers.

C **Hear their cries, O Lord, grant them courage as You accompany, and answer them speedily.**

P Let us ask God to strengthen the faith of those who only recently have known Him.

C **Reveal Yourself gently to them, Lord Jesus, through the caring of Your church.**

P Let us pray for those who feel trapped by circumstances beyond their control.

C **Assure them that You know their dilemma and that the deliverer has come: Jesus, our Savior and Lord.**

P Let us pray for all who fear God's punishment.

C **Show them mercy, O Lord, as You passed over Your Old Testament people. Grant them peace through Your presence.**

P Let us pray for all who know no good ways to turn, are unsure of the truth, and await only their deaths.

C **Tell them again, Lord Jesus, that You alone are the way, and the truth, and the life.**

P Finally, let us pray for all who are tired from opposition in the world around them and from their own conflicts within themselves.

C **Awaken in them a sense of Your accompanying them on their journey until that day when they and we join those who have gone before us at Your heavenly banquet hall.**

P Almighty God, by Your great goodness mercifully look upon Your people

C **that we may be governed and preserved evermore in body and soul; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord.**

P O God, from whom come all holy desires, all good counsels, and all just works,

C **give to us, Your servants, that peace which the world cannot give, that our hearts may be set to obey Your commandments and also that we, being defended from the fear of our enemies, may live in peace and quietness;**

P through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C **Amen.**

*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.**

***BENEDICTION**

HYMN TO DEPART

AMAZING GRACE

LSB 744, vs. 1–5

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Serving Our Lord

		Wednesday, March 25, 6:30pm	Thursday, April 2, 6:30pm
Meal	5:15pm	Thanks to all our volunteers!	Seder Meal reservations by March 29
Musician	6:30pm	Marsha Workman	Diane Streich
Cantor	6:30pm	Dave Workman	This service is not live-streamed
Altar Guild	6:30pm	Linnea and Al Raveling	Nim Traeger and Sharon Drews
Elder(s)	6:30pm	Andy Olson	Bill Breitingner and Andy Olson
Reader	6:30pm	Andy Olson	Keith Prusak
Usher Team	6:30pm	Layne Streich	Terry Stoerzinger
Acolyte	6:30pm	Open	Lillian Olander and Ian Olander
Projection	6:30pm	Jean Peterson	Open
Live Stream	6:30pm	Jim Nicklas	This service is not live-streamed



If you haven't ordered your Easter flowers yet, do so tonight. The plants beautify our Easter garden and are yours to take home after the 10:30am Easter service. Yellow order forms with complete instructions are in the narthex.



Join us for Holy Week and Easter Worship



Maundy Thursday—Thursday, April 2

5:00pm Seder Meal;

please reserve by March 29 in the church narthex

6:30pm Worship with Holy Communion



Good Friday—Friday, April 3

6:30pm* Worship



Easter—Sunday, April 5

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

9:15am Food and Fellowship; no Sunday school, no Adult Bible Class

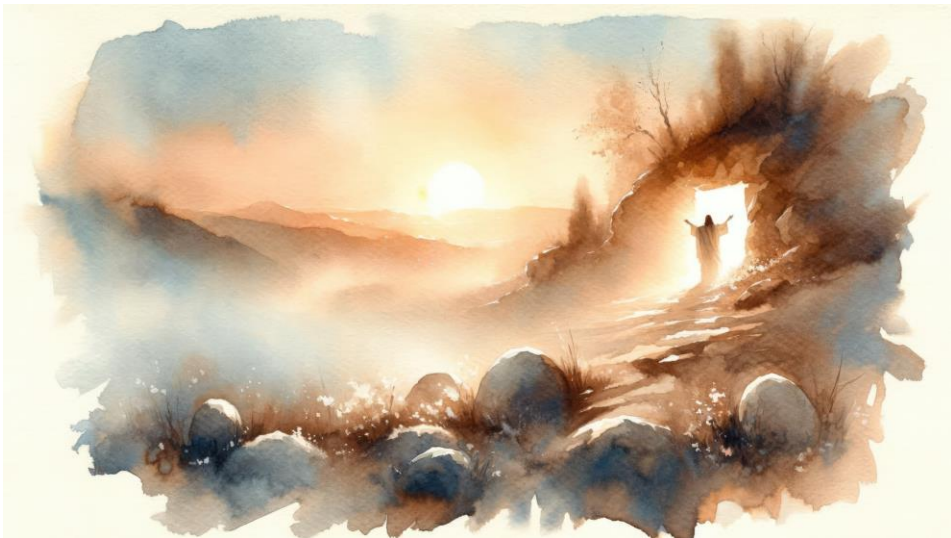
*livestream at www.trinityloneoak.org



Easter Breakfast Menu served April 5 at 9:15am

Invite a neighbor or friends to join you at our Easter breakfast. Menu includes egg bake*, sausage, fruit, juice and coffee. Don't miss this!

*If you can provide an egg bake, speak with Roxanne Foley or sign up in the church office.



Take a postcard from the narthex to invite a friend or neighbor to worship with you this Easter