

FIFTH SUNDAY IN LENT

From Death to Life
March 28 & 29, 2020

As you read this:

The worship service, sermon and announcements are included in this folder.

Read the service as you would if you were gathered with other believers in Christ Jesus. Don't stop too long at any one point. Put a T by any word, phrases or sections to which you want to return. Put a "?" mark at any place you may have a question, but keep on reading.

After you have read through the service and the message, go back through the service again. This time stopping and pondering on what the message has revealed and how the theme is repeated throughout the service.

Do this more than once. Do it daily if you can. Include others especially children. Share it with others.

During this pan epidemic you may wish to have your own hymnal. Concordia Publishing House (cph.org) has the hymnal in many different styles. Later, when we begin to gather again at that building dedicated to the Lord and called Trinity Lutheran Church, you may and are encouraged to bring it along with your Bible.

In the meantime, KFUO 850 am carries a number of Sunday morning worship services. Listen to the Lutheran Hour on WTIM 870 am, 96.1 FM, 107.3 FM and 107.5 FM at 7:30 a.m. "Worship Alive" is on channel 49 on Sunday mornings at 7:30 a.m.

Keep up the hand washing. Instead of singing a little children tune, sing "Jesus Loves Me" or "I Am Jesus' Little Lamb." You may wish to say the 23rd or 121st psalm. The words are included below.

Jesus Loves Me *LSB 588*

Jesus loves me! This I know,
For the Bible tells me so.
Little ones to Him belong;
They are weak, but He is strong. Refrain

ref Yes, Jesus loves me!
Yes, Jesus loves me!
Yes, Jesus loves me!
The Bible tells me so.

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I Am Jesus' Little Lamb *LSB 740*

I am Jesus' little lamb,
Ever glad at heart I am;
For my Shepherd gently guides me,
Knows my need and well provides me,
Loves me ev'ry day the same,
Even calls me by my name.

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As adults, use either of these psalms to recite as you wash your hands

Psalm 23:1-6 *A Psalm of David.*

The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want. [2] He maketh me to lie down in green pastures: he leadeth me beside the still waters. [3] He restoreth my soul: he leadeth me in the paths of righteousness for his name's sake. [4] Yea,

though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil: for thou art with me; thy rod and thy staff they comfort me. [5] Thou preparest a table before me in the presence of mine enemies: thou anointest my head with oil; my cup runneth over. [6] Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life: and I will dwell in the house of the Lord forever.

Psalm 121:1-8 *A Song of Ascents.*

- I lift up my eyes to the hills.
From where does my help come?
[2] My help comes from the Lord,
who made heaven and earth.
[3] He will not let your foot be moved;
he who keeps you will not slumber.
[4] Behold, he who keeps Israel
will neither slumber nor sleep.
[5] The Lord is your keeper;
the Lord is your shade on your right hand.
[6] The sun shall not strike you by day,
nor the moon by night.
[7] The Lord will keep you from all evil;
he will keep your life.
[8] The Lord will keep
your going out and your coming in
from this time forth and forevermore.

As We Gather

Swift to its close ebbs out life's little day;
Earth's joys grow dim, its glories pass away;
Change and decay in all around I see;
O Thou who changest not, abide with me. (*LSB* 878:4)

Echoing the words of this hymn, we realize this world is often filled with change and challenges, distress, despair, dying, and death. Yet Jesus came into this decaying world that we may have life, and have it to the full. Amid the changes and decay around us, through His Word and Means of Grace we are given new life and the forgiveness of sins. By faith, we give thanks for His abiding with us daily with His mercy, grace, promise, and peace.

Hold Thou Thy cross before my closing eyes;
Shine through the gloom, and point me to the skies.
Heav'n's morning breaks, and earth's vain shadows flee;
In life, in death, O Lord, abide with me. (*LSB* 878:6)

+ CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION +

Hymn *Christ, the Life of All the Living* *LSB* 420

- 1 Christ, the life of all the living,
Christ, the death of death, our foe,
Who, Thyself for me once giving
To the darkest depths of woe:
Through Thy sufferings, death, and merit
I eternal life inherit.
Thousand, thousand thanks shall be,
Dearest Jesus, unto Thee.
- 2 Thou, ah! Thou, hast taken on Thee
Bonds and stripes, a cruel rod;
Pain and scorn were heaped upon Thee,
O Thou sinless Son of God!
Thus didst Thou my soul deliver
From the bonds of sin forever.

Thousand, thousand thanks shall be,
Dearest Jesus, unto Thee.

3 Thou hast borne the smiting only
 That my wounds might all be whole;
Thou hast suffered, sad and lonely,
 Rest to give my weary soul;
Yea, the curse of God enduring,
Blessing unto me securing.
 Thousand, thousand thanks shall be,
 Dearest Jesus, unto Thee.

4 Heartless scoffers did surround Thee,
 Treating Thee with shameful scorn
And with piercing thorns they crowned Thee.
 All disgrace Thou, Lord, hast borne,
That as Thine Thou mightest own me
And with heav'nly glory crown me.
 Thousand, thousand thanks shall be,
 Dearest Jesus, unto Thee.

5 Thou hast suffered men to bruise Thee,
 That from pain I might be free;
Falsely did Thy foes accuse Thee:
 Thence I gain security;
Comfortless Thy soul did languish
Me to comfort in my anguish.
 Thousand, thousand thanks shall be,
 Dearest Jesus, unto Thee.

6 Thou hast suffered great affliction
 And hast borne it patiently,
Even death by crucifixion,
 Fully to atone for me;
Thou didst choose to be tormented
That my doom should be prevented.
 Thousand, thousand thanks shall be,
 Dearest Jesus, unto Thee.

7 Then, for all that wrought my pardon,
 For Thy sorrows deep and sore,
For Thine anguish in the Garden,
 I will thank Thee evermore,
Thank Thee for Thy groaning, sighing,
For Thy bleeding and Thy dying,
 For that last triumphant cry,
 And shall praise Thee, Lord, on high.

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The sign of the cross may be made by all in remembrance of their Baptism.

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

- P If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.
 C **But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.**

Silence for reflection on God's Word and for self-examination.

- P Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.
 C **Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. We have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved You with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways to the glory of Your holy name. Amen.**

Declaration of Grace

- P Almighty God, our heavenly Father, has had mercy upon us and has given His only Son to die for us and for His sake forgives us all our sins. To those who believe on His name He gives power to become the children of God and has promised them His Holy Spirit. He that believes and is baptized shall be saved.

Grant this, Lord, unto us all.

- C **Amen.**

+ SERVICE OF THE WORD +

Introit *Ps. 116:1-4, 8; antiphon: Ps. 116:15*

Precious in the sight | of the LORD*
 is the death | of his saints.
 I love the LORD, because | he has heard*
 my voice and my pleas for | mercy.
 Because he inclined his | ear to me,*
 therefore I will call on him as long | as I live.
 The snares of death encompassed me; the pangs of Sheol laid | hold on me;*
 I suffered distress and | anguish.
 Then I called on the name | of the LORD:*
 "O LORD, I pray, deliv- | er my soul!"
 For you have delivered my | soul from death,*
 my eyes from tears, my feet from | stumbling.
Glory be to the Father and | to the Son*
and to the Holy | Spirit;
as it was in the be- | ginning,*
is now, and will be forever. | Amen.
 Precious in the sight | of the LORD*
 is the death | of his saints.

Kyrie *LSB 152*

- A In peace let us pray to the Lord.
 C **Lord, have mercy.**
 A For the peace from above and for our salvation let us pray to the Lord.
 C **Lord, have mercy.**
 A 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 the Lord.
 C **Lord, have mercy.**
 A For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise let us pray to the Lord.

C **Lord, have mercy.**
A Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.
C **Amen.**

Salutation and Collect of the Day

P The Lord be with you.
C **And also with you.**

P Let us pray.

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.**

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, “Prophesy 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, “Prophesy 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 *Psalm 130 (antiphon: v. 7)*

¹Out | of the depths* I cry to you, | O LORD!

²O Lord, | hear my voice!*
Let your ears be attentive
to the voice of my pleas for | mercy!

³If you, O LORD, should mark in- | iquities,*
O Lord, | who could stand?

⁴But with you there is for- | givenness,*

that you | may be feared.

⁵I wait for the LORD, my | soul waits,*
and in his | word I hope;

⁶my soul waits for the Lord
more than watchmen for the | morning,*
more than watchmen for the | morning.

⁷O Israel, hope in the LORD!
For with the LORD there is | steadfast love,*
and with him is plentiful re- | demption.

⁸And he will redeem | Israel*
from all his in- | iquities.

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.**

Alleluia and Verse (Lent) *LSB 157*

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

Holy Gospel *John 11:1–45*

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

C **Glory 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.”¹¹ After saying these things, he said to them, “Our friend Lazarus has fallen asleep, but I go to awaken him.”¹² The disciples said to him, “Lord, if he has fallen asleep, he will recover.”¹³ Now Jesus had spoken of his death, but they thought that he meant taking rest in sleep.¹⁴ Then Jesus told them plainly, “Lazarus has died,¹⁵ and for your sake I am glad that I was not there, so that you may believe. But let us go to him.”¹⁶ So Thomas, called the Twin, said to his fellow disciples, “Let us also go, that we may die with him.”

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

²⁸ When she had said this, she went and called her sister Mary, saying in private, “The Teacher is here and is calling for you.”²⁹ And when she heard it, she rose quickly and went to him.³⁰ Now Jesus had not yet come into the village, but was still in the place where Martha had met him.³¹ When 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.³² Now 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.”³³ When Jesus saw her weeping, and the Jews who had come with her also weeping, he was deeply moved in his spirit and greatly troubled.³⁴ And he said, “Where have you laid him?” They said to him, “Lord, come and see.”³⁵ Jesus wept.³⁶ So the Jews said, “See how he loved him!”³⁷ But some of them said, “Could not he who opened the eyes of the blind man also have kept this man from dying?”

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

⁴⁵ Many 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.**

Hymn *My Song Is Love Unknown LSB 430*

- 1 My song is love unknown,
My Savior’s love to me,
Love to the loveless shown
That they might lovely be.
Oh, who am I
That for my sake
My Lord should take
Frail flesh and die?
- 2 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!
- 3 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.
- 4 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.
- 5 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 suffering goes
 That He His foes
From thence might free.
- 6 In life no house, no home
 My Lord on earth might have;
In death no friendly tomb
 But what a stranger gave.
What may I say?
 Heav'n was His home
 But mine the tomb
Wherein He lay.
- 7 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 Title:
"The Greater Law"
Based on Romans 8:1-11

Introduction:

Who is in charge? Do we listen and obey our mayor, our governor or our president? The answer is “Yes.” All have limited authority over us. All have the right to issue decrees for the protection and wellbeing of the people. All have been duly elected to their office. So, whom do we listen and obey?

The answer is “yes.” It depends on the line of authority, the timing of the decree and the nature of the law in relationship to other laws. And in the United States this can be quite confusing. There has been since its conception a tension within the constitution over state and federal laws. Who has greater authority? When does federal overrule state and state overrule federal? This question is not going to be resolved anytime soon? God grant us wisdom and strength to do what is God-pleasing and good for the people.

Now, in Scriptures there are two laws. There is the Law of Sin and Death. And there is the Law of the Spirit of Life. Which has the greater authority? First we must understand these Laws and in doing so, we will know.

I. The Law of Sin and Death

Written within our hearts and in the Bible are the Laws of God. We generally summarize these laws in our Christian minds as the Ten Commandments. Within our hearts they are clouded by our sinful nature and our rebellious ways.

Yet, this does not protect us from the condemnation of our sins. Even if a person were able to dull their conscience to this natural law in the heart, they would still be under the condemnation of their sin. A man who sees nothing wrong in murdering another person would still be held accountable for his actions and sentenced by the court of law. So, everyone who sins is held accountable to the Law of God, the Law of sin and death.

This means, that all who sin are condemned to die as payment for their sin. This is the Law of God and it cannot be changed or applied differently to each individual. But it can be overridden.

II. The Law of the Spirit of Life

It is overridden, (*I say this tongue in cheek.*), not what we do but only by God Himself. He made the Law of the Spirit of life. This law responds to the condemnation of the Law of sin and death. For the law of sin and death applies only to sinners. But according to the Law of the Spirit, those who believe in Jesus Christ as their Lord and Savior are no longer considered sinners but saints.

The Law of the Spirit recognizes the person and the work of Jesus Christ. It declares that His holy life, His perfect sacrifice, His death has fulfilled the judgment of God. Christ takes our place and is condemned for our sins. It is the blood of Jesus Christ poured out that washes away the sin. It is the righteousness of Christ that covers us so that we appear in the sight of the Judge as saints.

There is no condemnation for those in Christ. This is the Law of the Spirit of Life, which we call the Gospel. The Law of sin and death cannot be applied to those who God has declared innocent. There is no sin.

Read now Psalm 103:1-22 *A psalm of David. (A man who knew sin and the forgiveness of God)*

Bless the Lord, O my soul,
and all that is within me,
bless his holy name!
[2] Bless the Lord, O my soul,
and forget not all his benefits,
[3] who forgives all your iniquity,
who heals all your diseases,
[4] who redeems your life from the pit,
who crowns you with steadfast love and mercy,
[5] who satisfies you with good
so that your youth is renewed like the eagle's.

- [6] The Lord works righteousness
and justice for all who are oppressed.
- [7] He made known his ways to Moses,
his acts to the people of Israel.
- [8] The Lord is merciful and gracious,
slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.
- [9] He will not always chide,
nor will he keep his anger forever.
- [10] He does not deal with us according to our sins,
nor repay us according to our iniquities.
- [11] For as high as the heavens are above the earth,
so great is his steadfast love toward those who fear him;
- [12] as far as the east is from the west,
so far does he remove our transgressions from us.
- [13] As a father shows compassion to his children,
so the Lord shows compassion to those who fear him.
- [14] For he knows our frame;
he remembers that we are dust.
- [15] As for man, his days are like grass;
he flourishes like a flower of the field;
- [16] for the wind passes over it, and it is gone,
and its place knows it no more.
- [17] But the steadfast love of the Lord is from everlasting to everlasting on those who fear him,
and his righteousness to children's children,
- [18] to those who keep his covenant
and remember to do his commandments.
- [19] The Lord has established his throne in the heavens,
and his kingdom rules over all.
- [20] Bless the Lord, O you his angels,
you mighty ones who do his word,
obeying the voice of his word!
- [21] Bless the Lord, all his hosts,
his ministers, who do his will!
- [22] Bless the Lord, all his works,
in all places of his dominion.
Bless the Lord, O my soul!

Conclusion:

This is our situation today in the sight of God. We may feel and think that we stand condemned. That is our sinful nature, the fallen world and Satan's constant attack on us. They love to quote the Law of sin and death. But the Judge, our Father in heaven, and our Lord Jesus Christ who sits at His right hand as King over all, has put into effect the Law of the Spirit of Life in our hearts. He has used His supreme authority to declare us innocent of all sin and thus forgiven us all our sin. He declares it to be so and there is no one who can overrule Him.

Go in peace and in this assurance, live under the Law of the Spirit of Life. In His Name.

T AMEN T

Nicene Creed

**C I believe in one God,
the Father Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth
and of all things visible and invisible.**

**And in one Lord Jesus Christ,
the only-begotten Son of God,
begotten of His Father before all worlds,
God of God, Light of Light,
very God of very God,
begotten, not made,
being of one substance with the Father,
by whom all things were made;
who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven
and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary
and was made man;
and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate.
He suffered and was buried.
And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures
and ascended into heaven
and sits at the right hand of the Father.
And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead,
whose kingdom will have no end.**

**And I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the Lord and giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified,
who spoke by the prophets.
And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church,
I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins,
and I look for the resurrection of the dead
and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

Prayer of the Church

P The resurrection to eternal life has come to the world in Christ Jesus. Let us pray for the deliverance of all who belong to Christ by faith and for all for whom He died and rose again.

O God, as You created everything out of nothing by Your mighty Word, so You have brought resurrection and eternal life to light by the mighty command of Your Son, Jesus, who went through death and emerged victorious over death. Help us to learn from Ezekiel's vision the death that comes when we lose faith and the life we gain through Your Spirit. Receive our praise and thanks for Your gift of eternal life. Help us to live as Your resurrection people, bringing the might of Your Word to all. Lord, in Your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

P As our Lenten season soon transitions to Holy Week, help us continue to recognize our sin, our need for repentance, and our dependence on our Savior. Help us learn from Paul's Letter to the Romans to continually put to death those things of the flesh that lead us astray, that we be fed and led by Your life-giving Spirit. Lord, in Your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

P We lift up those who mourn and carry grief and sorrow in the loss of loved ones. Help us learn from our Savior at Lazarus's tomb, that death is not the last word of this life, that we rejoice in Your promises made, fulfilled, and yet to come of the resurrection of the dead and life of the world to come. Enable and equip us to be heralds of the hope that is ours and witness to Christ and the power of His resurrection. Lord, in Your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

- P Inspire and bless all called to preach Your Word and administer Your Holy Sacraments with resurrection power, that they do not grow weary but grow in compassion and perseverance. Lord, in Your mercy,
- C **hear our prayer.**
- P For the sake of Your Word, by which You cause repentance and faith to issue from human hearts, guide the leaders of nations and communities in our world to pursue ways of peace and tranquility among people, that Your Word be preached for the salvation of all. Lord, in Your mercy,
- C **hear our prayer.**
- P Comfort and heal all those who are sick or infirm, disabled, or troubled, [*especially . . .*]. Breathe Your life-giving Spirit into all in need, that hope, comfort, and peace in You may be theirs. Remind us that our ultimate healing is in the resurrection of the dead and the life everlasting. Lord, in Your mercy,
- C **hear our prayer.**
- P Into Your hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in Your mercy O Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
- C **Amen.**

Offering Hymn *Lord, Help Us Walk Your Servant Way LSB 857*

- 1 Lord, help us walk Your servant way
Wherever love may lead
And, bending low, forgetting self,
Each serve the other's need.
- 2 You came to earth, O Christ, as Lord,
But pow'r You laid aside.
You lived Your years in servanthood;
In lowliness You died.
- 3 No golden scepter but a towel
You place within the hands
Of those who seek to follow You
And live by Your commands.
- 4 You bid us bend our human pride
Nor count ourselves above
The lowest place, the meanest task
That waits the gift of love.
- 5 Lord, help us walk Your servant way
Wherever love may lead
And, bending low, forgetting self,
Each serve the other's need.

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Offertory *LSB 159*

- C **What shall I render to the Lord for all His benefits to me?
I will offer the sacrifice of thanksgiving and will call on the name of the Lord.
I will take the cup of salvation and will call on the name of the Lord.
I will pay my vows to the Lord now in the presence of all His people,
in the courts of the Lord's house, in the midst of you, O Jerusalem.**

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.**

Hymn *Abide with Me LSB 878*

- 1 Abide with me, fast falls the eventide.
 The darkness deepens; Lord, with me abide.
 When other helpers fail and comforts flee,
 Help of the helpless, O abide with me.

- 2 I need Thy presence ev'ry passing hour;
 What but Thy grace can foil the tempter's pow'r?
 Who like Thyself my guide and stay can be?
 Through cloud and sunshine, O abide with me.

- 3 Come not in terrors, as the King of kings,
 But kind and good, with healing in Thy wings;
 Tears for all woes, a heart for ev'ry plea.
 Come, Friend of sinners, thus abide with me.

- 4 Swift to its close ebbs out life's little day;
 Earth's joys grow dim, its glories pass away;
 Change and decay in all around I see;
 O Thou who changest not, abide with me.

- 5 I fear no foe with Thee at hand to bless;
 Ills have no weight and tears no bitterness.
 Where is death's sting? Where, grave, thy victory?
 I triumph still if Thou abide with me!

- 6 Hold Thou Thy cross before my closing eyes;
 Shine through the gloom, and point me to the skies.
 Heav'n's morning breaks, and earth's vain shadows flee;
 In life, in death, O Lord, abide with me.

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Hymn *Glory Be to Jesus LSB 433*

- 1 Glory be to Jesus,
 Who in bitter pains
 Poured for me the lifeblood
 From His sacred veins!

- 2 Grace and life eternal
In that blood I find;
Blest be His compassion,
Infinitely kind!
- 3 Blest through endless ages
Be the precious stream
Which from endless torment
Did the world redeem!
- 4 Abel's blood for vengeance
Pleaded to the skies;
But the blood of Jesus
For our pardon cries.
- 5 Oft as earth exulting
Wafts its praise on high,
Angel hosts rejoicing
Make their glad reply.
- 6 Lift we, then, our voices,
Swell the mighty flood;
Louder still and louder
Praise the precious blood!

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Hymn *Jesus, I Will Ponder Now LSB 440*

- 1 Jesus, I will ponder now
On Your holy passion;
With Your Spirit me endow
For such meditation.
Grant that I in love and faith
May the image cherish
Of Your suff'ring, pain, and death
That I may not perish.
- 2 Make me see Your great distress,
Anguish, and affliction,
Bonds and stripes and wretchedness
And Your crucifixion;
Make me see how scourge and rod,
Spear and nails did wound You,
How for them You died, O God,
Who with thorns had crowned You.
- 3 Yet, O Lord, not thus alone
Make me see Your passion,
But its cause to me make known
And its termination.
Ah! I also and my sin
Wrought Your deep affliction;
This indeed the cause has been
Of Your crucifixion.
- 4 Grant that I Your passion view

With repentant grieving,
Let me not bring shame to You
By unholy living.
How could I refuse to shun
Ev'ry sinful pleasure
Since for me God's only Son
Suffered without measure?

5 If my sins give me alarm
And my conscience grieve me,
Let Your cross my fear disarm;
Peace of conscience give me.
Help me see forgiveness won
By Your holy passion.
If for me He slays His Son,
God must have compassion!

6 Graciously my faith renew;
Help me bear my crosses,
Learning humbleness from You,
Peace mid pain and losses.
May I give You love for love!
Hear me, O my Savior,
That I may in heav'n above
Sing Your praise forever.

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Nunc Dimittis *LSB 165*

**C Lord, now 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 ev'ry people:
A light to reveal You to the nations and the glory of Your people Israel.
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.**

Benediction *LSB 166*

P 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 T give you peace.
C Amen.

Hymn *My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less* *LSB 575*

1 My hope is built on nothing less
Than Jesus' blood and righteousness;
No merit of my own I claim
But wholly lean on Jesus' name. Refrain

ref On Christ, the solid rock, I stand;
All other ground is sinking sand.

2 When darkness veils His lovely face,
I rest on His unchanging grace;
In ev'ry high and stormy gale
My anchor holds within the veil. Refrain

3 His oath, His covenant and blood

Support me in the raging flood;
When ev'ry earthly prop gives way,
He then is all my hope and stay. Refrain

4 When He shall come with trumpet sound,
 Oh, may I then in Him be found,
 Clothed in His righteousness alone,
 Redeemed to stand before His throne! Refrain

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Worship:

Saturday: 6:15 p.m.

Sunday: 9:15 a.m.

Sunday School: 10:30 a.m. *(Located in the church basement)*

Sunday Morning Fellowship: 10:30 a.m.

Adult Bible Class: 10:45 a.m.

Office Hours:

Monday: 9 a.m. – 3 p.m.;

Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday: 9 a.m. – 5 p.m.; *(12:30 p.m. – 1:30 p.m. – Lunch)*

Friday, 9 a.m. – Noon

“SHARING WITH OUR FAMILY IN CHRIST”

March 28 & 29, 2020

WORSHIP

HOLY WEEK WORSHIP SCHEDULE *(God willing)*

Maunder Thursday Divine Service April 9th @ 7 pm

Good Friday Tenebrae Service April 10th @ 7 pm

Saturday Easter Vigil April 11th @ 6:15 pm

Sunday Easter Sunrise Divine Service April 12th @ 7 am

Easter Morning Divine Service April 12th @ 9:15 am
(No Easter Breakfast will be served between services)

THOSE WITH ONGOING HEALTH CONCERNS: Mike Seeley; Bonnie Hornbeck; Bill & Sharon Matthews; Lyle Reller, Paul Hartig, and Teresa Burdick

NON-MEMBER CONCERNS: Prayers for Rocky Moore, by his friends that work at the city departments; Prayers for Julie Eson, has issues with chronic vertigo by April; A friend of Debbie Prehn – Chuck Hendricks; Darla Gatton (stroke) prayers have been asked for her; Denis Corso's sister, Brenda, Barb Beck's brother-in-law's sister; Patti Esswein's daughter; Norvella Arkebauer's mother; Those suffering from natural and manmade disasters, especially friends and family members of our congregation; Regina Wilderman; Chris Owens, a stroke; Lillian Reller's nephew, Lonnie, with health concerns; Barb Beck's brother, Gary; Bill Schroyer; Lyle & Lillian's grandson, Londyn Kleimola- daughter of Leroy & Christy Kleimola and Donna Lucas –friend of the Matthews.

MILITARY MEMBERS: Marjorie Evans; Justin & Jared Misiorek; Andy Noblet; Richie Holmes, Brandon Mills; Peter Knope II, Shawn Durbin; Clayton Hays; and Andrew Soulsby

MILITARY PERSONNEL CONNECTED TO OUR WORSHIPING FAMILY: Nephews of Pastor & Tammy Blomquist; Lyle & Lillian Reller's 3 grandsons (Kyle, Josh, and Jake; Patti Esswein's sons, Gene & Billy Esswein; Ken Gatton's grandson, Josh; Barb McMahon's son, Peter Koepp; Joshua, the husband of Annie Plant; Lyle & Lillian Reller's grandsons (Drake and Blake; Cory Bonacorsi – grandsons of Ella & Julius; and Natalie Durbin, wife of Shawn Durbin;



CARDS AND NOTES FROM HOME NEEDED FOR New Address–Peter Knope, 1376

Washington Street, Watertown, NY 13601-4541; Brandon Mills, PSC 94 Box 2416, APO AE 09824 and J.T & Marjorie Evans, 24847 Sanford Corners Road, Calcium, NY 13616-2258; Josh & Annie Plant, 13180 East Mesquite Flat Spring Drive, Vail, AZ 85641-2503; If your son, daughter, grandson or granddaughter is in the service and would like to hear from us, submit their addresses to the Church.

THOSE LIVING OR CONVALESCING IN LONG TERM CARE FACILITIES OR AT HOME: Taylorville Skill Nursing and Rehab (*Meadow Manor*): Marie Fouts; Taylorville Care: Bonnie Hornbeck, & Carrie Rhodes; Nokomis Rehabilitation & Health Care: Roberta Trelz; Springfield Mill Creek Alzheimer's Special Care Center: Lou Silotto; Eastview Terrace, Sullivan: Rose Marie Smith; at their homes: Eilene Everlen, Jim & Margaret Muir

LEARN/REVIEW the teachings of the Bible by attending the Adult Confirmation Class. Just let Pastor know if you wish to attend.



► **LISTEN TO WORLDWIDE KFUE Radio, KFUE Radio**, a media ministry extension of LCMS congregations, shares Christ for you anytime, anywhere on **KFUE.org** via worship services, Bible and theology studies, practical talk programs, and sacred music. You can find

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This week on KFUE.org, we begin our month-long celebration of LCMS volunteers during National Volunteer Month on The Coffee hour (4/1 at 9:00 a.m. CT), continue studying the book of Revelation on Thy Strong Word (weekdays at 11:00 a.m. CT), and near the end of our study of Matthew on Sharper Iron (weekdays at 8:00 a.m. CT). Find these programs on demand at kfue.org!

LISTEN TO THE LUTHERAN HOUR

WTIM 96.1 FM or 870 am Sunday mornings @ 7:30 a.m.

(If you wish to support the broadcast of the Lutheran Hour on our local radio station, you can write out a check to Trinity Lutheran Church and on the memo line write: "Lutheran Hour on WTIM." It costs \$30.00 a week. You can place the check in the offering plate or drop it off at the office during the week.)

WLJ 89.7 or 100.1 FM Sunday afternoons @ 1 p.m.

(Funds are needed to continue the support of this broadcast on WLJ. If you can contribute to this ministry, send your donations to Rev. Rich Harre, 5258 Golf Club Drive, Auburn, Illinois 62615)

WATCH LUTHERAN MINISTRIES – "Worship Anew" on Television channel 49, Sunday Mornings @

7:30 a.m.

► **LISTEN TO LUTHERAN PUBLIC RADIO** at <http://lutheranpublicradio.org/iphone/>

► **WITNESS AND OUTREACH** *Lent 5*

John 11:1-45: Do you know anyone who is facing a time of despair, a feeling of hopelessness or some struggle in the flesh? **YOU HAVE A WORD OF RESURRECTION FOR THEM!** Dry bones live! God calls what was dead to life! God has the power to bring change to your circumstances! God's Word of resurrection life breathes new life into every situation and circumstance of life and gives renewed hope. That's why you are a light-bearer; you are salt; you are living, breathing hope and a ray of Good News. Pray for someone today who is weighed down by the things of death in this world and the struggles that leaves one feeling like a bunch of dry, lifeless bones. God has given you a Word of resurrection to share with them, both in this life and for the next. Jesus is the I AM. He is a personal God. He is the Resurrection and the Life. May God send you to someone with this Word to be a breath of resurrection Good News.

► **LIFE THOUGHTS IN THE CHURCH YEAR –Lent V** – Life issues like surprise pregnancy and terminal diagnosis cast long shadows. Sometimes our mortal eyes only behold despair and death in such circumstances. But our Lord Jesus loves nothing more than lost causes (Ezekiel 37:5-6). He walks hope into the darkest valley, and where our resolve ends, His resurrection begins. Trusting His presence and promise and power takes hold of a life not even crisis or cancer can touch (John 11:25).

TORNADO RECOVERY CONTINUES - Volunteers are still needed especially semi & skilled laborers for roofing, plumbing and other types of repairs. Contact Lloyd Hoover 825-7159
Donations can be made payable to: "Missions for Taylorville" and mailed or delivered to: Taylorville City Clerk, 115 North Main, Taylorville, Illinois 62568.

HOW TO HELP THROUGH LCMS WORLD RELIEFE AND HUMAN CARE

Give to Disaster Relief: Text **LCMSDISASTERS** to 41444 , [Give to hurricane relief](#), [Give to flood relief](#)
[Give to tornado relief](#), [Give to wildfire relief](#), [Thrivent matching gift opportunity](#)

Call 888-930-4438 To make a credit card gift by phone, call the LCMS toll-free donor care line between 8 a.m. and 4:10 p.m. Central time.

Mail On the memo line or enclosed note, please indicate how you would like your gift to be used. (Disaster Response – where needed most, wildfire relief, hurricane relief, etc.) **Make check payable and mail to:**
The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod, P.O. Box 66861, St. Louis, MO 63166-6861

CHARITY/MISSION OF THE MONTH FOR APRIL: *Trinity Needs Fund*

► **OFFERINGS: March 21 & 22, 2020: \$ 1,640.00, including Lenten Worship Services**

Weekly Budget Needs: \$3,605.80

January Income: \$22,542.62

January Expense: \$22,421.16

Year to date receipts thru January: \$22,542.62

Year to date expense thru January: \$22,421.16

Difference between Yearly Income and Yearly Expense: \$121.46

If you do not have a box of envelopes and wish to use envelopes this year, contact pastor or write, "Envelopes Please," by your name in the "Ritual of Friendship" register located at the end of the pews. You may mail your offering to , drop off at or bring it when we gather again at the church.)

PRESCHOOL NEWS – We have openings in the 3 yr. old & 4 yr. old class for the 2020-2021 school year. Registration forms are available in the church office or online @trinitylutherantaylorville.org. If you have any questions, please call the church office at 217-824-8148. TIMES March 2020 Newsletter is posted on the bulletin board.

Mid-Week Stewardship Thought
God's Love Draws Us to Him

Only Jesus, the Savior, on Whose suffering, death, and resurrection we focus during this time of Lent, can meet all our needs. His love for us and the salvation He has earned for us draw us away from the pull of the world, away from our own selfish desires, away from that which leads to sin and death. His love draws us to Himself, to service to others, to using our gifts as we have been blessed in the building up of the Church. *“For we are God’s workmanship, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do”* (Ephesians 2:10).

► **Rom. 8:1** – **“There is therefore now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus.”** This is the joy of the Gospel. There is no condemnation for us before the throne of God, because in His love He has provided salvation for us in Christ. We have been set free. We are His children once again, and coheirs with Christ of all the blessings of heaven. If this does not make us thankful, nothing will.

Prayer: O Lord, You graciously look on me, not as I deserve, but through Jesus’ eyes of love and forgiveness. You guard me through this life and keep me safe for eternity. Give me a readiness to speak of the sacrifice of Your Holy Son Who gave His life for me and all who believe. Through Christ Who calls me to be a steward for Him. Amen.

Blessings on your stewardship journey!

+LIFE TOGETHER+

All Divine Services, Bible Studies, after school catechizing classes and meetings are cancelled till April 7th.

Preschool and Child Care Plus are closed till April 7th.
 Preschool will resume after the Easter break on April 13th,
(God willing)

► **March 29, 2020 – April 5 2020**

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| Sunday | 9:15 | NO Divine Services |
| | 10:30 | NO Sunday School |
| Monday | 10:45 | NO Adult Sunday School (<i>1 Corinthians: Lord’s Supper</i>) |
| | 6:30 | NO TLC Child Care Plus (Monday-Friday) |
| | 8:45 | NO 4 Yr. Old Preschool |
| Tuesday | 2:30 | NO High School Bible Study (<i>“The Gospel of Luke” by Dr. Luke</i>) |
| | 8:45 | NO 3 Yr. Old Preschool |
| | 3:30 | NO Jesus Company (<i>Grades 3 & 4</i>) |
| Wednesday | 7:00 | NO LifeLight Bible Study (<i>Psalms Session 8& 9</i>) |
| | 8:45 | NO 4 Yr. Old Preschool |
| | 9:30 | NO Chapel Services |
| Thursday | 3:30 | NO 7 th & 8 th Grade Confirmation |
| | 7:00 | NO Midweek Lenten Worship Service |
| | 8:45 | NO 3 Yr. Old Preschool |
| Friday | 9:30 | NO Chapel Services |
| | 3:30 | NO 5 th & 6 th Grade Catechizing Class |
| Saturday | 8:45 | NO 4 Yr. Old Preschool |
| Sunday | 6:15 | NO Worship Service |
| | 9:15 | NO Worship Service |
| Sunday | 10:30 | NO Sunday School |
| | 10:45 | NO Adult Sunday School (<i>1 Corinthians: The Lord’s Supper</i>) (Subject To Change) |

► **Praise & Honor: Hymn-Inspired Devotions**

by Timothy Shoup

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When you leave church humming a hymn, you are humming a sermon. Good hymns are filled to the brim with Christ. The purpose of singing them is to praise God by proclaiming the saving work of His Son.

In Timothy Shoup's *Praise and Honor: Hymn-Inspired Devotions*, each of the 14 well-loved hymns is introduced with a short reading followed by a devotional for each *stanza* of each hymn. Shoup calls upon pastoral experience, personal stories, and hundreds of Bible passages to amplify the rich meaning of the hymn texts and how they proclaim Christ Jesus as Lord and Savior. Of the hymns chosen, most are familiar, a few are newer, and they all enrich faith and bring one closer to the Lord of life.

Hymns Included:

- God's Own Child, I Gladly Say It (LSB 594)
- Let Us Ever Walk with Jesus (LSB 685)
- Jesus Has Come and Brings Pleasure Eternal (LSB 533)
- Gracious Savior, Grant Your Blessing (LSB 860)
- Rock of Ages, Cleft for Me (LSB 761)
- Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence (LSB 621)
- O Christ, Who Shared Our Mortal Life (LSB 552)
- O Come, O Come, Emmanuel (LSB 357)
- Where Shepherds Lately Knelt (LSB 369)
- Give Ear, O Zion, to God's Call (A Stephen Starke original)
- Stricken, Smitten, and Afflicted (LSB 451)
- If Christ Had Not Been Raised from Death (LSB 486)
- The Lord's My Shepherd, I'll Not Want (LSB 710)
- We Praise You and Acknowledge You, O God (LSB 941)

THE FOLLOWING EVENTS ARE TENTATIVE

NOTES FROM LWML – The LWML Convention is cancelled

THE CAMP CILCA LOWDOWN

217-487-7497 / camp@cilca.org / 4124 Camp Cilca Rd, Cantrall, IL 62625

Part-Time Cook/Kitchen Assistant: CILCA is still in need of a part-time cook to help with Outdoor Education and the Summer Camp program. 10-30 hours per week. \$12-\$14 per hour. Contact the camp office to apply.

Summer Camp Registrations are available on the table in the narthex. And online

SPRINGFIELD EAST & WEST CIRCUIT CONVOCATION is cancelled

LERT TEAM MEMBERS – We have scheduled our first basic LERT training for 2020. The training will be held on: Saturday, April 18, 2020, at St. John's Lutheran Church, 1450 30th Avenue, East Moline, Illinois 61244, from 9 a.m. – 2:30 p.m. The cost is \$35, which includes a light continental breakfast, lunch, disaster vest, LERT manual, certification, and I.D. badge. If you are already a certified LERT member, the event is considered continuing education and there will be no charge.

Easter Flowers for the Altar

It's that time, when we start thinking spring, gardens and Easter. The time to order Easter Flowers for the Altar is approaching. We will be ordering from Kroger's; the flowers will be in 6" pots with foil and will sell for \$8.00 each. If paying by check, please make check payable to Trinity Lutheran and designate for your flower purchase. Orders need to be in by Wednesday, April 1st. and payment is due with your order. Thanks

FLOWER ORDER FORM

Please fill in how many you want in the space provided.

Name _____

Phone _____

_____ Easter Lily _____ Daffodil _____ Hyacinth _____ Tulips

In Memory Of/Blessings Received: _____

(▶ Indicates new announcements.) [You may also read our announcements online at www.trinitylutherantaylorville.org. You may also receive them by E-mail by writing your E-mail address beside your name in the "Ritual of Friendship" located at the end of the pew.]