

...for this slight  
momentary  
affliction is  
preparing us  
for an eternal  
weight of glory  
beyond all  
measure.

2 Corinthians 4:17, NRSV



Welcome to Holy Trinity Lutheran Church and School.  
We gather to worship the only God and Savior: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

## **Lent opposites: suffering and glory**

**March 22, 2026**

Lent 5

The church season of Lent presents us with opposites that affect our entire existence.

Suffering and glory are opposites. Christ experienced both. So do we. The Bible gives a proper perspective on these two realities of the Christian person's existence - and their proper order.

Today's 8:00 a.m. worship is broadcast live on YouTube. The YouTube link can be found at the church's website:

- [holytrinity.church](http://holytrinity.church)

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*Remain seated.*

P: Peace to all of you who are in Christ.

**C: And also to you.**

#### **RESPONSIVE VERSES FOR LENT**

P: In your hearts set apart Christ as Lord.

**C: Always be prepared to give an answer for the hope that you have.**

P: Though we do not see Jesus now, we believe in him and are filled with an inexpressible and glorious joy;

**C: we are receiving the goal of faith, the salvation of souls.**

P: We know that it was not with perishable things such as silver or gold that we were redeemed,

**C: but with the precious blood of Christ, a lamb without blemish or defect.**

P: Christ died for sins once for all,

**C: the righteous for the unrighteous, to bring us to God.**

P: He himself bore our sins in his body on the tree,

**C: that we might die to sins and live for righteousness.**

P: Humble yourselves under God's mighty hand, that he may lift you up in due time.

**C: Cast all your anxiety on him because he cares for you.**

P: The God of all grace, who called us to his eternal glory in Christ, will restore us and make us strong, firm and steadfast.

**C: To him be the power for ever and ever. Amen.**

P: Let us pray.

God of all grace, you raised Christ from the dead and glorified him. Our faith and hope are in you. Help us, as strangers in this world, to stay away from sinful desires and to be holy as you are holy. Inspire us to love each other deeply. Provide us the strength to use whatever gifts you give us to serve others, so that in all things you may be praised through Jesus Christ.

**C: To him be the glory and the power for ever and ever. Amen.**

Hymn 525    *The Lamb*

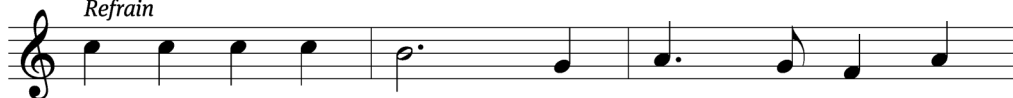


1 The Lamb, the Lamb, O Fa - ther, where's the sac - ri - fice?  
2 The Lamb, the Lamb, one per - fect fi - nal of - fer - ing.  
3 The Lamb, the Lamb, as way - ward sheep their shep - herd kill  
4 He sighs, he dies, he takes my sin and wretch - ed - ness.  
5 He rose, he rose, my heart with thanks now o - ver - flows.



Faith sees, be - lieves God will pro - vide the Lamb of price!  
The Lamb, the Lamb, let earth join heav'n his praise to sing.  
so still, his will, on our be - half the law to fill.  
He lives, for - gives, he gives me his own right - eous - ness.  
His song pro - long till ev - 'ry heart to him be - long.

*Refrain*



Wor - thy is the Lamb whose death makes me his



own! The Lamb is reign - ing on his throne.

**Prayer of the Day**

P: Let us pray.

Eternal God and Father, help us to remember Jesus, who obeyed your will and bore the cross for our salvation, that through his anguish, pain, and death we may receive the forgiveness of sins, victory over the grave, and finally inherit eternal life; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

**THE WORD**

**First Lesson—2 Kings 4:17-37**

The woman conceived and gave birth to a son at the same time the following year, as Elisha had promised her.

The child grew and one day went out to his father and the harvesters. Suddenly he complained to his father, "My head! My head!"

His father told his servant, "Carry him to his mother." So he picked him up and took him to his mother. The child sat on her lap until noon and then died. She went up and laid him on the bed of the man of God, shut him in, and left.

She summoned her husband and said, "Please send me one of the servants and one of the donkeys, so I can hurry to the man of God and come back again."

But he said, "Why go to him today? It's not a New Moon or a Sabbath."

She replied, "It's all right."

Then she saddled the donkey and said to her servant, "Go fast; don't slow the pace for me unless I tell you." So she came to the man of God at Mount Carmel.

When the man of God saw her at a distance, he said to his attendant Gehazi, "Look, there's the Shunammite woman. Run out to meet her and ask, 'Are you all right? Is your husband all right? Is your son all right?'"

And she answered, "It's all right."

When she came up to the man of God at the mountain, she clung to his feet. Gehazi came to push her away, but the man of God said, "Leave her alone — she is in severe anguish, and the LORD has hidden it from me. He hasn't told me."

Then she said, "Did I ask my lord for a son? Didn't I say, 'Do not lie to me?'"

So Elisha said to Gehazi, "Tuck your mantle under your belt, take my staff with you, and go. If you meet anyone, don't stop to greet him, and if a man greets you, don't answer him. Then place my staff on the boy's face."

The boy's mother said to Elisha, "As the LORD lives and as you yourself live, I will not leave you." So he got up and followed her.

Gehazi went ahead of them and placed the staff on the boy's face, but there was no sound or sign of life, so he went back to meet Elisha and told him, "The boy didn't wake up."

When Elisha got to the house, he discovered the boy lying dead on his bed. So he went in, closed the door behind the two of them, and prayed to the LORD. Then he went up and lay on the boy: he put mouth to mouth, eye to eye, hand

to hand. While he bent down over him, the boy's flesh became warm. Elisha got up, went into the house, and paced back and forth. Then he went up and bent down over him again. The boy sneezed seven times and opened his eyes.

Elisha called Gehazi and said, "Call the Shunammite woman." He called her and she came. Then Elisha said, "Pick up your son." She came, fell at his feet, and bowed to the ground; she picked up her son and left.

P: The Word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

*Psalm 130*

*Refrain*



Re - mem - ber your mer - cy, O LORD;



*Tone* re - mem - ber your mer - cy and love.



**Out of the depths I cry to / you, LORD;**

**Lord, / hear my voice.**

**Let your ears be at- / tentive**

**to my cry for / mercy.**

**If you, LORD, kept a record of sins, Lord, / who could stand?**

**But with you there is forgiveness, so that we can, with reverence, / serve you.**

*Refrain*

**I wait for the LORD, my whole / being waits,**

**and in his word I / put my hope.**

**I wait for the Lord more than watchmen wait for the / morning,**

**more than watchmen wait for the / morning.**

**Israel, put your hope / in the LORD,**

**for with the LORD is unfailing love and with him is full re- / demption.**

**He himself will redeem / Israel**

from / all their sins.

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. *Refrain*

### Second Lesson—Romans 8:11-19

And if the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead lives in you, then he who raised Christ from the dead will also bring your mortal bodies to life through his Spirit who lives in you.

So then, brothers and sisters, we are not obligated to the flesh to live according to the flesh, because if you live according to the flesh, you are going to die. But if by the Spirit you put to death the deeds of the body, you will live. For all those led by God's Spirit are God's sons. For you did not receive a spirit of slavery to fall back into fear. Instead, you received the Spirit of adoption, by whom we cry out, "Abba, Father!" The Spirit himself testifies together with our spirit that we are God's children, and if children, also heirs — heirs of God and coheirs with Christ — if indeed we suffer with him so that we may also be glorified with him.

For I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worth comparing with the glory that is going to be revealed to us. For the creation eagerly waits with anticipation for God's sons to be revealed.

P: The Word of the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

*Please stand.*

### GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

*Refrain*



Glo - ry and praise to you, Lord Je - sus Christ.



Glo - ry and praise to you, Lord Je - sus Christ.

*Tone*

I am the resurrection and the life.

Those who believe in me will live, even though they die. *Refrain*

**Gospel—John 11:17-27,38-45**

When Jesus arrived, he found that Lazarus had already been in the tomb four days. Bethany was near Jerusalem (less than two miles away). Many of the Jews had come to Martha and Mary to comfort them about their brother.

As soon as Martha heard that Jesus was coming, she went to meet him, but Mary remained seated in the house. Then Martha said to Jesus, “Lord, if you had been here, my brother wouldn’t have died. Yet even now I know that whatever you ask from God, God will give you.”

“Your brother will rise again,” Jesus told her.

Martha said to him, “I know that he will rise again in the resurrection at the last day.”

Jesus said to her, “I am the resurrection and the life. The one who believes in me, even if he dies, will live. Everyone who lives and believes in me will never die. Do you believe this?”

“Yes, Lord,” she told him, “I believe you are the Messiah, the Son of God, who comes into the world.”

Then Jesus, deeply moved again, came to the tomb. It was a cave, and a stone was lying against it. “Remove the stone,” Jesus said.

Martha, the dead man’s sister, told him, “Lord, there is already a stench because he has been dead four days.”

Jesus said to her, “Didn’t I tell you that if you believed you would see the glory of God?”

So they removed the stone. Then Jesus raised his eyes and said, “Father, I thank you that you heard me. I know that you always hear me, but because of the crowd standing here I said this, so that they may believe you sent me.” After he

said this, he shouted with a loud voice, "Lazarus, come out!" The dead man came out bound hand and foot with linen strips and with his face wrapped in a cloth. Jesus said to them, "Unwrap him and let him go."

Therefore, many of the Jews who came to Mary and saw what he did believed in him.

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

**C: Praise be to you, O Christ!**

*Please be seated.*

Hymn 826 From God Can Nothing Move Me



1 From God can noth - ing move me; he will not step a - side  
2 When those whom I re - gard - ed as trust - wor - thy and sure  
3 Each day at his good plea - sure God's gra - cious will is done.  
4 Yet e - ven though I suf - fer the world's un - pleas - ant - ness,  
5 For thus the Fa - ther willed it, who fash - ioned us from clay;



but gent - ly will re - prove me and be my con - stant guide.  
have long from me de - part - ed, God's grace shall still en - dure.  
He sent his great - est trea - sure in Je - sus Christ, his Son.  
and though the days grow rough - er and bring me great dis - tress,  
and his own Son ful - filled it and brought e - ter - nal day.



He stretch - es out his hand in eve - ning and in morn - ing,  
He res - cues me from sin and breaks the chains that bind me.  
He ev - 'ry gift im - parts; the bread of earth and heav - en  
that day of bliss di - vine, which knows no end or mea - sure,  
The Spir - it now has come, to us true faith has giv - en;



my life with grace a - dorn - ing wher - ev - er I may stand.  
I leave death's fear be - hind me; his peace I have with - in.  
are by his kind - ness giv - en. Praise him with thank - ful hearts!  
and Christ, who is my plea - sure, for - ev - er shall be mine.  
he leads us home to heav - en. O praise the Three in One!

Sermon—Romans 8:11-19  
*Lent opposites: suffering and glory*

**OFFERING**

*We give in deep appreciation for Christ's sacrifice on our behalf. We give our offerings regularly and generously in proportion to what we have to support the work of telling the gospel through our church and school.*

*You may place your offering in the plates or use Online Giving.*

*The QR code at right will also take you to the giving site.*

*Thank you for your offerings.*



**MUSICAL OFFERING**

*O Sacred Head Now Wounded*

*Bells*

**PRAYER OF THE CHURCH**

We thank you, Father, for giving us all that we need for our lives on this new day of your grace. Keep us from being ungrateful or forgetful of the gifts you give us, and root out from our hearts all envy or greed for the gifts you give others. Teach us to find contentment in your promises of love and care, and deliver us from the delusion that it is our own power and work which keep us alive. Preserve our government, our families, and all useful structures of society through which you bless us. And just as you remember us, dear Father, so help us to respond when we hear the cries of the needy and helpless. May we not be coldhearted and unconcerned when others lack daily bread.

Let your holy angel be with us, that the wicked foe may have no power over us. Be with us in the valley of death's shadow and in this time of waiting for your dawn. Protect us from every danger that threatens body and soul. Bring us safely through every evil to the everlasting joy of your heavenly kingdom.

*Special prayers and intercessions.*

Hear us, Lord, as we bring you our private prayers.

*Silent prayer.*

**THE LORD'S PRAYER**

**Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name,**

**your kingdom come, your will be done on earth as in heaven.  
Give us today our daily bread.  
Forgive us our sins, as we forgive those who sin against us.  
Lead us not into temptation,  
but deliver us from evil.  
For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours,  
now and forever. Amen.**

## **THE SACRAMENT**

### **Christian Questions**

(These are taken from the questions on pages 295-296 in the hymnal.)

P: Do you believe that you are a sinner?

**C: Yes, I believe that I am a sinner.**

P: How do you know this?

**C: I know this from the Ten Commandments, which I have not kept.**

P: Are you sorry for your sins?

**C: Yes, I am sorry that I have sinned against God.**

P: What have you deserved from God because of your sins?

**C: I deserve his wrath and displeasure, temporal death, and eternal damnation.**

P: Are you convinced that you are saved?

**C: Yes, such is my confidence.**

P: In whom do you trust?

**C: I trust in my dear Lord Jesus Christ. He is the Son of God, true God and true man.**

P: What has Christ done for you that you trust in him?

**C: He died for me and shed his blood for me on the cross for the forgiveness of sins.**

P: How do you know this?

**C: I know this from the holy gospel and from the words of the Sacrament of Holy Communion.**

## HOLY, HOLY, HOLY



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord God of hosts,



heav - en and earth are full, full of your glo - ry.



Ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est.



Bless - ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.



Ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est.



Ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est.

## WORDS OF INSTITUTION

P: Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night he was betrayed, took bread; and when he had given thanks, he broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Take and eat; this is my † body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

Then he took the cup, gave thanks and gave it to them, saying, "Drink from it, all of you; this is my † blood of the new covenant, which is poured out for you for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, whenever you drink it, in remembrance of me."

## Christian Questions (continued)

P: Do you believe that the true body and blood of Christ are in the Sacrament?

C: Yes, I believe it.

P: What moves you to believe this?

C: I am moved to believe this by the words of Christ, "Take and eat; this is my body...Drink from it, all of you; this is my blood of the new covenant."

P: What does Christ want you to do when you eat his body and drink his blood in the Lord's Supper?

C: Christ wants me to remember and proclaim his death and the pouring out of his blood as he taught me: "Do this, whenever you drink it, in remembrance of me."

P: Finally, why do you desire to receive Holy Communion?

C: I desire to do this so that I learn to believe that Christ out of great love died for *my* sins and that I also learn from him to love God and my neighbor.

## LAMB OF GOD



Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the



world; have mer - cy on us.



Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the



world; have mer - cy on us.



Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the  
world; grant us, grant us peace.

### DISTRIBUTION

*Holy Trinity offers the Lord's Supper to communicant members of our congregation (and congregations in WELS and ELS). If you are not a communicant member and are interested in going through a course of study to prepare for receiving the Lord's Supper here, please speak with the pastor. He is glad to speak with you.*

*Distribution Hymn 670 I Come, O Savior, to Your Table  
(See page 17-18)*

**P:** Thank you, dear Savior, for nourishing our faith with the Sacrament of your body and blood. Lift our hearts with your forgiveness, renew our confidence in your grace, empower our love for others, and lead us to long for the eternal banquet of heaven.

**C: Amen.**

### BLESSING

The Lord bless you and keep you.


The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you.

The Lord look on you with favor and † give you peace.

**C: Amen.**

*Please be seated.*

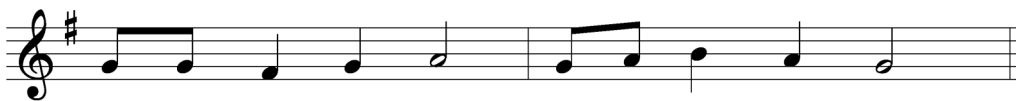
*Hymn 842 Jesus, Still Lead On*



1 Je - sus, still lead on till our rest is won; and al - though the  
2 If the way be drear, if the foe be near, let not faith - less  
3 When we seek re - lief from a long - felt grief, when temp - ta - tions  
4 Je - sus, still lead on till our rest is won. Heav'n - ly lead - er,



way be cheer - less, we will fol - low, calm and fear - less.  
fears o'er - take us; let not faith and hope for - sake us,  
come al - lur - ing, make us pa - tient and en - dur - ing.  
still di - rect us, still sup - port, con - sole, pro - tect us



Guide us by your hand to our fa - ther - land.  
for through man - y a woe to our home we go.  
Show us that bright shore where we weep no more.  
till we safe - ly stand in our fa - ther - land.

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## Sunday Education

Sunday education for all begins at 9:15 a.m.

## Call meeting

There will be a call meeting today after second service to call a 4th-grade teacher.

## **Deployment**

Ryan Kroon will be deployed to Iceland for six months beginning in early April. We pray our gracious God continues to keep him safe as he flies in service to our country.

## **Bake sale—Today**

We will be having a bake sale today in the fellowship hall between services. Proceeds will be used for Easter breakfast and kitchen items.

## **Upcoming elections**

The nominations season is upon us. This year, there are up to 5 positions coming open: Financial Secretary, School Board Chairman, School Board position, one or two Elder positions. Gentlemen who are not currently holding an elected position are urged to consider how God has blessed them and how they can use their skills to serve their church. Likewise, all members are encouraged to speak with those gentlemen whom you know would be positive candidates. Feel free to contact Keith Rodmyre (253-347-9847) with any questions.

## **Men's retreat**

The men's retreat will be April 24-26 at a new venue in Gig Harbor. See the poster in the entryway near the restrooms for more information.

## **This week at Holy Trinity**

Today ..... 9:00 a.m. Bake sale  
Today ..... 11:30 a.m. Call meeting  
Today ..... 11:45 a.m. Choir rehearsal  
Wednesday..... 9:30 a.m. Ladies Bible study  
Wednesday..... 5:30 p.m. Lent supper  
Wednesday..... 6:30 p.m. Lent service  
Sunday ..... 11:45 a.m. Choir rehearsal

## **Holy Week and Easter schedule**

- Maundy Thursday (April 2)—7:00 p.m. with communion
  - Good Friday (April 3)—7:00 p.m.
- Easter dawn service (April 5)—6:30 a.m.
- Easter breakfast—7:45 a.m. to 9:00 a.m.
  - Easter day service—9:30 a.m.



1 I come, O Sav - ior, to your ta - ble, for weak and  
 2 O grant that I in man - ner wor - thy may eat and  
 3 I should not be your sheep, dear Sav - ior; I stray in  
 4 O let me loathe all sin for - ev - er as death and



wea - ry is my soul; O Je - sus, you a -  
 drink and be re - stored, and, dwell - ing on your  
 sin's ac - cursed ter - rain. And yet you par - don  
 poi - son to my soul, that I through will - ful



lone are a - ble to sat - is - fy and make me whole.  
 bound - less mer - cy, look on - ly un - to you, O Lord.  
 my be - hav - ior; my faith - ful Shep - herd you re - main.  
 sin - ning nev - er may see your judg - ment take its toll!

*Refrain*

Lord, may your bod - y and your blood be for my soul the high - est good.

- 5 Your holy heart has one obsession,  
 one blessed thing it burns to do—  
 to cleanse the sinner from transgression;  
 so I, a sinner, come to you. (Refrain)
- 6 My soul is burdened; Lord, relieve me,  
 by all this weight of sin oppressed!  
 Though sinful, yet, in grace receive me  
 and feed me as your grateful guest. (Refrain)

- 7 Within me, Lord, your vision traces  
a heart of deep humility  
that mourns its sin and yet embraces  
the merit you have earned for me. (Refrain)
- 8 By faith I call your holy table  
the testament of your deep love,  
for by your gift I now am able  
to know the heart of God above. (Refrain)
- 9 This meal with blessing is abounding:  
to poor ones wealth, to weak ones pow'r,  
to angels joy, to hell confounding,  
and life for me in death's dark hour. (Refrain)
- 10 My heart has now become your dwelling,  
O blessèd, holy Trinity.  
With angels I, your praises telling,  
shall live in joy eternally. (Refrain)