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March 22, 2026 — Fifth Sunday in Lent

Jesus Christ Is the Resurrection and the Life

The illness and death of Lazarus happened *“that the Son of God may be glorified through it”* (John 11:4). Jesus’ miracle of raising Lazarus prompted His arrest and crucifixion, whereby He would die *“for the nation”* and gather *“into one the children of God who are scattered abroad”* (John 11:51–52). As He called Lazarus from the tomb and commanded others to *“unbind him, and let him go”* (John 11:44), Jesus also calls us and releases us from the bondage of sin and death. We would not *“submit to God’s law,”* nor could we *“please God”* (Rom. 8:7–8), but *“he condemned sin”* in His own flesh so *“that the righteous requirement of the law might be fulfilled in us”* (Rom. 8:3–4). Now through the Gospel, *“the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead dwells”* in us (Rom. 8:11). His Word breathes His Spirit into our mortal flesh, animating us with His own life. As His ministers preach according to His divine command, the Lord Jesus calls us from the grave into the good land that He gives us (Ezek. 37:12, 14).

DIVINE SERVICE

ORDER OF SERVICE

Divine Service Setting Four, *LSB* 203

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HYMNS

Opening Hymn:

LSB 907 “God Himself Is Present”

Sermon Hymn:

LSB 728 “How Firm a Foundation”

Offering Hymn:

LSB 781 vv. 1–2 “We Give Thee But Thine Own”

Distribution/Third Hymn:

LSB 729 “On Eagles’ Wings”

Closing Hymn:

LSB 917 “Savior, Again to Thy Dear Name We Raise”

SERMON TEXT AND THEME

Ezekiel 37:1–14

“Can These Bones Live?”

IN OUR PRAYERS **

FOR HEALTH AND HEALING

TRINITY MEMBERS AND FRIENDS: Pam Hallman, Deb Pope, Marlene Henthorn, Florence Meier, Linda Smith, and Barb Gilbertz. Mike Gilbertz, Reiko Pope, Earl Tripp, and Richard Kieffer.

ST. PAUL’S MEMBERS AND FRIENDS: Chris Heismeyer, Kendra Will, and Bernice Kollman. Lynn Anderson, Tina Gerlach, Lenora Hoffman, Rocky Hauge, and David.

Mary Milbrandt, Darryn, Jane, Nadine Larson, Keith Wallin, and Zoe Jones.

CHRISTIAN LOVE AND CONDOLENCES to the family and friends of Neil Peters (TR) who passed away last week. The funeral service was held at Trinity March 21, 2026. May God bless Neil’s family and friends with the hope of the resurrection on the last day.

TRINITY BIRTHDAY: Janice Thiry 03/25

TRINITY ANNIVERSARIES: none

ST. PAUL’S BIRTHDAY: Peg Hoffman 03/18

ST. PAUL’S ANNIVERSARY: none

** Please contact Nancy at trinitywlsd@gmail.com or 605-249-2570 for any updates to this bulletin prayer list. Thank you.

LUTHERANS FOR LIFE THOUGHT

Jesus is the “resurrection and the life” (John 11:25), the one true God who raises the dead from their graves and gives them new life (Ezekiel 37:5-6). Everything Jesus has said and done testifies that He gives, sustains, and loves life. It is inconceivable to think that Jesus, who raised Lazarus from the tomb and who died to “give life to our mortal bodies” (Romans 8:11), would approve of the murder of any innocent person, regardless of their size or condition. • lutheransforlife.org

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Upcoming Lent/Holy Week Schedule

- March 25, 2026. Joint Midweek Service at Trinity, 7 p.m.
- April 2, 2026. Joint Maundy Thursday at Trinity, 7 p.m., w/comm.
- April 3, 2026. Joint Good Friday at St. Paul’s, 7 p.m.
- April 5, 2026. Easter Sunday. Regular service times: 8:30 a.m. Trinity; 10:30 a.m. St. Paul’s.

The April newsletter will be available March 29, 2026. Please submit news or articles by Tuesday, March 24, 2026, to trinitywlsd@gmail.com. Thank you.

2026-03-22 Fifth Sunday in Lent

ST. PAUL'S LUTHERAN CHURCH † TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH CALENDAR AND INFORMATION

Sun. Mar 15		Services canceled; blizzard conditions.
Sun. Mar 22	8:30 a.m.	Divine Service at Trinity
	9:30 a.m.	Sunday School at St. Paul's
	10:30 a.m.	Divine Service at St. Paul's
Mon. Mar. 23	7 p.m.	Catechism Class at St. Paul's
Wed. Mar. 25	2:15 p.m.	Release-Time Class at Trinity
	7 p.m.	Joint Lent Midweek Service at Trinity

MARCH 2026

Elders: TR: Ben Bogenhagen SP: Mike Tuschen
Ushers: TR: Dan M., John G. SP: Curt G., Merlyn H.
Acolytes: TR: Blake Bogenhagen SP: Jenna Haak
Altar: TR: Barb Gilbertz SP: Marlene Johnson
Greeters: SP: 03/22 Peg H and Alexis H; 03/29 Marv J

March 8 Attendance and Offering: SP: 25, \$960; TR: 19, \$272

March 11 Midweek Lent Attendance: SP:3. TR: 17

March 18 Midweek Lent Attendance: SP 12; TR: 10

THE LORD'S SUPPER is celebrated at this congregation in the confession and glad confidence that, as He says, our Lord gives into our mouths not only bread and wine but His very body and blood to eat and to drink for the forgiveness of sins and to strengthen our union with Him and with one another.

Our Lord invites to His table those who trust His words, repent of all sin, and set aside any refusal to forgive and love as He forgives and loves us, that they may show forth His death until he comes. We do this because as members of the Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod we take very seriously the advice of St. Paul in 1 Corinthians 11:28–29, *A man ought to examine himself before he eats of the bread and drinks of the cup. For anyone who eats and drinks without recognizing the body of the Lord eats and drinks judgment on himself.*

Self-Examination. 1. Do I believe that I am a sinner? 2. Do I believe and trust in Jesus Christ as my personal Lord and Savior, from sin, death, and the power of the devil? 3. Do I believe that I receive forgiveness for all of my sins through Christ's true body and blood, present in the Sacrament? (Real presence of Christ's body.) 4. Do I promise to amend (or change) my sinful life with the help of the Holy Spirit?

If you have so examined yourself and are in full agreement with us, and have been instructed, you are welcome to receive the Lord's Supper. If you desire to learn more about these beliefs or are interested in learning how to become a member, please talk to Pastor McKillop or one of the elders. Thank you.