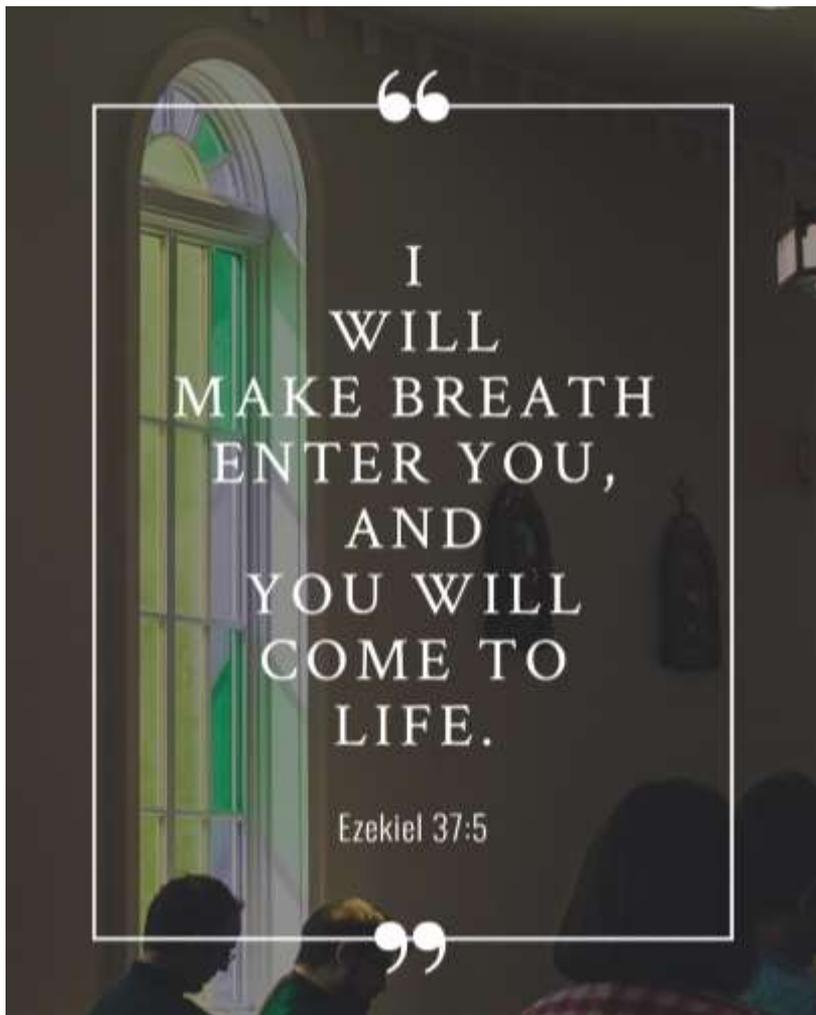


Trinity Lutheran Church of Leader

Growing Committed Followers of Jesus

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*Trusting in God, Believing His Grace, Obeying His Word,
Leading Others to Know Him*



The Fifth Sunday in Lent: Learning to be the Church scattered...

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Welcome & Announcements

Call to Worship- Psalm 51:1-12

Have mercy on me, O God, according to your unfailing love; according to your great compassion blot out my transgressions.

² Wash away all my iniquity and cleanse me from my sin.

³ For I know my transgressions, and my sin is always before me.

⁴ Against you, you only, have I sinned and done what is evil in your sight; so you are right in your verdict and justified when you judge.

⁵ Surely I was sinful at birth, sinful from the time my mother conceived me.

⁶ Yet you desired faithfulness even in the womb; you taught me wisdom in that secret place.

⁷ Cleanse me with hyssop, and I will be clean; wash me, and I will be whiter than snow.

⁸ Let me hear joy and gladness; let the bones you have crushed rejoice.

⁹ Hide your face from my sins and blot out all my iniquity.

¹⁰ Create in me a pure heart, O God, and renew a steadfast spirit within me.

¹¹ Do not cast me from your presence or take your Holy Spirit from me.

¹² Restore to me the joy of your salvation and grant me a willing spirit, to sustain me.

Worship in Song- The Lord is Gracious & Compassionate

The Lord is gracious and compassionate

Slow to anger and rich in love.

The Lord is gracious and compassionate

Slow to anger and rich in love.

And the Lord is good to all,

He has compassion on all that He has made

As far as the east is from the west,
that's how far He has removed our transgressions from us.
As far as the east is from the west,
that's how far He has removed our transgressions from us.

Praise the Lord, oh my soul, praise the Lord.
Praise the Lord, oh my soul, praise the Lord. (2x)

The Lord is gracious and compassionate,
slow to anger and rich in love.

Confession and Absolution

In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves and the truth is not in us. But if we confess our sins, God who is faithful and just will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

Pause for confession and reflection before the Lord.

Merciful Father, I confess I have not always loved, trusted, and followed you with my whole heart. I also confess that I have not cared for my neighbour as I ought. For the sake of Your Son, renew my heart and life by the power of Your Holy Spirit so I may live, serve, and honour You in all that I do. Help me trust in Your forgiveness and life.

Prayer of the Day

Let us pray,

Almighty God, our redeemer, in our weakness we have failed to be your messengers of forgiveness and hope in the world. Renew us by your Holy Spirit, that we may follow your commands and proclaim your reign of love; through your son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Worship in Song- Open Our Eyes Lord

Open our eyes, Lord, we want to see Jesus,
to reach out and touch him, and say that we love him.

Open our ears, Lord, and help us to listen.

Open our eyes, Lord, we want to see Jesus.

Old Testament Reading: Ezekiel 37:1-14

The 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. ² And he led me around among them, and behold, there were very many on the surface of the valley, and behold, they were very dry. ³ And he said to me, “Son of man, can these bones live?” And I answered, “O Lord God, you know.” ⁴ Then he said to me, “Prophesy over these bones, and say to them, O dry bones, hear the word of the Lord. ⁵ Thus says the Lord God to these bones: Behold, I will cause breath to enter you, and you shall live. ⁶ And 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.”

⁷ So 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. ⁸ And 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. ⁹ Then 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.” ¹⁰ So I prophesied as he commanded me, and the breath came into them, and they lived and stood on their feet, an exceedingly great army.

¹¹ Then 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 indeed cut off.’ ¹² Therefore 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. **13** And you shall know that I am the Lord, when I open your graves, and raise you from your graves, O my people. **14** And 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.”

New Testament Reading: 2 Corinthians 5:16-21

From now on, therefore, we regard no one according to the flesh. Even though we once regarded Christ according to the flesh, we regard him thus no longer. ¹⁷ Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation. The old has passed away; behold, the new has come. ¹⁸ All this is from God, who through Christ reconciled us to himself and gave us the ministry of reconciliation; ¹⁹ that is, in Christ God was reconciling the world to himself, not counting their trespasses against them, and entrusting to us the message of reconciliation. ²⁰ Therefore, we are ambassadors for Christ, God making his appeal through us. We implore you on behalf of Christ, be reconciled to God. ²¹ For our sake he made him to be sin who knew no sin, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God.

Gospel Reading: John 9:1-41

Now a certain man was ill, Lazarus of Bethany, the village of Mary and her sister Martha. ² It was Mary who anointed the Lord with ointment and wiped his feet with her hair, whose brother Lazarus was ill. ³ So the sisters sent to him, saying, “Lord, he

whom you love is ill.”⁴ But 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.”

⁵ Now Jesus loved Martha and her sister and Lazarus. ⁶ So, when he heard that Lazarus was ill, he stayed two days longer in the place where he was. ⁷ Then after this he said to the disciples, “Let us go to Judea again.” ⁸ The disciples said to him, “Rabbi, the Jews were just now seeking to stone you, and are you going there again?” ⁹ Jesus 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. ¹⁰ But 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 and believed in him.

Confession of Faith: Apostles’ Creed

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended to the dead. On the third day He rose again. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

Worship in Song- O God, Our Help in Ages Past (LBW 320)

1. O God, our help in ages past, our hope for years to come,
Our shelter from the stormy blast, and our eternal home.
2. Under the shadow of your throne your saints have dwelt secure;
Sufficient is your arm alone, and our defense is sure.
3. Before the hills in order stood or earth received its frame,
From everlasting you are God, to endless years the same.

4. A thousand ages in your sight are like an evening gone,
Short as the watch that ends the night before the rising sun.
5. Time, like an ever-rolling stream, soon bears us all away;
We fly forgotten, as a dream dies at the o'pning day.
6. O God, our help in ages past, our hope for years to come,
Still be our guard while troubles last and our eternal home!

Sermon

Prayers of the Church

Lord's Prayer

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

The Lord bless us and keep us. The Lord make His face shine upon us and be gracious to us. The Lord look on us with favour, and give us His peace. (Numbers 6:24-26)

In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

Closing Hymn- Your Grace is Enough

Great is Your faithfulness, oh God of Jacob
You wrestle with the sinner's heart
You lead us by still waters into mercy
And nothing can keep us apart.

So remember Your people
Remember Your children
Remember Your promise, oh God

*Your grace is enough,
Your grace is enough, Your grace is enough for me.*

Great is Your love and justice, God
You use the weak to lead the strong
You lead us in the song of Your salvation
And all Your people sing along

So remember Your people
Remember Your children
Remember Your promise, oh God

*Your grace is enough,
Your grace is enough, Your grace is enough for me.*

God, I see Your grace is enough
I'm covered in Your love
Your grace is enough for me, for me

Go in peace to serve the Lord. All: Thanks be to God!

Pray for each other and reach out in love!

Being the Church Scattered

Ways to stay connected:

1. **Online worship gatherings**

We will provide a recorded worship service for you to use at home with your family; while we know this can't replace worship physically together, this is better than nothing!

You can find our videos on our Facebook page: @TLCLLeader or on our website: www.trinityleader.ca

For those who don't use the internet, recorded physical copies of the service are available on request. Call Pastor J-M to request a copy.

2. **Zoom Bible Studies-** Sunday morning Bible Study will continue virtually using Zoom Video Conference Software. Sunday Morning Bible Study will be held on Sundays at 10:00.

How to set up Zoom:

1. On mobile- go to the app store, search for Zoom and download application. Create an account.
2. On desktop/laptop computer- go to www.zoom.us Click "sign up" to create an account, it will prompt you to download the Zoom application.
3. At 10 a.m. on Sunday morning open Zoom and click "Join Meeting." Enter the Meeting ID: 306 628 4320
3. **Online Sunday School Resources-** Nicole has made available Trinity Sunday School's online curriculum. Contact Nicole or visit the Sunday School Facebook Group for the login information.
4. **Daily Devotions on Facebook** Pastor J-M is hosting daily video devotions on Facebook each morning at 8:30. The video is accessible live and anytime afterward. Visit Trinity's Facebook page @TLCLLeader.
5. **Communion-** Pastor J-M will make Communion available on request, simply call to arrange a time.

6. **Mom's Virtual Coffee Time (via Zoom)**

Cassy is hosting a virtual coffee time for moms to connect, support, and encourage each other. Contact Cassy (306) 628-8497 for more information.

7. **Pastor J-M's Office Hours**

Pastor J-M is planning to be in the office each morning this week. As always, if you need to be in contact, call his cell (306)628-8498.

8. **Dwell Audio Bible App**

You can download an audio Bible app with reading plans and other cool features for free:

<https://dwellapp.io/signup/with/TrinityLeader>

Though we are apart, ministry continues; you can support Trinity financially during this time by:

1. **Direct Deposit-** Call the Credit Union to set up a weekly or monthly withdrawal from your account to Trinity. If you bank somewhere else, you'll need an authorization form from the Credit Union.
2. **Internal Transfer-** Call the Credit Union to directly transfer funds from your account to Trinity's.
3. **Dropping off Envelopes at Trinity-** The building should be open Mon-Thurs mornings from 8:00-12:00. Simply drop your envelope/cheque in the box in the foyer. (Alternatively, you can drop them in the Night Depository at the Credit Union).

Call Larry A. if you have any questions (306) 628-7375

THIS WEEK'S PRAYER FOCUS:

1. **Pray for Family**— Tyler & Colleen, Grant, Halle, & Brett Smith
2. **Pray for Healing**— Emmett, Florence, Joyce, Joe, Kristen, Colette, Scott, Carol
3. **Pray for those in WSCH**— Esther, Leonard, Ted
4. **Pray for Church Ministries** —Computer Operators
5. **Extended Church Body** —Hope Church, Burstall
6. **Pray for the Mission of God**—'WMPL'
7. **Pray for our Government Leaders** —Reeve Tim Geiger