

Christ the King Lutheran Church

Fifth Sunday of Lent, March 22, 2026

(* = please stand as you are able)

In today's gospel Jesus reveals his power over death by raising Lazarus from the dead. The prophet Ezekiel prophesies God breathing new life into dry bones. To those in exile or living in the shadows of death, these stories proclaim God's promise of resurrection. In baptism we die with Christ that we might also be raised with him to new life. At the Easter Vigil we will welcome the newly baptized as we remember God's unfailing promise in our baptism.

PRELUDE

WELCOME AND DIALOGUE *(from Ezekiel 37:4; Psalm 130:7)*

O mortal, can these bones live? **Only the Lord God knows.**

O people, hope in the Lord. **With the Lord there is steadfast love and great power to redeem.**

CONFESSION & FORGIVENESS

To set the mind on the flesh is death, but to set the mind on the Spirit is life and peace. Trusting in the Spirit of God, let us confess our sin.

(silence for reflection)

O Lord, if you held our sin against us, who could live? Who could stand? We seem to have more faith in death than hope in your promise of life. We seek peace through war and find security in weapons. We abandon the hungry, sick, and dying, and pursue wealth by making others poor. And even so, you love us; still there forgiveness with you! Therefore we worship you; for you alone, O Lord, can save us from death and redeem us from our sin. Amen.

O dry bones, hear the word of the Lord! If Jesus Christ dwells in you, the Spirit of God will be your life and the grace of God will be your righteousness. And if the Holy Spirit dwells in you, then God, who raised Jesus from the dead, will also give life to your mortal bodies. Friends, this is the good news of the gospel: In Jesus Christ we are forgiven. **Thanks be to God.**

GATHERING HYMN

Oh, for a Thousand Tongues to Sing

ELW 886 vs. 1-4

GREETING AND PRAYER OF THE DAY

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all. **And also with you.**

Let us pray: **Almighty God, your Son came into the world to free us all from sin and death. Breathe upon us the power of your Spirit, that we may be raised to new life in Christ and serve you in righteousness all our days, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

*GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



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*GOSPEL READINGS: John 9:1-41
John 11:1-45

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SERMON

HYMN OF THE DAY

Jesus Is a Rock in a Weary Land

ELW 333

APOSTLE'S CREED

With the whole church, let us confess our faith using the words of the Apostle's Creed.

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

I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, 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, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the living and the dead.

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

PRAYERS OF GOD'S PEOPLE Hear us, O God, **your mercy is great.**

SHARING OF CHRIST'S PEACE

OFFERING

Forty Days and Forty Nights

Becki Slagle Mayo & Paul Adams

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OFFERING PRAYER

*GREAT THANKSGIVING

SANCTUS

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and
God of might, heav - en and earth are full of your
glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est.
Bless - ed is the one 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.

*EUCHARISTIC PRAYER AND PROCLAMATION

LORD'S PRAYER

(front of ELW pg. 154)

COMMUNION *We commune at two stations in front of the pulpit and lectern. Come down the side aisles, receive the bread; proceed to the wine or grape juice. Gluten-free wafers are available. Return to your seats by the center aisle. All are welcome.*

COMMUNION MUSIC

Let Us Break Bread Together

ELW 471

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

ANNOUNCEMENTS

BLESSING

SENDING HYMN

O Lord, throughout These Forty Days

ELW 319 vs. 1, 4

DISMISSAL Go in peace. Believe the good news. **Thanks be to God.**

POSTLUDE

Worship Leaders

Ministers	All of you!
Preaching	Pastor Per Halaas
Assisting Minister	Peggy Indahl
Children's Message	Kristina Elder
Lectors	Tom Butala, Pam Jaye, Karen Youmans
Prayers	Verla Olson
Director of Music Ministry	Kristi MacKay
Assistant Music Director	Darin Tysdal
Special Music	Acclaim Worship Band, Trinity Choir

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SUNDAY – March 22 – 5th Sunday in Lent

9:30a	Worship with Holy Communion
10:30a	Maranatha Christian Congregation – Lounge
10:45a	Fellowship Time – Social Hall
10:45a	Book Club – Room 11
10:45a	BLAST – Room 36
4:00p	Walk with Ease – West Chapel
6:00p	Walk & Talk - MOA

In your prayers this week, please remember:

- **Continuing Prayers:** **Ryan Jones** (Jane B's nephew), **Robert Thornton** (Carol's husband), **Pam Novak** (friend of Chris Gabel), **Lavonne Kennedy** (Clare Erickson's sister), **Jim Wegge** (Bev Wegge's brother), **Carol Hinze** (Caitlyn Johnson's grandma), **Isaac Hill** (grandson of Gail & John, nephew of Melissa), **Jackie Schmeidlin** (friend of Sean Bernier), **Shirley Gentz**, **Pastor David** and **Diane Lerseth**, **David Newhall** (Liz Olson's brother), **Julie Allen** (friend of Lynne Gasterland), **Michael R. Vogel** (Mike Vogel's son), **Susan Hanson**, **David Niemand** (Holly Hauer's brother), **Donna Woodward** (sister of Dan Pierce), **Geralyn Barone** (friend of John & Kim Gunyou), **Chris Wondra** (friend of Sean Johnson) **Jim and Arlene Knutson**, **Cori Shuck** (sister of Jodi Haddox), **Steve Olson**, **Dan Talbot**, **Bev Ohmann**, **Doug Solberg** and **Erin Gillis**
- **New prayers:** **Gail Parsons** (Shelly Olson's stepmom) and **Ty Waxdahl** (Florence Smallfield's nephew)
- **Pat Halverson** and all who are homebound
- **Our sister in China, Lutheran Church of Christ in Nigeria, El comunidad de fe bilingue/The bilingual faith community of Tapestry Lutheran Church in Richfield**
- **Beacon Interfaith Housing Collaborative**

This Week at Christ the King

Loaves & Fishes Monday-Friday from 5-6

MONDAY – March 23

8:30a Church Chore Crew

9:00a Quilting – Social Hall

TUESDAY – March 24

10:00a Staff Meeting – Office

4:00p Lenten Book Club - Lounge

6:30p Yoga

6:30p Chapel Ringers

7:30p Emotions Anonymous

WEDNESDAY – March 25

Noon Bible Study & Soup –Lounge

2:00p Walk & Talk - MOA

6:00p Worship

6:00p W.O.W. – Room 36

7:00p Trinity Choir

THURSDAY – March 26

9:30a-Noon Country Jammers – Social Hall

Palm Sunday Intergenerational Event

Coffee Cake Potluck

Sunday, March 29—10:45am in Social Hall

Join us as we prepare for Holy Week with activities and fellowship! If you have a favorite coffee cake, please bring it to share!

Sign-up in the commons. All are welcome!!

Are you a member of Thrivent?

Looking for an easy way to support and strengthen Christ the King? Participate in Thrivent Choice®, Thrivent’s charitable outreach program. Eligible Thrivent clients with membership can influence where Thrivent distributes some of its outreach funding each year. If you're eligible, you can direct your *Choice Dollars* to thousands of organizations, including Christ the King. **The deadline to direct any remaining 2025 Choice Dollars is March 31, 2026.** For more information about the Thrivent Choice program and Choice Dollars: Visit

www.thrivent.com/thriventchoice or call 800-847-4836. We thank you for any and all support!

Next Weekend at Christ the King

SUNDAY – March 29 – Palm Sunday

9:30a Worship with Holy Communion

10:30a Maranatha Christian Congregation – Lounge

10:45a Palm Sunday Intergenerational Event - SH

4:00p Walk with Ease – West Chapel

6:00p Walk & Talk - MOA

Bible Reading for next week:

Isaiah 50:4-9a Psalm 31:9-16

Philippians 2:5-11 Matthew 26-14-27:66

Spring Plant Sale

Our Children's Ministry Spring Plant Sale profits will support our summer programs. Gertens has moved all fundraising groups to an online selling format to prevent tally mistakes and over-selling what is grown. **Online orders are open!! Why order right away? To make sure you get your favorite item and that it hasn't sold out.** Online orders close at 10PM Monday, April 6th with plants available for pick up at CTK on Tuesday, May 12th 5-7pm. To order, go to www.gertensfundraising.com and enter our store ID code 490. Paper copies, to look at, can be found in the commons.

Easter Altar Flowers

Order sheets for Easter flowers can be found on the library desk or in the office during Lent. Flowers can be ordered in honor of, or in memory of loved ones for display in the sanctuary on Easter Sunday.

Orders are due by March 29th.

March Gift of Love – Beacon Interfaith!

Beacon is a collaborative of congregations and housing advocates who believe that secure, affordable housing provides the key to safer communities, stronger families, and a healthier economy.

Together with Beacon, we support the building of new affordable apartment homes, invest in residents through supportive services, and champion policy solutions to ensure everyone has a safe, affordable place to call home. Beacon homes serve over 1,200 residents in the greater Twin Cities metro, and their policy work impacts the entire state. Help us support this amazing ministry partner that is advancing the cause of quality, affordable homes in all communities!