



## ***Fifth Sunday of Lent***

Hope Lutheran Church Worship Service

March 22nd, 2026

10:00 a.m.

Live streaming on Facebook at [HopeLutheranChurchCbus](https://www.facebook.com/HopeLutheranChurchCbus)

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### **WELCOME**

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.

## CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

P: Blessed be the holy Trinity, ☩ one God, who forgives all our sin, whose mercy endures forever.

**C: Amen.**

P: Let us confess our sin before God, who removes our guilt and blots out all offenses.  
*Silence is kept for reflection.*

P: Gracious God,

**C: Have mercy on us according to your steadfast love.**

P: For seeking worldly delights that deceive us and dishonor you: Gracious God,

**C: Have mercy on us according to your steadfast love.**

P: For desiring self-reliance instead of hungering for your word: Gracious God,

**C: Have mercy on us according to your steadfast love.**

P: For failing to recognize your coming reign, and for hindering the work of the Spirit: Gracious God,

**C: Have mercy on us according to your steadfast love.**

P: For drawing from the well of self-serving ambition, and for disdain the living water Christ offers: Gracious God,

**C: Have mercy on us according to your steadfast love.**

P: For disregarding voices from the margin, and for distrusting signs of your healing and hope in the world: Gracious God,

**C: Have mercy on us according to your steadfast love.**

P: For dwelling in tombs of self-pity and discontent, and for disregarding Christ's call to come forth to life: Gracious God,

**C: Have mercy on us according to your steadfast love.**

P: God's steadfast love, grace, and forgiveness abound. Through faith, the free gift of God, you have been clothed in the righteousness of Christ. In the name of ☩ Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven. The Spirit of the One who raised Christ from the dead dwells in you, pours God's love into your hearts, and gives you life and peace.

**C: Amen.**

## OPENING HYMN

**By and By** (TFF 206)

*Please turn to 206 of your TFF hymnal.*

## GREETING

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

**C: And also with you.**

## KYRIE

(TFF pg. 26)

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, and 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.**

## **PRAYER OF THE DAY**

A: Almighty God,

**C: 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.**

## **FIRST READING**

***Ezekiel 37:1-14***

The hand of the LORD came upon me, and he brought me out by the spirit of the LORD and set me down in the middle of a valley; it was full of bones. He led me all around them; there were very many lying in the valley, and they were very dry. He said to me, "Mortal, can these bones live?" I answered, "O Lord GOD, you know." Then he said to me, "Prophecy to these bones and say to them: O dry bones, hear the word of the LORD. Thus says the Lord GOD to these bones: I will cause breath to enter you, and you shall live. I will lay sinews on 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." So I prophesied as I had been commanded, and as I prophesied, suddenly there was a noise, a rattling, and the bones came together, bone to its bone. I looked, and there were sinews on them, and flesh had come upon them, and skin had covered them, but there was no breath in them. Then he said to me, "Prophecy to the breath, prophesy, mortal, and say to the breath: Thus says the Lord GOD: Come from the four winds, O breath, and breathe upon these slain, that they may live." I prophesied as he commanded me, and the breath came into them, and they lived and stood on their feet, a vast multitude. Then he said to me, "Mortal, these bones are the whole house of Israel. They say, 'Our bones are dried up, and our hope is lost; we are cut off completely.' Therefore prophesy and say to them: Thus says the Lord GOD: I am going to open your graves and bring you up from your graves, O my people, and I will bring you back to the land of Israel. And you shall know that I am the LORD when I open your graves and bring you up from your graves, O my people. I will put my spirit within you, and you shall live, and I will place you on your own soil; then you shall know that I, the LORD, have spoken and will act, says the LORD."

R: Word of God, Word of life.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

## **PSALM 130**

Out of the depths

I cry to you, O LORD;

**O LORD, hear my voice!**

**Let your ears be attentive to the voice of my supplication.**

If you were to keep watch over sins,

O LORD, who could stand?

**Yet with you is forgiveness,**

**in order that you may be feared.**

I wait for you, O LORD; my soul waits;

in your word is my hope.

**My soul waits for the Lord more than those who keep watch for the morning, more than those who keep watch for the morning.**

O Israel, wait for the LORD, for with the LORD there is steadfast love;

with the LORD there is plenteous redemption.

**For the LORD shall redeem Israel**

**from all their sins.**

## **SECOND READING**

***Romans 8:6-11***

To set the mind on the flesh is death, but to set the mind on the Spirit is life and peace. For this reason the mind that is set on the flesh is hostile to God; it does not submit to God's law—indeed, it cannot, and those who are in the flesh cannot please God. But you are not in the flesh; you are in the Spirit, since the Spirit of God dwells in you. Anyone who does not have the Spirit of Christ does not belong to him. But if Christ is in you, then the body is dead because of sin, but the Spirit is life because of righteousness. If the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, he who raised Christ Jesus from the dead will give life to your mortal bodies also through his Spirit that dwells in you.

R: Word of God, Word of life.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

## **LENTEN VERSE**

*(TFF 101)*

**Spirit of the living God, fall fresh on me,**

**Spirit of the living God, fall fresh on me.**

**Melt me, mold me, fill me, use me.**

**Spirit of the living God, fall fresh on me.**

P: The Holy Gospel according to John, the 11th chapter.

**C: Glory to you, O Lord.**

P: Now a certain man was ill, Lazarus of Bethany, the village of Mary and her sister Martha...

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

**C: Praise to you, O Christ.**

## **YOUNG PEOPLE SERMON SERMON**

## **HYMN OF THE DAY**

**Shine On Me**

*(TFF 62)*

*Please turn to 62 of your TFF hymnal.*

## **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 into hell. 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 catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

## **PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH**

A: Hear us O God,

**C: Your mercy is great.**

## **WE SHARE PEACE**

A: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

**C: And also with you.**

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

### **QUIET TIME**

### **OFFERTORY**

#### **Let The Vineyards**

*(TFF pg. 36)*

Let the vineyards be fruitful, Lord, and fill to the brim our cup of blessing.  
Gather a harvest of seeds that were sown, that we may be fed the bread of life.  
Gather the hopes and dreams of all, unite them with the prayers we offer.  
Grace our table with your presence, and give us a foretaste of the feast to come.

### **OFFERTORY PRAYER**

A: O God,

**C: Maker of heaven and earth, your steadfast love embraces all creation. You send rain and sunshine to nourish the earth and bring forth its bounty. Through these gifts of bread and wine, draw us into the death and life of your Son, who calls us to bear witness to his saving work. We ask this in Jesus' name. Amen.**

## **GREAT THANKSGIVING**

P: The Lord be with you.

**C: And also with you.**

P: Lift up your hearts.

**C: We lift them to the Lord.**

P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**C: It is right to give God thanks and praise.**

## **SANCTUS**

### **Holy, Holy, Holy**

*(TFF pg. 38)*

Holy, Holy, Holy Lord, Lord God of power and might.

Heaven and Earth are full of your glory, Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

## **EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER**

### **THE 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. Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, now and forever. Amen.

## **SHARING THE MEAL**

### **COMMUNION HYMNS**

**Seek Ye First** (TFF 149)  
**Let Us Break Bread Together** (TFF 123)

### **BLESSING**

P: The body and blood of our Lord, Jesus Christ, strengthen you and keep you in his grace.

**C: Amen.**

### **POST-COMMUNION PRAYER**

A: God of our salvation,

**C: We give you thanks for this meal that restores our souls, reconciles us to you, and strengthens us for the journey. Through the body and blood of your Son, may we become Christ's body in the world, bearing witness to your love for all creation, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

### **BENEDICTION**

P: Receive the blessing of the holy Trinity: God, who calls all things into existence, Jesus Christ, who redeems us, and the Holy Spirit, whose breath sustains creation, ✠ bless you now and always.

**C: Amen.**

### **SENDING SONG**

**When Peace Like a River** (TFF 194)  
*The hymn is on the next page.*



1 When peace like a riv - er at - tend - eth my way, when  
 2 Though Sa - tan should buf - fet, though tri - als should come, let  
 3 He lives—oh, the bliss of this glo - ri - ous thought; my  
 4 Lord, has - ten the day when our faith shall be sight, the



sor - rows like sea bil - lows roll, what - ev - er my lot, thou hast  
 this blest as - sur - ance con - trol, that Christ hath re - gard - ed my  
 sin, not in part, but the whole, is nailed to his cross and I  
 clouds be rolled back as a scroll, the trum - pet shall sound and the



taught me to say, it is well, it is well with my soul.  
 help - less es - tate, and hath shed his own blood for my soul.  
 bear it no more. Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, O my soul!  
 Lord shall de - scend; e - ven so it is well with my soul.



*Refrain*  
 It is well with my soul, it is well, it is well with my soul.

## DISMISSAL

A: Go in peace. Believe the good news.

C: Thanks be to God.

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## Worship Participants This Week

**Preaching and Presiding:** Pastor Julianne Smeck

**Ministers:** All worshippers

**Bassist:** Dan Abell **Guitar:** Kurt Keljo **Drummer:** Seth Daily

**Pianist:** Caitlin Couch

**Reader:** Kim Fedrick

**Worship Assistant:** Denise Rector

**Acolyte:** Arianna Fentress

**Usher:** Halima Linder

## Worship Leaders Next Sunday

**Reader:** Arianna Fentress

**Worship Assistant:** Janet Ligon

**Acolyte:** Aubrey Fentress

**Usher:** Doris and Frank Nelson

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**BIRTHDAYS:** Karen Asmus-Alsnauer (22nd)

**HOLY WEEK** Next Sunday will begin Holy Week with observance of Palm Sunday. It is the first of several opportunities to participate in special readings. Please let Pastor know if you are interested. The readings will be on Palm Sunday (March 29), Good Friday, (April 3) and the Easter Vigil (April 4).

**NELSON W. TROUT LECTURES** April 23-24, 2026 — REGISTRATION IS NOW OPEN!  
The Rev. Dr. Nelson W. Trout was a native of Columbus, OH (Urbancrest) as well as a Capital & Trinity graduate. He was the first person of African Descent to be elected Bishop in North America. Annually, Trinity holds lectures in his honor. This year we are pleased to welcome **The Rev. Traci Blackmon!** Also, new this year will be a Friday morning Prayer Breakfast. Registration is free and open to the public. **Register TODAY at [www.Trinity.Capital.edu](http://www.Trinity.Capital.edu)**

**THE PASTOR'S SABBATH** is on Thursday and Friday each week.

**PROPERTY CONCERNS** You can now communicate property issues via email ([hopelutheranchurchproperty@gmail.com](mailto:hopelutheranchurchproperty@gmail.com)), the committee has decided one chairperson isn't necessary. This is a strong team, and they will respond quickly.

**SCHEDULE FOR EFM WORSHIP DURING LENT**

March 25th - Bethany Presbyterian - Dr. Mark Hensley of St Philip Lutheran

**CALENDAR**

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\*Enter offering amount

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**Offerings @ 3/15/26**

Received: \$27,100

Anticipated: \$29,902

Over / (Short): **(\$2,802) Cap Imp: \$1,153**