

**Trinity Lutheran Church**  
**5<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Lent**  
**March 17, 2024**

**WELCOME**

**OPENING SENTENCES** (Adapted from the Breastplate of Saint Patrick)

**P:** I arise today through a mighty strength, the invocation of the Trinity, through a belief in the Threeness, through confession of the Oneness of the Creator of creation, the Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

**C:** **Amen.**

**P:** We pray, As I arise today, may the strength of God pilot me, the power of God uphold me, the wisdom of God guide me.

**C:** **May the eye of God look before me, the ear of God hear me, the Word of God speak for me.**

**W:** *May the hand of God lie before me, the shield of God defend me, the host of God save me.*

**M:** **May Christ shield me today.**

**C:** **Christ with me, Christ before me, Christ behind me, Christ in me, Christ beneath me, Christ above me.**

**P:** Christ on my right, Christ on my left, Christ when I lie down, Christ when I sit, Christ when I stand.

**C:** **Christ in the heart of everyone who thinks of me,**

**W:** *Christ in the mouth of everyone who speaks of me,*

**M:** **Christ in every eye that sees me,**

**C:** **Christ in every ear that hears me.**

**P:** I arise today through a mighty strength, the invocation of the Trinity, through belief in the Threeness, through confession of the Oneness of the Creator of creation.

**C:** **Amen.**

**HYMN**

“God’s Own Child I Gladly Say it”

**APOSTLES’ CREED**

**PSALM**      ***Psalm 96:1-3,7-8, 10***

**L:** O sing to the Lord a new song;  
sing to the Lord, all the earth.  
Sing to the Lord, bless his name;

**All:** **Proclaim God’s marvelous deeds to all the nations.**

**L:** tell of his salvation from day to day.  
Declare his glory among the nations,  
His marvelous works among all the peoples.

**All:** **Proclaim God’s marvelous deeds to all the nations.**

L: Ascribe to the Lord, O families of the peoples, ascribe to the Lord glory and strength.  
Ascribe to the Lord the glory due his name; bring an offering, and come into his courts.

**All: Proclaim God's marvelous deeds to all the nations.**

L: Say among the nations, "The Lord is king! The world is firmly established; it shall never be moved.  
He will judge the peoples with equity."

**All: Proclaim God's marvelous deeds to all the nations.**

## CHILDREN'S STORY

(Children go down to Sunday School)

## SECOND READING 1 Peter 4:7b-11

L The Second Reading is from 1 Peter, the fourth chapter.

Therefore be serious and discipline yourselves for the sake of your prayers. <sup>8</sup>Above all, maintain constant love for one another, for love covers a multitude of sins. <sup>9</sup>Be hospitable to one another without complaining. <sup>10</sup>Like good stewards of the manifold grace of God, serve one another with whatever gift each of you has received. <sup>11</sup>Whoever speaks must do so as one speaking the very words of God; whoever serves must do so with the strength that God supplies, so that God may be glorified in all things through Jesus Christ. To him belong the glory and the power forever and ever. Amen.

## HYMN

"Our God Will Go Before Us"

## HOLY GOSPEL Matthew 28:16-20

P The Holy Gospel according to Matthew, the twenty-eighth chapter.

Now the eleven disciples went to Galilee, to the mountain to which Jesus had directed them. <sup>17</sup>When they saw him, they worshiped him; but some doubted. <sup>18</sup>And Jesus came and said to them, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. <sup>19</sup>Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, <sup>20</sup>and teaching them to obey everything that I have commanded you. And remember, I am with you always, to the end of the age."

## SERMON

## OFFERTORY

(offering will be received at this time)

## A PRAYER OF CONFESSION OF SIN

P: Forgiving Father,

**C: I come, a sinner who has fallen short time and time again.**

P: You have given us Your word, both in scripture and in Your Son, and You have graced us with Your kingdom, both in teaching and in service.

**C: Even so, we so often neglect, ignore, and reject your purposes for us.**

**We do not always love whom You love, nor do we always embrace what You embrace. For**

**all the times we turn away have mercy on us, O God.**

**Forgive us for what we do and what we fail to do. We pray in Jesus' holy name. Amen.**

## THE ABSOLUTION

**P:** God in His mercy has given His innocent Son, Jesus Christ to die for the sins of the world. On the cross, Jesus paid for the sins of the world and in Christ alone we are justified before God. As a called and ordained servant of Christ and by Christ's authority I declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins.

**C:** **Amen. Come Lord Jesus be our guest and may Your gifts to us be blest.**

**P:** We continue with the Words of Institution.

## SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

### WORDS OF INSTITUTION

**COMMUNION HYMNS** "Come Unto Jesus"  
"In Christ Alone"

### POSTCOMMUNION PRAYER

### BENEDICTION

**HYMN** "Doxology"

### DISMISSAL

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