

## Fifth Sunday in Lent

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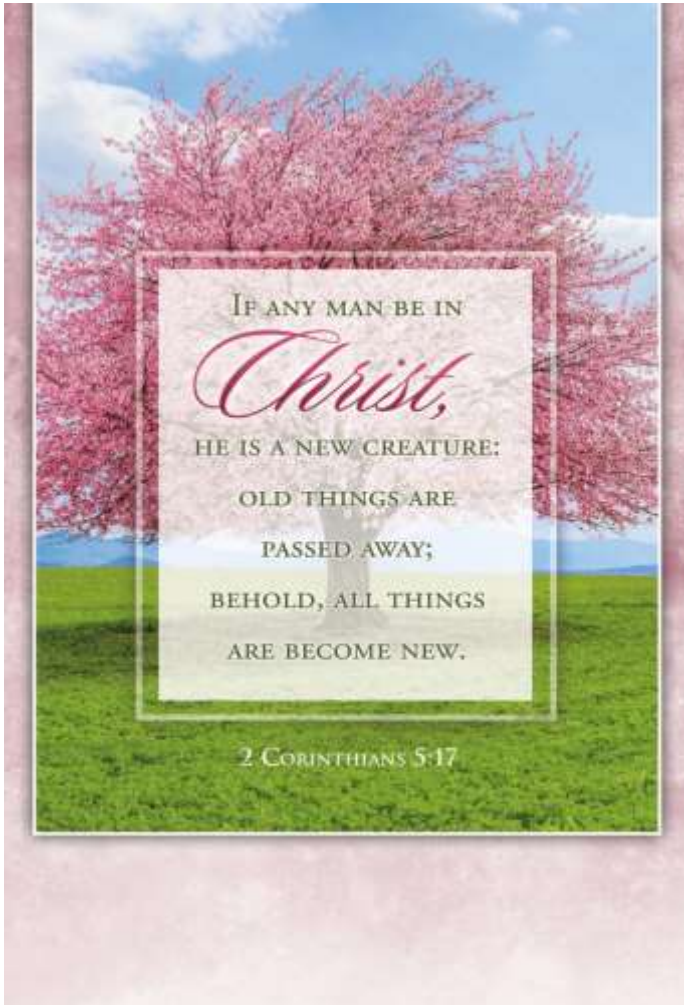
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### **Welcome to Trinity!**

We're glad you're here to worship!

Please join us Sunday's at 8:00am & 10:00am Monday's at 6:00pm  
If you have any questions, please contact Pastor Tesch (715-587-8521)

## Glory Be to Jesus

(Hymn 103)

1 Glory be to Jesus,  
Who in bitter pains  
Poured for me the lifeblood  
From his sacred veins.

2 Grace and life eternal  
In that blood I find;  
Blest be his compassion,  
Infinitely kind.

3 Blest through endless ages  
Be the precious stream  
Which from endless torments  
Did the world redeem.

4 Abel's blood for vengeance  
Pleaded to the skies,  
But the blood of Jesus  
For our pardon cries.

5 Oft as earth exulting  
Lifts its praise on high,  
Angel hosts rejoicing  
Make their glad reply.

6 Lift we, then, our voices,  
Swell the mighty flood;  
Louder still and louder  
Praise the precious blood!

**Please rise**

### ***Confession of Sins***

P: We have come into the presence of God, who created us to love and serve him as his dear children. But we have disobeyed him and deserve only his wrath and punishment. Therefore, let us confess our sins to him and plead for his mercy.

***C: Merciful Father in heaven, I am altogether sinful from birth. In countless ways I have sinned against you and do not deserve to be called your child. But trusting in Jesus, my Savior, I pray: Have mercy on me according to your unfailing love. Cleanse me from my sin, and take away my guilt.***

### ***Assurance of Forgiveness***

P: God, our heavenly Father, has forgiven all your sins. By the perfect life and innocent death of our Lord Jesus Christ, he has removed your guilt forever. You are his own dear child. May God give you strength to live according to his will.

***C: Amen.***

***Prayer of the Day:***

P: Let us pray

***Eternal God and Father, help us to remember Jesus, who obeyed your will and bore the cross for our salvation that through his anguish, pain, and death we may receive forgiveness of sins and inherit eternal life; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.***

***C: Amen***

***Please be seated***

***Old Testament Lesson***

*God had made a covenant with his people. He made a covenant of love with them. He would be their God and they would be his people. He would bless them and they would follow him faithfully. God loved his people as a loving husband loves his wife.*

*But they broke his covenant—constantly. They were unfaithful, running after other gods and throwing away God’s gifts. They chose sin over grace and disobedience instead of fidelity. They were unfaithful to the God who loved them.*

*How did God respond? How did he deal with people who refused to be faithful? Who could not keep his covenant?*

*He made a new covenant. In the new covenant, God does everything. He provides the obedience. He pays the price. He forgives our infidelity and our guilt—and remembers our sins no more. He creates faith in our hearts. He writes his law in our minds. He brings us into his presence.*

*The price Jesus paid for this new covenant was horrific, but he gives it to us for free. Now we live in his love and worship him in his covenant of grace!*

**Jeremiah 31:31-34 (EHV)**

<sup>31</sup> Yes, the days are coming, declares the LORD, when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and with the house of Judah.

<sup>32</sup> It will not be like the covenant I made with their fathers, when I took them by the hand

and led them out of the land of Egypt.  
They broke that covenant of mine,  
although I was a husband to them, declares the LORD.  
<sup>33</sup> But this is the covenant I will make with the house of Israel  
after those days,  
declares the LORD.  
I will put my law in their minds,  
and I will write it on their hearts.  
I will be their God,  
and they will be my people.  
<sup>34</sup> No longer will each one teach his neighbor,  
or each one teach his brother, saying, “Know the LORD,”  
because they will all know me,  
from the least of them to the greatest, declares the LORD,  
for I will forgive their guilt,  
and I will remember their sins no more.

### ***Epistle Lesson***

*Isn't it a wonderful thing to have a friend who understands? Especially when we're down or hurting, it's comforting to know that someone is there for us, someone who's been there.*

*Jesus is that friend. He knows what we're going through. He understands pain. He knows what it's like to be alone. He's been betrayed and his friends all failed him. He's faced the impossible. He suffered more than we can ever comprehend. Even though his is the Son of God, he suffered. And he learned obedience from the things he suffered. So, he knows.*

*When Jesus needed help or when He was hurt, He cried out to His Father in prayer. God heard Him because of His perfect obedience. When we pray, we are heard for the very same reason—because of Jesus' perfect obedience. He is our perfect understanding friend. He is the source of our comfort and our eternal salvation.*

### Hebrews 5:7-10 (EHV)

<sup>7</sup> In the days of his flesh, he offered prayers and pleas with loud cries and tears to the one who was able to save him from death, and he was heard because of his reverence. <sup>8</sup> Although he was the Son, he learned obedience from the things he suffered. <sup>9</sup> After he was brought to his goal, he became the source of eternal salvation for everyone who obeys him, <sup>10</sup> because he was designated by God as a high priest, like Melchizedek.

### O Sacred Head, Now Wounded

*(Hymn 105 vv. 1,4,5)*

1 O sacred head, now  
wounded,  
With grief and shame weighed  
down,  
Now scornfully surrounded,  
With thorns your only crown,  
O sacred head, no glory  
Now from your face does shine;  
Yet, though despised and gory,  
I joy, to call you mine.

4 My burden in your  
passion,  
Lord, you have borne for me,  
For it was my transgression,  
My shame, on Calvary.  
I cast me down before you;  
Wrath is my rightful lot.  
Have mercy, I implore you;  
Redeemer, spurn me not!

5 What language shall I borrow  
To thank you, dearest Friend,  
For this, your dying sorrow,  
Your pity without end?  
Oh, make me yours forever,  
And keep me strong and true;  
Lord, let me never, never  
Outlive my love for you.

### **Gospel Lesson & Sermon:**

*When they were in Jerusalem, some Greeks asked Philip,  
“Sir, we want to see Jesus.”*

*Doesn't your heart just resonate that request? We want to  
see Jesus.*

*And how does Jesus respond? "Look to the cross."*

*The cross is where Jesus is glorified. The cross is why he came. The cross is where our relationship with God is restored. The cross is where Satan is judged. The cross is where we find life.*

*We look to the cross and trade an earth bound-life for a life bound for heaven. In our new life, we serve Jesus, not ourselves. We follow him and he stays with us. And in the end, God will honor us.*

*When Jesus looked to the cross, he saw his glory. He saw the reason he came to earth. On the cross, he would judge the world and cast Satan out. From the cross he would draw us to him. From the cross, he gives us forgiveness and life.*

### **John 12:20-33 (EHV)**

<sup>20</sup> Now there were some Greeks among those who went up to worship at the Festival. <sup>21</sup> They came to Philip, who was from Bethsaida in Galilee, and asked him, "Sir, we want to see Jesus." <sup>22</sup> Philip went to tell Andrew. Andrew came with Philip and told Jesus.

<sup>23</sup> Jesus answered them, "The time has come for the Son of Man to be glorified. <sup>24</sup> Amen, Amen, I tell you: Unless a kernel of wheat falls to the ground and dies, it continues to be one kernel. But if it dies, it produces much grain. <sup>25</sup> Anyone who loves his life destroys it. And the one who hates his life in this world will hold on to it for eternal life. <sup>26</sup> If anyone serves me, let him follow me. And where I am, there my servant will be also. If anyone serves me, the Father will honor him.

<sup>27</sup> "Now my soul is troubled. And what shall I say? 'Father, save me from this hour'? No, this is the reason I came to this hour. <sup>28</sup> Father, glorify your name!"

A voice came from heaven: "I have glorified my name, and I will glorify it again."

<sup>29</sup> The crowd standing there heard it and said it thundered. Others said an angel talked to him. <sup>30</sup> Jesus answered, "This voice was not for my sake but for yours.

<sup>31</sup> “Now is the judgment of this world. Now the ruler of this world will be thrown out. <sup>32</sup> And I, when I am lifted up from the earth, will draw all people to myself.” <sup>33</sup> He said this to indicate what kind of death he was going to die.

### **Prayers for Our family and Friends**

**Melanie Bell, Milferd Behnke, Ashleigh Bourdelais, Gladys Constine, Geri Garbrecht, Dorothy Johnson, Rose Karr, Sharon Malmstadt-Rupert, John Peters, Lisa Schmitt and Becky Schrank.**

### **Prayers for those called to protect**

**Military: Jesse Adams** (Sue Connor’s son), **Greg Carow** (Dennis Carow’s godson/nephew), **Aeron Forsberg** (Linda and Gene Erickson’s grandson), **Dayton Godfrey** (Dave & Cindy Schacht’s great-nephew), **Joshua Jansen** (Isaac Jansen’s cousin), **Patrick Noppenberg** (Denis & Deb Vieth’s son), **Dylan Vanko**, (Roy and Grace Chmela’s grandson), and **Thomas Weirich** (Mary Bush’s nephew).

**Firefighter: Steve Campbell.**

**Police: Greg Haemker, Raymond Cashaw** (Pastor Sonnemann's niece's husband) **and David Peterson** (Jamie Tesch's uncle). Ask the Lord to bless them, strengthen them, and keep them safe.

### ***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; 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.

### ***Closing Prayer***

P: O Lord God, our heavenly Father, pour out the Holy Spirit on your faithful people. Keep us strong in your grace and truth, protect and comfort us in all temptation, and bestow on us your

saving peace, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C: Amen.**

***Benediction:***

P: Brothers and sisters, go in peace. Live in harmony with one other. Serve the Lord with gladness.

The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you.

The Lord look on you with favor and give you peace.

**C: Amen.**

**Jesus Refuge of the Weary**

*(Hymn 108 v. 1)*

1 Jesus, Refuge of the weary,  
Blest Redeemer, whom we love,  
Fountain in life's desert dreary,  
Savior from the world above,  
Oh, how oft your eyes, offended,  
Gaze upon a sinner's fall!  
Yet, upon the cross extended,  
You endured the pain of all.



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**Shining the Light of the Gospel in our community.**

**John 8:12** - *"I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will never walk in darkness, but will have the light of life."*

**Matthew 5:16** - *"Let your light shine before others, that they may see your good deeds and glorify your Father in heaven"*