



RESTORED
IN CHRIST

BROKEN PROMISES

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--Lenten Service--

Trinity Lutheran Church

April 2, 2025

Opening Hymn

“Savior, When in Dust to Thee”

#419



1 Sav - ior, when in dust to Thee Low we bow the a -
2 By Thy help - less in - fant years, By Thy life of
3 By Thine hour of dire de - spair, By Thine ag - o -
4 By Thy deep ex - pir - ing groan, By the sad se -



dor - ing knee; When, re - pen - tant, to the skies
want and tears, By Thy days of deep dis - tress
ny of prayer, By the cross, the nail, the thorn,
pul - chral stone, By the vault whose dark a - bode



Scarce we lift our weep - ing eyes; O, by all Thy
In the sav - age wil - der - ness, By the dread, mys -
Pierc - ing spear, and tor - turing scorn, By the gloom that
Held in vain the ris - ing God, O, from earth to



pains and woe Suf - fered once for us be - low, Bend - ing
te - rious hour Of the in - sult - ing tempt - er's pow'r, Turn, O
veiled the skies O'er the dread - ful sac - ri - fice, Lis - ten
heav'n re - stored, Might - y, re - as - cend - ed Lord, Bend - ing



from Thy throne on high, Hear our pen - i - ten - tial cry!
turn a fa - v'ring eye; Hear our pen - i - ten - tial cry!
to our hum - ble sigh; Hear our pen - i - ten - tial cry!
from Thy throne on high, Hear our pen - i - ten - tial cry!

P When God speaks, God acts. God's speaking is bound to God's being.

C If we are faithless, He remains faithful. He cannot deny Himself.

P Jesus is God speaking and revealing Himself to us.

C If we are faithless, He remains faithful. He cannot deny Himself.

P Jesus is the Word of God present for us.

C If we are faithless, He remains faithful. He cannot deny Himself.

P Jesus is the fulfillment of God's promise, and the assurance that God will keep every promise he has made.

C If we are faithless, He remains faithful. He cannot deny Himself.

P Jesus is the proof that God will do what He has said. Jesus is the comfort and the encouragement that we will share in the completion of all God's wonderful plans.

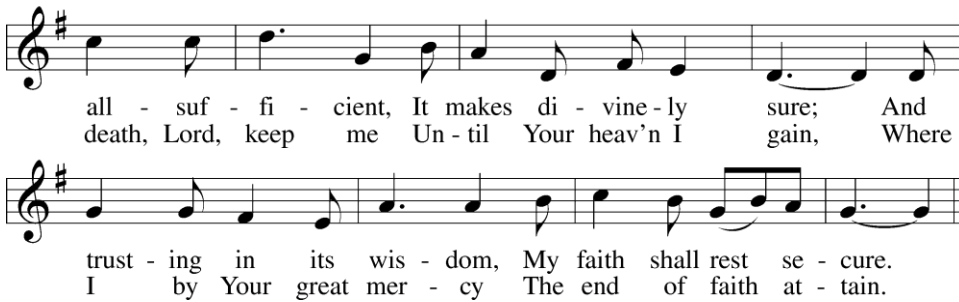
C If we are faithless, He remains faithful. He cannot deny Himself.

Hymn

"I Know My Faith is Founded"

#587 vs. 1, 3

1 I know my faith is found - ed On Je - sus Christ, my
3 In faith, Lord, let me serve You; Though per - se - cu - tion,
God and Lord; And this my faith con - fess - ing, Un -
grief, and pain Should seek to o - ver - whelm me, Let
moved I stand on His sure Word. Our rea - son can - not
me a stead - fast trust re - tain; And then at my de -
fath - om The truth of God pro - found; Who trusts in hu - man
par - ture, Lord, take me home to You, Your rich - es to in -
wis - dom Re - lies on shift - ing ground. God's Word is
her - it As all You said holds true. In life and



all - suf - fi - cient, It makes di - vine - ly sure; And
 death, Lord, keep me Un - til Your heav'n I gain, Where
 trust - ing in its wis - dom, My faith shall rest se - cure.
 I by Your great mer - cy The end of faith at - tain.

Confession and Absolution

P Talk is cheap. There is an enormous gulf between a word said and a deed done. We know too well the pain of broken promises and the hurt caused by empty assurances. People have failed us. But we know that we also struggle to keep our word. We have caused and continue to cause our own hurt and pain. We have failed others. We have failed God.

C Lord God, I have not been faithful. I have made promises that I could not keep. I have spoken a word of agreement and then forgotten to uphold it. I have given assurances and then failed to follow through. I have committed and then changed my mind when it became difficult. Forgive me for my empty words. Forgive me for my broken promises. Forgive me for being faithless.

P When we are faithless, He remains faithful. God has promised always to forgive the repentant sinner. There is no doubt, then: God knows your failure and your sin, and He forgives you for all of it. Take heart; your failures have all been forgiven. God has promised it, and He always keeps every promise.

C Amen.

First Reading

Psalm 15

O LORD, who shall sojourn in your tent?

Who shall dwell on your holy hill?

² He who walks blamelessly and does what is right
 and speaks truth in his heart;

³ who does not slander with his tongue
 and does no evil to his neighbor,
 nor takes up a reproach against his friend;

⁴ in whose eyes a vile person is despised,
 but who honors those who fear the LORD;

who swears to his own hurt and does not change;

⁵ who does not put out his money at interest
 and does not take a bribe against the innocent.

He who does these things shall never be moved.

Second Reading

2 Timothy 2:8-14

⁸ Remember Jesus Christ, risen from the dead, the offspring of David, as preached in my gospel, ⁹ for which I am suffering, bound with chains as a criminal. But the word of God is not bound! ¹⁰ Therefore I endure everything for the sake of the elect, that they also may obtain the salvation that is in Christ Jesus with eternal glory. ¹¹ The saying is trustworthy, for:

If we have died with him, we will also live with him;

¹² if we endure, we will also reign with him;

if we deny him, he also will deny us;

¹³ if we are faithless, he remains faithful—

for he cannot deny himself.

¹⁴ Remind them of these things, and charge them before God^[a] not to quarrel about words, which does no good, but only ruins the hearers.

Gospel Reading

Matthew 26:30-35, 69-75

³⁰ And when they had sung a hymn, they went out to the Mount of Olives. ³¹ Then Jesus said to them, “You will all fall away because of me this night. For it is written, ‘I will strike the shepherd, and the sheep of the flock will be scattered.’” ³² But after I am raised up, I will go before you to Galilee.” ³³ Peter answered him, “Though they all fall away because of you, I will never fall away.” ³⁴ Jesus said to him, “Truly, I tell you, this very night, before the rooster crows, you will deny me three times.” ³⁵ Peter said to him, “Even if I must die with you, I will not deny you!” And all the disciples said the same. ⁶⁹ Now Peter was sitting outside in the courtyard. And a servant girl came up to him and said, “You also were with Jesus the Galilean.” ⁷⁰ But he denied it before them all, saying, “I do not know what you mean.” ⁷¹ And when he went out to the entrance, another servant girl saw him, and she said to the bystanders, “This man was with Jesus of Nazareth.” ⁷² And again he denied it with an oath: “I do not know the man.” ⁷³ After a little while the bystanders came up and said to Peter, “Certainly you too are one of them, for your accent betrays you.” ⁷⁴ Then he began to invoke a curse on himself and to swear, “I do not know the man.” And immediately the rooster crowed. ⁷⁵ And Peter remembered the saying of Jesus, “Before the rooster crows, you will deny me three times.” And he went out and wept bitterly.



1 Lord, keep us stead - fast in Your Word; Curb those who
 2 Lord Je - sus Christ, Your pow'r make known, For You are
 3 O Com - fort - er of price - less worth, Send peace and



by de - ceit or sword Would wrest the king - dom from Your
 Lord of lords a - lone; De - fend Your ho - ly Church that
 u - ni - ty on earth; Sup - port us in our fi - nal



Son And bring to naught all He has done.
 we May sing Your praise e - ter - nal - ly.
 strife And lead us out of death to life.

Sermon

Offering/Offertory

789 Praise and Thanksgiving



1 Praise and thanks - giv - ing, Fa - ther, we of - fer For all things
 2 Bless, Lord, the la - bor We bring to serve You That with our
 3 Fa - ther, pro - vid - ing Food for Your chil - dren, By Your wise



liv - ing, Cre - at - ed good: Har - vest of sown fields, Fruits of the
 neigh - bor We may be fed. Sow - ing or till - ing, We would work
 guid - ing Teach us to share One with an - oth - er, So that, re -



or - chard, Hay from the mown fields, Bloss - om and wood.
 with You, Har - vest - ing, mill - ing For dai - ly bread.
 joic - ing With us, all oth - ers May know Your care.

Prayers/The Lord's Prayer

Each petition ends with the following response:

P Christ who heals all brokenness,

C restore our broken promises to You.

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

Closing Hymn

“Christ, the Life of All the Living”

#420 vs. 1 & 6



1 Christ, the life of all the liv - ing, Christ, the death of
6 Thou hast suf - fered great af - flic - tion And hast borne it



death, our foe, Who, Thy - self for me once giv - ing
pa - tient - ly, E - ven death by cru - ci - fix - ion,



To the dark - est depths of woe: Through Thy suf - f'rings,
Ful - ly to a - tone for me; Thou didst choose to



death, and mer - it I e - ter - nal life in - her - it.
be tor - ment - ed That my doom should be pre - vent - ed.



Thou - sand, thou - sand thanks shall be, Dear - est Je - sus, un - to Thee.
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