



Sunday March 22, 2026 Fifth Sunday in Lent

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.

WELCOME! We are glad to have you join us in worship today. Here are a few notes to help you feel more at home participating in our worship.

Worshipping. Today's service is printed in this bulletin. Parts in **bold** indicate responses by everyone in which you are invited to participate.

Communion. *Lutheran Christians believe that the Lord Jesus Christ feeds us with his true body and blood "in, with, and under" the bread and wine in the Lord's Supper. All baptized Christians who receive Communion in their own churches are welcome to receive the sacrament. Please note that the darker wine is non-alcoholic and is available from the Lector. Communion will be distributed continuously, in procession. Please come forward as directed by the ushers.*

Coffee Hour. We hope that you will join us for coffee and conversation in the lobby following the worship service.

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✠ GATHERING ✠

PRELUDE

RINGING OF THE BELL

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

P Blessed be the holy Trinity, ✠ one God, who looks upon us in compassion, forgives our sin, and heals our lives.

C Amen.

P Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

Pause for silent reflection

P Have mercy, O God, **C against you, you alone, we have sinned. In your compassion, cleanse us from our sin and take away our guilt. Create in us a new heart and give us a steadfast spirit. Do not cast us away, but fill us with your Holy Spirit and restore your joy within us. Amen.**

P As tender as parent to child, so deep is God's compassion for you. As high as heaven is above earth, so vast is God's love for you. As far as east is from west, so far God removes your sin from you, renewing your life through Jesus Christ. Blessed be God who crowns us with mercy and love.

C Blessed be God forever.

ENTER IN SILENCE

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

Ky - ri - e e - lei - son. Lord, have mer - cy.

Chris - te e - lei - son. Christ, have mer - cy.

Ky - ri - e e - lei - son. Lord, have mer - cy.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P 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.

C Amen.

✠ WORD ✠

FIRST READING: EZEKIEL 37:1-14

A reading from Ezekiel.

¹ 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. ² He led me all around them; there were very many lying in the valley, and they were very dry. ³ He said to me, “Mortal, can these bones live?” I answered, “O Lord GOD, you know.” ⁴ Then he said to me, “Prophecy to these bones and say to them: O dry bones, hear the word of the LORD. ⁵ Thus says the Lord GOD to these bones: I will cause breath to enter you, and you shall live. ⁶ 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.”

⁷ 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. ⁸ 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. ⁹ 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.” ¹⁰ I prophesied as he commanded me, and the breath came into them, and they lived and stood on their feet, a vast multitude.

¹¹ 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.’ ¹² 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. ¹³ And you shall know that I am the LORD when I open your graves and bring you up from your graves, O my people. ¹⁴ 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.”

...The word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

PSALM: 51 - CREATE IN ME ~ BOB HURD

The congregation will sing the refrain. Verses will be sung by the choir.

Refrain Fine

Cre - ate in me a clean heart.

Verses

1. Have mer - cy on me, God, in your com - pas - sion.
 2. O pu - ri - fy my heart and teach me wis - dom;
 3. O give me back the joy of your sal - va - tion;

to Refrain

1. Re - move my sin. Wash me _ from my guilt.
 2. then I shall be clean - er _ than the snow.
 3. a will - ing spir - it & 7 sus - tain in me.

Text based on Psalm 51:12, 3-4, 8-9, 14.
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SECOND READING: ROMANS 8:6-11

A reading from Romans.

⁶ To set the mind on the flesh is death, but to set the mind on the Spirit is life and peace.

⁷ 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, ⁸ and those who are in the flesh cannot please God.

⁹ 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. ¹⁰ But if Christ is in you, then the body is dead because of sin, but the Spirit is life because of righteousness. ¹¹ 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.

...The word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



Noth-ing in all cre - a - tion can sep - a - rate us from the love of God.



Noth-ing in all cre - a - tion can sep - a - rate us from the love of God.

GOSPEL: JOHN 11:1-45

P The holy gospel according to John.

C Glory to you, O Lord.

¹ Now a certain man was ill, Lazarus of Bethany, the village of Mary and her sister Martha. ² Mary was the one who anointed the Lord with perfume and wiped his feet with her hair; her brother Lazarus was ill. ³ So the sisters sent a message to Jesus, “Lord, he whom you love is ill.” ⁴ But when Jesus heard it, he said, “This illness does not lead to death; rather, it is for God’s glory, so that the Son of God may be glorified through it.” ⁵ Accordingly, though Jesus loved Martha and her sister and Lazarus, ⁶ after having heard that Lazarus was ill, he stayed two days longer in the place where he was.

⁷ Then after this he said to the disciples, “Let us go to Judea again.” ⁸ The disciples said to him, “Rabbi, the Jews were just now trying to stone you, and are you going there again?” ⁹ Jesus answered, “Are there not twelve hours of daylight? Those who walk during the day do not stumble because they see the light of this world. ¹⁰ But those who walk at night stumble because the light is not in them.” ¹¹ After saying this, he told them, “Our friend Lazarus has fallen asleep, but I am going there to awaken him.” ¹² The disciples said to him, “Lord, if he has fallen asleep, he will be all right.” ¹³ Jesus, however, had been speaking about his death, but they thought that he was referring merely to sleep. ¹⁴ Then Jesus told them plainly, “Lazarus is dead. ¹⁵ For your sake I am glad I was not there, so that you may believe. But let us go to him.” ¹⁶ Thomas, who was called the Twin, said to his fellow disciples, “Let us also go, that we may die with him.”

¹⁷ When Jesus arrived, he found that Lazarus had already been in the tomb four days. ¹⁸ Now Bethany was near Jerusalem, some two miles away, ¹⁹ and many of the Jews had come to Martha and Mary to console them about their brother. ²⁰ When Martha heard that Jesus was coming, she went and met him, while Mary stayed at home. ²¹ Martha said to Jesus, “Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died. ²² But even now I

know that God will give you whatever you ask of him.”²³ Jesus said to her, “Your brother will rise again.”²⁴ Martha said to him, “I know that he will rise again in the resurrection on the last day.”²⁵ Jesus said to her, “I am the resurrection and the life. Those who believe in me, even though they die, will live,²⁶ and everyone who lives and believes in me will never die. Do you believe this?”²⁷ She said to him, “Yes, Lord, I believe that you are the Messiah, the Son of God, the one coming into the world.”

²⁸ When she had said this, she went back and called her sister Mary and told her privately, “The Teacher is here and is calling for you.”²⁹ And when she heard it, she got up quickly and went to him.³⁰ Now Jesus had not yet come to the village but was still at the place where Martha had met him.³¹ The Jews who were with her in the house consoling her saw Mary get up quickly and go out. They followed her because they thought that she was going to the tomb to weep there.³² When Mary came where Jesus was and saw him, she knelt at his feet and said to him, “Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died.”³³ When Jesus saw her weeping and the Jews who came with her also weeping, he was greatly disturbed in spirit and deeply moved.³⁴ He said, “Where have you laid him?” They said to him, “Lord, come and see.”³⁵ Jesus began to weep.³⁶ So the Jews said, “See how he loved him!”³⁷ But some of them said, “Could not he who opened the eyes of the blind man have kept this man from dying?”

³⁸ Then Jesus, again greatly disturbed, came to the tomb. It was a cave, and a stone was lying against it.³⁹ Jesus said, “Take away the stone.” Martha, the sister of the dead man, said to him, “Lord, already there is a stench because he has been dead four days.”⁴⁰ Jesus said to her, “Did I not tell you that if you believed you would see the glory of God?”⁴¹ So they took away the stone. And Jesus looked upward and said, “Father, I thank you for having heard me.⁴² I knew that you always hear me, but I have said this for the sake of the crowd standing here, so that they may believe that you sent me.”⁴³ When he had said this, he cried with a loud voice, “Lazarus, come out!”⁴⁴ The dead man came out, his hands and feet bound with strips of cloth and his face wrapped in a cloth. Jesus said to them, “Unbind him, and let him go.”

⁴⁵ Many of the Jews, therefore, who had come with Mary and had seen what Jesus did believed in him.

...The gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON

HYMN OF THE DAY: GOD WE GATHER AS YOUR PEOPLE: FOR ALL THE CHILDREN
(ACS 1038)



1 God, we gath - er as your peo - ple to raise our song a -
2 Oh, we sing for all the chil - dren, that one day they be
3 Oh, we pray for all the young lives cut short by fear and
4 God, we're work - ing for the fu - ture when chil - dren far and



bove, and we dare to claim the prom - ise of your love.
free; and we sing for gen - er - a - tions yet to be,
shame, so a - fraid of who they are and whom they love.
wide can . . . live their lives with dig - ni - ty and pride.



Though the day may not yet be here, we
that they nev - er have a rea - son to
May the mes - sage now be ban - ished that your
As they grow in strength and stat - ure, may they



trust it soon will be, when your chil - dren will be free.
doubt that they are blest. May they, in your love, find rest.
love is for the few; may their faith in you re - new.
join us hand in hand, as a - gainst all hate we stand.



Oh, may our hearts and minds be o - pened, fling the church doors o - pen



wide. May there be room e - nough for ev - 'ry - one in - side.

For in God there is a wel - come, in God we all be -

long. May that wel - come be our song.

Text: David Lohman, b. 1961
 Music: WELCOME BE OUR SONG, David Lohman
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APOSTLES' CREED

A With the whole Church, we confess our faith.

C 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 INTERCESSION

A Reconciled by God's mercy and sustained by God's presence, let us pray for the world and its needs.

A We pray for the church. Grant life and peace to all who gather in your name. Breathe into us so that we may share your message of forgiveness, hope, and love. Hear us, O God.

C Your mercy is great.

A We pray for creation. Renew landscapes that have dried up, prosper the work of those who restore homes and habitats after natural disasters, and sustain places where biodiversity thrives. Hear us, O God. **C** Your mercy is great.

A We pray for the nations. Unbind leaders trapped by fear to act boldly for justice, free all who live in places of war and violence, and guide refugees and asylum seekers to safety. Hear us, O God. **C** Your mercy is great.

A We pray for all people in need. Take away the stone of poverty that weighs down so many. Console any who weep and heal all who are sick. Hear us, O God.

C Your mercy is great.

A We pray for this assembly. Ready the hearts and spirits of all preparing to be baptized. Deepen our wonder at the mystery of your resurrection and life. Hear us, O God.

C Your mercy is great.

A We offer our thanksgiving for all people who have died in faith. Give us faith to trust in your power to redeem and save, and bring us up from our graves to life in you. Hear us, O God.

C Your mercy is great.

A Receive our prayers, O God, through Jesus Christ, our strength and salvation.

C Amen.

PEACE

P The peace of Christ be with you always. **C And also with you.**

P Let us offer each other a sign of peace.

ADDITIONAL PRAYERS

ANNOUNCEMENTS

THIS WEEK'S BIRTHDAYS

Neil Tingwall (3/22); Jennifer Ruiz (3/23); Lynn Browning (3/24)

BIRTHDAY SONG

He who began a good work in you (2x)

Will be faithful to complete it (Clap 3x)

Will be faithful to complete it (Clap 3x)

He who started the work will be faithful to complete it in you!

✠ MEAL ✠

OFFERING SONG: *LORD, WHOSE LOVE IN HUMBLE SERVICE* (ELW 712)



1 Lord, whose love in hum-ble ser-vice bore the weight of hu-man need,
2 Still your chil-dren wan-der home-less; still the hun-gry cry for bread;
3 As we wor-ship, grant us vi-sion, till your love's re-veal-ing light
4 Called by wor-ship to your ser-vice, forth in your dear name we go,



who up-on the cross, for-sak-en, worked your mer-cy's per-fect deed:
still the cap-tives long for free-dom; still in grief we mourn our dead.
in its height and depth and great-ness dawns up-on our quick-ened sight,
to the child, the youth, the a-ged, love in liv-ing deeds to show;



we, your ser-vants, bring the wor-ship not of voice a-lone, but heart;
As you, Lord, in deep com-pas-sion healed the sick and freed the soul,
mak-ing known the needs and bur-dens your com-pas-sion bids us bear,
hope and health, good-will and com-fort, coun-sel, aid, and peace we give,



con-se-crat-ing to your pur-pose ev-'ry gift which you im-part.
by your Spir-it send your pow-er to our world to make it whole.
stir-ring us to ar-dent ser-vice, your a-bun-dant life to share.
that your ser-vants, Lord, in free-dom may your mer-cy know and live.

Text: Albert F. Bayly, 1901–1984
Music: BEACH SPRING, *The Sacred Harp*, Philadelphia, 1844
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OFFERING PRAYER

P Let us pray. God of goodness and growth, all creation is yours, and your faithfulness is sure. Word and water, wine and bread: these are signs of your abundant grace. Receive the gifts we bring, and nourish us to proclaim your abiding love in our communities and in the world, through Jesus Christ, our strength and our song. **C Amen.**

GREAT THANKSGIVING

DIALOGUE

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 our thanks and praise.**

PREFACE

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God, through our Savior Jesus Christ. You call your people to cleanse their hearts and prepare with joy for the paschal feast, that, renewed in the gift of baptism, we may come to the fullness of your grace. And so, with all the choirs of angels, with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

HOLY HOLY HOLY



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.

THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

P Holy God, mighty and merciful, your people praise you, saying: Your mercy endures forever.
C **Your mercy endures forever.**

P By your promise you bound yourself to earth and all its creatures, granting them life and calling them to flourish, setting the sign of your bow in the clouds, the colors of your love and faithfulness. Your mercy endures forever.

C **Your mercy endures forever.**

P By your promise you bound yourself to your people of old, blessing them with family outnumbering the stars and calling them to be a blessing to others, showing them steadfast love in every generation and calling them to be a light to the nations. Your mercy endures forever.
C **Your mercy endures forever.**

P By your promise you joined us to Jesus, your Beloved, grafting us into your living Vine, and calling us to bear the fruit of your self-giving love.

P In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.

P Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying: This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me.

P With this bread and cup we remember his life laid down and lifted up as we proclaim the mystery of faith.
C **Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.**

P Send your Holy Spirit upon us and these gifts of bread and wine. Bless us to be a blessing. Make us a sign of your faithfulness. Send us to tend and cherish the earth and to serve the world with mercy and love.

P With all the saints in light, with the earth and all its creatures, with sun and moon and stars, we praise you, O God, through Christ Jesus, in your Spirit, now and forever.

C **Amen.**

LORD'S PRAYER

P Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us.

C 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.

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

P Come to the banquet, for all is now ready.

C Thanks be to God.

LAMB OF GOD



Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on



us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have



mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the



world; grant us peace, grant us peace.

SONGS DURING COMMUNION: *ARE YE ABLE* (UMH 530) VERSES 1 & 2 ONLY

1. "Are ye a - ble," said the Mas - ter, "to be
 2. Are ye a - ble to re - mem - ber, when a
 3. Are ye a - ble when the shad - ows close a -
 4. Are ye a - ble? Still the Mas - ter whis - pers

cru - ci - fied with me?" "Yea," the sturd - y dream - ers
 thief lifts up his eyes, that his par - doned soul is
 round you with the sod, to be - lieve that spir - it
 down e - ter - ni - ty, and he - ro - ic spir - its

an - swered, "to the death we fol - low thee."
 wor - thy of a place in par - a - dise?
 tri - umphs, to com - mend your soul to God?
 an - swer, now as then in Gal - i - lee.

Refrain

Lord, we are a - ble. Our spir - its are thine.

WORDS: Earl Marlatt, 1926 (Mk. 10:35-40)
 MUSIC: Harry S. Mason, 1924

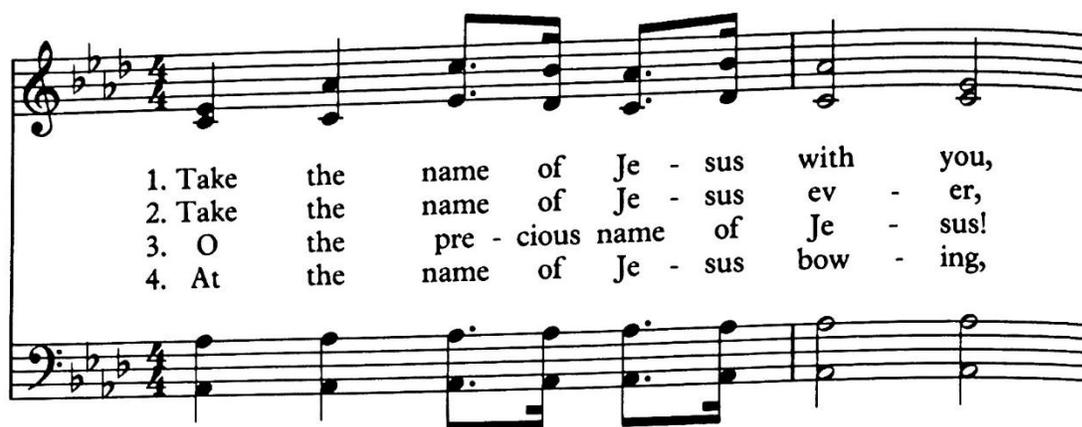
BEACON HILL
 Irr.

Re - mold them, make us, like thee, di - vine.

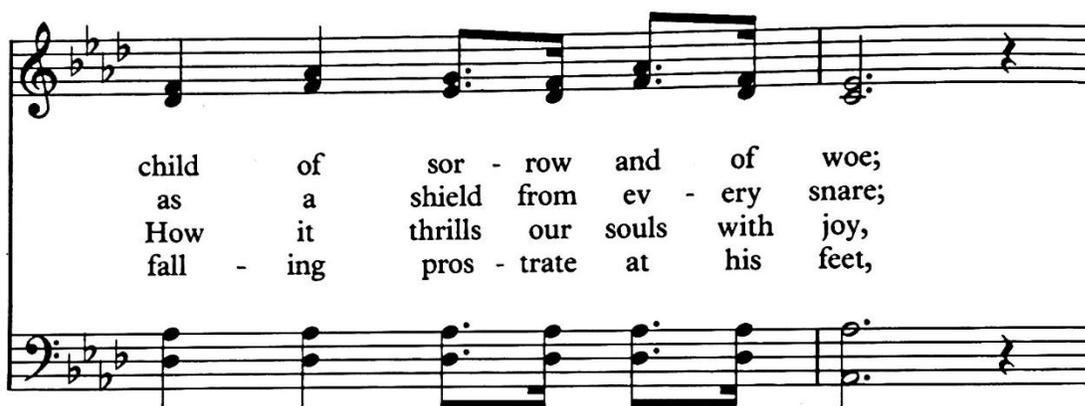
Thy guid - ing ra - diance a - bove us shall be

a bea - con to God, to love, and loy - al - ty.

PRECIOUS NAME (UMH 536) VERSES 1 & 2 ONLY



1. Take the name of Je - sus with you,
2. Take the name of Je - sus ev - er,
3. O the pre - cious name of Je - sus!
4. At the name of Je - sus bow - ing,



child of sor - row and of woe;
as a shield from ev - ery snare;
How it thrills our souls with joy,
fall - ing pros - trate at his feet,



it will joy and com - fort give you;
if temp - ta - tions round you gath - er,
when his lov - ing arms re - ceive us,
King of kings in heaven we'll crown him,

take it then, wher - e'er you go.
 breathe that ho - ly name in prayer.
 and his songs our tongues em - ploy!
 when our jour - ney is com - plete.

Refrain

Pre - cious name, O how sweet!
 Pre - cious name, O how sweet!

Hope of earth and joy of heaven. Pre - cious name,
 Pre - cious name,

O how sweet! Hope of earth and joy of heaven.
 O how sweet, how sweet!

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

P Let us pray. Living God, as the disciples ate and drank with their risen Lord, we have been nourished with the very presence of Christ. Through this meal may we be strengthened to keep your word and to proclaim the power of your love in Jesus Christ our Savior. **C Amen.**

✠ SENDING ✠

BLESSING

P The Lord be with you. **C And also with you.**

P God, the Source of glory, God, the Word of life, God, the Spirit of truth ✠ bless you all, now and forever. **C Amen.**

SENDING SONG: LORD JESUS, YOU SHALL BE MY SONG: (ELW 808)



1 *Jé - sus, je vou - drais te chan - ter sur ma rou - te;*
 1 Lord Je - sus, you shall be my song as I jour - ney;
 2 Lord Je - sus, I'll praise you as long as I jour - ney.
 3 As long as I live, Je - sus, make me your ser - vant,
 4 I fear in the dark and the doubt of my jour - ney;



Jé - sus, je vou - drais t'an-non-cer à mes voi - sins par - tout,
 I'll tell ev - 'ry - bod - y a - bout you wher - ev - er I go:
 May all of my joy be a faith - ful re - flec - tion of you.
 to car - ry your cross and to share all your bur - dens and tears.
 but cour - age will come with the sound of your steps by my side.



car toi seul es la vie et la paix et l'a - mour:
 you a - lone are our life and our peace and our love.
 May the earth and the sea and the sky join my song.
 For you saved me by giv - ing your bod - y and blood.
 And with all of the fam - 'ly you saved by your love,



Jé - sus, je vou - drais te chan - ter sur ma rou - te.
 Lord Je - sus, you shall be my song as I jour - ney.
 Lord Je - sus, I'll praise you as long as I jour - ney.
 As long as I live, Je - sus, make me your ser - vant.
 we'll sing to your dawn at the end of our jour - ney.

DISMISSAL

P Go in peace. Share the good news.

C Thanks be to God.

Upcoming Commemorations

Jonathan Edwards, teacher, missionary to American Indians, died 1758

Sunday, March 22, 2026

A Puritan minister in Connecticut, Edwards is remembered as being a great preacher. Though his most famous sermon talks at length about hell, he was more concerned with God's love. He served both as missionary to the Housatonic people in Massachusetts, and as president of the future Princeton University.

Oscar Arnulfo Romero, Bishop of San Salvador, martyr, died 1980

Tuesday, March 24, 2026

Romero was deeply concerned with injustices evident toward the poor and powerless in El Salvador, and worked forthrightly against political repression. He was assassinated while presiding at the eucharist in a chapel near the cathedral in San Salvador.

Annunciation of Our Lord

Wednesday, March 25, 2026

Nine months before Christmas we celebrate the annunciation, in which the angel Gabriel announced to Mary that she would give birth to the Son of God. The ancient church believed that this was also the date of the world's creation and of Jesus' death on the cross.

**Announcements for the week of
March 22, 2026**

*Sanctuary Lamp Candle for March is given to the glory of God and
in loving memory of Frank O'Brien by Maureen O'Brien*



*Neil Tingwall, March 22nd
Jennifer Ruiz, March 23rd
Lynn Browning, March 24th*

 **Welcome Pastor Avila!**

We are thrilled to welcome Pastor Avila, Assistant to the Bishop for Congregational Life and Evangelism, to worship today! We encourage everyone stay for a special coffee hour in the Pastor's Lounge immediately after worship.



 **HOLY WEEK IS JUST AROUND THE CORNER! READERS ARE NEEDED!**

Our Palm Sunday and Good Friday services call for multiple readers to share the days' Gospels. Be an important part of our Holy Week services and volunteer! Sign-up sheets and readings for both services are in the Narthex. When you sign up for a part, please be sure to take the appropriate reading so you can practice before the big day! Readers of all ages are welcome!

 **MOVIE TIME: What's your pleasure?**

Please check out the movie listing in the lobby and note your preference! There's room for any additional favorites of yours that we might be able to show! Comedy, drama, musical and informative subjects are welcome. MO'B

 **Fellowship Discussion**



"The Chosen" takes an intimate look at the real and authentic lives of Jesus and all those around him through this historical drama. "The Chosen" brings the Bible to life. At each meeting we'll present one episode followed by a discussion about the scripture that inspired that episode.

Next Meeting: Wednesday March 25th @ 2pm.

 **Gentle reminder**

All items for the April newsletter are due to Tanya by Monday March 23rd! You can email her directly at TMaurer145@aol.com.

Join Us For Holy Week!



March 29th

9:00 am Worship



April 2nd

7:30 pm Worship



April 3rd

7:30 pm Worship



April 5th

9:00 am Worship

Serving at Worship Today - Sunday, 9:00 AM

Assisting Minister.....Jane Ebersberger **Ushers**.....Rich Humann & Tyler LaVorgna
Lector.....Bill Artus **Greeter**.....Ilse Zeeck
Acolyte.....Natalie Mangiaracina **Audio/Visual**.....Tyler LaVorgna
Music Director.....Mason Griffin **Altar Guild**.....Lauren & Bill Artus

Parish Calendar This Week (March 22nd - March 29th)

Day	Event	Time
Sunday, March 22nd	5th Sunday in Lent	Holy Communion 9:00 am
	Meet Pastor Avila	Following Worship
	HSS Yoga	10:00 am
	Satsang With A Smile	2:00 pm
Tuesday, March 24 th	Back to Basics	7:00 pm
Wednesday, March 25 th	N.A.	7:00 pm
	The Chosen	2:00 pm
Thursday, March 26 th	Church Council Meeting	7:00 pm
Sunday, March 29th	Palm Sunday	Holy Communion 9:00 am

Parish Prayer List

If you would like to have your name or your friend or family member's name added to the Prayer List, please call the office. Please remember to keep the office updated.

Pray For Our Congregation

Bill Artus
Lauren Artus
Dottie Eberhardt
Richard Engert
John Feeney
John Langbehn
Jan Mosebach
Rick Mosebach
Ilona Riggers
Joe Shurman
Ilse Zeeck

Pray For Our Families

Richard Agarenzo (brother of Anthony Agarenzo)
Fred Barrell (brother-in-law of Paul and Susan Portz)
Carter (great-grandson of Lois Angstadt)
Peter Denning (son-in-law of Lois Angstadt)
James Ebersberger (brother of Jane Ebersberger)
Mrs. Feeney (Mother of John Feeney)
Jim Fritz (cousin of Lauren Artus & John Langbehn)
Andrew Ojeda (son of Pastor Moira Ahearne)
Bernd Pfeiffer (brother of Christel LaVorgna)
Laura Panaro (mother of Laureen Aiello)
Family & Friends of Eddie Piazza (brother-in-law of John Musi)
Linda Pisano (cousin of Lauren Artus & John Langbehn)
Jean Riolo (mother of Christine Carlson)
Steve Scala (cousin of Laureen Aiello)
Family of Deacon Fred von Voigt (uncle of Muller/Shurman family)

For Our Friends

Jennifer Amiruddin (friend of Maureen O'Brien)
Alice Brahs (friend of Maureen O'Brien)
Carol (friend of Lois Angstadt)
Ellen Grace (high school friend of Joan Hagner)
John Judge (friend of Jane Ebersberger)
Mark Kravitz (friend of John Langbehn)
Jenn Logan and her Mother (friends of Janet Muller)
Ellen Motoi (friend of Maureen O'Brien)
Betty, John & Mary Beth Ott (friends of Jane Ebersberger)
Rod (friend of the Maurer Family)
Bill Schlatter (friend of the Hesse Family)
Family & Friends of Martina Schmid (former member of the congregation)
Liz Weiser (friend of Barbara Barcavage)