

## The Fifth Sunday of Lent

Sunday March 26, 2023 – 10:30a.m.

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### Receiving Communion – 10:30a.m.

In preparation, examine yourself by asking these questions:

Am I truly sorry for my sins?

Do I believe I am forgiven because of Jesus' suffering and death?

Do I believe in the Real Presence of Christ's Body and Blood in the Sacrament?

Do I desire to be strengthened to live a God-pleasing life, and to forgive others?

This is the faith expressed by the LCMS and those in fellowship with us. Members of LCMS congregations may commune with us. If it is your first time with us, please speak to the pastor before communing.

### Prayers

For Healing: Blake Wargo, John VanKempen, Betty Zumwalt, Reini Morgan, Melanie Pence, Steve Steelman, Jeff Lutz, JoAnn Fuchs, Florence Collmann, Heath Beccue, Arlene Gerdes, Sara Ballinger, Lydia Cook

Zion Lutheran School

Government Officials and Nation

Military and all First Responders

**EASTER FLOWER** sign-ups are in the Narthex and in the church mailbox hallway.

Flower choices are Hyacinths, Tulips and Lilies. The price is \$14.00. Please fill the envelope out completely returning with your payment. Payments can be placed in the basket above the church mailboxes, or given to the church office. Checks can be made payable to Zion Ladies Aid.

**ALTAR FLOWERS** Giving by Virginia Wernsing in memory of Alicia Grosenheider's birthday.

**BULLETINS** Giving by Rex & Cindy Nail in celebration of Lily Shank's birthday

### HOLY WEEK/EASTER SCHEDULE

Senior Communion Service	Saturday April 1 <sup>st</sup> 11:00 a.m.
Palm/Passion Sunday	Saturday April 1 <sup>st</sup> 5:30 p.m. Sunday April 2 <sup>nd</sup> 8:00 a.m. & 10:30 a.m.
Maundy Thursday	Thursday April 6 <sup>th</sup> 7:00 p.m.
Good Friday	Friday April 7 <sup>th</sup> 7:00 p.m.
Easter Vigil	Saturday April 8 <sup>th</sup> 5:30 p.m.
Easter Sunrise Service	Sunday April 9 <sup>th</sup> 6:00 a.m.

## WELCOME

### HYMN OF INVOCATION LSB 433 "Glory Be to Jesus"

- 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 torment 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 Wafts 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!

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### ORDER OF SERVICE – Divine Service Setting One, Page 151

P: In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: **Amen.**

P: If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.

C: **But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.**

P: Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.

C: **Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. We have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved You with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways to the glory of Your holy name. Amen.**

P: Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: **Amen.**



## INTROIT

Precious in the sight | of the LORD\*  
is the death | of his saints.

**I love the LORD, because | he has heard\*  
my voice and my pleas for | mercy.**

Because he inclined his | ear to me,\*  
therefore I will call on him as long | as I live.

**The snares of death encompassed me; the pangs of Sheol laid | hold on me;\*  
I suffered distress and | anguish.**

Then I called on the name | of the LORD:\*  
"O LORD, I pray, deliv- | er my soul!"

**For you have delivered my | soul from death,\*  
my eyes from tears, my feet from | stumbling.**

**Glory be to the Father and | to the Son\*  
and to the Holy | Spirit;**

**as it was in the be- | ginning,\*  
is now, and will be forever. | Amen.**

Precious in the sight | of the LORD\*  
is the death | of his saints.

## KYRIE Page 152

P: In peace let us pray to the Lord.

**C: Lord, have mercy.**

P: For the peace from above and for our salvation let us pray to the Lord.

**C: Lord, have mercy.**

P: For the peace of the whole world, 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.**

P: For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise let us pray to the Lord.

**C: Lord, have mercy.**

P: Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.

**C: Amen.**

## SALUTATION & COLLECT Page 156

P: The Lord be with you.

**C: And also with you.**

P: Let us pray.

**C: Amen.**

**OLD TESTAMENT** Ezekiel 37:1–14

<sup>1</sup>The hand of the LORD was upon me, and he brought me out in the Spirit of the LORD and set me down in the middle of the valley; it was full of bones. <sup>2</sup>And he led me around among them, and behold, there were very many on the surface of the valley, and behold, they were very dry. <sup>3</sup>And he said to me, “Son of man, can these bones live?” And I answered, “O Lord GOD, you know.” <sup>4</sup>Then he said to me, “Prophecy over these bones, and say to them, O dry bones, hear the word of the LORD. <sup>5</sup>Thus says the Lord GOD to these bones: Behold, I will cause breath to enter you, and you shall live. <sup>6</sup>And I will lay sinews upon 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.” <sup>7</sup>So I prophesied as I was commanded. And as I prophesied, there was a sound, and behold, a rattling, and the bones came together, bone to its bone. <sup>8</sup>And I looked, and behold, there were sinews on them, and flesh had come upon them, and skin had covered them. But there was no breath in them. <sup>9</sup>Then he said to me, “Prophecy to the breath; prophecy, son of man, and say to the breath, Thus says the Lord GOD: Come from the four winds, O breath, and breathe on these slain, that they may live.” <sup>10</sup>So I prophesied as he commanded me, and the breath came into them, and they lived and stood on their feet, an exceedingly great army. <sup>11</sup>Then he said to me, “Son of man, these bones are the whole house of Israel. Behold, they say, ‘Our bones are dried up, and our hope is lost; we are clean cut off.’ <sup>12</sup>Therefore prophecy, and say to them, Thus says the Lord GOD: Behold, I will open your graves and raise you from your graves, O my people. And I will bring you into the land of Israel. <sup>13</sup>And you shall know that I am the LORD, when I open your graves, and raise you from your graves, O my people. <sup>14</sup>And I will put my Spirit within you, and you shall live, and I will place you in your own land. Then you shall know that I am the LORD; I have spoken, and I will do it, declares the LORD.”

**P:** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C:** **Thanks be to God.**

**EPISTLE** Romans 8:1–11

<sup>1</sup>There is therefore now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus. <sup>2</sup>For the law of the Spirit of life has set you free in Christ Jesus from the law of sin and death. <sup>3</sup>For God has done what the law, weakened by the flesh, could not do. By sending his own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh and for sin, he condemned sin in the flesh, <sup>4</sup>in order that the righteous requirement of the law might be fulfilled in us, who walk not according to the flesh but according to the Spirit. <sup>5</sup>For those who live according to the flesh set their minds on the things of the flesh, but those who live according to the Spirit set their minds on the things of the Spirit. <sup>6</sup>To set the mind on the flesh is death, but to set the mind on the Spirit is life and peace. <sup>7</sup>For the mind that is set on the flesh is hostile to God, for it does not submit to God’s law; indeed, it cannot. <sup>8</sup>Those who are in the flesh cannot please God. <sup>9</sup>You, however, are not in the flesh but in the Spirit, if in fact the Spirit of God dwells in you. Anyone who does not have the Spirit of Christ does not belong to him. <sup>10</sup>But if Christ is in you, although the body is dead because of sin, the Spirit is life because of righteousness. <sup>11</sup>If the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the

dead dwells in you, he who raised Christ Jesus from the dead will also give life to your mortal bodies through his Spirit who dwells in you.

P: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

**LENTEN & VERSE** Page 157

**Return to the Lord, your God, for He is gracious and merciful, slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love, and abounding in steadfast love.**

P: The Holy Gospel according to St., the chapter.

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

**GOSPEL** John 11:17-27, 38-53

<sup>17</sup>Now when Jesus came, he found that Lazarus had already been in the tomb four days.

<sup>18</sup>Bethany was near Jerusalem, about two miles off, <sup>19</sup>and many of the Jews had come to Martha and Mary to console them concerning their brother. <sup>20</sup>So when Martha heard that Jesus was coming, she went and met him, but Mary remained seated in the house.

<sup>21</sup>Martha said to Jesus, "Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died.

<sup>22</sup>But even now I know that whatever you ask from God, God will give you." <sup>23</sup>Jesus said to her, "Your brother will rise again."

<sup>24</sup>Martha said to him, "I know that he will rise again in the resurrection on the last day." <sup>25</sup>Jesus said to her, "I am the resurrection and the life. Whoever believes in me, though he die, yet shall he live, <sup>26</sup>and everyone who lives and believes in me shall never die. Do you believe this?"

<sup>27</sup>She said to him, "Yes, Lord; I believe that you are the Christ, the Son of God, who is coming into the world."

<sup>38</sup>Then Jesus, deeply moved again, came to the tomb. It was a cave, and a stone lay against it. <sup>39</sup>Jesus said, "Take away the stone." Martha, the sister of the dead man, said to him, "Lord, by this time there will be an odor, for he has been dead four days." <sup>40</sup>Jesus said to her, "Did I not tell you that if you believed you would see the glory of God?" <sup>41</sup>So they took away the stone. And Jesus lifted up his eyes and said, "Father, I thank you that you have heard me. <sup>42</sup>I knew that you always hear me, but I said this on account of the people standing around, that they may believe that you sent me." <sup>43</sup>When he had said these things, he cried out with a loud voice, "Lazarus, come out." <sup>44</sup>The man who had died came out, his hands and feet bound with linen strips, and his face wrapped with a cloth. Jesus said to them, "Unbind him, and let him go." <sup>45</sup>Many of the Jews therefore, who had come with Mary and had seen what he did, believed in him, <sup>46</sup>but some of them went to the Pharisees and told them what Jesus had done. <sup>47</sup>So the chief priests and the Pharisees gathered the Council and said, "What are we to do? For this man performs many signs. <sup>48</sup>If we let him go on like this, everyone will believe in him, and the Romans will come and take away both our place and our nation." <sup>49</sup>But one of them, Caiaphas, who was high priest that year, said to them, "You know nothing at all. <sup>50</sup>Nor do you understand that it is better for you that one man should die for the people, not that the whole nation should perish." <sup>51</sup>He did not say this of his own accord, but being high priest that year he prophesied that Jesus would die for the nation, <sup>52</sup>and not for the

nation only, but also to gather into one the children of God who are scattered abroad.  
53So from that day on they made plans to put him to death.

P: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

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

**HYMN OF THE DAY** LSB 486 "If Christ Had Not Been Raised from Death"

- 1 If Christ had not been raised from death Our faith would be in vain,  
Our preaching but a waste of breath, Our sin and guilt remain.  
But now the Lord is ris'n indeed; He rules in earth and heav'n:  
His Gospel meets a world of need— In Christ we are forgiv'n.
- 2 If Christ still lay within the tomb Then death would be the end,  
And we should face our final doom With neither guide nor friend.  
But now the Savior is raised up, So when a Christian dies  
We mourn, yet look to God in hope— In Christ the saints arise!
- 3 If Christ had not been truly raised His Church would live a lie;  
His name should nevermore be praised, His words deserve to die.  
But now our great Redeemer lives; Through Him we are restored;  
His Word endures, His Church revives In Christ, our risen Lord.

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**SERMON** "Dry Bones- LIVE!" (Ezekiel 37:9)

**NICENE CREED** Page 159

**I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, and of all things visible and invisible.**

**And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of his Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God, begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father; by whom all things were made; who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven, and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the Virgin Mary, and was made man; and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate; he suffered and was buried. And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures, and ascended into heaven, and sits at the right hand of the Father. And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead, whose kingdom shall have no end.**

**And I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son together is worshipped and glorified, who spoke by the prophets. And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church, I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins, and I look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

**PRAYER OF THE CHURCH**

**OFFERING**

**OFFERTORY** Page 159

**What shall I render to the Lord for all His benefits to me?**

**I will offer the sacrifice of thanksgiving and will call on the name of the Lord.**

**I will take the cup of salvation and will call on the name of the Lord.**

**I will pay my vows to the Lord now in the presence of all His people,  
in the courts of the Lord's house, in the midst of you, O Jerusalem.**

**PREFACE AND PROPER PREFACE** Page 160

**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 Him thanks and praise.**

**P:** **It is truly good, right, and salutary.... evermore praising You and saying:**

**SANCTUS** Page 161

**Holy, holy, holy Lord God of pow'r and might: Heaven and earth are full of Your glory. Hosanna. Hosanna. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.**

**PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING** Page 161

**P:** Blessed are You, Lord of heaven and earth, for You have had mercy on those whom You created and sent Your only-begotten Son into our flesh to bear our sin and be our Savior. With repentant joy we receive the salvation accomplished for us by the all-availing sacrifice of His body and His blood on the cross. Gathered in the name and the remembrance of Jesus, we beg You, O Lord, to forgive, renew, and strengthen us with Your Word and Spirit. Grant us faithfully to eat His body and drink His blood as He bids us do in His own testament. Gather us together, we pray, from the ends of the earth to celebrate with all the faithful the marriage feast of the Lamb in His kingdom, which has no end. Graciously receive our prayers; deliver and preserve us. To You alone, O Father, be all glory, honor, and worship, with the Son and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

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

**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.**

**THE WORDS OF OUR LORD**

**P:** The peace of the Lord be with you always.

**C:** Amen.

**AGNUS DEI**

**Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us. Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us. Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world; grant us peace.**

**DISTRIBUTION HYMNS** LSB 741 "Jesus Christ, My Sure Defense"

- 1 Jesus Christ, my sure defense And my Savior, now is living!  
Knowing this, my confidence Rests upon the hope here given,  
Though the night of death be fraught Still with many\_an anxious thought.
- 2 Jesus, my Redeemer, lives; Likewise I to life shall waken.  
He will bring me where He is; Shall my courage then be shaken?  
Shall I fear, or could the Head Rise and leave His members dead?
- 3 No, too closely I am bound By my hope to Christ forever;  
Faith's strong hand the Rock has found, Grasped it, and will leave it never;  
Even death now cannot part From its Lord the trusting heart.
- 4 I am flesh and must return To the dust, whence I am taken;  
But by faith I now discern That from death I shall awaken  
With my Savior to abide In His glory, at His side.
- 5 Glorified, I shall anew With this flesh then be enshrouded;  
In this body I shall view God, my Lord, with eyes unclouded;  
In this flesh I then shall see Jesus Christ eternally.
- 6 Then take comfort and rejoice, For His members Christ will cherish.  
Fear not, they will hear His voice; Dying, they will never perish;  
For the very grave is stirred When the trumpet's blast is heard.
- 7 Laugh to scorn the gloomy grave And at death no longer tremble;  
He, the Lord, who came to save Will at last His own assemble.  
They will go their Lord to meet, Treading death beneath their feet.
- 8 O, then, draw away your hearts From all pleasures base and hollow;  
Strive to share what He imparts While you here His footsteps follow.  
As you now still wait to rise, Fix your hearts beyond the skies!



LSB 742 "For Me to Live Is Jesus"

- 1 For me to live is Jesus, To die is gain for me;  
So when my Savior pleases, I meet death willingly.
- 2 For Christ, my Lord, my brother, I leave this world so dim  
And gladly seek another, Where I shall be with Him.
- 3 My woes are nearly over, Though long and dark the road;  
My sin His merits cover, And I have peace with God.
- 4 Lord, when my pow'rs are failing, My breath comes heavily,  
And words are unavailing, O hear my sighs to Thee.
- 5 In my last hour, O grant me A slumber soft and still,  
No doubts to vex or haunt me, Safe anchored in Thy will;
- 6 And so to Thee still cleaving When death shall come to me,  
I fall asleep believing And wake in heav'n with Thee!

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**POST COMMUNION CANTICLE** Page 165 "*NUNC DIMITTIS*"

**Lord, now You let Your servant go in peace; Your word has been fulfilled.  
My own eyes have seen the salvation  
which You have prepared in the sight of ev'ry people:  
A light to reveal You to the nations and the glory of Your people Israel.  
Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit;  
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.**

**POST COMMUNION COLLECT**

**BENEDICTION** Page 166

- P:** The Lord bless you and keep you.  
The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.  
The Lord look upon you with favor and give you peace.
- C: Amen.**

## HYMN OF DEPARTURE LSB 685 "Let Us Ever Walk with Jesus"

- 1 Let us ever walk with Jesus, Follow His example pure,  
Through a world that would deceive us And to sin our spirits lure.  
Onward in His footsteps treading, Pilgrims here, our home above,  
Full of faith and hope and love,  
Let us do the Father's bidding. Faithful Lord, with me abide;  
I shall follow where You guide.
- 2 Let us suffer here with Jesus And with patience bear our cross.  
Joy will follow all our sadness; Where He is, there is no loss.  
Though today we sow no laughter, We shall reap celestial joy;  
All discomforts that annoy  
Shall give way to mirth hereafter. Jesus, here I share Your woe;  
Help me there Your joy to know.
- 3 Let us gladly die with Jesus. Since by death He conquered death,  
He will free us from destruction, Give to us immortal breath.  
Let us mortify all passion That would lead us into sin;  
And the grave that shuts us in  
Shall but prove the gate to heaven. Jesus, here with You I die,  
There to live with You on high.
- 4 Let us also live with Jesus. He has risen from the dead  
That to life we may awaken. Jesus, You are now our head.  
We are Your own living members; Where You live, there we shall be  
In Your presence constantly,  
Living there with You forever. Jesus, let me faithful be,  
Life eternal grant to me.

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### SERVING US THIS WEEKEND

**Pastor - Rev. Fred Kraemer**

**Organist - Keith Marburger**

**Elders - 5:30 - Doug Martin    8:00 - Kyle Frerichs**  
**10:30 - Bud Helgen & David Brakenbush**

**Last Week's Attendance - 5:30 p.m. - 37    8:00 a.m. - 62    10:30 a.m. - 38**

**Midweek's Attendance - 45**

**Plate Offering - \$5,257.00**

**E-Giving - \$1,132.28**

## **Upcoming Events:**

Sunday, March 26 -	<i>Sausage Dinner</i> – noon-6:00p.m.
Tuesday, March 28 –	<i>Sewing Circle</i> – 9:00 a.m.
Wednesday, March 29 –	<i>School Chapel</i> – 8:30 a.m. <i>Festival Bells</i> – 5:45 p.m. <i>Meal</i> – 5:30 p.m. <i>Confirmation</i> – 6:00 p.m. <i>Midweek Lent Service</i> – 7:00p.m.
Thursday, March 30 –	<i>Berean Bible Class</i> – 9:15 a.m.
Saturday, April 1-	<i>PTL Egg Hunt</i> – 9:00a.m. <i>Senior Comm Easter Service</i> – 11:00a.m. <i>Worship – Traditional (comm)</i> – 5:30 p.m.
Sunday, April 2 –	<i>Worship – Traditional (comm)</i> – 8:00 a.m. <i>Bible Study</i> – 9:15 a.m. <i>Worship – Traditional(comm)</i> - 10:30 a.m.

**THRIVENT CHOICE DOLLARS:** If you have Thrivent products, please check to see if you have \$\$ to allocate. This needs to be done by 3/31, or Thrivent will choose an organization for you. It does not affect your savings in any way. Every penny matters! Thanks for sharing yours! If you need help, please contact Sharon Cordani at 217-246-2429.

## **STEWARDSHIP MESSAGE**

Romans 8:1 – “There is therefore now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus.” This is the joy of the Gospel! There is no condemnation for us before the throne of God because in His love He has provided salvation for us in Christ. We have been set free. We are His children once again, and coheirs with Christ of all the blessings of heaven. If this does not make us thankful, nothing will!

**PORTAL OF PRAYERS** are in church mailboxes and on the tables in the Narthex and by church mailboxes.

**LENTEN WORSHIP** All the Wednesdays of March have midweek services at 7:00 p.m. Join us at then, or with our school chapel at 8:30 a.m. Our theme for Lent is “Follow the Lamb.”

**EASTER BREAKFAST:** There will be a continental breakfast served in the parish hall between the Sunrise service and the 8:00 service. Enjoy fellowship, a pastry, fruit, juice, and/or coffee. Hope to see you there!

**CARD SHOWER** for Ray Mansholt’s 94<sup>th</sup> birthday on March 28<sup>th</sup>. His address is 628 S. Illinois Ave. Litchfield, 62056

