

*Lazarus,
come out!*

JOHN 11:43



Jerusalem Evangelical Lutheran Church

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“As followers of Jesus, we serve our neighbors locally and globally.”

Fifth Sunday in Lent
March 26, 2023
10:30 a.m.

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE: *Threnody (Triptych for Organ)* – Charles Callahan

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

*All who are able, please stand and face the baptismal font at the front of the church. Throughout this worship folder, the text in **bold type** is said by the congregation.*

Blessed be the holy Trinity, + one God, who forgives all our sin, whose mercy endures forever. **Amen.**

Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.
Silence for reflection and prayer

Most merciful God,
we confess that we are captive to sin and cannot free ourselves. 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. 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.

God, who is rich in mercy, loved us even when we were dead in sin, and made us alive together with Christ. By grace you have been saved. In the name of + Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven. Almighty God strengthen you with power through the Holy Spirit, that Christ may live in your hearts through faith. **Amen.**

HYMN #666: *What Wondrous Love is This* WONDROUS LOVE

APOSTOLIC GREETING

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all. **And also with you.**

KYRIE

p. 156 (*ELW Setting 5*)

PRAYER OF THE DAY

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.

Amen.

FIRST READING: Ezekiel 37:1-14

The congregation is seated. At the conclusion of the reading, the following is said:

The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

HYMN #600: *Out of the Depths I Cry to You* AUS TIEFER NOT

(This hymn is a paraphrase of Psalm 130.)

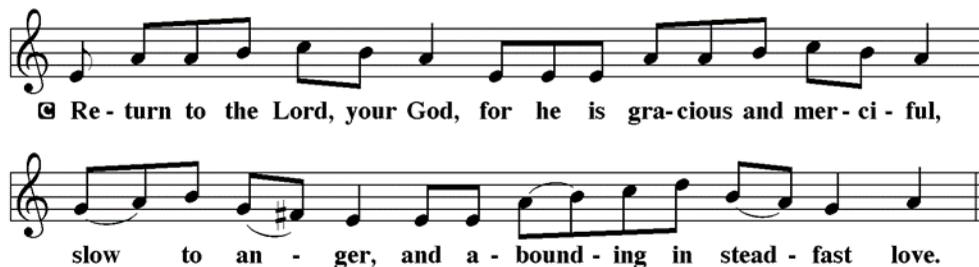
SECOND READING: Romans 8:6-11

⁶To set the mind on the flesh is death, but to set the mind on the Spirit is life and peace. ⁷For 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, ⁸and those who are in the flesh cannot please God. ⁹But 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. ¹⁰But if Christ is in you, though the body is dead because of sin, the Spirit is life because of righteousness. ¹¹If the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, he who raised Christ from the dead will give life to your mortal bodies also through his Spirit that dwells in you.

The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

The congregation stands to sing the acclamation printed below.



Re - turn to the Lord, your God, for he is gra - cious and mer - ci - ful,
slow to an - ger, and a - bound - ing in stead - fast love.

HOLY GOSPEL: John 11:1-45 *(printed on the back cover)*

The congregation stands; then the following is said:

The Holy Gospel according to John. **Glory to you, O Lord.**

At the conclusion of the Gospel, the following is said:

The Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

SERMON

The congregation is seated.

HYMN OF THE DAY #750: *Lord, Thee I Love with All My Heart* HERZLICH LIEB

APOSTLES CREED

p. 105 *(ELW Setting 1)*

PRAYERS

Each petition concludes: Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

The presiding minister concludes the prayers. The congregation responds: **Amen.**

PEACE

The peace of the Lord be with you always. **And also with you.**

ANTHEM: *Breathe on Me, Breath of God* – Aaron David Miller

OFFERTORY PRAYER

Assisting Minister: Let us pray, Merciful God,

receive the gifts we bring, our selves, our time, and our possessions. Through this meal unite us as your body, shining with the light of your justice and mercy; for the sake of him who gave himself for us, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.
We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
It is right to give our thanks and praise.

The presiding minister continues with the proper Preface. At the conclusion of the Preface, the congregation sings the Sanctus.

SANCTUS p. 162 (*ELW Setting 5*)

EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER p. 111 (*ELW Setting 1*)

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.**

FRACTION/INVITATION TO COMMUNION

Taste and see that the Lord is good.

AGNUS DEI p. 164 (*ELW Setting 5*)

COMMUNION

The congregation is seated. Lutherans teach that Christ is truly present with, in, and under the bread and wine of Holy Communion. Those who wish to receive only a blessing should indicate this by crossing their arms over their chest. As the ministers distribute the elements, they say these words: The body of Christ, given for you. The blood of Christ, shed for you. Each person may respond: Amen.

POST-COMMUNION BLESSING

The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace. **Amen.**

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

Assisting Minister: Let us pray: O God, we give you thanks that you have set before us this feast, the body and blood of your Son. By your Spirit strengthen us to serve all in need and to give ourselves away as bread for the hungry, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

BLESSING

The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord's face shine upon you and be gracious to you. The Lord look upon you with favor, ✝ and give you peace. **Amen.**

HYMN #452: *Awake, O Sleeper, Rise from Death* AZMON

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Remember the poor. **Thanks be to God.**

POSTLUDE: *Prelude and Fugue in E Minor* – Johann Kaspar Ferdinand Fischer

ALTAR FLOWERS are given today to the glory of God.

All men of Jerusalem are invited and welcome to the Men's Bible Study on Saturday, April 1st at 9:00am at Brickerville United Lutheran Church. Continental breakfast will be served.

Volunteers needed:

CPR/AED training for our church will be held Saturday, April 1 @ 8 am at the Rothsville Fire Company. If interested call Janet Craley (717-951-5537)

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ANNOUNCEMENTS:

MUSIC NOTES:

“Threnody,” the title of today’s prelude, can be defined as a song or poem of mourning or lamentation. The piece is appropriate for this Fifth Sunday in Lent, when the assigned Holy Gospel is the account of Jesus raising Lazarus from the dead. Charles Callahan (b. 1951), the composer of the prelude, is an American organist, author, and composer who was commissioned to write music for two papal visits to the United States.

Aaron David Miller (b. 1972), the composer of the anthem, serves as Director of Music and Organist for the House of Hope Presbyterian Church in St. Paul, Minnesota. The text of “Breathe on Me, Breath of God” complements both the First Reading and Holy Gospel for this Fifth Sunday in Lent, especially the following first and fourth stanzas:

*Breathe on me, breath of God, fill me with life anew,
That I may love what Thou dost love, and do what Thou wouldst do.*

*Breathe on me, breath of God, so shall I never die,
But live with Thee the perfect life of Thine eternity.*

Reminder Dates

Adult Forum/Fellowship at 9:00 am with Worship Service at 10:30 am on Sunday, March 26
Lenten Midweek Service will take place this week at Brickerville on Wednesday, March 29
Meal starting at 6 p.m. Service at 7 p.m. All Members are invited. See sign up sheet on bulletin board.

Choir Practice at 7 p.m. on Thursday, March 30

Turkey/Syria Earthquake Money Donation

Place cash and or checks into red envelopes and mark the envelope “Earthquake.” Red envelopes are located in the rear of the church. If writing a check, make check out to Jerusalem Lutheran Church and in memo write Lutheran World Relief . Thank you for your generosity.

PRAYER CONCERNS: Christine and Andy Anderson, Lynn Beard, Barry Becker, Nate and Crystal, Weston Hertzler, Hunter Leisey, Lillian Logeman, Byron Miller, Judy Perry, Norma Rhoads, Lisa Riley, Vickie and Jim Salmi, Greg Summers, Bonnie Trout, Pastor Dennis Trout, Tracy Whitney, and Doris Witwer. Be with military personnel, first responders, healthcare workers, the people of Ukraine, and the people of Turkey and Syria.

SERVING IN THE LITURGY

Interim Pastor	The Reverend Dr. Daniel M. Yeiser
Organist	Roger Kurtz
Asst. Minister/Lector	Jill Clubb
Altar Guild	Brenda Fetter
Acolyte	Spencer Ehrhart
Ushers	Claude Grube and Andy Anderson
Zoom Monitor	

FIRST READING: Ezekiel 37:1-14 [not printed]

Psalms 130

SECOND READING: Romans 8:6-11 [not printed]

GOSPEL: John 11:1-45

Now a certain man was ill, Lazarus of Bethany, the village of Mary and her sister Martha. ²Mary was the one who anointed the Lord with perfume and wiped his feet with her hair; her brother Lazarus was ill. ³So the sisters sent a message to Jesus, "Lord, he whom you love is ill." ⁴But 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." ⁵Accordingly, though Jesus loved Martha and her sister and Lazarus, ⁶after having heard that Lazarus was ill, he stayed two days longer in the place where he was.

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

¹⁷When Jesus arrived, he found that Lazarus had already been in the tomb four days. ¹⁸Now Bethany was near Jerusalem, some two miles away, ¹⁹and many of the Jews had come to Martha and Mary to console them about their brother. ²⁰When Martha heard that Jesus was coming, she went and met him, while Mary stayed at home. ²¹Martha said to Jesus, "Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died. ²²But even now I know that God will give you whatever you ask of him." ²³Jesus said to her,

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

²⁸When 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." ²⁹And when she heard it, she got up quickly and went to him. ³⁰Now Jesus had not yet come to the village, but was still at the place where Martha had met him. ³¹The 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. ³²When 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." ³³When Jesus saw her weeping, and the Jews who came with her also weeping, he was greatly disturbed in spirit and deeply moved. ³⁴He said, "Where have you laid him?" They said to him, "Lord, come and see." ³⁵Jesus began to weep. ³⁶So the Jews said, "See how he loved him!" ³⁷But some of them said, "Could not he who opened the eyes of the blind man have kept this man from dying?"

³⁸Then Jesus, again greatly disturbed, came to the tomb. It was a cave, and a stone was lying against it. ³⁹Jesus 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." ⁴⁰Jesus said to her, "Did I not tell you that if you believed, you would see the glory of God?" ⁴¹So they took away the stone. And Jesus looked upward and said, "Father, I thank you for having heard me. ⁴²I 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." ⁴³When he had said this, he cried with a loud voice, "Lazarus, come out!" ⁴⁴The 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."

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

Next Sunday's Readings: Isaiah 50:4-9a; Psalm 31:9-16; Philippians 2:5-11; Matthew 26:14-27:66 or Matthew 27:11-54.

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