

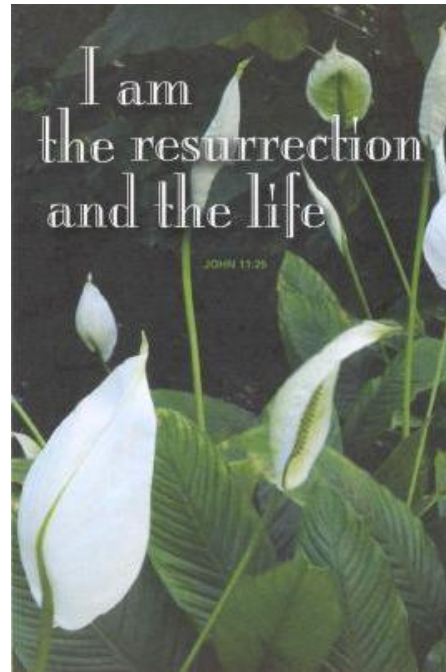
Music Edition
MISSION SERVICE
MARCH 26, 2023
FIFTH SUNDAY IN LENT

WE GATHER IN GOD'S PRESENCE

I was glad when they said to me, "Let us go to the house of the LORD." (Psalm 122:1)

PRELUDE AND PREPARATION

*Prepare your heart for worship: read the introduction, look up the Scripture readings and pray. You may pray: **Send Your grace upon us, O God. Sanctify us and turn our thoughts toward holiness, so that with a pure conscience we may offer to You the sacrifice of praise, through the mercy and compassion of Your only, begotten Son. AMEN.***



CHILDREN

We welcome children of all ages. The Children's Library is available if a child needs a break during the service.

INTRODUCTION

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.

WELCOME AND MEDITATION

CALL TO WORSHIPPsalm 130 (*congregation: indented*)

Out of the depths I cry to You, O LORD;

O Lord, hear my voice.

Let Your ears be attentive to my cry for mercy.

If You, O LORD, kept a record of sins,

O Lord, who could stand?

But with You there is forgiveness;

therefore You are feared.

I wait for the LORD,

my soul waits, and in His word I put my hope.

1 E - ter - nal Lord of love, be - hold your church
 2- So dai - ly dy - ing to the way of self,
 3 If dead in you, so in you we a - rise,

walk - ing once more the pil - grim way of Lent,
 so dai - ly liv - ing to your way of love,
 you the first - born of all the faith - ful dead;

led by your cloud by day, by night your fire,
 we walk the road, Lord Je - sus, that you trod,
 and as through ston - y ground the green shoots break,

moved by your love and toward your pres - ence bent:
 know - ing our - selves bap - tized in - to your death:
 glo - rious in spring - time dress of leaf and flow'r,

far off yet here— the goal of all de - sire.
 so we are dead and live with you in God.
 so in - to life and glo - ry shall we wake.

My soul waits for the Lord
more than watchmen wait for the morning,
more than watchmen wait for the morning.

O Israel, put your hope in the LORD,
for with the LORD is unfailing love
and with Him is full redemption.

He Himself will redeem Israel from all their sins.

GATHERING HYMN *(Please stand.)*

“Eternal Lord of Love, Behold Your Church” (ELW # 321)

INVOCATION *(= All may make the sign of the cross.)*

P: Blessed be the Holy Trinity, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, one
God, the well of eternal life, the light of the world, the breath
giving life to dry bones.

C: AMEN.

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

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

(Please kneel. Silence is kept for reflection.)

P: Gracious God,

**C: We confess that we have sinned in thought, word, and
deed, by what we have done and by what we have left
undone. Forgive us and give us strength to turn from
sin and to serve You in newness of life. AMEN.**

P: By water and the Holy Spirit, God gives us new birth, and
through the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ, God forgives
us all our sins. Almighty God strengthen us in all goodness and
keep us in eternal life.

C: AMEN.

GREETING *(Please stand.)*

P: The free gift of grace in Jesus Christ, the reconciling love of
God, and the life and peace of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C: And also with you.

WE PRAISE GOD’S NAME

With one voice glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ.

“Let all the peoples praise him.” (Romans 15:6,11)

KYRIE *(WOV p. 12) (Congregation sings bold)*

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peace, in peace let us pray to the Lord. ⓐ For the

ⓑ Lord, have mer - cy.

Guitar (responses only): A B^b/A A

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peace from a - bove, and for our sal - va - tion, let us pray to the

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Lord. ⓐ For the peace of the whole world, the well - be - ing of the

ⓑ Lord, have mer - cy.

A B^b/A A

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Church of God, and for the u - ni - ty of all, let us pray to the

Lord. **A** For this ho-ly house, and for all who of-fer here their

C Lord, have mer - cy.
A B^b/A A

wor-ship and praise, let us pray to the Lord.

C Lord, have mer - cy.
A B^b/A A

A Help, save, com-fort, and de-fend us, gra-cious Lord.

C A - men
F E^b D

PRAYER OF THE DAY

L: The Lord be with you. **C: And also with you.**
L: Let us pray together: **C: C: 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.**

HYMN OF PRAISE *(Please sit.)*

“Breathe on Me, Breath of God” (Maj # 300 - favorite)

Edwin Hatch

Robert Jackson

1 Breathe on me, Breath of God, Fill me with life a - new,
2 Breathe on me, Breath of God, Un - til my heart is pure,
3 Breathe on me, Breath of God, Till I am whol - ly Thine,
4 Breathe on me, Breath of God, So shall I nev - er die,

1 That I may love what Thou dost love, And do what Thou wouldst do.
2 Un - til with Thee I will one will To do and to en - dure.
3 Un - til this earth - ly part of me Glows with Thy fire di - vine.
4 But live with Thee the per - fect life Of Thine e - ter - ni - ty. A-men.

WE HEAR GOD'S WORD

For everything was written to teach us, so that by steadfastness and by the encouragement of the Scriptures we might have hope. (Romans 15:4)

CHILDREN'S CHAT (8:30) Ruthann Kistler

FIRST READING.... Ezekiel 37:1-14.....Pg. 1345

P: Word of God, Word of Life. **C: Thanks be to God.**

SECOND READING.... Romans 8:6-11.....Pg. 1756

P: Word of God, Word of Life. **C: Thanks be to God.**

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION *(Please remain seated.)*

“On Eagle’s Wings” verse 1 (ELW # 787 - favorite - Michael Joncas)

Unison

1 You who dwell in the shel-ter of the Lord, who a - bide in his
3 You need not fear the ter - ror of the night, nor the ar - row that
shad-ow for life, say to the Lord, “My ref - uge. my
flies by day; though thou - sands fall a - bout you. \ddot{z}
Rock in whom I trust.” And he will raise you up on
near you it shall not come.
ea - gle’s wings, bear you on the breath of dawn, make you to shine like the
sun and hold you in the palm of his hand.

Fine

P: A dramatic reading of the Holy Gospel according to St. John,
the 11th Chapter. **C: Glory to You, O Lord.**

GOSPELJohn 11:1-45.....Pg. 1668

P: The Gospel of the Lord. **C: Praise to You, O Christ.**

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION *verse 3*
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SERMON *(Please sit. See outline in Announcements insert.)*

“Personal Encounters with Jesus: A Dead Man, Lazarus”

WE RESPOND IN FAITH

May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing.

(Romans 15:13)

(Please rise.)

HYMN OF THE DAY *“I Am the Resurrection and the Life”*

**CHORUS: I am the resurrection and the life;
He who believes in me will never die.
I am the resurrection and the life;
He who believes in me will live a new life.**

- 1. I have come to bring the truth;
I have come to bring you life;
If you (yes you), believe (I do), then you shall live.**
- 2. In my word all men will come to know
It is love which makes the Spirit grow;
If you (yes you), believe (I do), then you shall live.**

SMALL CATECHISM READING *(Please rise.)*

L: Let us confess our faith by reading a portion of Luther’s Small Catechism, *Part I. The Ten Commandments:*

L: What is The Seventh Commandment?

C: “You shall not steal.” *(Exodus 20:15)*

L: What does this mean?

C: We must fear and love God, so that we will neither take our neighbor’s money or property, nor acquire it by fraud or by selling him poorly made products, but will help him improve and protect his property and career.

L: What is The Eighth Commandment?

C: “You shall not give false testimony against your neighbor.” *(Exodus 20:16)*

L: What does this mean?

C: We must fear and love God, so that we will not deceive by lying, betraying, slandering or ruining our neighbor's reputation, but will defend him, say good things about him, and see the best side of everything he does.

OFFERING

We no longer pass the plate, but your offerings are needed more than ever. The plate is located at the back of the center aisle. Please place your offering and your Communication Card there as you come in or go out. Thank You!

(Please sit.)

MISSION MOMENT Compassion International Children

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH *(Please kneel.)*

(Response: L: We pray to the Lord; C: Lord, have mercy.)

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.

WE ARE SENT INTO GOD'S WORLD

Come, let us walk in the light of the LORD! (Isaiah 2:5)

BLESSING

P: God the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit watch over your going out and your coming in, from this time forth and forevermore.

C: AMEN.

SENDING HYMN *(Please rise.)*

“What Wondrous Love Is This” (Maj # 201 - favorite)

American Folk Hymn

WONDROUS LOVE
Southern Harmony

1 What won-drous love is this, O my soul, O my soul, What
2 To God and to the Lamb I will sing, I will sing, To
3 And when from death I'm free, I'll sing on, I'll sing on, And

1 won-drous love is this, O my soul! What won-drous love is
2 God and to the Lamb I will sing; To God and to the
3 when from death I'm free, I'll sing on; And when from death I'm

1 this that caused the Lord of bliss To bear the dread-ful curse for my
2 Lamb, who is the great "I Am," While mil-lions join the theme, I will
3 free, I'll sing and joy-ful be, And through e - ter - ni - ty I'll sing

1 soul, for my soul, To bear the dread-ful curse for my soul!
2 sing, I will sing, While mil-lions join the theme, I will sing!
3 on, I'll sing on, And through e - ter - ni - ty I'll sing on!

PASSING THE PEACE

L: As we leave to serve the Risen Lord in the power of His Spirit,
let us share with one another some of the blessings of peace we
have received. The peace of the Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

POSTLUDE

FELLOWSHIP AND REFRESHMENTS

*Everyone is invited to remain for fellowship and refreshments.
Snacks, coffee and hot water are available in the Gathering Place.
You can brew your own coffee/tea using the Keurig® in the Parlor.*

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SERVANTS OF THE LORD THIS WEEK

GREETERS: 8:30-Adam Barlow / 10:45-Sharon Branigan

SOUND: 8:30-Chris Chmela / 10:45-Jim Steiner

LIVESTREAM: 8:30-Mike Zyskowski

PROJECTION: Karen Brown

SONG LEADER: 8:30-Mike Zyskowski

LITURGIST: 8:30-Seth Miller / 10:45-*Volunteer Needed*

CHILDREN'S CHAT: 8:30-Ruthann Kistler

LECTOR: 8:30-Ruthann Kistler / 10:45-Jim Femister

DRAMATIC GOSPEL:

8:30-Faith Miller, Don Frankenfield, Seth and Josh Miller

10:45-Darlene Treisner, Richard Schmidt, Lyn & Jan Stryker

ALTAR GUILD: Irene Graham / Sharon Branigan

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SUNDAY SCHEDULE

Worship - 8:30 & 10:45 AM † Sunday School - 9:45 AM

(*Holy Communion 1st, 3rd & 5th Sundays & Major Feasts*)

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