

# March 29, 2020 5th Sunday in Lent



Our Mission is to nurture each other in God's Word and spread the Good News of Christ to all.

## THE COMMON SERVICE

## **HYMN** Lord Jesus Christ, Be Present Now

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- 1 Lord Jesus Christ, be present now; Our hearts in true devotion bow. Your Spirit send with grace divine, And let your truth within us shine.
- 2 Unseal our lips to sing your praise; Our souls to you in worship raise. Make strong our faith; increase our light That we may know your name aright
- 3 Until we join the hosts that cry, "Hosanna to the Lord most high." Then in the light of that blest place We shall behold you face to face.
- 4 Glory to God the Father, Son, And Holy Spirit, Three in One! To you, O blessed Trinity, Be praise throughout eternity!

Text: Lutherische Hand-Büchlein, 2nd ed., Altenburg, 1648; tr. Catherine Winkworth, 1827-78, alt.

STAND

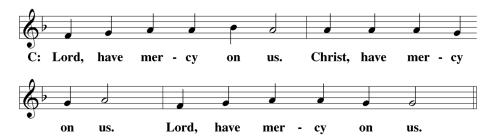
M: In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.



#### **CONFESSION OF SINS**

- M: Beloved in the Lord: let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins to God our Father, asking him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.
- C: Holy and merciful Father, I confess that I am by nature sinful and that I have disobeyed you in my thoughts, words, and actions. I have done what is evil and failed to do what is good. For this I deserve your punishment both now and in eternity. But I am truly sorry for my sins, and trusting in my Savior Jesus Christ, I pray: Lord, have mercy on me, a sinner.

## LORD, HAVE MERCY Kyrie



M: God, our heavenly Father, has been merciful to us and has given his only Son to be the atoning sacrifice for our sins. Therefore, as a called servant of Christ and by his authority, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son (+) and of the Holy Spirit.



#### PRAYER AND PRAISE

M: In the peace of forgiveness, let us praise the Lord.





#### PRAYER OF THE DAY

M: The Lord be with you.



M: Let us pray.

Eternal God and Father, help us to remember Jesus, who obeyed your will and bore the cross for our salvation that through his anguish, pain, and death we may receive forgiveness of sins and inherit eternal life; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



BE SEATED

#### THE WORD

#### FIRST LESSON

## Ezekiel 37:1-14 (NIV84)

The hand of the LORD was upon me, and he brought me out by the Spirit of the LORD and set me in the middle of a valley; it was full of bones. <sup>2</sup> He led me back and forth among them, and I saw a great many bones on the floor of the valley, bones that were very dry. <sup>3</sup> He asked me, "Son of man, can these bones live?" I said, "O Sovereign LORD, you alone know." <sup>4</sup> Then he said to me, "Prophesy to these bones and say to them, 'Dry bones, hear the word of the LORD! <sup>5</sup> This is what the Sovereign LORD says to these bones: I will make breath enter you, and you will come to life. <sup>6</sup> I will attach tendons to you and make flesh come upon you and cover you with skin; I will put breath in you, and you will come to life. Then you will know that I am the LORD.' " 7 So I prophesied as I was commanded. And as I was prophesying, there was a noise, a rattling sound, and the bones came together, bone to bone. 8 I looked, and tendons and flesh appeared on them and skin covered them, but there was no breath in them. <sup>9</sup> Then he said to me, "Prophesy to the breath; prophesy, son of man, and say to it, 'This is what the Sovereign LORD says: Come from the four winds, O breath, and breathe into these slain, that they may live.' "10 So I prophesied as he commanded me, and breath entered them; they came to life and stood up on their feet—a vast army. <sup>11</sup> Then he said to me: "Son of man, these bones are the whole house of Israel. They say, 'Our bones are dried up and our hope is gone; we are cut off.' <sup>12</sup> Therefore prophesy and say to them: 'This is what the Sovereign LORD says: O my people, I am going to open your graves and bring you up from them; I will bring you back to the land of Israel. <sup>13</sup> Then you, my people, will know that I am the LORD, when I open your graves and bring you up from them. <sup>14</sup> I will put my Spirit in you and you will live, and I will settle you in your own land. Then you will know that I the LORD have spoken, and I have done it, declares the LORD."

#### **PSALM OF THE DAY**

#### Psalm 116

p. 107

#### Refrain

I will walk in the presence of the Lord, in the land of the living.

I love the LORD, for he <u>heard</u> my voice;\*
he heard my cry for <u>mer</u>cy.

Because he turned his <u>ear</u> to me,\*
I will call on him as long as I live.

The Lord is gracious and <u>right</u>eous;\*
when I was in great need, he saved me.

#### Refrain

For you, O LORD, have delivered my <u>soul</u> from death,\* my eyes from tears, my feet from <u>stum</u>bling.

How can I repay the Lord\* for all his goodness to me?

I will lift up the cup of sal<u>va</u>tion\*

and call on the name <u>of</u> the LORD.

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.

### Refrain

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## SECOND LESSON

## Romans 8:11-19 (NIV84)

And if the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead is living in you, he who raised Christ from the dead will also give life to your mortal bodies through his Spirit, who lives in you. <sup>12</sup> Therefore, brothers, we have an obligation—but it is not to the sinful nature, to live according to it. <sup>13</sup> For if you live according to the sinful nature, you will die; but if by the Spirit you put to death the misdeeds of the body, you will live, <sup>14</sup> because those who are led by the Spirit of God are sons of God. <sup>15</sup> For you did not receive a spirit that makes you a slave again to fear, but you received the Spirit of sonship. And by him we cry, "Abba, Father." <sup>16</sup> The Spirit himself testifies with our spirit that we are God's children. <sup>17</sup> Now if we are children, then we are heirs—heirs of God and co-heirs with Christ, if indeed we share in his sufferings in order that we may also share in his glory. <sup>18</sup> I consider that our present sufferings are not worth comparing with the glory that will be revealed in us. <sup>19</sup> The creation waits in eager expectation for the sons of God to be revealed.

#### VERSE OF THE DAY

The Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many. (Mark 10:45 cf. NIV)

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M: The Gospel is from John, chapter 11, beginning at verse 17.



GOSPEL John 11:17-27, 38-45 (NIV84)

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He who believes in me will live, even though he dies; <sup>26</sup> and whoever lives and believes in me will never die. Do you believe this?" <sup>27</sup> "Yes, Lord," she told him, "I believe that you are the Christ, the Son of God, who was to come into the world."

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**M:** This is the Gospel of the Lord.



## **APOSTLES' CREED**

I believe in God the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, his 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 into hell.

The third day he rose again from the dead.

He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty. From there he will come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

## HYMN OF THE DAY Lord, You I Love with All My Heart

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1 Lord, you I love with all my heart; I pray you ne'er from me depart; With tender mercies cheer me.

Earth has no pleasure I would share; Heaven itself were void and bare If you, Lord, were not near me.

And should my heart for sorrow break, My trust in you no one could shake. You are the treasure I have sought; Your precious blood my soul has bought. Lord Jesus Christ, My God and Lord, my God and Lord, Forsake me not! I trust your Word.

2 Lord God, 'twas your rich bounty gave My body, soul, and all I have In this poor life of labor.

Lord, grant that I in ev'ry place May glorify your lavish grace And serve and help my neighbor.

Let no false doctrine me beguile; Let Satan not my soul defile. Give strength and patience unto me To bear my crosses willingly. Lord Jesus Christ, My God and Lord, my God and Lord, Forsake me not! I trust your Word.

3 Lord, let at last your angels come; To Abram's bosom bear me home That I may die unfearing.

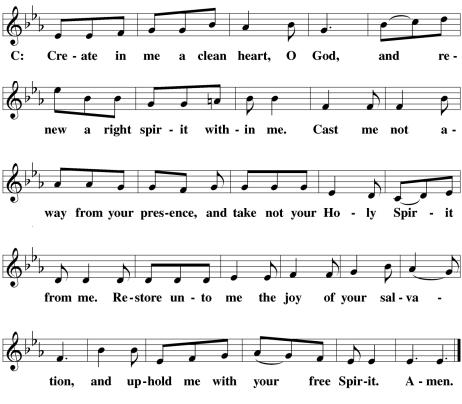
And in its narrow chamber keep My body safe in peaceful sleep Until your reappearing.

And then from death awaken me That my own eyes with joy may see, O Son of God, your glorious face, My Savior and my Fount of grace. Lord Jesus Christ, My prayer attend, my prayer attend, And I will praise you without end.

Text: Martin M. Schalling, 1532-1608; tr. Catherine Winkworth, 1827-78, alt.

#### **SERMON**

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#### **OFFERING**

For those who desire to give thanks to the Lord with your offerings, you can:

- Mail to the church (be sure to put the offering envelope inside another envelope)
- Drop off during the week (call to be sure someone is at church)
- Save until we return to worshiping together in church

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#### PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

When the pastor says, "let us pray to the Lord" the congregation responds, "Lord, have mercy."

M: For the peace from above, for the loving-kindness of God, and for the salvation of our souls, let us pray to the Lord.

For the peace of the world, for the welfare of the holy Church of God, and for the unity of all peoples, let us pray to the Lord.

For the leaders of our synod and for all the clergy and people, let us pray to the Lord.

For our president, for the leaders of the nations, and for all in authority, let us pray to the Lord.

For our cities and communities and for those who live in them, let us pray to the Lord.

For seasonable weather and for an abundance of the fruits of the earth, let us pray to the Lord.

For the good earth that God has given us and for the wisdom and will to conserve it, let us pray to the Lord.

For those who travel on land, on water, or in the air, let us pray to the Lord.

For the aged and infirm, for the widowed and orphans, and for the sick and the suffering, let us pray to the Lord.

For the poor and the oppressed, for the unemployed and the destitute, for prisoners and captives, and for all who remember and care for them, let us pray to the Lord.

For deliverance from all danger, violence, oppression, and degradation, let us pray to the Lord.

That we may end our lives in faith and hope, without suffering and without reproach, let us pray to the Lord.

Defend us, deliver us, and in your compassion protect us, O Lord, by your grace.

#### 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.

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#### **HYMN**

### O Sacred Head, Now Wounded

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- 1 O sacred head, now wounded, With grief and shame weighed down, Now scornfully surrounded, With thorns your only crown, O sacred head, no glory Now from your face does shine; Yet, though despised and gory, I joy to call you mine.
- 2 Men mock and taunt and jeer you, They smite your countenance, Though mighty worlds shall fear you And flee before your glance. How pale you are with anguish, With sore abuse and scorn! Your eyes with pain now languish That once were bright as morn!
- 3 Now from your cheeks has vanished Their color, once so fair; From your red lips is banished The splendor that was there. Grim death with cruel rigor Has robbed you of your life; Thus you have lost your vigor, Your strength, in this sad strife.
- 4 My burden in your passion, Lord, you have borne for me, For it was my transgression, My shame, on Calvary. I cast me down before you; Wrath is my rightful lot. Have mercy, I implore you; Redeemer, spurn me not!

5 What language shall I borrow To thank you, dearest Friend, For this, your dying sorrow, Your pity without end? Oh, make me yours forever, And keep me strong and true; Lord, let me never, never Outlive my love for you.

6 My Savior, then be near me When death is at my door, And let your presence cheer me; Forsake me nevermore! When soul and body languish, Oh, leave me not alone, But take away my anguish By virtue of your own!

7 Lord, be my consolation, My shield when I must die; Remind me of your passion When my last hour draws nigh. My eyes will then behold you, Upon your cross will dwell; My heart will then enfold you-Who dies in faith dies well!

Text: attr. Bernard of Clairvaux, 1091-1153, abr.; German version, Paul Gerhardt, 1607-76; tr. *The Lutheran Hymnal,* St. Louis, 1941, alt.

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M: Almighty God, grant to your Church the Holy Spirit and the wisdom that comes from above. Let nothing hinder your Word from being freely proclaimed to the joy and edifying of Christ's holy people, so that we may serve you in steadfast faith and confess your name as long as we live, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



M: The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you.

The Lord look on you with favor and (+) give you peace.



- 1 What wondrous love is this, O my soul, O my soul! What wondrous love is this, O my soul! What wondrous love is this That caused the Lord of bliss To bear the dreadful curse for my soul, for my soul, To bear the dreadful curse for my soul!
- 2 When I was sinking down, sinking down, sinking down, When I was sinking down, sinking down, When I was sinking down Beneath God's righteous frown, Christ laid aside his crown for my soul, for my soul, Christ laid aside his crown for my soul.
- 3 To God and to the Lamb I will sing, I will sing; To God and to the Lamb I will sing; To God and to the Lamb, Who is the great I Am, While millions join the theme, I will sing, I will sing, While millions join the theme, I will sing.
- 4 And when from death I'm free, I'll sing on, I'll sing on; And when from death I'm free, I'll sing on.
  And when from death I'm free, I'll sing his love for me, And through eternity I'll sing on, I'll sing on, And through eternity I'll sing on.

Text: A General Selection of . . . Spiritual Songs, Lynchburg, 1811, alt.

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## **Announcements**

## **Online Worship**

A small group is attending the worship to provide the music, hymns and video. We ask that all others please stay home and watch through the website or youtube channel. www.LHELC.org/sermons

#### Communion

We will not offer Holy Communion during the service until we are all able to gather again. If you have a desire for private confession, absolution and Communion, please contact Pastor Pfeifer. pastor@lhelc.org or 515-771-5111

## **Home Sunday School**

Look for links each week in the email for lesson plans, worksheets and activities to use with your family during the week. Contact Pastor if you don't get the email.

## **Canceled Special Events**

The following events are canceled: Basic Bible Christianity Class Easter for Kids Easter Neighborhood Outreach LWMS Spring Rally St Croix Lutheran Choir

## **In Our Prayers**

The Lord is eager to hear the prayers of thanks and petitions for help from his people. Please keep these members and families in your prayers. Contact Pastor to add someone to this list.

Joyce Russell - heart surgery recovery

Jessica Canny - knee surgery recovery

Morgan Winnekins - expecting in May Jenna Schaeffer - expecting in September

## **Prepare for Next Sunday**

For a simple devotional reading plan, review the reading for this week on Monday - Wednesday. Then read the Scripture for next Sunday on Thursday - Saturday. The Word for next Sunday: Zechariah 9:9-10, Philippians 2:5-11, Matthew 21:1-11

## THIS WEEK AT LINCOLN HEIGHTS

March 29 - April 5

Today
Wednesday

5:30 pm
Catechism - online
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