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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. At the Easter Vigil we will welcome the newly baptized as we remember God's unfailing promise in our baptism.

**Worship with Holy Communion
The Fifth Sunday in Lent**

Our worship service uses *Evangelical Lutheran Worship*, the cranberry hymnal in your pew.

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

Gathering

*The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God.
You are invited to stand in body or spirit.*

Call to Worship/Kyrie (ELW #155)

All may make the sign of the cross, the sign marked at baptism.

Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God, who makes all things new, whose mercy endures forever. **Amen**

We want to return to you, O God, so show us the way.

Give us signposts, food for the journey, and companions to meet us. And if, even then, we lose our way, send your Spirit, with all her power, to draw us back into your sacred, treasured embrace. Amen

Jesus, our deliverer, we take your freedom from others.

Lord, have mercy. (Sing verse 1)

Jesus, our hope, we deprive others of hope.

Christ, have mercy. (Sing verse 2)

Jesus, God's shalom, we distort your peace.

Lord, have mercy. (Sing verse 3)



1, 3 Ky - ri - e e - lei - son. Ky - ri - e e - lei - son.
2 Chris - te e - lei - son. Chris - te e - lei - son.
1, 3 Lord, . . . have mer - cy. Lord, have mer - cy.
2 Christ, . . . have mer - cy. Christ, have mer - cy.



Ky - ri - e e - le - i - son.
Chris - te e - le - i - son.
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Christ, . . . have mer - cy.

Music: Russian Orthodox traditional



Children are invited forward for an age-specific message focused on the day's reading and the lesson they will study in Sunday School. The children will be dismissed for their own Sunday School learning time after their time in front and return with their leaders in time for Communion.



Confession and Absolution

Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God, who journeys with us these forty days, and sustains us with the gift of grace. **Amen**

Let us acknowledge before God and one another our need for repentance and God's mercy.

Silence is kept for reflection.

Holy God, **we confess to you our faults and failings.**

Too often we neglect and do not trust your holy word;

we take for ourselves instead of giving to others;

we spoil rather than steward your creation;

we cause hurt though you call us to heal;

we choose fear over compassion.

Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, as we seek to follow in your way of life. Amen

Hear the good news: God so loved the world that God gave the only Son, so that all may receive life. This promise is for you!

God embraces you with divine mercy, † forgives you in Christ's name, and revives you in the Spirit's power. **Amen**

You may be seated

Children's Time

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.

Prayer of the Day

Let us pray. **Grave Robbing God, we are stuck in the dry-boned graveyards of fear and death, and there is a stench. Yet you promise to reach into the depths of every despair in order to bring us back to life again.**

Breathe new life into the weary bones of your beloved children. Wipe every tear from our weeping eyes. Give us courage to rest in the joy of your abiding love: To stumble into the light of each new day; to throw off the graveclothes still clinging to our flesh; and to dance. Amen

Word

God speaks to us in scripture reading, preaching, and song.

Ezekiel's vision of the valley of dry bones is a promise that Israel as a nation, though dead in exile, will live again in their land through God's life-giving spirit. Three times Israel is assured that through this vision they will know that "I am the Lord."



First Lesson: Ezekiel 37:1-14

A reading from the Book of Ezekiel.

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

⁷So 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. ⁸I 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.

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

¹¹Then 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.' ¹²Therefore 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. ¹³And you shall know that I am the Lord, when I open your graves, and bring you up from your graves, O my people. ¹⁴I 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."

*I wait for you, O Lord; in
your word is my
hope. (Ps. 130:5)*

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*For Paul, Christian
spirituality entails living in
the reality of the Holy Spirit.
The driving force behind our
actions and values is not our
sinful desire for self-
satisfaction but the very
Spirit by which God raised
Jesus from the dead and will
also raise us from the dead.*



Word of God, Word of Life. Thanks be to God.

Psalm Hymn

Out of the Depths I Cry to You (Based on Psalm 130) ELW #600

Second Lesson: Romans 8:6-11

A reading from Paul's letter to the Romans.

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.

Word of God, Word of Life. Thanks be to God.

You are invited to stand in body or spirit.

Gospel Acclamation: *Listen to the Word that God Has Spoken* (ACS #974)



Lis-ten to the word that God has spo-ken; lis-ten to the One who is



close at hand; lis-ten to the voice that be-gan cre-a-tion;



lis-ten e-ven if you don't un-der-stand.

Text: Anonymous, Canada

Music: LISTEN TO THE WORD, Anonymous, Canada; adapt. *Church Hymnary*, 4th Edition, 2005

Jesus is moved to sorrow when his friend Lazarus falls ill and dies. Then, in a dramatic scene, he calls his friend out of the tomb and restores him to life.



Gospel Reading: John 11:1-45

The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the 11th chapter.

Glory to you, O Lord.

¹Now 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.

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

We pray for those in need:

John Imp, who is beginning new treatment;
 Ivy Rose, granddaughter of Sandy Eigner, who was diagnosed with a neurological disorder;
 The Schlake-Kruse family who is dealing with COVID;
 Donna Babilius;
 Tom Nowakowski, recovering from knee replacement surgery;
 Kenny, brother of Joyce Weinert, entering home hospice;
 Rodney, nephew of JoAnn Voegeli, recovering from brain surgery;
 Zelka Marincak, cousin of Barb and Rich Regent, who is recovering from brain surgery;
 Dennis, Jayne Bednar’s friend, who is entering hospice after a battle with cancer;
 Stephanie, young lady who is a friend of Jayne Bednar’s daughter, who is battling cancer;
 Jackie, Deanna Posig’s relative, recovering from back surgery;
 Cecilia, friend of Jill Lindberg, who is battling aggressive breast cancer;
 Merlin, JoAnn Voegeli’s brother, recovering after a fall;
 Eric and family, grieving the loss of spouse from cancer (Kathy Imp);
 Nick, with advanced cancer (Carol Fehr);
 Mary, Sandy Young’s sister;
 Jerry, Bruce Crueger’s brother;
 Karen, Sandy Ringwall’s sister;
 Doug Hamilton (spouse of Lori Hamilton);
 Bob (friend of Bob & Connie Yersin);
 Joy Braun (friend of Sue Clark);
 Amy & Family (friends of Kathy Wakefield)



Sermon

Hymn of the Day: Jesus Is a Rock in a Weary Land ELW #333

You are invited to stand in body or spirit.

Prayers of the People

With the whole people of God in Christ Jesus, let us pray for the church, those in need, and all of God’s creation.

Gracious Spirit, receive our prayers for healing.

Fashion us anew. Come, Holy Spirit, Come.

Gracious Spirit, receive our prayers for deliverance.

Fashion us anew. Come, Holy Spirit, Come.

Gracious Spirit, receive our prayers for help.

Fashion us anew. Come, Holy Spirit, Come.

Gracious Spirit, receive our prayers for wholeness.

Fashion us anew. Come, Holy Spirit, Come.

Gracious Spirit, receive our prayers of thanksgiving.

Fashion us anew. Come, Holy Spirit, Come.

Gracious Spirit, receive our prayers for blessing.

Fashion us anew. Come, Holy Spirit, Come.

Gracious Spirit, receive our prayers for wisdom and discernment.

Fashion us anew. Come, Holy Spirit, Come.

Gracious God, keep us working and praying for the day when your justice will roll down like waters, and your righteousness like an ever-flowing stream. Replenish our strength and stir up our hope as we look for signs of your coming reign. And fill us with the peace that passes understanding—the deep peace of Jesus Christ our Savior, in whose holy name we pray. **Amen**

Sharing of the Peace

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

Please share signs of peace with those in your vicinity.

We continue to pray for strength for:

Joani Bettin;
Betty Wing;
Kathy Imp;
Marylee Dye;
Ruth & Bob Bauer;
Pat Koch;
Wally Stasiewski;
Mary Anne Markiewicz;
Eric (Crystal's brother)

We keep in our prayers:

Lindsay, deployed to Qatar (granddaughter of Sandy Ringwall);
The Lindahl/Lazaris Family;
JoAnn and the family and friends grieving the death of Dick Voegeli;
Dawn (friend of Sandy and Bob Young);
Pat (cousin of Donna Babilus);
Scott and Debbie (family of Margaret Duris);
Keith (Sandy Eigner's brother-in-law);
Susan (Darlene Witkowiak's daughter);
Jeremy (Tom Nowakowski's nephew);
Caroline (Jill Lindberg's daughter);
Shelby and the family of Taylor Daniels (friends of Crystal Januchowski)



Today we give our tithes and offerings by bringing them forth as we come to receive Communion.

Meal

God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ.

Introduction to the Meal:

Lent is a season of turning –

We look for God to turn us toward God's self.

Turning from what is hurtful and toward what is healing

Turning from what is shattered and toward what is whole

Re-turning to the Lord, we come to Jesus' healing table,

hungry for mercy and yearning for steadfast love. Amen

Communion Elements are brought forth to the Table by the ushers.

Offertory Hymn: *Let My Spirit Always Sing* (ACS #1020)



1 Let my spir - it al - ways sing, though my heart be
2 Though my bod - y be con - fined, let your word en -
3 Let your wis - dom grace my years, choose my words and
4 Let my spir - it al - ways sing, to your Spir - it



win - ter - ing, though the sea - son of de - spair
gaze my mind, let the in - ner eye dis - cern
chase my fears, give me wit to wel - come change,
an - swer - ing, through the si - lence, through the pain



give no sign that you are there, God to whom my
how much more there is to learn, see a world be -
to ac - cept, and not es - trange, let my joy be
know my hope is not in vain, like a feath - er



days be - long, let there al - ways be a song.
com - ing whole through the win - dow of the soul.
full and deep in the knowl - edge that I keep.
on your breath trust your love, through life and death.

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*We pray for the following
with our siblings across the
ELCA:*

*For people involved in labor
strikes – teachers in Los
Angeles, workers across
sectors in France, and
hospital and airport workers
in England...*

*For those working to
stabilize political unrest in
Kenya and South Africa...*

*For the people of Russia and
Ukraine, and for all peace
and diplomacy efforts...*

*For Muslims across the
world who are preparing for
the holy season of
Ramadan...*

*For rescue and relief efforts
in Ecuador following this
weekend's earthquake...*

*For continued recovery
efforts in Malawi following
last week's cyclone...*

*For educators, librarians,
and all who steward
knowledge and encourage
learning...*

*For all who mourn, and for
all who watch and wait at
bedside of those nearing
death...*

*For women across the world
who continue to stand up,
speak out, love, fight, and
flourish despite opposition
and violence...*

*For marginalized and
vulnerable communities, and
for their allies and
advocates...*

***Lord, in your mercy,
Receive Our Prayer.***



Offertory Prayer

Let us pray. **God of good gifts, receive these and all our offerings as we present them in faithful service for the sake of your gospel.**

Prepare our hearts to receive you in this meal as you pour out your very presence through Christ Jesus, the wellspring of eternal life. Amen

Eucharistic Prayer

Holy one, great God of judgment and mercy, we give thanks to you through your beloved son, Jesus Christ.

From earliest days, you turned toward your creation, bringing light from darkness, firm ground from the deep, life from the dust. Adam and Eve turned from the garden to toil and struggle.

Abraham and Sarah turned from a life of wandering to the land that you showed them. Your people Israel turned from captivity to cry unto you, and you delivered them from captivity. And in the wilderness Jesus turned away from the tempter and toward his proclamation of the heavenly kingdom.

You ordained for everything a season, a time to break down, and a time to build up, a time to keep, and a time to put aside. Let this now be a time of healing, a time of justice, a time of reconciliation and peace.

Words of Institution

Remembering and Invocation

Remembering, therefore, Christ's turn toward the world, his journey to the cross, and his resurrection from the dead, we turn toward you in the gifts of bread and wine, signs of your mercy and balm for our souls.

Amen. Come Lord Jesus.

Send now, we pray, your Holy Spirit, that these gifts may be healing and redemption for us and for your world, the turning toward a new day of righteousness.

Amen. Come Holy Spirit.

And now, may all creation turn toward you, seeking your mercy and trusting in your word, that we may share in your glory with all the saints in light. **Amen.**

ON RECEIVING HOLY COMMUNION

You are invited to the Lord's Table by the Lord Jesus Christ himself. Therefore, Adoration Lutheran Church practices "Open Communion," which means we do not restrict anyone from receiving this grace filled gift of God. Jesus loves everyone and welcomes everyone to his table of grace and peace.

We come forward to share in Holy Communion today. You may choose to receive a wafer and a poured cup of wine or juice or a pre-sealed packet containing both a wafer and juice. Gluten-free wafers available by indicating your need to the server. Consecrated Goldfish crackers are available for children. All are welcome to come forth and receive a blessing. Please place used cups in the baskets on the end of the front pews.



Lord's Prayer

Remember us, dear Jesus, and teach us to pray.

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.

Please be seated.

Invitation to Communion

Come and receive Jesus, our strength in the wilderness.

Please wait to come forward for Holy Communion until we have completed singing the "Lamb of God."

Lamb of God (ELW #195)

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.

Music: *Bread of Life*, Jeremy Young, b. 1948
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Communion

**Hymn During Communion *Healer of Our Every ILL*
ELW #612**

Today's Lay Leaders

Lector: Jeanette
Nowakowski

Ushers: Craig & Tania
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Altar Guild:
Deanna Posig

**Music & Worship
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Barb Regent

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Post-Communion Blessing

Prayer After Communion

Let us pray. **Embodied God, at your table, we have tasted the goodness of Jesus. With the eyes of our hearts open to your promise, empower us to hear the needs of our neighbors. and reach toward the world with your love. Amen**

Sending

God blesses us and sends us in mission to the world.

Blessing

May this season of rest and renewal open our hearts to joy and our minds to truth.

May all who struggle find rest. May all who suffer find solace. May all who hurt find healing. May all who despair find purpose. May all who hunger find fulfillment. May these days sustain God's promise.

God, the giver of love, † Christ, the resurrection and the life, and the Holy Spirit of rebirth bless you in this Lenten journey.
Amen.

Sending Hymn: *There in God's Garden* (Sing verses 5 and 6) ELW # 342

Dismissal

Go in peace. Serve in love. **Thanks be to God.**

Postlude

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