

First Lutheran Church & School

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March 29, 2020*



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Processional Hymn

LSB 950 Splendor and Honor



1 Splen - dor and hon - or, maj - es - ty and pow - er
2 Praised be the true Lamb, slain for our re - demp - tion,
3 To the Al - might - y, throned in heav'n - ly splen - dor,



Are Yours, O Lord God, fount of ev - 'ry bless - ing,
By whose self - of - f'ring we are made God's peo - ple:
And to the Sav - ior, Christ our Lamb and Shep - herd,



For by Your bid - ding was the whole cre -
A priest - ly king - dom, from all tongues and
Be ad - o - ra - tion, praise, and glo - ry



a - tion Called in - to be - ing.
na - tions, Called to God's ser - vice.
giv - en, Now and for - ev - er.

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The sign of the cross may be made by all in remembrance of their Baptism.

Invocation

In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.
Amen.

Exhortation

LSB 203

Our help is in the name of the Lord,
who made heaven and earth.

If You, O Lord, kept a record of sins, O Lord, who could stand?
But with You there is forgiveness; therefore You are feared.

Since we are gathered to hear God's Word, call upon Him in prayer and praise, and receive the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ in the fellowship of this altar, let us first consider our unworthiness and confess before God and one another that we have sinned in thought, word, and deed, and that we cannot free ourselves from our sinful condition. Together as His people let us take refuge in the infinite mercy of God, our heavenly Father, seeking His grace for the sake of Christ, and saying: God, be merciful to me, a sinner.

Confession of Sins

LSB 203

Almighty God, have mercy upon us, forgive us our sins, and lead us to everlasting life. Amen.

Prayer for Forgiveness

Almighty God, merciful Father, in Holy Baptism You declared us to be Your children and gathered us into Your one, holy Church, in which You daily and richly forgive us our sins and grant us new life through Your Spirit. Be in our midst, enliven our faith, and graciously receive our prayer and praise; through Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord.

Amen.

Introit

Psalm 116:1–4, 8; antiphon: v. 15

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

LSB 204



☩ Lord, have mer - cy; Christ, have mer - cy; Lord, have mer - cy.

Salutation and Collect of the Day

Almighty God, by Your great goodness mercifully look upon Your people that we may be governed and preserved evermore in body and soul;

through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Old Testament Reading

Ezekiel 37:1-14

The Valley of Dry Bones

¹The 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. ²And he led me around among them, and behold, there were very many on the surface of the valley, and behold, they were very dry. ³And he said to me, "Son of man, can these bones live?" And I answered, "O Lord GOD, you know." ⁴Then he said to me, "Prophesy over these bones, and say to them, O dry bones, hear the word of the LORD. ⁵Thus says the Lord GOD to these bones: Behold, I will cause breath to enter you, and you shall live. ⁶And 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."

⁷So 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. ⁸And 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. ⁹Then he said to me, "Prophesy to the breath; prophesy, 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." ¹⁰So I prophesied as he commanded me, and the breath came into them, and they lived and stood on their feet, an exceedingly great army.

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

Gradual

Hebrews 12:2

[O come, let us fix our eyes on] | Jesus,*
the founder and perfecter | of our faith,
who for the joy that was set before him endured the cross, despis- | ing
the shame,*
and is seated at the right hand of the | throne of God.

Life in the Spirit

¹There is therefore now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus. ²For the law of the Spirit of life has set you free in Christ Jesus from the law of sin and death. ³For 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, ⁴in 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. ⁵For 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. ⁶To set the mind on the flesh is death, but to set the mind on the Spirit is life and peace. ⁷For the mind that is set on the flesh is hostile to God, for it does not submit to God's law; indeed, it cannot. ⁸Those who are in the flesh cannot please God.

⁹You, 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. ¹⁰But if Christ is in you, although 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 Jesus from the dead will also give life to your mortal bodies through his Spirit who dwells in you.

Verse

LSB 205

These things are writ-ten that you may be-lieve that
 Je-sus is the Christ, the Son of God.

Holy Gospel

John 11:1–45

The Death of Lazarus

¹Now a certain man was ill, Lazarus of Bethany, the village of Mary and her sister Martha. ²It was Mary who anointed the Lord with ointment and wiped his feet with her hair, whose brother Lazarus was ill. ³So the sisters sent to him, saying, “Lord, he whom you love is ill.” ⁴But when Jesus heard it he said, **“This illness does not lead to death. It is for the glory of God, so that the Son of God may be glorified through it.”**

⁵Now Jesus loved Martha and her sister and Lazarus. ⁶So, when he 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 seeking to stone you, and are you going there again?”⁹Jesus answered, “**Are there not twelve hours in the day? If anyone walks in the day, he does not stumble, because he sees the light of this world. ¹⁰But if anyone walks in the night, he stumbles, because the light is not in him.**”¹¹After saying these things, he said to them, “**Our friend Lazarus has fallen asleep, but I go to awaken him.**”¹²The disciples said to him, “Lord, if he has fallen asleep, he will recover.”¹³Now Jesus had spoken of his death, but they thought that he meant taking rest in sleep.¹⁴Then Jesus told them plainly, “**Lazarus has died, ¹⁵and for your sake I am glad that I was not there, so that you may believe. But let us go to him.**”¹⁶So Thomas, called the Twin, said to his fellow disciples, “Let us also go, that we may die with him.”

I Am the Resurrection and the Life

¹⁷Now when Jesus came, he found that Lazarus had already been in the tomb four days.¹⁸Bethany was near Jerusalem, about two miles off,¹⁹and many of the Jews had come to Martha and Mary to console them concerning their brother.²⁰So when Martha heard that Jesus was coming, she went and met him, but Mary remained seated in the house.²¹Martha said to Jesus, “Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died.²²But even now I know that whatever you ask from God, God will give you.”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. Whoever believes in me, though he die, yet shall he live, ²⁶and everyone who lives and believes in me shall never die. Do you believe this?**”²⁷She said to him, “Yes, Lord; I believe that you are the Christ, the Son of God, who is coming into the world.”

Jesus Wept

²⁸When she had said this, she went and called her sister Mary, saying in private, “The Teacher is here and is calling for you.”²⁹And when she heard it, she rose quickly and went to him.³⁰Now Jesus had not yet come into the village, but was still in the place where Martha had met him.³¹When the Jews who were with her in the house, consoling her, saw Mary rise quickly and go out, they followed her, supposing that she was going to the tomb to weep there.³²Now when Mary came to where Jesus was and saw him, she fell at his feet, saying to him, “Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died.”³³When Jesus saw her weeping, and the Jews who had come with her also weeping, he was deeply moved in his spirit and greatly troubled.³⁴And he said, “**Where have you laid him?**” They said to him, “Lord, come and see.”³⁵Jesus wept.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 also have kept this man from dying?”

Jesus Raises Lazarus

³⁸Then Jesus, deeply moved again, came to the tomb. It was a cave, and a stone lay against it. ³⁹Jesus 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.” 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 lifted up his eyes and said, “**Father, I thank you that you have heard me. ⁴²I 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.**” ⁴³When he had said these things, he cried out with a loud voice, “**Lazarus, come out.**” ⁴⁴The 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.**”

The Plot to Kill Jesus

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

Apostles' Creed

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

**And 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 sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty.
From thence He will come to judge the living and the
dead.**

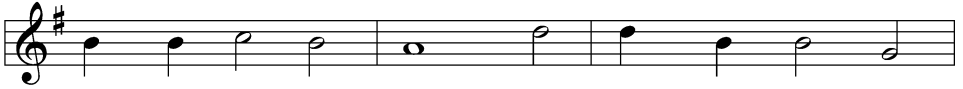
**I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy Christian Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life † everlasting. Amen.**

Hymn of the Day

LSB 528 Oh, for a Thousand Tongues to Sing



1 Oh, for a thou - sand tongues to sing My
2 My gra - cious Mas - ter and my God, As -
3 Je - sus! The name that charms our fears, That
4 He breaks the pow'r of can - celed sin; He



great Re - deem - er's praise, The glo - ries of my
sist me to pro - claim, To spread through all the
bids our sor - rows cease; 'Tis mu - sic in the
sets the pris - 'ner free. His blood can make the



God and King, The tri - umphs of His grace!
earth a - broad, The hon - ors of Thy name.
sin - ner's ears, 'Tis life and health and peace.
foul - est clean; His blood a - vails for me.

5 Look unto Him, ye nations; own
Your God, ye fallen race.
Look and be saved through faith alone,
Be justified by grace.

6 See all your sins on Jesus laid;
The Lamb of God was slain.
His soul was once an off'ring made
For ev'ry soul of man.

7 To God all glory, praise, and love
Be now and ever giv'n
By saints below and saints above,
The Church in earth and heav'n.

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Sermon

Pastor Rockemann

Prayer of the Church

We come, O Lord, with the dry bones of our broken hopes and disappointed dreams. Bind us up in Christ, that we may learn to pray with confidence, trusting in Your mercy to supply us with all things needful to us and to our salvation.

Brief silence

Almighty God, everlasting Father, You saw Israel in their despair and raised them up to hope by placing Your Spirit upon them. Raise us up from our weariness and grant us Your Spirit, that we may be strong in faith, bold in witness, holy in life and steadfast in hope.

Lord, in Your mercy,

hear our prayer.

O eternal Lord, Your Son has given us the new birth of water and the Word and planted faith in us, that we might be Your own children. Bless Your Church, and supply her with able and caring pastors to nurture us in Your Word and raise up faithful church workers who will serve us in Your name. Keep Your Church in Your mercy, that she may believe without fear and love without limit. Lord, in Your mercy,

hear our prayer.

O God of power and might, You hold in Your hand all the might of man. Give to us good government and faithful leaders who will heed Your Word and pursue righteousness and justice. Bless and defend us against all our enemies, and teach us to be good and faithful citizens of this land, using all Your manifold resources wisely and for the good of all. Lord, in Your mercy,

hear our prayer.

O merciful Lord, Your Son shed tears for Lazarus, whom He loved. Grant Your compassion, patience and endurance to all who suffer illness, who are troubled in mind or whose time on earth is short. [*Especially do we pray for _____.*] Raise us by Your gracious intercession, and deliver us from the afflictions of this life to reign with You in heaven forevermore. Lord, in Your mercy,

hear our prayer.

O gracious God, You daily and richly grant us all things we need for this body and life. Bless our labors, and grant us wisdom to use the fruits of those labors wisely and well, for the care of our families, for the poor in their needs, and for the support of Your work in this congregation. Lord, in Your mercy,

hear our prayer.

O loving God, You established the family and ordered our relationships by Your Word. Renew husbands and wives in their love for each other, and refresh Your families in the grace of caring, that our homes may be places of blessing and peace where we serve each other in Your name. Lord, in Your mercy,
hear our prayer.

O Lord, God Almighty, through Your Son You have kept the promise of the ages and rescued us from sin. You have raised up the dry bones of a people captive to death and made us alive in Christ forever. Sustain us in this hope, that we may endure the tests, trials and troubles of this life and be ready when our Savior comes again in His glory; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
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.**

Thanksgiving

LSB 212

Let us bless the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Benediction

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.
Amen.

Closing Hymn

LSB 422 On My Heart Imprint Your Image



On my heart im - print Your im - age, Bless - ed Je - sus, King of grace,



That life's rich-es, cares, and plea-sures Nev - er may Your work e-rase;



Let the clear in - scrip-tion be: Je - sus, cru - ci - fied for me,



Is my life, my hope's foun - da - tion, And my glo - ry and sal - va - - tion!

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Announcements:

For the remainder of our vacancy you may reach Pastor Rockemann at: Phone: 847.754.8729 E-mail: larry.rockemann@att.net. Whenever there is a need for pastoral care/visitation during the times that Pastor Rockemann must be away, please call on Pastor Roberts (865.229.6024), or our Circuit Visitor, Pastor Portier (865.771.2118).

Rev. Ed Maanum has been called to serve as our next pastor. Thank you for the diligent work of all those on our call committee and to all those who attended the special voters' meeting to achieve this task. Please pray for the Holy Spirit's guidance for Pastor Maanum and for his current congregations, Our Saviors and Bethany in Colorado.

Easter Desserts: Pre-Order your Desserts for your Easter Dinner from our Youth Group. Order by: April 5th. Please see one of the youth or Shellia Byrd for an order form.

In thanksgiving to the Triune God, Pastor and Jean Rockemann have donated the worship inserts for the month of March, thanking the Lord for faithful pastors and teachers along life's way, teaching and nurturing our faith in Christ alone. To God be the glory!

This coming KARM lunch will be my last as organizer. I have been doing this for 14 years, and I need a break. I appeal to you all to search your hearts and consider taking this on. It is very fulfilling, and feeding the hungry has always been part of our mission as Christians. Please drop me (Karen Farris) a line and I will be happy to discuss it with you. Our next mission is April 4th.

Prayer Requests:

Serving Our Country: Brett Anthonijs, Robert Boatman, Isaac Davis, Chad Kaiser, Adam Smith, Jeff Stone, and Neil Whitehead.

Members: Vicki Basler, Brenda Basler (Tony Basler's daughter), Janice Kaiser, George and Linda Walker, Doc Sternberg, Becky (friend of Don and Sandy Linde), and Jean Anderson (Mike Anderson's mom).

Our shut-in Members: Jim and Rosa Beck, Mary Acuff-Croes, Gene Franklin, Judy Kelley, Sharon Mueller, Doug Rodenbeck, Lily Varner, Liz Etzel, Marilyn Waldeck, Carl and Judy Testerman, and Harold and Katherine Whitaker.