



North Cape Lutheran Church

## March 29 Sunday Online Worship



5th Sunday of Lent  
March 29, 2020

Welcome to our Sunday online worship experience. You will find the basic worship elements, Bible lessons, and prayers written out for you. Pastor Brad's sermon is linked as a video under "Sermon." Click the link to open the video.

We will send out these emailed worship services for all services we miss while the church is closed to large groups. These services will also be available on our website [northcapelutheran.org](http://northcapelutheran.org).

You will also find a playlist of piano and organ music on our website courtesy of Timothy Ruff Welch and Dan Trudell. Sadly we are not able to directly link their music files to this worship outline.

### Confession and Forgiveness

Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God, who is present, who gives life, who calls into existence the things that do not exist.

**Amen.**

If you were to keep watch over sins, O Lord, who could stand?  
Yet with you is forgiveness, and so we confess.

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

Gracious God,

**have mercy on us. We confess that we have turned away from you, knowingly and unknowingly. We have wandered from your resurrection life. We have strayed from your love**

**for all people. Turn us back to you, O God. Give us new hearts and right spirits, that we may find what is pleasing to you and dwell in your house forever. Amen.**

Receive good news: God turns to you in love.

“I will put my spirit in you, and you shall live,” says our God. All your sin is forgiven in the name of † Jesus Christ, who is the free and abounding gift of God’s grace for you.

**Amen.**

## Prayer of the Day

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

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 Lesson: Ezekiel 37:1-14

### Introduction:

*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.”*

A reading from Ezekiel:

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

So 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. I 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. Then he said to me, "Prophecy to the breath, prophecy, 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." I prophesied as he commanded me, and the breath came into them, and they lived, and stood on their feet, a vast multitude.

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

The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

## Psalm 130

Out of the depths I cry to you, O Lord; O Lord, hear my voice!

**Let your ears be attentive to the voice of my supplication.**

If you were to keep watch over sins, O Lord, who could stand?

**Yet with you is forgiveness, in order that you may be feared.**

I wait for you, O Lord; my soul waits; in your word is my hope.

**My soul waits for the Lord more than those who keep watch for the morning, more than those who keep watch for the morning.**

O Israel, wait for the Lord, for with the Lord there is steadfast love; with the Lord there is plenteous redemption.

**For the Lord shall redeem Israel from all their sins.**

## Second Lesson: Romans 8:6-11

### Introduction:

*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.*

To set the mind on the flesh is death, but to set the mind on the Spirit is life and peace. For 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, and those who are in the flesh cannot please God.

But 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. But if Christ is in you, though the body is dead because of sin, the Spirit is life because of righteousness. If 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.

## Holy Gospel: John 11:1-45

### Introduction:

*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.*

The Gospel according to St. John, Chapter 11.

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

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

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

When Jesus arrived, he found that Lazarus had already been in the tomb four days. Now Bethany was near Jerusalem, some two miles away, and many of the Jews had come to Martha and Mary

to console them about their brother. When Martha heard that Jesus was coming, she went and met him, while Mary stayed at home. Martha said to Jesus, "Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died. But even now I know that God will give you whatever you ask of him." Jesus said to her, "Your brother will rise again." Martha said to him, "I know that he will rise again in the resurrection on the last day." Jesus said to her, "I am the resurrection and the life. Those who believe in me, even though they die, will live, and everyone who lives and believes in me will never die. Do you believe this?" She said to him, "Yes, Lord, I believe that you are the Messiah, the Son of God, the one coming into the world."

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

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

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

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

# SERMON by Pastor Brad Brown

## Hymn of the Day

Click on the music to hear piano accompaniment.

### Breathe on Me, Breath of God

Edwin Hatch, 1835-1889

Robert Jackson, 1842-1914

♩ = 108

1. Breathe on me, Breath of God, fill me with  
2. Breathe on me, Breath of God, un - til my  
3. Breathe on me, Breath of God, till I am  
4. Breathe on me, Breath of God, so shall I

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life a - new, that I may love what thou dost  
heart is pure, un - til with thee I will one  
whol - ly thine, till all this earth - ly part of  
ne - ver die, but live with thee the per - fect

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love, and do what thou wouldst do.  
will, to do and to en - dure.  
me glows with thy fire di - vine.  
life of thine e - ter - ni - ty.

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## Apostles' Creed

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

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God's 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.**

**On the third day he rose again;  
he ascended into heaven,  
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,  
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.  
I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the holy catholic church,  
the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body,  
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

## **Prayers of Intercession**

Turning our hearts to God who is gracious and merciful, we pray for the church, the world, and all who are in need.

God of life, bind your faithful people into one body. Enliven the church with your Spirit and bless the work of those who work for its renewal. Accomplish your work of salvation in us and through us, for the sake of the world.

Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

God of life, show redemption to all who watch and wait with eager expectation: those longing for wars to cease, those waiting for work and school to resume, those seeking answers, and those in dire need of humanitarian relief. Come quickly with your hope.

Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

God of life, we give thanks for opportunities for this congregation to collaborate with our community in caring for the needs of our neighbors. Strengthen our ties within our congregation and with other local congregations, agencies, and services.

Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

God of life, you weep with those who suffer and grieve. Unbind all who are held captive by anxiety, despair, or pain, especially Susie Blake, Patti Brouwers, David Bruhn, Pat Celeste, Barb Christiansen, Kathy Christiansen, the family of Connie Collins, Sharon Collins, Renee D., Carrie Flannery, Bev Gawlitta, David Genthe, Alda Gordon, Peter Hansen, Fay Hedrington, family of Carol Jacobson, John, Christine Johnson, Dean Lamarr, Charlie Lecus, Bob Luedtke, Sue Madsen, Jan McCann, Debbie McCumbee, Charlotte Moran, Bonnie Nelson, Gertrude Nelson, Kenneth Nelson, Charleen North, Trisha Olczak, John Poorman,

Tammy Rebstock, Lynn Schmidt, Brielle Smith, John Stillson, Mike Stillson, Vivi Sturmer, and David Voight. Fill us with compassion and empathy for those who struggle, and keep us faithful in prayer.

Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

We hold in prayer those serving in our armed forces: Agustin Juarez, Zachary Klabunde, Benjamin Klandrud.

Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

God of life, you are our resurrection. We remember all those who have died and trust that, in you, they will live again. Breathe new life into our dry bones, that we, too, might live with you forever.

Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

According to your steadfast love, O God, hear these and all our prayers as we commend them to you; through Christ our Lord.

**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.**

### Blessing

Now is the acceptable time. Now is the day of salvation. Holy God, speaking, spoken, and inspiring, ✠ bless you, unbind you, and send you in love and in peace.

**Amen.**

### Dismissal

Go in peace. Share the good news.

**Thanks be to God.**

[Sermon Notes Form](#)

## Kid's Activity

# HAND PRINT HOPE

### Supplies:

- paper
- crayon/markers/colored pencils

Each child can be given paper and supplies to trace their own hand and then write a word on each finger, color and brightly color-outline their hand. Each finger can be 1 of 5 words or phrases, such as GOD (thumb); Brings (pointer finger); Dry (middle finger); Bones (ring finger), to Life (pinky finger); OR Trust (thumb), In (pointer finger), GOD (middle finger), Have (ring finger), HOPE (pinky finger), etc.



### Online Giving

You can still maintain your pledges by submitting your offering online. Use the link above or the QR code to the left. Thank you!

## Announcements

### All In-Person Worship Suspended Through April 26th



Out of care for the health and safety of our community, North Cape Lutheran Church is suspending worship until further notice. We are creating electronic worship outlines and video sermons in place of our regularly scheduled live worship on Wednesdays and Sundays. You can find these resources on our website

at [www.northcapelutheran.org](http://www.northcapelutheran.org). Services will also be emailed to anyone on the Steepleview Xpress listserv. Sermon Notes are able to be submitted electronically through the link in this worship outline or through our website. In addition, we continue to connect with our wide network of local and global service agencies. We are also providing pastoral care to individuals and families in need. Please feel free to contact Pastor Brad at 414-305-2349.

### Caring Circles

We are looking for volunteer families to join a Caring Circle with older adults. Our hope

is to create numerous multi-generational support networks connecting young and old alike. Our request is simply that you call the other members of your support network once a week, inquire about their health and safety, and share a little news about your life. (Circles will be as small as 4-6 people). We hope that this will decrease social isolation, provide a safety net for vulnerable members, and deepen relationships in our church community. We can accomplish this with a simple phone call or virtual chat. It's like fellowship time, without the coffee and cookies. Contact Ann Henderson at [northcapelutheran@gmail.com](mailto:northcapelutheran@gmail.com) if you are interested. Ann will pass your interest along to Jill Peterson, Caring and Connecting Coordinator, and she will match you up with other participants.



Just a reminder that Sunday School is canceled until April 26th. Watch for Virtual Sunday School coming soon!

Thank you to Dan Trudell and Timothy Ruff Welch for the use of their original hymn arrangements and allowing us to add their beautiful piano and organ music to our website. Visit our website to hear what has been added to the playlist each week.



We invite you to utilize the new Blessing Box that we have installed outside the South Entry at church. It is a place for you to share non-

The ELCA's website offers Bible Study resources you can use at home.

<https://www.elca.org/Resources/Bible-Studies#Faith>

- [Daily Discipleship](#) studies the upcoming Gospel lesson each week.
- [Daily Faith Practices](#) studies

perishable food items, cleaning supplies, and hygiene items for those who need them. This drive-up, self-serve opportunity is meant for ALL people. Whether you just ran out of something and don't want to go to the store, find yourself in financial need, or realize you stocked up on more than you can use. Use the Blessing Box as a community resource.

the Second Lesson each week. If you are interested, go to the linked website above, select the study you would like to try, then download the materials for Year A-Lent (current focus) and Year A-Easter which begins April 6th.

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