

# Fifth Sunday in Lent

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**HYMN** "My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less" ..... *LSB* 575

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## **INTROIT**

*Ps. 116:1-4, 8; antiphon: Ps. 116:15*

*P: Precious in the sight of the Lord is the death of His saints.*

**C: I love the Lord, because He has heard my voice and my pleas for mercy.**

*P: Because He inclined His ear to me, therefore I will call on Him as long as I live.*

**C: The snares of death encompassed me; the pangs of Sheol laid hold on me; I suffered distress and anguish.**

*P: Then I called on the name of the Lord: "O Lord, I pray, deliver my soul!"*

**C: For You have delivered my soul from death, my eyes from tears, my feet from stumbling.**

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## **OLD TESTAMENT READING**

*Ezekiel 37:1-14*

<sup>1</sup> The 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. <sup>2</sup> And He led me around among them, and behold, there were very many on the surface of the valley, and behold, they were very dry. <sup>3</sup> And He said to me, "Son of man, can these bones live?" And I answered, "O Lord GOD, You know." <sup>4</sup> Then He said to me, "Prophesy over these bones, and say to them, O dry bones, hear the word of the LORD. <sup>5</sup> Thus says the Lord GOD to these bones: Behold, I will cause breath to enter you, and you shall live. <sup>6</sup> And 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." <sup>7</sup> So 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. <sup>8</sup> And 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. <sup>9</sup> Then He said to me, "Prophecy to the breath; prophecy, 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." <sup>10</sup> So I prophesied as He commanded me, and the breath came into them, and they lived and stood on their feet, an exceedingly great army. <sup>11</sup> Then 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.' <sup>12</sup> Therefore prophecy, 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. <sup>13</sup> And you shall know that I am the LORD, when I open your graves, and raise you from your graves, O My people. <sup>14</sup> And 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."

*P: This is the Word of the Lord.*

**C: Thanks be to God.**

### **EPISTLE READING**

*Romans 8:1-11*

<sup>1</sup> There is therefore now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus. <sup>2</sup> For the law of the Spirit of life has set you free in Christ Jesus from the law of sin and death. <sup>3</sup> For 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, <sup>4</sup> in 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. <sup>5</sup> For 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. <sup>6</sup> To set the mind on the flesh is death, but to set the mind on the Spirit is life and peace. <sup>7</sup> For the mind that is set on the flesh is hostile to God, for it does not submit to God's law; indeed, it cannot. <sup>8</sup> Those who are in the flesh cannot please God. <sup>9</sup> You, 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. <sup>10</sup> But if Christ is in you, although the body is dead because of sin, the Spirit is life because of righteousness. <sup>11</sup> If 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.

*P: This is the Word of the Lord.*

**C: Thanks be to God.**

<sup>1</sup> Now a certain man was ill, Lazarus of Bethany, the village of Mary and her sister Martha. <sup>2</sup> It was Mary who anointed the Lord with ointment and wiped His feet with her hair, whose brother Lazarus was ill. <sup>3</sup> So the sisters sent to Him, saying, "Lord, he whom You love is ill." <sup>4</sup> But 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." <sup>5</sup> Now Jesus loved Martha and her sister and Lazarus. <sup>6</sup> So, when He heard that Lazarus was ill, He stayed two days longer in the place where He was. <sup>7</sup> Then after this He said to the disciples, "Let us go to Judea again." <sup>8</sup> The disciples said to Him, "Rabbi, the Jews were just now seeking to stone You, and are You going there again?" <sup>9</sup> Jesus 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. <sup>10</sup> But if anyone walks in the night, he stumbles, because the light is not in him." <sup>11</sup> After saying these things, He said to them, "Our friend Lazarus has fallen asleep, but I go to awaken him." <sup>12</sup> The disciples said to Him, "Lord, if he has fallen asleep, he will recover." <sup>13</sup> Now Jesus had spoken of his death, but they thought that He meant taking rest in sleep. <sup>14</sup> Then Jesus told them plainly, "Lazarus has died, <sup>15</sup> and for your sake I am glad that I was not there, so that you may believe. But let us go to him." <sup>16</sup> So Thomas, called the Twin, said to his fellow disciples, "Let us also go, that we may die with Him." <sup>17</sup> Now when Jesus came, He found that Lazarus had already been in the tomb four days. <sup>18</sup> Bethany was near Jerusalem, about two miles off, <sup>19</sup> and many of the Jews had come to Martha and Mary to console them concerning their brother. <sup>20</sup> So when Martha heard that Jesus was coming, she went and met Him, but Mary remained seated in the house. <sup>21</sup> Martha said to Jesus, "Lord, if You had been here, my brother would not have died. <sup>22</sup> But even now I know that whatever You ask from God, God will give You." <sup>23</sup> Jesus said to her, "Your brother will rise again." <sup>24</sup> Martha said to Him, "I know that he will rise again in the resurrection on the last day." <sup>25</sup> Jesus said to her, "I am the resurrection and the life. Whoever believes in Me, though he die, yet shall he live, <sup>26</sup> and everyone who lives and believes in Me shall never die. Do you believe this?" <sup>27</sup> She said to Him, "Yes, Lord; I believe that You are the Christ, the Son of God, who is coming into the world." <sup>28</sup> When she had said this, she went and called her sister Mary, saying in private, "The Teacher is here and is calling for you." <sup>29</sup> And when she heard it, she rose quickly and went to Him. <sup>30</sup> Now Jesus had not yet come into the village, but was still in the place where Martha had met Him. <sup>31</sup> When 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. <sup>32</sup> Now 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." <sup>33</sup> When Jesus saw her weeping, and the Jews who had come with her also weeping,

He was deeply moved in His spirit and greatly troubled. <sup>34</sup> And He said, "Where have you laid him?" They said to Him, "Lord, come and see." <sup>35</sup> Jesus wept. <sup>36</sup> So the Jews said, "See how He loved him!" <sup>37</sup> But some of them said, "Could not He who opened the eyes of the blind man also have kept this man from dying?" <sup>38</sup> Then Jesus, deeply moved again, came to the tomb. It was a cave, and a stone lay against it. <sup>39</sup> Jesus 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." <sup>40</sup> Jesus said to her, "Did I not tell you that if you believed you would see the glory of God?" <sup>41</sup> So they took away the stone. And Jesus lifted up His eyes and said, "Father, I thank You that You have heard Me. <sup>42</sup> I 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." <sup>43</sup> When He had said these things, He cried out with a loud voice, "Lazarus, come out." <sup>44</sup> The 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." <sup>45</sup> Many of the Jews therefore, who had come with Mary and had seen what He did, believed in Him.

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**HYMN** "O Christ, Who Shared Our Mortal Life" ..... Tune: *LSB 661*

**O Christ, who shared our mortal life  
And ended death's long reign,  
Who healed the sick and raised the dead  
And bore our grief and pain:  
We know our years on earth are few,  
That death is always near.  
Come now to us, O Lord of Life;  
Bring hope that conquers fear!**

**Two weeping sisters, worn by grief  
And mired in depths of gloom,  
Stood watching where their brother lay  
Within a rock-sealed tomb.  
When, Lord, You met them as they mourned,  
You wept compassion's tear.  
But Martha, sore with sorrow, said,  
"He'd lived had You been here!"**

**“I am the Lord of life and death!”  
You answered Martha’s cry,  
“And all who hear and trust My Word  
Shall live, although they die!”  
You walked the path to Laz’rus’ tomb,  
You called him forth by name,  
And living, loving once again,  
From death to life he came!**

**Death’s power holds us still in thrall  
And bears us toward the tomb.  
Death’s dark’ning cloud hangs like a pall  
That threatens earth with doom.  
But You have broken death’s embrace  
And torn away its sting.  
Restore to life our mortal race!  
Raise us, O Risen King!**

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**GATHERING OF THE OFFERINGS**

**PRAYER OF THE CHURCH**

If you are a confirmed member of a Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod congregation, we invite you to commune with us. If you are not a confirmed member of an LCMS congregation and would like to come forward with your family and friends during the distribution, please place your hands over your heart and you will receive a blessing.

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**THIS WEEK— (April 2 – 9, 2017)**

**Sunday:** Worship/HC, 9:00am; Christian Ed, 10:30am; Men’s Choir, following Bible class

**Monday:** Elders, 6:00pm

**Tuesday:** Christ in the Passover, 6:30pm

**Wednesday:** Bible Class, 9:00am; Confirmation Class (2<sup>nd</sup> year), 5:00pm; Confirmation Class (1<sup>st</sup> year), 6:00pm; Youth Group, 6:00-8:00pm

**Thursday:** Lenten Worship/HC, 6:30pm; Men’s Choir practice, following worship

**Palm Sunday:** Worship/HC, 9:00am; Christian Ed, 10:30am

**OUR RESPONSE TO GOD’S LOVE (Week ending 3/26/17)**

General & Building Funds: \$3622.50; Blessings: \$19.00;  
 Lent: \$602.00; Memorial: \$125.00; Sunday school: \$0.24;  
 Concordia Plan Health Stewardship Reward: \$3260.00  
 Attendance: Thursday: 56; Sunday: 116

**CLC ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**GUESTS AND VISITORS:** We are glad you are here! We invite you to join us for fellowship and Bible class following the service. Bathrooms are located upstairs on each end of the fellowship/Bible study area.

Join us this Thursday at 6:30pm for the **LENTEN MIDWEEK SERVICE.** We will be examining the Festival of Booths.

**“CHRIST IN THE PASSOVER”** presentation by Jews for Jesus takes place this Tuesday, April 4th at 6:30 PM in the upstairs fellowship area.

**HOLY WEEK SERVICES:** Maundy Thursday, 6:30pm; Good Friday, 1:00pm & 6:30pm; Easter Sunday, 6:30am & 9:00am

**NO WEDNESDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDY OR CONFIRMATION CLASSES DURING HOLY WEEK**

**SAVE THE DATE** – The Hope Life Center banquet will be held on Monday, April 24. If you have plans to attend please speak with Sandi Michaelis so that the proper number of tables can be reserved.

**LWML HUMAN CARE INGATHERING** for April is for Little Lambs Daycare. Items needed are: bibs, burp cloths, wash cloths, dish cloths

**COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS** may be found on the bulletin boards in the Fellowship Hall.

**“LIFE QUOTES” from Lutherans For Life**

“What do we tell you young people as you struggle with temptations and tough choices, mood swings, and confused feelings about your identity? We want you to know whose you are and that you can make good choices because you are created, redeemed, and called.” *Rev. Dr. James I. Lamb, former executive director of Lutherans For Life – (www.lutheransforlife.org)*