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Dear Fellow Members in Christ,

Welcome to our first mailing of the Order of Service for Livestreaming! Each Sunday morning at 10:30 am we will livestream a brief service. We hope to offer other livestream events during Holy Week, but with the rest of the world, we are working day by day not knowing what the next day will bring. Stay tune. We realize not all of you are connected to the internet or on Facebook. For you, we hope this order of service will offer you a way to continue your weekly worship, knowing that you are participating in the same service that other members are watching. You continue to be in our prayers!

Updates

Church Office Hours – The church office remains open. We will continue to do so as long as we are able.

Attendance for March 22, 2020 – 3 physically present; 330 virtually as of today

LWR Personal care Kits – We continue to assemble supplies and place the completed kits around the cross. 54 kits have been completed! You may drop off supplies or send a check to cover the purchase items.

Sponsor Opportunity – While we do not have altar flowers and bulletins for our Sunday worship right now, we are offering the opportunity to sponsor our weekly mailing to our congregation. The cost of each mailing is \$43.00. Contact Linda in the church office for more information.

Food Support – We have volunteers who are willing to pick up groceries or prescriptions for our elderly and at risk members. Arrangements will be made to make this contactless. Please call the church office for help. We also have food cards for those whose income has been affected and are struggling to buy food. Please contact Pastor Kathy for help.

Easter Egg Hunt has been cancelled – We are working on a drive through Easter Egg Hunt for Palm Sunday when a family may pick up some goodies and a Holy Week kit. An email will be sent to all Sunday School students, if this is possible.

Student Loan Applications are available for the 2020-2021 school year by downloading the application from the church website. Completed Student Loan Applications should be returned to the church office by April 27, 2020.

DAILY BIBLE READINGS

Mon: Psalm 143; 1 Kings 17:17-24; Acts 20:7-12

Tues: Psalm 143; 2 Kings 4:18-37; Ephesians 2:1-10

Wed: Psalm 143; Jeremiah 32:1-9, 36-41; Matthew 22:23-33

Thu: Psalm 31:9-16; 1 Samuel 16:11-13; Philippians 1:1-11

Fri: Psalm 31:9-16; Job 13:13-19; Philippians 1:21-30

Sat: Psalm 31:9-16; Lamentations 3:55-66; Mark 10:32-34

This mailing has been sponsored in memory Earl Sholl presented by his daughters Faye Williams and Helen Miller and their families.

STATISTICAL SUMMARY FOR ONLINE GIVING/MAILING FROM LAST WEEK:

Synod/ELCA Benevolence	\$220.00
Local Benevolence	\$120.00
Current	\$475.28
Capital Building Fund	\$5.00
<u>Total Received</u>	<u>\$320.28</u>



Keep in your prayers: Richard Paxson, Dennis Ryan, Ron Boris, Jr., Gary & Shirley Krammes, Irene Peiffer, Arlene Lickman, Betty Freeman, Leonard & Yvonne Szpara, Thelma Brensinger, Chester Johnson, Shirley Fessler, Barbara Pennypacker, Angie Lewis, Mark Fidler, Hayley Moyer, Helen Runkle, Eleanor Jamison, Adam Brink, Glenn & Linda Curtis, Arlene Moyer, Charles Wernert, Stephen Curtis, Brayden Crews, John Strauch, Jr., Dianna Curry, Fern Staller, Carol Glaser, Pat Stevens, Lawrence Latsko, Rosemary Meade, Tyler Boland, Ray Yeich, David Axtt, Greg Phillips, Gaylene Ebling, Chrissy Kull, Stella Lavenburg, Matthew Flashner, Connie Klinger, and Robert & Joyce Zeledonis. Those serving in the military: Brandon Felty, Karen Hall, Tom Leganza, Tyler Weller, Edward Hossler, Nick Lentz, Jake Schaeffer, Scott Aungst, Tyler Wolfe, Michael Hamilton, Kristian Svenson, Mark Weinus, Jr., Justin Weller, Jeremy Weaver, Cameron Lutz, Stephanie Boyer, Anthony Fragnito Jr., and Brad Renninger



Fifth Sunday in Lent – March 29, 2020
Order of Service for Livestreaming at 10:30 am

GATHERING

Even as we are physically separated, the Holy Spirit calls us together as people of God.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

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.

A brief silence is kept before the prayer.

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.

WORD

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

The following lessons are appointed for today, although they will not be part of the livestream. We invite you to read them on your own. The gospel will be read.

FIRST READING: Ezekiel 37:1-14 – *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."*

PSALM: Psalm 130

SECOND READING: Romans 8:6-11 - *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.*

GOSPEL: John 11:1-45 - *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 holy gospel according to 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.”⁴³ When he had said this, he cried with a loud voice, “Lazarus, come out!”⁴⁴ 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.”

⁴⁵ Many 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.**

HYMN OF THE DAY - “Abide with Me”

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PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Let us pray.

A brief silence.

Loving God, our source and our final home, we give you thanks for the gifts of life on earth, for our human bodies and all you have created. In your great mercy, **hear us, O God.**

Merciful God,
by the wounds of your Son we are healed.
Bring your saving health to all people.
In your great mercy, **hear us, O God.**

Holy God,
your Spirit came upon us in the waters of baptism
and brought us into the communion of saints.
Renew in us the grace of baptism,
by which we share in Christ’s death and resurrection.
In your great mercy, **hear us, O God.**

Mighty God,
your Son Jesus brought healing and wholeness to all.
Bring your healing presence now to all who are sick or in pain.
Grant hope to all who are discouraged or in despair.
We remember before you especially.....
In your great mercy, **hear us, O God.**

Compassionate God, the strength of those who suffer,
bring hope and peace to all who are in mental, physical, or spiritual distress.
In your great mercy, **hear us, O God.**

Almighty God, source of human knowledge,
give skill, wisdom, and compassion
to all who provide medical care.
In your great mercy, **hear us, O God.**

Loving God, our creator and redeemer,
give gentleness and courage to family members, friends,
and caregivers of those who suffer.
In your great mercy, **hear us, O God.**

God of great and abundant mercy,
with your presence sustain all for whom we pray.
Drive away their suffering, give them firm hope,
and strengthen their trust in you;
through Jesus Christ, our Savior and 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.**

SENDING

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

BLESSING

Almighty God, who is a strong tower to all, to whom all things in heaven and on earth bow and obey, be now and evermore your sure defense, and help you to know that the name given to us for health and salvation is the name of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ.

Almighty God, Father, † Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you now and forever. **Amen.**

DISMISSAL

Marked with the cross of Christ, Go forth to love and serve the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

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