

Fifth Sunday in Lent

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In our worship this Lent we recognize and reflect upon God's purposes as we stand at the foot of the cross. In Week 5 we remember that the cross of Christ was referenced long ago by the prophets and refers us now to the future glory we will experience in heaven with him.

*= Stand as you are able

Bold Print = congregation responds

ELW – red Evangelical Lutheran Worship, setting 10

Prelude; Ringing of the Bell; Welcome to Worship

GATHERING *The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God.*

***CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**

In the name of the Father,
and of the ☩ Son,
and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

God of all mercy and consolation, come to the help of your people, turning us from our sin to live for you alone. Give us the power of your Holy Spirit that we may confess our sin, receive your forgiveness, and grow into the fullness of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.
Most merciful God,

we confess that we are captive to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name.

Amen.

In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us, and for his sake God forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained minister of the church of Christ, and by his authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the ☩ Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

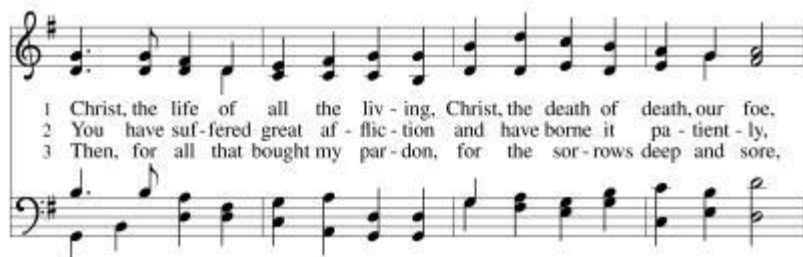
***GATHERING SONG** *(Part 1)*

Christ, the Life of all the Living

ELW 339 (vs 1,2)

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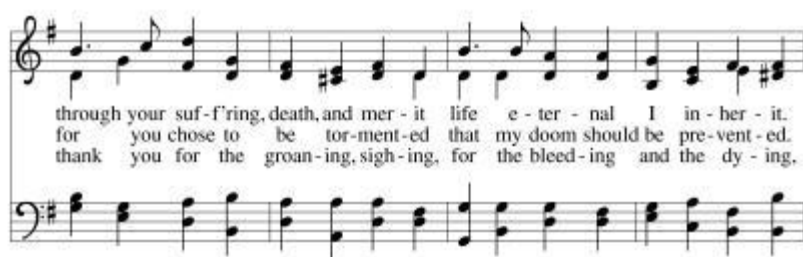
Christ, the Life of All the Living



1 Christ, the life of all the liv - ing, Christ, the death of death, our foe,
 2 You have suf - fered great af - flic - tion and have borne it pa - tient - ly,
 3 Then, for all that bought my par - don, for the sor - rows deep and sore,



Christ, your - self for me once giv - ing to the dark - est depths of woe;
 e - ven death by cru - ci - fix - ion, ful - ly to a - tone for me;
 for the an - guish in the gar - den, I will thank you ev - er - more;



through your suf - f'ring, death, and mer - it life e - ter - nal I in - her - it.
 for you chose to be tor - ment - ed that my doom should be pre - vent - ed.
 thank you for the groan - ing, sigh - ing, for the bleed - ing and the dy - ing.



Thou - sand, thou - sand thanks are due, dear - est Je - sus, un - to you.
 Thou - sand, thou - sand thanks are due, dear - est Je - sus, un - to you.
 for that last tri - um - phant cry, praise you ev - er - more on high.

CROSS REFERENCE

“Long ago, at many times and in many ways, God spoke to our fathers by the prophets, but in these last days he has spoken to us by his Son.”

Hebrews 1:1-2

Story Time - Part of building a faith community is sharing our relationship with GOD through stories. Take some time to share and listen to each other's life experiences as gifts from God to both of you!

Story Time: Take a few minutes to share with one another your answer to one or both of these questions (*start and stop when you hear the hammering sound*)

- 1. Someone whose faith I admire is...**
- 2. Tell me about a time that you were frightened or afraid. How was God involved?**

A Responsive Reading (from Psalm 77) is spoken responsively by the pastor and the congregation:

P I will remember the deeds of the Lord; yes, I will remember your wonders of old.

C **I will ponder all your work, and meditate on your mighty deeds.**

P Your way, O God, is holy. What god is like our God?

C **You are the God who works wonders; you have made known your might among the peoples.**

Extinguish the Cross Reference candle

***GATHERING SONG** (*Part 2*)

Christ, the Life of all the Living

ELW 339 (v 3)

See previous page for song

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***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,
**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.*

FIRST READING: Isaiah 53: 6-10

⁶All we like sheep have gone astray; we have all turned to
our own way, and the LORD has laid on him the iniquity of us all.

⁷He was oppressed, and he was afflicted, yet he did not open his
mouth; like a lamb that is led to the slaughter, and like a sheep
that before its shearers is silent, so he did not open his mouth.

⁸By a perversion of justice he was taken away. Who could have
imagined his future? For he was cut off from the land of the living,
stricken for the transgression of my people.

⁹They made his grave with the wicked and his tomb with the rich,
although he had done no violence, and there was no deceit in his
mouth. ¹⁰Yet it was the will of the LORD to crush him with pain.

When you make his life an offering for sin, he shall see his
offspring, and shall prolong his days; through him the will of the
LORD shall prosper.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM: Psalm 130

¹Out of the depths I cry to you, O LORD.

²**LORD, hear my voice! Let your ears be attentive to the voice of my supplications!**

³If you, O LORD, should mark iniquities, LORD, who could stand?

⁴**But there is forgiveness with you, so that you may be revered.**

⁵I wait for the LORD, my soul waits, and in his word I hope;

⁶**my soul waits for the LORD more than those who watch for the morning, more than those who watch for the morning.**

⁷O Israel, hope in the LORD!

For with the LORD there is steadfast love, and with him is great power to redeem.

⁸**It is he who will redeem Israel from all its iniquities.**

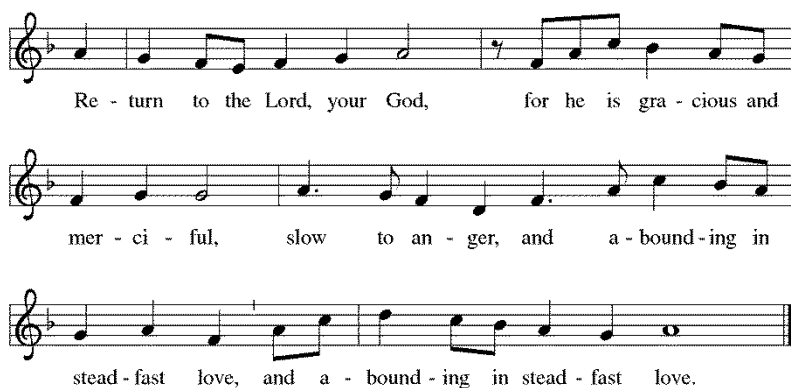
SECOND READING: Hebrews 1:1-4

¹Long ago God spoke to our ancestors in many and various ways by the prophets, ²but in these last days he has spoken to us by a Son, whom he appointed heir of all things, through whom he also created the worlds. ³He is the reflection of God's glory and the exact imprint of God's very being, and he sustains all things by his powerful word. When he had made purification for sins, he sat down at the right hand of the Majesty on high, ⁴having become as much superior to angels as the name he has inherited is more excellent than theirs.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

*GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



*GOSPEL: Luke 24:44-48

The holy gospel according to Luke the 24th chapter.

Glory to you, O Lord.

⁴⁴Then he said to them, "These are my words that I spoke to you while I was still with you — that everything written about me in the law of Moses, the prophets, and the psalms must be fulfilled." ⁴⁵Then he opened their minds to understand the scriptures, ⁴⁶and he said to them, "Thus it is written, that the Messiah is to suffer and to rise from the dead on the third day, ⁴⁷and that repentance and forgiveness of sins is to be proclaimed in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem. ⁴⁸You are witnesses of these things.

The gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

Reflection Lord, Listen to Your Children Praying ELW 752

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Lord, Listen to Your Children Praying

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SERMON

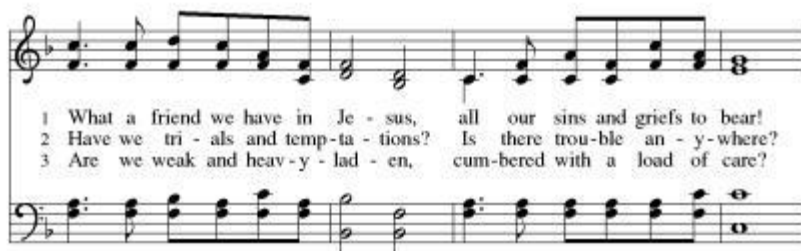
HYMN OF THE DAY

What a Friend we Have in Jesus

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What a Friend We Have in Jesus



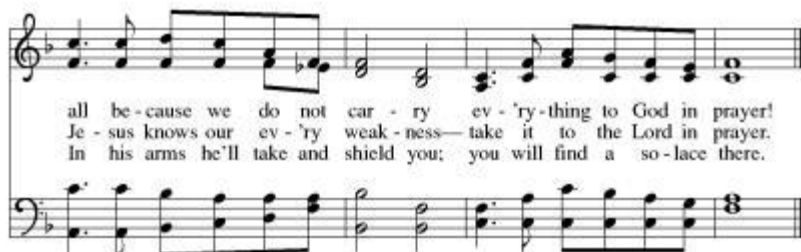
1 What a friend we have in Je - sus, all our sins and griefs to bear!
 2 Have we tri - als and temp - ta - tions? Is there trou - ble an - y - where?
 3 Are we weak and heav - y - lad - en, cum - bered with a load of care?



What a priv - i - lege to car - ry ev - 'ry - thing to God in prayer!
 We should nev - er be dis - cour - aged— take it to the Lord in prayer.
 Pre - cious Sav - ior, still our ref - uge— take it to the Lord in prayer.



Oh, what peace we of - ten for - feit; oh, what need - less pain we bear—
 Can we find a friend so faith - ful who will all our sor - rows share?
 Do your friends de - spise, for - sake you? Take it to the Lord in prayer.



all be - cause we do not car - ry ev - 'ry - thing to God in prayer!
 Je - sus knows our ev - 'ry weak - ness— take it to the Lord in prayer.
 In his arms he'll take and shield you; you will find a so - lace there.

***PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION**

P Almighty God and Father, you spoke through the prophets;

C And now you have spoken to us through your Son.

P Heavenly Father, in Holy Scripture we read your promises about the Messiah, the Anointed One, who would come to save your people, who would come to save us all. Almighty God and Father, you spoke through the prophets;

C And now you have spoken to us through your Son.

P Heavenly Father, Jesus the Messiah came to defeat sin, death and the devil for us. He is the promised Lamb of God and Son of David. Almighty God and Father, you spoke through the prophets;

C And now you have spoken to us through your Son.

P Heavenly Father, Jesus the Messiah came to bring healing and wholeness. He is the healing balm for the world (especially):

Prayer Requests:	Laura Aust	Anita Brendeland
Joan Carson	Alisha Cox	Lowell Elliott
Jackie Greene	Warren Johnson	Kevin Klingbeil
Alvina Larson	Ardell Lundgren	Merlin Lyon
Roger Moore	Loree Ness	Deidre Qual
Jody Schuman	Shannon Tope	Marissa Vermeer
Joyce Volz	Nova Lynn Walte	Sarah JoAnn Young
Phil Zeller		
Family & friends of Don Trautner, Wanda Halverson, Bonny Erickson, Angie Claude, Donna Keiser, Arlene Wee, Judy Smith, Sharon Mortenson, Valerie Brendeland, Sue Ihle, Ralph Kalsem, Mark Richter, Dean Simmons		

P Almighty God and Father, you spoke through the prophets;

C And now you have spoken to us through your Son.

P Heavenly Father, empower us by your Spirit to share the good news of Jesus' life, death and resurrection. Guide us as we bring to a world lost in darkness the message of

repentance and life in Jesus' name. Almighty God and Father, you spoke through the prophets;

**C And now you have spoken to us through your Son.
Amen.**

***PEACE** The peace of Christ be with you always.
 And also with you.

OFFERING

***OFFERING PRAYER**

Let us pray.

**Blessed are you, O God, maker of all things. Through your goodness you have blessed us with these gifts: our selves, our time, and our possessions. Use us, and what we have gathered, in feeding the world with your love, through the one who gave himself for us, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.
Amen.**

***LORD'S PRAYER**

Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us.

**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**

The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord's face shine on you with grace and mercy.

The Lord look upon you with favor and ☩ give you peace.

Amen.

***Sending Song**

What Wondrous Love is This

ELW 666

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What Wondrous Love Is This

1 What won-drous love is this, O my soul, O my soul! What
 2 When I was sink-ing down, sink-ing down, sink-ing down, when
 3 To God and to the Lamb I will sing, I will sing; to
 4 And when from death I'm free, I'll sing on, I'll sing on; and

won-drous love is this, O my soul! What won-drous love is this
 I was sink-ing down, sink-ing down, when I was sink-ing down
 God and to the Lamb I will sing; to God and to the Lamb,
 when from death I'm free, I'll sing on; and when from death I'm free,

that caused the Lord of bliss to bear the dread-ful curse for my
 be-neath God's righ-teous frown, Christ laid a-side his crown for my
 who is the great I AM, while mil-lions join the theme, I will
 I'll sing God's love for me, and through e-ter-ni-ty I'll sing

soul, for my soul, to bear the dread-ful curse for my soul?
 soul, for my soul, Christ laid a-side his crown for my soul.
 sing, I will sing, while mil-lions join the theme, I will sing.
 on, I'll sing on; and through e-ter-ni-ty I'll sing on.

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Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Ring of the Bell; Postlude

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Those Serving in Today's Service

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This Week at Palestine

Sunday, April 5th

Lectionary texts: John 12:12-19; Zechariah 9:9-11; Psalm 31:9-16; 1 Peter 1:17-21

Thank you for your Gifts for Ministry

Sunday, March 15, 2020 –

Current: \$2,260

Benevolence: \$105

THANK YOU!!! We celebrate your generosity and thank you in advance for your support as we strive to reach our average weekly offering goal of \$4,427 for current expenses and \$68 for benevolence.

Sunday, March 22, 2020

We do not yet have an accurate count for this first live-stream Sunday.

Prayer from this week's Southeastern Iowa Synod eNews:

Come to our aid as the coronavirus spreads globally, heal those who are sick, support and protect their families and friends from being infected. Hear our cry, O God, Listen to our prayer.



Lent Midweek Worship @ Palestine 2020

(Lent Offering for ELCA World Hunger &

Backpack Buddies)

This Lent you are invited to reflect, to listen, and to join in the new song God is orchestrating in our world. Forgiven and renewed in the waters of baptism and joined to Christ's death and resurrection, God frees us from the songs of the past to create anew in a world waiting to hear God's love.

We are embarking on a six-week worship & fellowship experience together beginning with a meal and conversation and followed by worship and reflection. We will sing a **new Lent setting of Holden Evening Prayer**, and reflect on psalms which are the musical heartbeat of our faith over the centuries and into God's future.

Week Five (April 1st) ----- focus on Psalm 31:9-16

Every week we will reflect together on the prayer for the evening and the evening's designated psalm. To prepare, you are invited to read the psalm before worship and consider one or more of the following questions:

What do you notice in this Psalm?

What do you wonder about this Psalm?

What new songs can you hear God singing?

How is God calling you to sing a new song?

What new songs can you hear God singing in your congregation?

How is God calling your congregation to sing a new song?



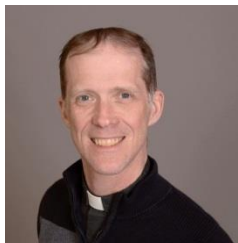
Psalm 31

¹In you, O LORD, I seek refuge; do not let me ever be put to shame; in your righteousness deliver me. ²Incline your ear to me; rescue me speedily. Be a rock of refuge for me, a strong fortress to save me. ³You are indeed my rock and my fortress; for your name's sake lead me and guide me, ⁴take me out of the net that is hidden for me, for you are my refuge. ⁵Into your hand I commit my spirit; you have redeemed me, O LORD, faithful God. ⁶You hate those who pay regard to worthless idols, but I trust in the LORD. ⁷I will exult and rejoice in your steadfast love, because you have seen my affliction; you have taken heed of my adversities, ⁸and have not delivered me into the hand of the enemy; you have set my feet in a broad place. ⁹Be gracious to me, O LORD, for I am in distress; my eye wastes away from grief, my soul and body also. ¹⁰For my life is spent with sorrow, and my years with sighing; my strength fails because of my misery, and my bones waste away. ¹¹I am the scorn of all my adversaries, a horror to my neighbors, an object of dread to my

acquaintances; those who see me in the street flee from me.

¹²I have passed out of mind like one who is dead; I have become like a broken vessel. ¹³For I hear the whispering of many — terror all around! — as they scheme together against me, as they plot to take my life. ¹⁴But I trust in you, O LORD; I say, "You are my God." ¹⁵My times are in your hand; deliver me from the hand of my enemies and persecutors.

¹⁶Let your face shine upon your servant; save me in your steadfast love. ¹⁷Do not let me be put to shame, O LORD, for I call on you; let the wicked be put to shame; let them go dumbfounded to Sheol. ¹⁸Let the lying lips be stilled that speak insolently against the righteous with pride and contempt. ¹⁹O how abundant is your goodness that you have laid up for those who fear you, and accomplished for those who take refuge in you, in the sight of everyone! ²⁰In the shelter of your presence you hide them from human plots; you hold them safe under your shelter from contentious tongues. ²¹Blessed be the LORD, for he has wondrously shown his steadfast love to me when I was beset as a city under siege. ²²I had said in my alarm, "I am driven far from your sight." But you heard my supplications when I cried out to you for help. ²³Love the LORD, all you his saints. The LORD preserves the faithful, but abundantly repays the one who acts haughtily. ²⁴Be strong, and let your heart take courage, all you who wait for the LORD.



Pastor
Eric Klimpel

PALESTINE MOBILE DIRECTORY NOW AVAILABLE!

Good news! Our new Lifetouch mobile directory is ready! Our mobile directory contains contact information for all the families of and is an easy-to-use tool to help you stay connected. PLUS, you will see portraits of all our families that participated in our recent photography event. What a great way to connect names and faces!

To access the mobile directory:

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Welcome to Worship! We're glad you're still worshipping with us, and pray that you will find in our worship an opportunity to praise God and hear God's Word.

Can These Bones Live? (Based on John 11:1-45)

Before it is anything else, today's gospel is an up-close, deeply personal story of grief. Even the movements seem familiar: Jesus is on the way, then present to each sister. At last, he stands outside the tomb of his friend who has died, and whom the community mourns.

In today's first reading, we are swept up with Ezekiel and deposited into a wilderness valley full of dry, dead bones. In the valley, God asks Ezekiel, "Mortal, can these bones live?" (Ezek. 37:3). Of Lazarus in our gospel reading for today, we, like Ezekiel, might also respond: "O Lord God, you know." How can dry bones come to life? And how could a dead man ever possibly live again? Indeed, we might wonder if it will be enough, ever *could* be enough, that Jesus is "the resurrection and the life" (John 11:25). At the same time, we easily understand and echo Martha and Mary, who were both accusing angrily and confessing hopefully when they said, "Lord, if you had been here . . ." (John 11:21, 32).

As John tells it, Lazarus has been in the tomb four days by the time Jesus arrives. By then the whole village is awash in grief. When Jesus weeps too, they are amazed at his loving devotion: here is a strong sign of connection, a visible reminder that Jesus is truly present *among* human community, not *above* it. In the end, Jesus does what we could never imagine was even a remote possibility. He calls to the one entombed; he summons life, like the Spirit blowing over the valley in Ezekiel. God is up to something! Here, a sign of signs: God is making all things new.

New life is emerging from the tombs of our world and from the shadowed corners of our hearts. May Jesus' resurrecting power be felt deep in our own bones!