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THE FIFTH SUNDAY IN LENT | Sunday, March 26, 2023

PRELUDE

Please consider signing the friendship pad at the end of your pew

THE INVOCATION *and* GATHERING PRAYER

P: We gather under the sign of the cross, and in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

P: Let us pray...

C: Holy One, your Son came into this world bringing salvation and life to all who believe. May your Spirit breathe life into the dry bones of our lives so that we may follow and serve you in newness of life; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

GATHERING HYMN: Praise to the Lord, the Almighty.....RECLAIM No. 11

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS OF SIN

P: Beloved in the Lord, let us draw near to God our Father with a true heart to confess our sins and ask him in the name of our Lord Jesus to forgive us. For Christ himself bore our sins in his body on the cross so that, free from sin, we might live in righteousness; by his wounds we have been healed.

Silence is kept for reflection and self-examination

P: Eternal God,

C: Have mercy on us. We confess that we have turned from you and are held by the power of sin. Forgive us our sins, known and unknown, things we have done and things we have failed to do. Turn us again to you, and uphold us by your Spirit, that we may live and serve you in newness of life through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

P: God, who is rich in mercy, loved us even when we were dead in sin, and made us alive together with Christ. By grace you have been saved. In the name of Jesus, your sins are forgiven. May Almighty God strengthen you with power through the Holy Spirit, that the promise of Christ's forgiveness may live in your hearts through faith.

C: Amen!

THE HYMN OF THANKSGIVING

We sing a hymn of praise to God as a response to the proclamation of forgiveness

The musical score is written on five staves in G major and 4/4 time. The first staff is marked 'S, A' and contains the melody for 'Ho - ly, Ho - ly, Ho - ly Lord, Lord God of'. The second staff continues the melody with 'hosts. Heav-en and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho -'. The third staff is marked 'div.' and 'unis.' and contains the melody for 'san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who comes'. The fourth staff continues with 'in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the'. The fifth staff is marked 'div.' and contains the melody for 'high - est, ho - san - na in the high - est.'.

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in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the
high - est, ho - san - na in the high - est.

CHILDREN'S SERMON

FIRST READING: Ezekiel 37:1 - 14

God revealed through a vision his promise to restore Israel: dry bones are brought to life. Ezekiel was told to then preach that through God's faithfulness, Israel would know He is the Lord of life.

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, “Prophecy 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, “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.” 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 indeed cut off.’ ¹²Therefore 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. 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.”

R: The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God!

RESPONSIVE READING: Psalm 130

The psalmist cried from the depths of despair, acknowledging that although none are worthy to stand before the Lord, God is a merciful and forgiving Lord.

R: Out of the depths I cry to you, O Lord!

C: O Lord, hear my voice! Let your ears be attentive to the voice of my pleas for mercy!

R: If you, O Lord, should mark iniquities, O Lord, who could stand?

C: But with you there is forgiveness, that you may be feared.

R: I wait for the Lord, my soul waits, and in his word I hope;

C: my soul waits for the Lord more than watchmen for the morning, more than watchmen for the morning.

R: O Israel, hope in the Lord! For with the Lord there is steadfast love, and with him is plentiful redemption.

C: And he will redeem Israel from all his iniquities.

R: The Word of the Lord.

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SECOND READING: Romans 8:1-11

Paul contrasted life in the Spirit with living according to the flesh, which leads to death. He reminded the church in Rome that if the Spirit of God dwells in them through Jesus Christ, then just as Jesus was raised from the dead, so also would their mortal bodies be given resurrection life.

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. ⁶For to 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.

R: The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God!

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Hal-le, hal - le, hal - le - lu - jah. Hal - le, hal - le, hal - le -
- le - lu - jah. Hal - le, hal - le, hal - le -
lu - jah. Hal - le - lu - jah. Hal - le - lu - jah. Hal - le - lu - jah.

GOSPEL READING: John 11:1-7; 17-27; 32-48; 53

P: The Holy Gospel according to Saint John, the 11th Chapter.

C: **Glory to you, O Lord!**

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." 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." 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?" 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." ⁴⁵Many of the Jews therefore, who had come with

Mary and had seen what he did, believed in him, ⁴⁶but some of them went to the Pharisees and told them what Jesus had done. ⁴⁷So the chief priests and the Pharisees gathered the council and said, "What are we to do? For this man performs many signs. ⁴⁸If we let him go on like this, everyone will believe in him, and the Romans will come and take away both our place and our nation." ⁵³So from that day on they made plans to put him to death.

P: This is the Gospel of our Lord!

C: Praise to you, O Christ!

SERMON: What About Tomorrow?

HYMN: I Know of a Sleep in Jesus' Name (vss. 1,3,4,5).....RECLAIM No. 273

OFFERING PRESENTATION

As the usher brings forward the offering, please stand to sing:



Ac - cept, O Lord, the gifts we bring to place up - on your ta - ble.
Our hopes and dreams, our toils and cares we lift in prayer be - fore you.



We do not wor - ship as we ought but on - ly as we're a - ble.
Lord, by your grace now come to us, as hum - bly we a - dore you.

THE APOSTLES' CREED

P: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C: And also with you.

P: God has made us his people through our Baptism into Christ. Living together in this peace and in community with one another, let us confess our faith:

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

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son our Lord. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit, and born of the virgin Mary. He 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, and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again 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.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Each petition ends with the words "Lord, in your mercy." Respond by saying, "Hear our prayer."

LORD'S PRAYER

C: 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.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

BENEDICTION

SENDING HYMN: Oh, Happy Day When We Shall Stand *(back of the bulletin)*

DISMISSAL

P: Go in peace, loving and serving in the name of our crucified and risen Lord.

C: Thanks be to God!

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THIS WEEK AT RESURRECTION LUTHERAN

Sunday	March 26	9:30am	Worship
		10:30am	Fellowship
Wednesday	March 29	Noon	Lectionary Lunch
		5:30pm	Choir Rehearsal
		6:15pm	Lenten Soup Supper
		7:00pm	Midweek Lenten Worship
Thursday	March 30	8:00am	Men's Bible Study
Sunday	April 2	9:30am	Palm Sunday Worship
		10:30am	Fellowship

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Welcome to Worship! Resurrection Lutheran Church is a Christ-centered and cross-focused member congregation of Lutheran Congregations in Mission for Christ. To learn more about our association of churches please visit www.lcmc.net. Members and visitors are encouraged to sign the **friendship pad** at the end of your pew.

Easter Lilies: If you would like to help us adorn our altar during the Easter season with lilies by making a donation in honor or memory of loved ones, please complete a donation form on the Welcome Center desk and return it to the Church office before April 5th.

Kinship Radio announces their 14th Annual **“A Day for Women”** on Saturday, May 6th at Hosanna Lutheran Church in Mankato. This year’s special guest is Angela Thomas-Pharr, author of *Redeemed: Grace to Live Every Day Better Than Before*. She is a gifted teacher and storyteller who speaks to thousands each year. Kirsten King will be welcomed back as guest speaker. Come join us for music, ministry, lunch and mini sessions. Space is limited, so call 507-526-3233 or go online to KinshipRadio.org to register beginning Monday, March 27th at 8:00am.

The **2023 Augustana District Convention** will be held on Saturday, May 6th at Mount Carmel Ministries of Alexandria, MN. This year’s theme is *“There’s Just One Mission”* and features keynote speaker Rev. Julie Smith. Are you interested in attending as one of Resurrection Lutheran’s voting delegates? Please get ahold of Pastor Aaron.

The **Monday Morning Prayer Group** will not meet tomorrow. Pastor Aaron will be out of town taking Ruth to series of medical appointments in Rochester.

HOLY WEEK *at Resurrection Lutheran*



**PALM
SUNDAY**

April 2nd
9:30am



**MAUNDY
THURSDAY**

April 6th
7:00pm



**GOOD
FRIDAY**

April 7th
7:00pm



**EASTER
MORNING**

April 9th
9:30am

Oh, Happy Day When We Shall Stand



1 Oh, hap - py day when we shall stand a - mid the
2 Oh, bless - ed day when Christ shall come and show him -
3 Oh, what a might - y rush - ing flood of joy and
4 O Lord, your grace is ev - 'ry - thing; your love has



heav'n-ly throng; and sing with hosts from ev - 'ry land the
self as Lord, and thou - sands meet in their new home which
love and peace will roll down o - ver us with good and
made us free to stand a - mong the saints and sing the



new ce - les - tial song, the new ce - les - tial song.
Je - sus has pre - pared, which Je - sus has pre - pared.
bless - ed - ness and grace, and bless - ed - ness and grace.
glo - ry that we see, the glo - ry that we see.

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THOSE SERVING TODAY

Pastor: Rev. Aaron L. Deutsch

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Greeters: Pat and Karen McGregor

Keyboardist: Nikki Basel

Ushers: Ron and Sue Brooks

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