



*Loved by God,
Sent to Serve.*

**Fifth Sunday in Lent
March 26, 2023**

Evangelical Lutheran Worship
Setting Ten

GATHERING

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

Prelude: “Were You There?”

Arr. Jan Sanborn

Confession and Forgiveness

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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.

Gracious God,
have mercy on us. We confess that we have turned from you and given ourselves into the power of sin. We are truly sorry and humbly repent. In your compassion 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, so that we may live and serve you in newness of life through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.
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: *Oh, for a Thousand Tongues to Sing*

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| 1 Oh, for a thousand tongues to sing
my great Redeemer's praise,
the glories of my God and King,
the triumphs of his grace! | 4 He speaks, and list'ning to his voice,
new life the dead receive;
the mournful, broken hearts rejoice,
the humble poor believe. |
| 2 My gracious Master and my God,
assist me to proclaim,
to spread through all the earth abroad
the honors of your name. | 5 Look unto him, your Savior own,
O fallen human race!
Look and be saved through faith alone,
be justified by grace! |
| 3 The name of Jesus charms our fears
and bids our sorrows cease,
sings music in the sinner's ears,
brings life and health and peace. | 6 To God all glory, praise, and love
be now and ever giv'n
by saints below and saints above,
the church in earth and heav'n. |

Text: Charles Wesley, 1707-1788, alt.

Music: Carl G. Gläser, 1784-1829; arr. Lowell Mason, 1792-1872

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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.

Kyrie

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Have mercy on us, Lord, and hear our solemn prayer.
We come to hear your living word; it saves us from despair.
Have mercy on us, Christ, and wash away our sin.
Pour out your grace and make us whole that new life may begin.
Have mercy on us, Lord, make sin and shame depart.
Renew us with your saving pow'r; create in us new hearts!

Canticle of Praise

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Glory be to God in heaven; peace, goodwill to all the earth.
Mighty God of all creation, Father of surpassing worth:
we exalt you, we adore you, we lift high our thanks and praise.
Saints and angels bow before you; here on earth our songs we raise.
Glory be to Christ forever, Lamb of God and Lord of love.
Son of God and gracious Savior, you have come from heav'n above;

on the cross you died to save us; now you reign at God's right hand.
Hear our prayer; restore, forgive us; in your promise firm we stand.

Holy One we now acclaim you; Lord alone, to you we call;
Holy One in faith we name you, God most high, yet near to all:
Jesus Christ, with God the Spirit, in the Father's splendor bright.
For the peace that we inherit, glory be to God on high!

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: 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."

¹The 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. ²He led me all around them; there were very many lying in the valley, and they were very dry. ³He said to me, "Mortal, can these bones live?" I answered, "O Lord GOD, you know." ⁴Then he said to me, "Prophecy to these bones, and say to them: O dry bones, hear the word of the LORD. ⁵Thus says the Lord GOD to these bones: I will cause breath to enter you, and you shall live. ⁶I 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."

⁷So 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. ⁸I 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. ⁹Then 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.” ¹⁰I prophesied as he commanded me, and the breath came into them, and they lived, and stood on their feet, a vast multitude.

¹¹Then 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.’ ¹²Therefore 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. ¹³And you shall know that I am the LORD, when I open your graves, and bring you up from your graves, O my people. ¹⁴I 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.”

Word of God, word of life. **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 130 (sung responsively)

Refrain



Psalm 130:5

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Tone



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¹Out [|] of the depths

I cry to [|] you, O LORD;

²**O LORD, [|] hear my voice!**

Let your ears be attentive to the voice of my [|] supplication.

³If you were to keep watch [|] over sins,

O LORD, [|] who could stand?

⁴**Yet with you [|] is forgiveness,**

in order that you [|] may be feared. R

⁵I wait for you, O LORD; [|] my soul waits;

in your word [|] is my hope.

**⁶My soul waits for the Lord more than those who keep watch [|] for the morning,
more than those who keep watch [|] for the morning.**

**⁷O Israel, wait for the LORD, for with the LORD there is [|] steadfast love;
with the LORD there is plen- [|] teous redemption.**

**⁸For the LORD shall [|] redeem Israel
from [|] all their sins. R**

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.

⁶To set the mind on the flesh is death, but to set the mind on the Spirit is life and peace. ⁷For 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, ⁸and those who are in the flesh cannot please God.

⁹But 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. ¹⁰But if Christ is in you, though 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 from the dead will give life to your mortal bodies also through his Spirit that dwells in you.

Word of God, word of life. **Thanks be to God.**

Children's Time

Gospel Acclamation

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We are turning, Lord, to hear you; you are merciful and kind—
slow to anger, rich in blessing, and with love to us inclined.

Gospel: John 11:1-45

The holy gospel according to John.

Glory to you, O Lord.

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.

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.” ⁴³When he had said this, he cried with a loud voice, “Lazarus, come out!” ⁴⁴The 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.”

⁴⁵Many 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.**

Sermon

The Rev. Paul Amlin

Hymn of the Day: *Jesus Is a Rock in a Weary Land*

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Refrain

Jesus is a rock in a weary land,
a weary land, a weary land;
my Jesus is a rock in a weary land,
a shelter in a time of storm.

- 1 No one can do like Jesus,
not a mumbling word he said;
he went walking down to Lazarus' grave,
and he raised him from the dead. **Refrain**
- 2 When Jesus was on earth,
the flesh was very weak;
he took a towel and girded himself
and he washed his disciples' feet. **Refrain**

3 Yonder comes my Savior,
him whom I love so well;
he has the palm of victory
and the keys of death and hell. **Refrain**

Text & Music: African American spiritual

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Apostles' Creed

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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 to the dead.
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

...Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**
...through Jesus Christ our Savior. **Amen.**

Sharing of the Peace

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

MEAL

God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ.

Offertory Music: "Ah, Holy Jesus"

arr. Jan Sanborn

Offering: *Create in Me a Clean Heart*

ELW 188

Create in me a clean heart, O God,
and renew a right spirit within me.
Cast me not away from your presence,
and take not your Holy Spirit from me.
Restore unto me the joy of your salvation,
and uphold me with your free Spirit.



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Offering Prayer

Let us pray.

God our provider, you have not fed us with bread alone, but with words of grace and life. Bless us and these your gifts, which we receive from your bounty, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

Great Thanksgiving

Dialogue

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Preface

Holy, Holy, Holy

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Holy, holy, holy Lord,
God of power and might,
heav'n and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest,
hosanna in the highest.

Thanksgiving at the Table

Lord's Prayer

Lord, remember us in your kingdom and teach us to pray.

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.

Invitation to Communion

Lamb of God

ELW p. 208

O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world away;
you suffered death our lives to save: have mercy now, we pray.

O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world away;
you set us free from guilt and grave: have mercy now, we pray.

O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world away;
eternal peace with God you made: give us your peace, we pray.

Communion Distribution Songs:

I Am the Bread of Life

ELW 485

1 "I am the Bread of life.

You who come to me shall not hunger,
and who believe in me shall not thirst.

No one can come to me unless the Father beckons."

Refrain

"And I will raise you up,

and I will raise you up,

and I will raise you up on the last day."

2 "The bread that I will give
is my flesh for the life of the world,
and if you eat of this bread,
you shall live forever,
you shall live forever." **Refrain**

3 "Unless you eat
of the flesh of the Son of Man
and drink of his blood,
and drink of his blood,
you shall not have life within you."
Refrain

4 "I am the resurrection,
I am the life.
If you believe in me,
even though you die,
you shall live forever." **Refrain**

5 Yes, Lord, I believe
that you are the Christ,
the Son of God,
who have come into the world.
Refrain

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Come to the Table

ELW 481

Come to the table of mercy,
prepared with the wine and the bread.
All who are hungry and thirsty,
come, and your souls will be fed.
Come at the Lord's invitation;
receive from his nail-scarred hand.
Eat of the bread of salvation;
drink of the blood of the Lamb.

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Prayer after Communion

Let us pray.

Compassionate God, you have fed us with the bread of heaven. Sustain us in our
Lenten pilgrimage: may our fasting be hunger for justice; our alms, a making of
peace; and our prayer, the song of grateful hearts, through Jesus Christ, our Savior
and Lord.

Amen.

SENDING

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

Installation of Council Members

Announcements

Blessing

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

Sending Song: *The Word of God Is Source and Seed*

ELW 506

1 The Word of God is source and seed; it comes to
2 The Word of God is breath and life; it comes to
3 The Word of God is flesh and grace, who comes to

die and sprout and grow. So make your dark earth
heal and wake and save. So let the Spir - it
sing, to laugh and cry. So dare to be as

wel - come warm; root deep the grain God bent to sow.
touch and mend and rouse your dry bones from their grave.
Je - sus was, who came to live and love and die.

Refrain
Gau - de - a - mus Do - mi - no, gau - de - a - mus Do - mi - no,
In the Lord let us re - jice, in the Lord let us re - jice,

gau - de - a - mus Do mi - no!
in the Lord let us re - jice!

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Dismissal

Go in peace. Remember the poor.
Thanks be to God.

Postlude: *"When I Survey the Wondrous Cross"*

Arr. Jan Sanborn

Announcements

Worship Online

Zoom:

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Altar Flowers today are provided by Sam & Sue Deaver to the Glory of God.

This Week at Lord of Life

Today	8:00 AM	Worship in-person or online
	9:15 AM	Sunday School
	9:15 AM	Adult Faith Formation
	10:30 AM	Worship in-person or online
	12:00 PM	Council Retreat
Wednesday, March 29	6:00 PM	Confirmation
	7:15 PM	Midweek Lent Worship in-person/online

Attention Parents!

We are looking to the future of faith formation at Lord of Life and we want YOU to be a part of the conversation. Join us for lunch and great conversation on April 2 from 11:30-1:00. Childcare provided. Please RSVP to Maria, the church office, or Pastor Paul so we can plan food accordingly. 🙇🙇🙇

Parenting Today Conference

Join us for a FREE conference for parents and grandparents on Sunday April 30 from 1:30-3:00 pm at Lord of Life. Experts and professionals in the field helping you understand what your children are facing and offering resources for you to use. For more information please visit:
<https://www.lordoflife.online/parentingtodayconference.html>

Thrivent Action Team Cards Needed

If you are a member or own a product through Thrivent, and if you are able to apply for action cards, we need your help. Lord of Life is hosting a parenting conference on April 30th and we need support. Please reach out to Pastor Paul or to the office for details and to let us know if you can help.

First Communion Instruction

Each year, during Lent, we invite parents and children in 5th grade to participate in First Communion Instruction. The process is fairly simple. Visit our website to watch a video and learn how to bake communion bread, answer questions on the questionnaire included on the page, and join Pastor Paul and Maria Troftgruben for an in-person session. You can start the process at <https://www.lordoflife.online/firstcommunion.html> then let Pastor Paul know that you are ready to meet.

Prayer List

John & Ellen Shook
Allan & Christine Simms
Rev. John and Mona Sorenson
David & Andy Spaniol and family
Alan & Kris Stache and family
Ken & Kara Steffen and family
Scott & Terra Strohmeyer and family

Servants:

Sunday, March 26

	Tech	Assisting Min.	Reader	Ushers
8:00 AM	Jon D. Rita D.	Joan Cram	Sandy Heer	Jim & Bernita Gilbertson
10:30 AM	Nate Frambach	Diane Frambach	Barb Lindecker	Linda Bothwell

Sunday, April 2

8:00 AM	Jon/Rita	Larry Croghan	Steve & Sandy Heer
10:30 AM		Tara Grace	

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