

IN OUR PRAYERS

✠Ill/Hospitalized: **Linda Kilgore - Harrison**

THIS WEEK'S SCHEDULE

Today: *Fifth Sunday in Lent*
Divine Service 9:30 a.m.
Adult Information Class 10:45 a.m.
Sunday Morning Bible Class 10:45 a.m.

Monday: Ladies Bible Study 9:30 a.m.
Sanctuary Subcommittee Meeting 5:30 p.m.

Tuesday: World Relief Quilters 9:00 a.m.
Church Council 7:00 p.m.

Wednesday: LifeLight Bible Study 9:00 a.m.
Building Committee 5:30 p.m.
Lenten Service 6:30 p.m.

Thursday: Quilters 10:00 a.m.
Handbells 6:30 p.m.
Mixed Choir 7:30 p.m.

Saturday: Divine Service 5:00 p.m.

Sunday: *Palm Sunday*
Divine Service 9:30 a.m. (Cherub Choir)
Adult Information Class 10:45 a.m.
Sunday Morning Bible Class 10:45 a.m.

SERVICE PARTICIPANTS

Preacher: Rev. Martin J. Hagenow
Liturgist: Rev. Richard E. Mundt
Organist: Mr. Brian J. Heinlein
Choir: Handbells
Acolyte: Josie Wolgast (5:00); Isabelle Hutfilz (9:30)

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Our Communion Practice

We welcome those who are confirmed members of The Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod congregations to commune with us. We believe that Christ gave us His true body and blood under the forms of bread and wine in the sacrament for the strengthening of our faith, for the assurance of our forgiveness, and for the grace of God to live a God-pleasing life. We come to the Lord's Table repenting of our sins, believing in Jesus Christ for forgiveness, and with the prayerful intention to amend our sinful lives with the help of the Holy Spirit.

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“Dry Bones Made Alive”

March 25 & 26, 2023

† Fifth Sunday in Lent †

Introit *Psalm 116:1-4, 8; antiphon: v. 15*

Precious in the sight | of the LORD*
is the death | of his saints.

**I love the LORD, because | he has heard*
my voice and my pleas for | mercy.**

Because he inclined his | ear to me,*
therefore I will call on him as long | as I live.

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

Then I called on the name | of the LORD:*
“O LORD, I pray, deliv- | er my soul!”

**For you have delivered my | soul from death,*
my eyes from tears, my feet from | stumbling.**

**Glory be to the Father and | to the Son*
and to the Holy | Spirit;**

**as it was in the be- | ginning,*
is now, and will be forever. | Amen.**

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is the death | of his saints.

Collect of the Day

☞ Almighty God, by Your great goodness mercifully look upon Your people that we may be governed and preserved evermore in body and soul; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

☩ Amen.

Old Testament Reading *Ezekiel 37:1-14*

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, “Prophesy 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, “Prophesy to the breath; prophesy, 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 clean cut off.’ ¹²Therefore prophesy, 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.”

Gradual *Hebrew 12:2*

[O come, let us fix our eyes on] | Jesus,*
the founder and perfecter | of our faith,
who for the joy that was set before him endured the cross, despis- | ing the shame,*
and is seated at the right hand of the | throne of God.

Epistle *Romans 8:1-11*

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. ⁶To 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.

Holy Gospel *John 11:17-27*

¹⁷When 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.”

DIVINE SERVICE – SETTING 4

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OLD TESTAMENT READING
☩ Thanks be to God.

GRADUAL

EPISTLE READING
☩ Thanks be to God.

HOLY GOSPEL
☩ Glory to You, O Lord.

☩ Praise to You, O Christ.

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SERMON
Text: Ezekiel 37:1-14
Theme: “Dry Bones Made Alive”

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH
☞ Lord, in Your mercy,
☩ Hear our prayer.

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