



The Fifth Sunday of Lent  
March 26, 2023  
Peace Lutheran Church,  
Hutchinson, MN

6:30pm, 8:30am HYMN 430 (Maroon): My Song is Love Unknown, verses 1-5  
10:30am SONG: Father Welcomes

**INVOCATION and CALL TO WORSHIP, Psalm 130**

In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

<sup>1</sup> Out of the depths I cry to you, LORD;

<sup>2</sup> **Lord, hear my voice.**

**Let your ears be attentive to my cry for mercy.**

<sup>3</sup> If you, LORD, kept a record of sins,  
Lord, who could stand?

<sup>4</sup> **But with you there is forgiveness,**

**so that we can, with reverence, serve you.**

<sup>5</sup> I wait for the LORD, my whole being waits,  
and in his word I put my hope.

<sup>6</sup> **I wait for the Lord, more than watchmen wait for the morning,  
more than watchmen wait for the morning.**

<sup>7</sup> Israel, put your hope in the LORD,  
for with the LORD is unfailing love and with him is full redemption.

<sup>8</sup> **He himself will redeem Israel from all their sins.**

This is the Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

**CONFESSION**

God of salvation, You shower our lives with love, yet too often we turn away from Your blessings.  
It is so easy to whine and complain!

Forgive us when frustrations pile up into a mountainous burden that becomes a curse on our lives.  
Free us from our indignation, sin and guilt.

During this Lenten journey, focus our hearts on You, that we may receive the blessing of salvation that  
You offer us each and every day.

Let us come before God in a time of reflection and confession.

O almighty God, merciful Father, I, a poor, miserable sinner, confess unto You all my sins and iniquities  
with which I have ever offended You and justly deserved Your temporal and eternal punishment. But I  
am heartily sorry for them and sincerely repent of them, and I pray You of Your boundless mercy and for  
the sake of the holy, innocent, bitter sufferings and death of Your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, to be  
gracious and merciful to me, a poor, sinful being.

Upon this your confession, I, by virtue of my office as a called and ordained servant of the Word, announce the grace of God unto all of you, and in the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**



**10:30am Baptism of Gretchen Orea Piotter**

**HYMN: BAPTIZED IN WATER**

**Baptized in water, sealed by the Spirit, Cleansed by the blood of Christ our king:  
Heirs of salvation, trusting his promise, Faithfully now God's praise we sing**

**Baptized in water, sealed by the Spirit, Dead in the tomb with Christ our king:  
One with his rising, freed and forgiven, Thankfully now God's praise we sing.**

**Baptized in water, sealed by the Spirit, Marked with the sign of Christ our king:  
Born of one Father, we are His children; Joyfully now God's praise we sing.**



*Readers: 6:30pm Annette Koehler; 8:30am Mary Haag; 10:30am Betty Ruskamp*

**OLD TESTAMENT READING: Ezekiel 37:1-14**

The hand of the LORD was on me, and he brought me out by the Spirit of the LORD and set me in the middle of a valley; it was full of bones. <sup>2</sup> He led me back and forth among them, and I saw a great many bones on the floor of the valley, bones that were very dry. <sup>3</sup> He asked me, "Son of man, can these bones live?"

I said, "Sovereign LORD, you alone know."

<sup>4</sup> Then he said to me, "Prophesy to these bones and say to them, 'Dry bones, hear the word of the LORD! <sup>5</sup> This is what the Sovereign LORD says to these bones: I will make breath enter you, and you will come to life. <sup>6</sup> I will attach tendons to you and make flesh come upon you and cover you with skin; I will put breath in you, and you will come to life. Then you will know that I am the LORD.'"

<sup>7</sup> So I prophesied as I was commanded. And as I was prophesying, there was a noise, a rattling sound, and the bones came together, bone to bone. <sup>8</sup> I looked, and tendons and flesh appeared on them and skin covered them, but there was no breath in them.

<sup>9</sup> Then he said to me, "Prophesy to the breath; prophesy, son of man, and say to it, 'This is what the Sovereign LORD says: Come, breath, from the four winds and breathe into these slain, that they may live.'" <sup>10</sup> So I prophesied as he commanded me, and breath entered them; they came to life and stood up on their feet—a vast army.

<sup>11</sup> Then he said to me: "Son of man, these bones are the people of Israel. They say, 'Our bones are dried up and our hope is gone; we are cut off.' <sup>12</sup> Therefore prophesy and say to them: 'This is what the Sovereign LORD says: My people, I am going to open your graves and bring you up from them; I will bring you back to the land of Israel. <sup>13</sup> Then you, my people, will know that I am the LORD, when I open your graves and bring you up from them. <sup>14</sup> I will put my Spirit in you and you will live, and I will settle you in your own land. Then you will know that I the LORD have spoken, and I have done it, declares the LORD.'" (NIV)

This is the Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God!**

#### **EPISTLE READING: Romans 8:1-11**

Therefore, there is now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus, <sup>2</sup> because through Christ Jesus the law of the Spirit who gives life has set you free from the law of sin and death. <sup>3</sup> For what the law was powerless to do because it was weakened by the flesh, God did by sending his own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh to be a sin offering. And so he condemned sin in the flesh, <sup>4</sup> in order that the righteous requirement of the law might be fully met in us, who do not live according to the flesh but according to the Spirit.

<sup>5</sup> Those who live according to the flesh have their minds set on what the flesh desires; but those who live in accordance with the Spirit have their minds set on what the Spirit desires. <sup>6</sup> The mind governed by the flesh is death, but the mind governed by the Spirit is life and peace. <sup>7</sup> The mind governed by the flesh is hostile to God; it does not submit to God's law, nor can it do so. <sup>8</sup> Those who are in the realm of the flesh cannot please God.

<sup>9</sup> You, however, are not in the realm of the flesh but are in the realm of the Spirit, if indeed the Spirit of God lives in you. And if anyone does not have the Spirit of Christ, they do not belong to Christ. <sup>10</sup> But if Christ is in you, then even though your body is subject to death because of sin, the Spirit gives life because of righteousness. <sup>11</sup> And if the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead is living in you, he who raised Christ from the dead will also give life to your mortal bodies because of his Spirit who lives in you. (NIV)

This is the Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God!**

#### **HYMN: From Ashes to the Living Font**

**From ashes to the living font, Your Church must journey, Lord,  
Baptized in grace, in grace renewed, By Your most holy Word.**

**Through fasting, prayer and charity Your voice speaks deep within,  
Returning us to ways of truth And turning us from sin.**

**Our graves split open, bring us back, Your promise to proclaim;  
To darkened tombs call out, "Arise!" And glorify Your name.**

**▲ From ashes to the living font, Your Church must journey, still.  
Through cross and tomb to Easter joy, New life in You begins.**

#### **GOSPEL READING: John 11:17-53**

The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the 11<sup>th</sup> chapter. **Glory to You, O Lord.**

<sup>17</sup> On his arrival, Jesus found that Lazarus had already been in the tomb for four days. <sup>18</sup> Now Bethany was less than two miles from Jerusalem, <sup>19</sup> and many Jews had come to Martha and Mary to comfort them in the loss of their brother. <sup>20</sup> When Martha heard that Jesus was coming, she went out to meet him, but Mary stayed at home.

<sup>21</sup> "Lord," Martha said to Jesus, "if you had been here, my brother would not have died. <sup>22</sup> But I know that even now God will give you whatever you ask."

<sup>23</sup> Jesus said to her, "Your brother will rise again."

<sup>24</sup> Martha answered, "I know he will rise again in the resurrection at the last day."

<sup>25</sup> Jesus said to her, "I am the resurrection and the life. The one who believes in me will live, even though they die; <sup>26</sup> and whoever lives by believing in me will never die. Do you believe this?"

<sup>27</sup> "Yes, Lord," she replied, "I believe that you are the Messiah, the Son of God, who is to come into the world."

<sup>28</sup> After she had said this, she went back and called her sister Mary aside. "The Teacher is here," she said, "and is asking for you." <sup>29</sup> When Mary heard this, she got up quickly and went to him.

<sup>30</sup> Now Jesus had not yet entered the village, but was still at the place where Martha had met him. <sup>31</sup> When the Jews who had been with Mary in the house, comforting her, noticed how quickly she got up and went out, they followed her, supposing she was going to the tomb to mourn there.

<sup>32</sup> When Mary reached the place where Jesus was and saw him, she fell at his feet and said, "Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died."

<sup>33</sup> When Jesus saw her weeping, and the Jews who had come along with her also weeping, he was deeply moved in spirit and troubled. <sup>34</sup> "Where have you laid him?" he asked.

"Come and see, Lord," they replied.

<sup>35</sup> Jesus wept.

<sup>36</sup> Then the Jews said, "See how he loved him!"

<sup>37</sup> But some of them said, "Could not he who opened the eyes of the blind man have kept this man from dying?"

<sup>38</sup> Jesus, once more deeply moved, came to the tomb. It was a cave with a stone laid across the entrance. <sup>39</sup> "Take away the stone," he said.

"But, Lord," said Martha, the sister of the dead man, "by this time there is a bad odor, for he has been there four days."

<sup>40</sup> Then Jesus said, "Did I not tell you that if you believe, you will see the glory of God?"

<sup>41</sup> So they took away the stone. Then Jesus looked up and said, "Father, I thank you that you have heard me. <sup>42</sup> I knew that you always hear me, but I said this for the benefit of the people standing here, that they may believe that you sent me."

<sup>43</sup> When he had said this, Jesus called in a loud voice, "Lazarus, come out!" <sup>44</sup> The dead man came out, his hands and feet wrapped with strips of linen, and a cloth around his face.

Jesus said to them, "Take off the grave clothes and let him go."

<sup>45</sup> Therefore many of the Jews who had come to visit Mary, and had seen what Jesus did, believed in him. <sup>46</sup> But some of them went to the Pharisees and told them what Jesus had done. <sup>47</sup> Then the chief priests and the Pharisees called a meeting of the Sanhedrin.

"What are we accomplishing?" they asked. "Here is this man performing many signs. <sup>48</sup> If we let him go on like this, everyone will believe in him, and then the Romans will come and take away both our temple and our nation."

<sup>49</sup> Then one of them, named Caiaphas, who was high priest that year, spoke up, "You know nothing at all! <sup>50</sup> You do not realize that it is better for you that one man die for the people than that the whole nation perish."

<sup>51</sup> He did not say this on his own, but as high priest that year he prophesied that Jesus would die for the Jewish nation, <sup>52</sup> and not only for that nation but also for the scattered children of God, to bring them together and make them one. <sup>53</sup> So from that day on they plotted to take his life. (NIV)

This is the Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to You, O Christ.**

## **THE APOSTLES' CREED**

**I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth. And in Jesus Christ, his 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 into hell. The third day he rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From thence he shall come 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.**

6:30pm & 8:30am HYMN 685 (Maroon): Let Us Ever Walk With Jesus

10:30am SONG: Days of Elijah

MESSAGE "Thy Strong Word" Pastor Bode

#### PRESENTATION OF OFFERINGS

*Please sign the friendship pad in the pew and pass it along to others. As it is passed back to the center aisle, please take the opportunity to note the names of others seated in your pew.*

#### PRAYERS & THE LORD'S PRAYER

#### 10:30am SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT

SONGS: You Are My All in All; Above All

**BENEDICTION** - The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you. The Lord look upon you with favor and give you peace. **Amen.**

6:30pm & 8:30am HYMN 420 (Maroon) My Song is Love Unknown, verses 6 & 7

6. In life, no house, no home my Lord on earth might have;  
in death, no friendly tomb, but what a stranger gave.  
What may I say? Heav'n was his home  
but mine the tomb wherein he lay.

7. Here might I stay and sing; no story so divine,  
never was love, dear King, never was grief like thine.  
This is my friend, in whose sweet praise  
I all my days could gladly spend!

10:30am They'll Know We Are Christians by Our Love



## **HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE**

### **Palm Sunday, April 2<sup>nd</sup>**

Normal worship times: Saturday 6:30pm, Sunday 8:30am and 10:30am  
Sunday School Sings at 8:30am

### **April 5<sup>th</sup>, Wednesday**

No Wednesday evening worship services.  
8<sup>th</sup> grade rehearsal for First Communion at 5:00pm.

### **Maundy Thursday, April 6<sup>th</sup>**

Worship in the Sanctuary at 11:30am (followed by lunch) and 6:30pm.  
First communion for 8<sup>th</sup> graders.  
All Maundy Thursday services will have communion.

**Good Friday, April 7<sup>th</sup>** - Tenebrae at 12:00pm and 6:30pm. No meal service.

### **Saturday, April 8<sup>th</sup> – No evening worship**

### **Easter Sunday, April 9<sup>th</sup>**

Worship at 6:30am (Sunrise), 8:30am and 10:30am.  
All worship services in the sanctuary, with communion.  
Easter Fellowship 7:30-10:00am in the Peace Center.  
No Sunday School or Adult Bible Study.

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Are you ready to have fun and learn more about Jesus? Then come on board with us for a VBS experience all about faith, hope, love and eternal life. We will grow in our lifesaving faith as we study and sing about Jesus! Please contact Dr. Joan with questions and to volunteer!