

# **FIFTH SUNDAY IN LENT**

*A Service of Word & Sacrament*

*March 26, 2023*



**ZION LUTHERAN CHURCH**

**85 E. Brandt Boulevard**

**Landisville, PA**

*Connecting with God; Connecting with others; Connecting others with God*

## **GENERAL INFORMATION**

**WELCOME TO ZION!** We are glad you have chosen to worship with us in-person or online on this Fifth Sunday in Lent. For in-person worshippers, all words and parts of the service will be projected on the screen in the front of the sanctuary. If you prefer a printed bulletin, they are available on the table in the Narthex by the entrance to the Sanctuary. The service contains the four parts of the Lutheran liturgy (The Gathering, The Word, The Meal, and The Sending). If you have any questions concerning our service, please do not hesitate to talk with our pastor, Pastor Tim.

## **WORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES AT ZION**

**IN-PERSON:** All are invited to join us for worship at 9:00 a.m. each Sunday morning.

**ONLINE:** Worship services are live-streamed on the church YouTube channel: [http://bit.ly/Zion\\_Live](http://bit.ly/Zion_Live). If you are unable or prefer not to watch during the live-stream, the recording is available to view any time after the service concludes.

## **FOR THOSE WORSHIPPING IN-PERSON**

- ❖ Mask wearing is optional for all who attend or participate in indoor gatherings, including worship, at the church.
- ❖ Communion is distributed in continuous fashion or you may take one of the communion kits at the back of the Sanctuary if you prefer to commune at your seat.
- ❖ Restrooms are available by the front entrance of the church in the Narthex and in the hallway off the back door. Infant changing tables can be found in the women's and men's bathrooms in the hallway off the back door.
- ❖ Children are welcome to be active participants in the worship service. There are bags located at the back of the sanctuary with quiet worship activities and goodies to take home. Currently, nursery care is not available but you may use the Parlor as a cry room while also still being able to listen to the service.
- ❖ Ushers are located near the front and back of the worship area to direct people to seating and to the offering plates.

# Fifth Sunday in Lent

P: Pastor    A: Assisting Minister    C: Congregation (bolded)

## † THE GATHERING †

### INTRODUCTION

*In today's gospel Jesus reveals his power over death by raising Lazarus from the dead. The prophet Ezekiel prophesies God breathing new life into dry bones. To those in exile or living in the shadows of death, these stories proclaim God's promise of resurrection. In baptism we die with Christ that we might also be raised with him to new life. At the Easter Vigil we will welcome the newly baptized as we remember God's unfailing promise in our baptism.*

### WELCOME, ANNOUNCEMENTS, & GOD-SIGHTINGS

#### PRELUDE

*Open the Eyes of my Heart*

**Paul Baloche**  
Lisa Nelson, Piano

*Please stand if you are able.*

#### OPENING HYMN

*Beneath the Cross Of Jesus*

**ELW 338**

1. Beneath the cross of Jesus  
I long to take my stand;  
The shadow of a mighty rock  
Within a weary land,  
A home within a wilderness,  
A rest upon the way,  
From the burning of the noontide heat  
And burdens of the day.
2. Upon the cross of Jesus,  
My eye at times can see  
The very dying form of one  
Who suffered there for me.  
And from my contrite heart, with tears,  
Two wonders I confess:  
The wonder of his glorious love  
And my unworthiness.



3. I take, O cross, your shadow  
For my abiding place;  
I ask no other sunshine than  
The sunshine of his face;  
Content to let the world go by,  
To know no gain nor loss,  
My sinful self my only shame,  
My glory all, the cross.

Text: Elizabeth C. Clephane, 1830-1869

## CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

*All may make the sign of the cross, the sign that is marked at baptism.*

P: Blessed be the holy Trinity, ✠ one God, who journeys with us these forty days,  
and sustains us with the gift of grace.

C: **Amen.**

P: Let us acknowledge before God and one another our need for repentance and  
God's mercy.

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

P: Holy God,

C: **we confess to you our faults and failings. Too often we neglect and do not trust your holy word; we take for ourselves instead of giving to others; we spoil rather than steward your creation; we cause hurt though you call us to heal; we choose fear over compassion. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, as we seek to follow in your way of life. Amen.**

P: Hear the good news: God so loved the world that God gave his only Son, so that all may receive life. This promise is for you! God embraces you with divine mercy, ✠ forgives you in Christ's name, and revives you in the Spirit's power.

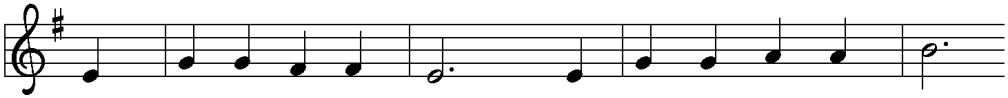
C: **Amen.**

## GREETING

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.**

## KYRIE



- 1 Have mer - cy on us, Lord, and hear our sol - emn prayer.  
2 Have mer - cy on us, Christ, and wash a - way our sin.  
3 Have mer - cy on us, Lord; make sin and shame de - part.



We come to hear your liv - ing word; it saves us from de - spair.  
Pour out your grace and make us whole that new life may be - gin.  
Re - new us with your sav - ing pow'r; cre - ate in us new hearts!

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

**P:** 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.

**C:** **Amen.**

*Please be seated.*

## † THE WORD †

### **Ezekiel 37:1-14**

*The dry bones of Israel brought to life.*

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

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

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

The Word of the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

### PSALM 130

*Please read responsively.*

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

**C: <sup>2</sup>O LORD, hear my voice! Let your ears be attentive to the voice of my supplication.**

<sup>3</sup>If you were to keep watch over sins, O LORD, who could stand?

**<sup>4</sup>Yet with you is forgiveness, in order that you may be feared.**

<sup>5</sup>I wait for you, O LORD; my soul waits; in your word is my hope.

**<sup>6</sup>My soul waits for the Lord more than those who keep watch for the morning, more than those who keep watch for the morning.**

<sup>7</sup>O Israel, wait for the LORD, for with the LORD there is steadfast love; with the LORD there is plenteous redemption.

**<sup>8</sup>For the LORD shall redeem Israel from all their sins.**

## ROMANS 8:6-11

*Life in the Spirit.*

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

<sup>9</sup>But 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. <sup>10</sup>But if Christ is in you, though the body is dead because of sin, the Spirit is life because of righteousness. <sup>11</sup>If 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.

The Word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

## ANTHEM

*A Lenten Meditation*

**Douglas E. Wagner**

## CHILDREN'S CHAT

## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Re - turn to the Lord, your God, for he is gra - cious and mer - ci - ful,  
slow to an - ger, and a - bound - ing in stead - fast love.

## JOHN 11:1-45

*Baptismal image: the raising of Lazarus.*

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the 11<sup>th</sup> chapter.

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

<sup>1</sup>Now a certain man was ill, Lazarus of Bethany, the village of Mary and her sister Martha. <sup>2</sup>Mary was the one who anointed the Lord with perfume and wiped his feet with her hair; her brother Lazarus was ill. <sup>3</sup>So the sisters sent a message to Jesus, "Lord, he whom you love is ill." <sup>4</sup>But 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." <sup>5</sup>Accordingly, though Jesus loved Martha and her sister and Lazarus, <sup>6</sup>after having heard that Lazarus was ill, he stayed two days longer in the place where he was.

<sup>7</sup>Then after this he said to the disciples, "Let us go to Judea again." <sup>8</sup>The disciples said to him, "Rabbi, the Jews were just now trying to stone you, and are you going there again?" <sup>9</sup>Jesus 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. <sup>10</sup>But those who walk at night stumble, because the light is not in them." <sup>11</sup>After saying this, he told them, "Our friend Lazarus has fallen asleep, but I am going there to awaken him." <sup>12</sup>The disciples said to him, "Lord, if he has fallen asleep, he will be all right." <sup>13</sup>Jesus, however, had been speaking about his death, but they thought that he was referring merely to sleep. <sup>14</sup>Then Jesus told them plainly, "Lazarus is dead. <sup>15</sup>For your sake I am glad I was not there, so that you may believe. But let us go to him." <sup>16</sup>Thomas, who was called the Twin, said to his fellow disciples, "Let us also go, that we may die with him."

<sup>17</sup>When Jesus arrived, he found that Lazarus had already been in the tomb four days. <sup>18</sup>Now Bethany was near Jerusalem, some two miles away, <sup>19</sup>and many of the Jews had come to Martha and Mary to console them about their brother. <sup>20</sup>When Martha heard that Jesus was coming, she went and met him, while Mary stayed at home. <sup>21</sup>Martha said to Jesus, "Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died. <sup>22</sup>But even now I know that God will give you whatever you ask of him." <sup>23</sup>Jesus said to her, "Your brother will rise again." <sup>24</sup>Martha said to him, "I know that he will rise again in the resurrection on the last day." <sup>25</sup>Jesus said to her, "I am the resurrection and the life. Those who believe in me, even though they die, will live, <sup>26</sup>and everyone who lives and believes in me will never die. Do you believe this?" <sup>27</sup>She said to him, "Yes, Lord, I believe that you are the Messiah, the Son of God, the one coming into the world."



<sup>28</sup>When 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.” <sup>29</sup>And when she heard it, she got up quickly and went to him. <sup>30</sup>Now Jesus had not yet come to the village, but was still at the place where Martha had met him. <sup>31</sup>The 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. <sup>32</sup>When 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.” <sup>33</sup>When Jesus saw her weeping, and the Jews who came with her also weeping, he was greatly disturbed in spirit and deeply moved. <sup>34</sup>He said, “Where have you laid him?” They said to him, “Lord, come and see.” <sup>35</sup>Jesus began to weep. <sup>36</sup>So 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>Then Jesus, again greatly disturbed, came to the tomb. It was a cave, and a stone was lying against it. <sup>39</sup>Jesus 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.” <sup>40</sup>Jesus said to her, “Did I not tell you that if you believed, you would see the glory of God?” <sup>41</sup>So they took away the stone. And Jesus looked upward and said, “Father, I thank you for having heard me. <sup>42</sup>I 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.” <sup>43</sup>When he had said this, he cried with a loud voice, “Lazarus, come out!” <sup>44</sup>The 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.”

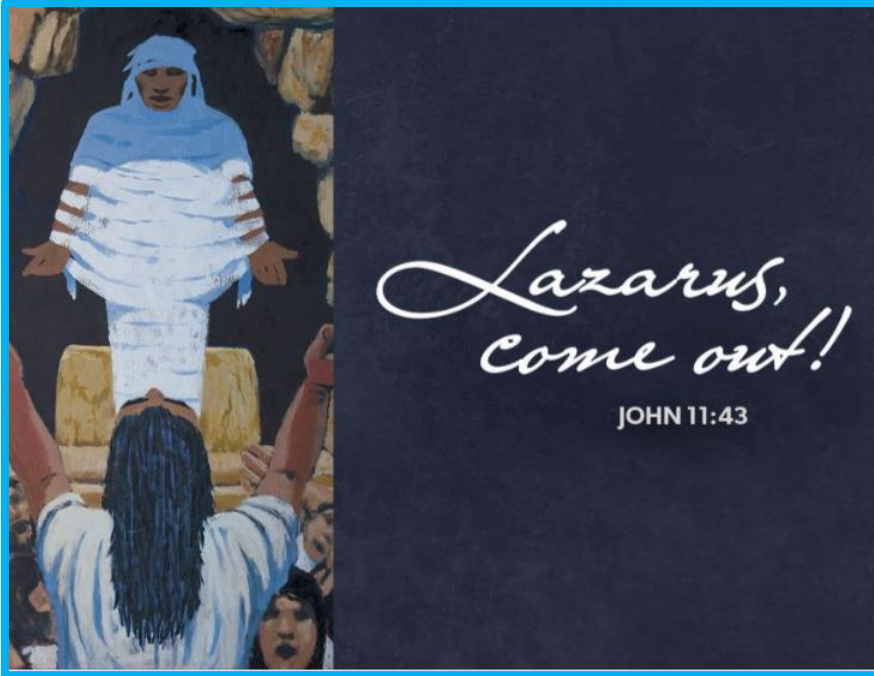
<sup>45</sup>Many of the Jews therefore, who had come with Mary and had seen what Jesus did, believed in him.

The Gospel of the Lord.

**C: Praise to you, O Christ.**

**SERMON**

**Pastor Tim Seitz-Brown**



How does a  
"valley of dry bones"  
come into existence?

And what does the

communal  
resurrection  
of the dry bones

tell us?!?





Jesus wept over Jerusalem  
(Luke 19:41),


and Jesus wept  
at the grave of Lazarus.  
(John 11:35)

What  
is  
causing  
us  
to  
weep?



Jesus chooses to absorb  
and transform our brutality.

Humanity  
has been  
choosing to  
escalate  
and  
transmit  
human  
brutality.



The  
Metamorphosis  
of our Humanity

The “pupa”:

dying to  
our brutal systems

The “monarch butterfly”:

rising up to  
the Way,  
the Truth,  
and  
the Life  
of Jesus

*Please stand if you are able.*

**SERMON HYMN**

*Lord of the Dance*

**BB 55**

1. I danced in the morning when the world was begun,  
And I danced in the moon and the stars and the sun,  
And I came down from heaven and I danced on the earth.  
At Bethlehem I had my birth.

*Refrain*

“Dance, then, wherever you may be;  
I am the Lord of the dance,” said he.  
“And I’ll lead you all wherever you may be,  
And I’ll lead you all in the dance,” said he.

2. I danced for the scribe and the Pharisee,  
But they would not dance and they would not follow me;  
I danced for the fisherman, for James and John;  
They came to me and the dance went on. *Refrain*



3. I danced on the Sabbath when I cured the lame,  
The holy people said it was a shame;  
They whipped and they stripped and they hung me high;  
And they left me there on a cross to die. *Refrain*

4. I danced on a Friday and the sky turned black;  
It's hard to dance with the devil on your back;  
They buried my body and they thought I'd gone,  
But I am the dance and I still go on. *Refrain*

5. They cut me down and I leapt up high,  
I am the life that 'll never, never die;  
I'll live in you if you'll live in me;  
“I am the Lord of the dance,” said he. *Refrain*

### **APOSTLES' CREED**

**P:** Let us profess our faith together.

**C:** **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 catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.**

### **PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL**

**A:** Sustained by God's abundant mercy, let us pray for the church, the world, and all of creation. You have breathed into us the breath of life. Enliven your church. Deepen our partnerships with our companion churches around the globe, and bless the work of missionaries who accompany them. Merciful God,

**C:** **receive our prayer.**

Your spirit brings life to creation. Enliven the natural world and restore ecosystems in need of healing. Uplift prophetic voices that turn us to the needs of the soil beneath our feet and the air all around. Merciful God,  
**receive our prayer.**

You redeem the world and its peoples. Free us from systems of oppression. Unbind nations and societies from the sins of racism, sexism, and homophobia. Raise up leaders at all levels of government who work to promote the dignity of every human life. Merciful God,  
**receive our prayer.**

You weep when we weep. Be present with those who grieve or who are troubled by illness. You hear us when we call to you. Deliver us from the depths of our despair, and free us from the worries that bind us. Merciful God,  
**receive our prayer.**

Your Spirit of life dwells in our assembly. Bless the music ministries of this congregation and all who lead us in hymns of praise and thanksgiving and in songs of lament and prayer. Merciful God,  
**receive our prayer.**

You are the resurrection and the life. Even though we die, we will live. With thanksgiving, we remember all your saints who now live in your eternal love. Merciful God,  
**receive our prayer.**

*Additional prayers may be lifted up by the congregation and/or pastor.*

- P: We lift our prayers to you, O God, trusting in your steadfast love and your promise to renew your whole creation; through Jesus Christ our Savior.  
C: **Amen.**

### **THE SHARING OF THE PEACE**

- P: The peace of Christ be with you.  
C: **And also with you.**

## † THE MEAL †

### PRAYER

- A: God of good gifts, receive these and all our offerings as we present them in faithful service for the sake of your gospel. Prepare our hearts to receive you in this meal as you pour out your very presence through Christ Jesus, the wellspring of eternal life.
- C: **Amen.**

### WORDS OF INSTITUTION

- P: In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying: This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me.

### THE LORD'S PRAYER

- P: We pray together.
- 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.**

### INVITATION TO COMMUNION

- P: Come and receive Jesus, our strength in the wilderness.
- C: **Amen.**

*Please be seated.*

### PARTAKING IN THE BREAD AND CUP OF SALVATION

*All baptized Christians are welcome to partake of the Holy Sacrament. You may commune in your pew with one of the individually packaged kits or you may commune by coming forward to receive the elements in continuous fashion. Those who do not or choose not to partake of the sacrament may come forward and receive a blessing. If you are unable to come forward, please let one of the ushers know and the pastor will come to you.*

## FOR THOSE COMMUNING WITH THE KITS

*Open the wafer packet.*

P: The body of Christ given for you.

C: **Amen.**

*Open the cup.*

P: The blood of Christ shed for you.

C: **Amen.**

*Please place communion cups & wrappers in the trash can as you exit the Sanctuary.*

## FOR THOSE COMMUNING BY COMING FORWARD

*For those not able to have red wine, there is grape juice in the outer circle of every tray.*

*Gluten-free wafers are available upon request. When given the bread and cup, the communion ministers will say: "The body of Christ, given for you. The blood of Christ, shed for you," to which you may respond: "Amen."*

*Please use this time for quiet reflection or join in singing the communion hymn until all worshippers have communed and have returned to their seats.*

## COMMUNION SONG

### *I Am the Bread of Life*

ELW 485



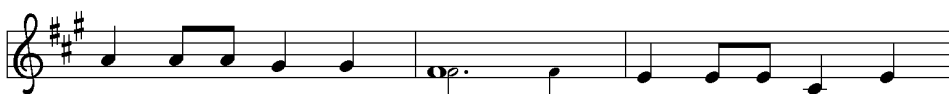
1 "I am the Bread of life. You who  
2 "The bread that . . . I will give is my  
3 "Un - less . . . . . you . . . . . eat of the  
4 "I am the res - ur - rec - tion, . . . . .  
5 Yes, Lord, . . . . . I be - lieve that . . . . .



come to me shall not hun - ger, and who be -  
flesh for the life of the world, . . . . . and if you  
flesh of the Son of Man . . . . . and . . . .  
I . . . . . am the life. . . . . If you be -  
you . . . . . are the Christ, . . . . . the . . . .







lieve in me shall not thirst. No one can come to  
eat . . . . . of this bread, and you shall . . live for -  
drink . . . . . of his blood, and drink . . . . . of his  
lieve . . . . . in . . . me, e - ven . . though you  
Son . . . . . of . . . . . God, who . . . . . have . . . . .



me un - less the Fa - ther beck - ons."  
ev - er, . . . . . you shall live for - ev - er."  
blood, you shall not have life with - in you."  
die, . . . . . you shall live for - ev - er."  
come in - to . . . . . the . . . . . world. . . . .

*Refrain*

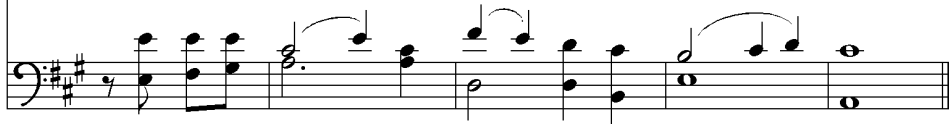
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"And I will raise you up, and I will raise you up,



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



Text: Suzanne Toolan, RSM, b. 1927, based on John 6  
Music: I AM THE BREAD, Suzanne Toolan, RSM  
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*Please stand if you are able.*

## POST-COMMUNION BLESSING

P: The body and blood of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ, strengthen you and keep you in his grace.

C: **Amen.**

## PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

A: Embodied God, at your table, we have tasted the goodness of Jesus. With the eyes of our hearts open to your promise, empower us to hear the needs of our neighbors and touch the world with your love.

C: **Amen.**

## † THE SENDING †

## BLESSING

P: God, the giver of love, † Christ, the resurrection and the life, and the Holy Spirit of rebirth bless you in this Lenten journey.

C: **Amen.**

## SENDING HYMN

### *You Are the Way*

**ELW 758**

1. You are the way; to you alone  
From sin and death we flee;  
All those who search for God, you find  
And by your grace set free.
2. You are the truth; your word alone  
True wisdom can impart;  
You only can inform the mind  
And purify the heart.
3. You are the life; the rending tomb  
Proclaims your conqu'ring arm;  
And those who put their trust in you  
Not death nor hell shall harm.
4. You are the way, the truth, the life;  
Grant us that way to know,  
That truth to keep, that life to win,  
Whose joys eternal flow.

Text: George W. Doane, 1799-1859, alt.

## DISMISSAL

P: Go in peace. Serve in love.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

## POSTLUDE

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### The Hope of New Life

Hope overcomes despair for God's people: this is the message of the readings for today. The hope of new life is evident in the story of "dry bones" from Ezekiel. The children of Israel declare their hope is lost. The prophet's experience in the valley of dry bones inspires him to preach renewed hope to the people. Psalm 130 sings of hope in God and God's word. The work of God's Spirit gives hope of new life in Paul's letter to the church at Rome. The Gospel of John tells the hope-filled story of the raising of Lazarus from the dead. The gospel gives us encouraging words to sustain us through the approaching despair of Christ's passion and brings us to the fulfillment of hope on Easter. Martha's wistful words to Jesus, "Lord, if you had been here. . . . But even now I know that God will give you whatever you ask of him" (John 11:21-22), reflect the hope of God's people in the face of despair, even in the face of death.

Each text encourages hearers to hope in God and God's word. How do Christians experience unfulfilled hope? This is the challenge for those who interpret today's texts for hearers. Israel's woes are not at an end; other psalms tell of struggle and pain; the Christ-believers at Rome are persecuted; Jesus who raises Lazarus from the dead soon dies. And yet hope is fulfilled as Paul proclaims "all Israel will be saved" (Rom. 11:26).

Psalm 46 sings of God's presence in time of trouble. A preview of the hope of the resurrection will sustain believers in these final days of Lent (John 20:17). The Christian's confidence in the resurrection of the dead epitomizes their hope in Christ.



## **THIS WEEK AT ZION**

### **Sunday, March 26**

*\* The altar flowers are sponsored by Jeanette Bomberger in memory of her father, Levi Gensemer.*

*\* The bulletins are sponsored by Nina Laliberte in honor of her daughter Sarah's upcoming wedding to Michael Kelly on April 15 at St. Bonaventure Church in Plymouth, MA.*

*\* The communion elements are sponsored with gratitude for the members of the Personnel Team and how they help to support a positive working environment at the church.*

In-Person Worship – 9:00 a.m.

Livestream/Recorded Worship – 9:00 a.m.

Link: [http://bit.ly/Zion\\_Live](http://bit.ly/Zion_Live)

Talent/Hobby Show – 10:30 a.m.

No Adult Sunday School (Enjoy the Talent/Hobby Show!)

### **Monday, March 27**

Food Pantry – 10 a.m.-1 p.m.

### **Tuesday, March 28**

Bible Study – 9-10:30 a.m. (Parlor)

Scouts – 6 p.m. (Classrooms)

### **Wednesday, March 29**

Food Pantry – 10 a.m.-1 p.m.

### **Thursday, March 30**

Lenten Study – 11 a.m. (Holy Spirit, Columbia Ave.)

Lunch following the study (Centerville Diner)

Community Meal – 5:30 p.m.

Choir – 6 p.m.

### **Friday, March 31**

### **Saturday, April 1**

### **Sunday, April 2 – Palm Sunday**

In-Person Worship – 9:00 a.m.

Livestream/Recorded Worship – 9:00 a.m.

Link: [http://bit.ly/Zion\\_Live](http://bit.ly/Zion_Live)

Palm Sunday Brunch – 10:30 a.m. (Social Room)

No Adult Sunday School (Enjoy the brunch!)

## ANNOUNCEMENTS, GOD-SIGHTINGS, UPDATES, & EVENTS

### COME AND EXPLORE WITH US IN LENT!

- **The First Century Context: Why the Romans crucified people**  
*Pastor Bob Ierien (Redeemer Lutheran, Lancaster)*
- **The Cross and those whose "backs are against the wall"**  
*Pastor Tim Seitz-Brown (Zion Lutheran, Landisville)*
- **The "Medical" or "CSI" aspects of the cross**  
*Dr. Marilyn Knaub (Holy Spirit, Lancaster)*
- **How does the cross save us?  
(2,000 years of interpretation)**  
*Pastor Gretchen Ierien (Holy Spirit, Lancaster)*
- **How Jesus waged peace during Holy Week**

Thursdays in March at 11am  
at Holy Spirit Lutheran Church

3131 Columbia Ave., Lancaster, PA 17603  
(717) 394-6771



*After this final session, you are invited to continue the fellowship with lunch at Centerville Diner!*

**NEED A RIDE???**  
*There are members lined up to provide transportation. Contact Judy (717-898-0625).*

### LENTEN DEVOTIONAL BOOKLETS

There are still copies of Lenten devotionals on the ushers' table in the Narthex.

### OUR DAILY BREAD DEVOTIONAL BOOKLETS

The March-May Our Daily Bread devotionals are available for you to get on the ushers' table in the Narthex.



### APRIL EVENTS CALENDAR

Please be sure to take the April calendar inserted in your bulletin home with you today! You don't want to miss out on any important meetings or fun events next month!

### TODAY AFTER WORSHIP: TALENT/HOBBY SHOWCASE

The Talent/Hobby Showcase is today! We hope you will plan to stay after worship for this time together. [There will be no Sunday School.]



## SPRING-BRING



We can stop hunger with our hands! Bring a box and/or can of food for the Pantry! Please place food items in the bin, write your name on a hand cut-out, and place it in the designated box. The hands will be displayed on the bulletin board in the Narthex. Thanks for your participation!! Items requested: cereal, mixed

vegetables, carrots, sweet potatoes, mandarin oranges, fruit cocktail and soup (cream of mushroom and celery).

## EASTER FLOWERS

In addition to being inserted in your bulletin, there are sponsor forms for Easter flowers on the table in the Narthex by the Sanctuary entrance as well as on the ledge in the back hallway as you exit the Sanctuary. Cost is \$10. Deadline to place orders is Monday, April 3.



Today is the last day to give to this month's Joyful Noise offering for Bethany Christian Services. The money collected this month will go specifically to their housing services. In April, the collection will go to Habitat for Humanity.



## COMMUNICATION FROM BRENDA ALIMO (dated 12/16/2022)

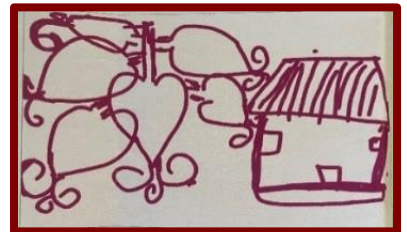
Dear Zion,

I am happy to take this special time to write to you. I hope all of you are fine and are in good health. I am fine and my family is too. We are getting ready to celebrate Christmas. I have bought a new cloth and a pair of shoes. We have also bought chicken and rice to

prepare on that day. My favorite holiday is Christmas because this is the day Jesus was born before he died on the cross [on Good Friday] for my sins and forgave me for all my sins. Thank you so much for the beautiful letter I received from you! I love reading it so much. All from Brenda, your friend.



*Her house and a flower for us.*



## **PALM SUNDAY, HOLY WEEK, & EASTER SUNDAY**

- PALM SUNDAY WORSHIP: April 2 @ 9:00 a.m.
- PALM SUNDAY BRUNCH: April 2 @ 10:30 a.m.  
*More information about the brunch is provided below.  
No Sunday School.*
- MAUNDY THURSDAY WORSHIP: April 6 @ 7:00 p.m.
- GOOD FRIDAY WORSHIP: April 7 @ 7:00 p.m.
- EASTER SUNDAY WORSHIP: April 9 @ 9:00 a.m.  
*No Sunday School.*

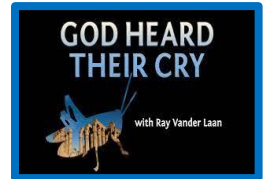


All of these services will be live-streamed and viewed either at the time of the services or afterward at: [http://bit.ly/Zion\\_Live](http://bit.ly/Zion_Live).

### **ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL: 10:30 a.m. (Except today, 4/2, & 4/9)**



In the Zone and on Zoom  
(<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/2283229266>)



**BIBLE STUDY CLASS** (“God Heard Their Cry”): In the Parlor  
*\*Classes will resume on April 16\**

### **ONE MORE WEEK TO B.Y.O.B. (BRING YOUR OWN BEAR)**

The small bears and other stuffed animals collected through Lent will be donated to the Penn State Health Children's Pediatric Center across from Long's Park (at the location of the former ToysRUs) after Easter. Any monetary donations for the purchase of stuffed animals may be given to Diane Ramer or Judy Traup. The stuffed animals will be blessed during a worship service before they are taken to the health center.

When you bring in your teddy bears (or other small stuffed animals), please place them on the window sills in the Sanctuary. Questions? Contact Diane Ramer or Judy Traup.





## **NEXT SUNDAY: JOIN US FOR BRUNCH**

We hope you will stay after worship at 10:30 a.m. next Sunday (April 2) to enjoy food (prepared by Jim P. and the Men of Zion) and fellowship. Sign-up sheet is on the bulletin board in the Narthex if you plan to attend. To help, contact Dave D. ([davedumeyer@gmail.com](mailto:davedumeyer@gmail.com)).



## **FROM PET PANTRY OF LANCASTER**

Thank you for your donation during this year's Day of Smiles. The lasting impact Erin & Max have had on our community through their family and friends is inspirational. Everyone at Pet Pantry is humbled to benefit from your generosity. It is only through the support of generous people like you that we can continue to help animals and their families. Thank you again for your donation.

## **ARE YOU MISSING YOUR BUNNY?**

This little bunny came to church one Sunday with someone who forgot to take him home! If you know where he belongs, you will find him across from the mailboxes.



## **FINAL QUESTIONS**

1. Who grew up in Moline, Illinois and did government related aeronautical work as a trouble shooter at Clifton Precision in Iowa. She is a bowler and once bowled a 300!
2. Who grew up locally, graduated from Millersville Univ., worked at Armstrong for 24 years and Core Source as a Director of Info. Systems for 17 years? Because he was short and skinny in high school, his nickname was "Mouse!"
3. Who grew up in Lancaster City, went to McCaskey H.S., then Goldey-Beacom College and used her education to become a billing analyst at Lancaster Press. She loves working with stained glass and cross-stitch. Be sure to ask her about her knowledge of analyzing handwriting!
4. A local girl, she went on to Purdue Univ. and became a Hempfield Middle School librarian. She enjoys reading, traveling, and playing bridge. She has taught adult Sunday school at Zion for 38 consecutive years! She once won a "twist" dance contest in Atlantic City.





## The Lutheran Camping Corporation of Central Pennsylvania

Kirchenwald, Nawakwa, and The Wittel Farm

PO Box 459, Arendtsville, PA 17303

717-677-8211 • [www.LutheranCamping.org](http://www.LutheranCamping.org)



# OPEN HOUSE

## SUMMER CAMP OPEN HOUSES AT KIRCHENWALD, NAWAKWA, AND THE WITTEL FARM

April 16; 2-4:30 p.m.

*Come meet some of the summer camp staff, take a tour of the camp, and get a \$10 gift certificate to the camp store!*



## COME CELEBRATE EARTH DAY AT KIRCHENWALD

April 23; 2-6 p.m.

*Enjoy an afternoon of environmental activities, games, and crafts within God's creation. An evening meal is included in the \$15 fee. All ages welcome.*



## COME HELP SPRUCE UP THE CAMPS

April 29; 9 a.m.-5 p.m. (At Nawakwa)

May 6; 9 a.m.-5 p.m. (Kirchenwald)

## SUMMER CAMP REGISTRATION

*There are camps for all ages and interests at both Kirchenwald and at Nawakwa. If camp isn't for you, maybe your grandchild, nephew, niece, cousin, neighbor would be interested! Help spread the word about the opportunities throughout the summer!*



**More information about these and other events at:**

***<https://www.lutherancamping.org/upcoming-events/>***

**THE PARISH RESOURCE CENTER UPCOMING EVENTS**

# Food Bank Panel

Community Action Partnership  
April 24th, 7-8:30pm

Hunger Free York  
York County Food Bank

2023 Cherry Academy  
Food Insecurity

CENTRAL PENNSYLVANIA FOOD BANK



# Mental Health First Aid

April 25th, 7-8:30pm

Presented by Community Services Group

\*2-3 hours of online work is required before the workshop








Practical Skills Workshop

# Children and Hunger

May 1st, 7-8:30pm

Featuring Power Packs PROJECT

2023 Cherry Academy  
Food Insecurity



# Intro to Immigration

May 11th, 7-8:30pm

Led by  
Kate Good  
PRC Exec Director



Volunteer Workshop

**More information about these and other events at:**  
<https://connectprc.org/programming/>

**PRAYER LIST**  
***FOR HEALING***

Bob Shirk  
Tom Grzybowski  
Jess Barcaro  
Harry Musselman  
Sam King  
Connie Alsedek  
Joe Adams  
Mary Zimmerman  
Marvin Ruch  
Kate Donnan  
Bill Grove  
Judie Ingersoll  
Joan Mays  
Holly Hoover  
Barb Williams  
Kay Crawford  
Mary Kessler (Sister-in-Law of Pastor Tim)  
Elaine Reuschlein (Friend of Barb Williams)  
Jack Taylor (4-year-old son of the niece of Deb Grube)  
Walter Thalgot (Brother of Thelma Pearson)  
Jeff Bradley (Friend of Al Ramer)  
Harmony & Family (Friends of Kim & Jim Paternoster)  
Shirley Shiner (Stepmother of Jenn Pipkin)  
Jeff Long (Nephew of Rick & Deb Long)  
Loma Slike (Mother of Sue Wise)  
Brook Ross (Friend of Barb Williams)  
William Hartman (Father of Deb Grube)  
Ernie Johnson (Friend of Barb Williams)  
Mike LaFata (Son-in-law of Bill & Julia Grove)

***FOR COMFORT, PEACE, STRENGTH, & SAFETY***

Thelma Pearson  
Lucy Davis  
Betty Stoner  
Deb McCartney  
George Potts  
Arlene Miller

Dave Albin and family on the death of his mother, Betty.  
Ruth Burkett (Mother of Deb Long)  
Peggy & Rick Dolly (Relatives of Barb Williams)  
Arlene Wise (Sister-in-law of Dave Wise)  
Dorothy Mattern (Mother of Denise Haun)  
Ed & Dotty Sites (Parents of Cathy Benedict)  
Jennifer Kready (Daughter of Dave & Donna Dumeyer)

***FOR PROTECTION FOR MILITARY & FIRST RESPONDERS***

Evan Benedict  
Christopher Wright  
Chris Andrew  
Thom Whitesel  
Ryan Stitzel  
Doug Kautter  
Justin Gorkaski  
Tyler Duke (Great Grandson of Jan Reeves)  
Corey Landis (Nephew of Jesse & Pat Landis)  
David Adams (Son-in-law of John & Kathleen Hay, and husband of Liz)

***IN CELEBRATION & REMEMBRANCE***

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY!**

26<sup>th</sup> – Jeanette Bomberger, Scott Hetrick, Brian Sherwood, Andrew Sherwood  
30<sup>th</sup> – Kristen Haun  
1<sup>st</sup> – Delaney Klepper

**CONDOLENCES** to the Sherwood family as they grieve the death of Lynda's father, Vaun Hile, on Wednesday, March 22.

***UPDATED CONTACT INFO.***

**Dave Albin** – Use only his cell number (717-333-0983). His home number (717-898-7400) has been disconnected.

## MINISTRY LEADERS

Ministers	Members of the Congregation
Pastor	Rev. Timothy Seitz-Brown
Music Director	John Landis
Parish Administrator	Anne Rankin
Worship Technology Assistant	David Albin
Lay Ministry Assistant	Diane Gerlach
Council President	Kim Paternoster
Council Vice President	Denise Haun
Sextons	Brian Bourassa (a.m.) Tom Miller (p.m.)

## WORSHIP, SUNDAY SCHOOL, & CONTACT INFORMATION

Worship	Sundays @ 9:00 a.m.
Maundy Thursday Worship (4/6)	7:00 p.m.
Good Friday Worship (4/7)	7:00 p.m.
Livestream & Recorded Link	<a href="http://bit.ly/Zion_Live">http://bit.ly/Zion_Live</a>
Bible Study Focus Class (Parlor)	Sundays @ 10:30 a.m. (Except Today, 4/2, & 4/9)
Wired Word Class (Zone)	Sundays @ 10:30 a.m. (Except Today, 4/2, & 4/9) <a href="https://us02web.zoom.us/j/2283229266">https://us02web.zoom.us/j/2283229266</a>
Bible Study	Tuesdays @ 9:00 a.m.
Lenten Study	Thursdays in March @ 11 a.m. @ Holy Spirit Lutheran Church 3131 Columbia Ave., Lanc. 17603
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