

## Today's Scripture Readings

### Old Testament

*Ezekiel 37:1-14*

<sup>1</sup>The 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. <sup>2</sup>And he led me around among them, and behold, there were very many on the surface of the valley, and behold, they were very dry. <sup>3</sup>And he said to me, "Son of man, can these bones live?" And I answered, "O Lord GOD, you know." <sup>4</sup>Then he said to me, "Prophesy over 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: Behold, I will cause breath to enter you, and you shall live. <sup>6</sup>And 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."

<sup>7</sup>So 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. <sup>8</sup>And 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. <sup>9</sup>Then 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." <sup>10</sup>So I prophesied as he commanded me, and the breath came into them, and they lived and stood on their feet, an exceedingly great army.

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

### Epistle

*Romans 8:1-11*

<sup>1</sup>There is therefore now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus. <sup>2</sup>For the law of the Spirit of life has set you free in Christ Jesus from the law of sin and death. <sup>3</sup>For 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, <sup>4</sup>in 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. <sup>5</sup>For 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. <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 the mind that is set on the flesh is hostile to God, for it does not submit to God's law; indeed, it cannot. <sup>8</sup>Those who are in the flesh cannot please God.

<sup>9</sup>You, 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. <sup>10</sup>But if Christ is in you, although 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 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, 38-53*

<sup>17</sup>Now when Jesus came, he found that Lazarus had already been in the tomb four days. <sup>18</sup>Bethany was near Jerusalem, about two miles off, <sup>19</sup>and many of the Jews had come to Martha and Mary to console them concerning their brother. <sup>20</sup>So when Martha heard that Jesus was coming, she went and met him, but Mary remained seated in the house. <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 whatever you ask from God, God will give you." <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. Whoever believes in me, though he die, yet shall he live, <sup>26</sup>and everyone who lives and believes in me shall never die. Do you believe this?" <sup>27</sup>She said to him, "Yes, Lord; I believe that you are the Christ, the Son of God, who is coming into the world." ...

<sup>38</sup>Then Jesus, deeply moved again, came to the tomb. It was a cave, and a stone lay against it. <sup>39</sup>Jesus 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." <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 lifted up his eyes 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 on account of the people standing around, that they may believe that you sent me." <sup>43</sup>When he had said these things, he cried out with a loud voice, "Lazarus, come out." <sup>44</sup>The 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."

<sup>45</sup>Many of the Jews therefore, who had come with Mary and had seen what he 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>So the chief priests and the Pharisees gathered the council and said, "What are we to do? For this man performs many signs. <sup>48</sup>If 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." <sup>49</sup>But one of them, Caiaphas, who was high priest that year, said to them, "You know nothing at all. <sup>50</sup>Nor do you understand that it is better for you that one man should die for the people, not that the whole nation should perish." <sup>51</sup>He did not say this of his own accord, but being high priest that year he prophesied that Jesus would die for the nation, <sup>52</sup>and not for the nation only, but also to gather into one the children of God who are scattered abroad. <sup>53</sup>So from that day on they made plans to put him to death.

*Scripture quotations are from The Holy Bible, English Standard Version®.*

### In Our Prayers this Week—

• *March missions of the month, Concordia Seminary in St. Louis and Seminarians Luke Konkel and Andrew Harrill.*

• *Peace among nations and safety for all in the Middle East.*

• *The victims and families of all violence and disaster throughout the world.*

• *Lisa Koblwey, Aliyah Koblwey and Greg Melius, being received into membership.*

• *Jean Estrello, upcoming surgery.*

• *Norm Taylor, recovering from surgery.*

• *Jan Klug, diagnosed with cancer.*

• *Jan Kopeke, receiving treatment for cancer.*

• *Liam Reznik, grandson of Dave & Roxanne Taylor, continuing health issues.*

• *Linda Luft, sister of Mark Mathe, for successful surgery.*

• *All who are battling cancer:*

- *Jessica Dolezal*

- *Debi Verbage, daughter of Ruth McKenna*

- *Dylan Martin, nephew of Chris and Mandy Neumann*

- *Jayne Cotter*

- *Rev. Brad Birtell, brother of Amy Assmann*

- *Gloria, friend of Chris Born*

*Please also keep in prayer*

—*our Seminarians Luke Konkel & Andrew Harrill;*

—*Rev. Nathan Meador, our district president;*

—*Matthew Harrison, synod president;*

—*the members, officers and auxiliaries of Emmanuel;*

—*our circuit congregation, Grace in*

*Elkbar Lake and Rev. Peter Peitsch;*

—*our Missionary Rev. James May and his family in Africa; and*

—*our shut-in Members, Donna Bloedel and Alice Denhardt.*

# FIFTH SUNDAY IN LENT



*"I am the resurrection and the life. Whoever believes in me, though he die, yet shall he live, and everyone who lives and believes in me shall never die."*

**John 9:6b-7**

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WE WELCOME all who gather with us around the Altar and Pulpit to hear the Word of God.

IF YOU ARE VISITING this morning, we are happy that you could join us today. *Please sign our guest book in the narthex.*

IF YOU DESIRE TO COMMUNE, please speak to the pastor before the service. Our altar is open to those who confess oneness with us in doctrine and are members in good standing of our congregation or sister congregations of the Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod.

YOUNG CHILDREN are always welcome in our service. Jesus said, "Let the little children come to me..." Activity bags are available in the narthex.

NEED ASSISTANCE with anything? Please speak to the pastor or the usher.

RESTROOMS are available in the back of the church or in the education wing.

*We pray that you feel welcome in our congregation, that you are blessed by the service, and that you will come again.*

### JESUS CHRIST IS THE RESURRECTION AND THE LIFE

The illness and death of Lazarus happened "that the Son of God may be glorified through it" (John 11:4). Jesus' miracle of raising Lazarus prompted His arrest and crucifixion, whereby He would die "for the nation" and gather "into one the children of God who are scattered abroad" (John 11:51-52). As He called Lazarus from the tomb and commanded others to "unbind him, and let him go" (John 11:44), Jesus also calls us and releases us from the bondage of sin and death. We would not "submit to God's law," nor could we "please God" (Rom. 8:7-8), but "He condemned sin" in His own flesh, so "that the righteous requirement of the law might be fulfilled in us" (Rom. 8:3-4). Now, through the Gospel, "the Spirit of Him who raised Jesus from the dead dwells" in us (Rom. 8:11). His Word breathes His Spirit into our mortal flesh, animating us with His own life. As His ministers preach according to His divine command, the Lord Jesus calls us from the grave into the good land that He gives us (Ezek. 37:12, 14).

### THE FAMILY ALTAR

❶ **Verse of the Week** — **John 12:13** "So they took branches of palm trees and went out to meet him, crying out, Hosanna! Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord, even the King of Israel!"

❷ **Hymn of the Week** — LSB #442 — "All Glory, Laud, and Honor"

❸ **Collect of the Week** — Almighty and everlasting God, You sent Your Son, our Savior Jesus Christ, to take upon Himself our flesh and to suffer death upon the cross. Mercifully grant that we may follow the example of His great humility and patience and be made partakers of His resurrection; through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

❹ **Daily Bible Readings** — **M:** Ex. 9:1-28; Heb. 2:1-18 **T:** Ex. 9:29-10:20; Heb. 3:1-19 **W:** Ex. 10:21-11:10; Heb. 4:1-16 **Maundy Th:** Ex. 12:1-28; Heb. 5:1-14; **Good F:** Ex. 12:29-32, 13:1-16; Heb. 6:1-20 **Holy Sat:** Ex. 13:17-14:9; Heb. 7:1-22 **Easter Sun:** Ex. 14:10-31; Heb. 7:23-8:13

❺ **Preparing for Next Sunday** — Lessons for **Palm Sunday** (March 29):

*John 12:12-19; Isaiah 50:4-9a; Philippians 2:5-11; John 12:20-43; Psalm 118:19-29*

## FIFTH SUNDAY IN LENT

March 22, 2026

Greeters — Marks Family

Elder — Jeff Ourada; Usher — Andy Schmitt

Altar Guild — Hayley Buchholz, Jr. Altar Guild — Greta Marks

Cantor — Choir; Acolyte — Levi Schommer

Organist — Mrs. Terry Ourada

Pastor — Rev. Paul W. Marks

**Introit** (sung responsively after confession & absolution) 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.

Precious in the sight | of the LORD\*

is the death | of his saints.

**Collect** (spoken by pastor)

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.

**Gradual** (sung responsively) Hebrews 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.

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