

The Fifth Sunday in Lent  
(March 29, 2020)

† DIVINE SERVICE SETTING FOUR †

Greeting & Announcements

Opening Hymn "Let Us Ever Walk with Jesus"

LSB 685

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| <p>1 Let us ever walk with Jesus,<br/>Follow His example pure,<br/>Through a world that would deceive us<br/>And to sin our spirits lure.<br/>Onward in His footsteps treading,<br/>Pilgrims here, our home above,<br/>Full of faith and hope and love,<br/>Let us do the Father's bidding.<br/>Faithful Lord, with me abide;<br/>I shall follow where You guide.</p> <p>2 Let us suffer here with Jesus<br/>And with patience bear our cross.<br/>Joy will follow all our sadness;<br/>Where He is, there is no loss.<br/>Though today we sow no laughter,<br/>We shall reap celestial joy;<br/>All discomforts that annoy<br/>Shall give way to mirth hereafter.<br/>Jesus, here I share Your woe;<br/>Help me there Your joy to know.</p> | <p>3 Let us gladly die with Jesus.<br/>Since by death He conquered death,<br/>He will free us from destruction,<br/>Give to us immortal breath.<br/>Let us mortify all passion<br/>That would lead us into sin;<br/>And the grave that shuts us in<br/>Shall but prove the gate to heaven.<br/>Jesus, here with You I die,<br/>There to live with You on high.</p> <p>4 Let us also live with Jesus.<br/>He has risen from the dead<br/>That to life we may awaken.<br/>Jesus, You are now our head.<br/>We are Your own living members;<br/>Where You live, there we shall be<br/>In Your presence constantly,<br/>Living there with You forever.<br/>Jesus, let me faithful be,<br/>Life eternal grant to me.</p> |
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Confession and Absolution

p 203

*The sign of the cross may be made by all in remembrance of their Baptism.*

Invocation

- P In the name of the Father and of the T Son and of the Holy Spirit.  
C Amen.

Exhortation

LSB 203

- P Our help is in the name of the Lord,  
C who made heaven and earth.
- P If You, O Lord, kept a record of sins, O Lord, who could stand?  
C But with You there is forgiveness; therefore You are feared.
- P Since we are gathered to hear God's Word, call upon Him in prayer and praise, let us first consider our unworthiness and confess before God and one another that we have sinned in thought, word, and deed, and that we cannot free ourselves from our sinful condition. Together as His people let us take refuge in the infinite mercy of God, our heavenly Father, seeking His grace for the sake of Christ, and saying: God, be merciful to me, a sinner.

*Kneel/Stand*

## Confession of Sins

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**C** Almighty God, have mercy upon us, forgive us our sins, and lead us to everlasting life.  
Amen.

## Prayer for Forgiveness

**P** Almighty God, merciful Father, in Holy Baptism You declared us to be Your children and gathered us into Your one, holy Church, in which You daily and richly forgive us our sins and grant us new life through Your Spirit. Be in our midst, enliven our faith, and graciously receive our prayer and praise; through Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord.

**C** Amen.

# † Service of the Word †

## 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.**

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

## Kyrie

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**C** Lord, have mercy;  
Christ, have mercy;  
Lord, have mercy.

## Salutation and Collect of the Day

**P** The Lord be with you.

**C** And also with you.

**P** Let us pray.

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.

**C** Amen.

## Old Testament Reading

*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, "Prophecy 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, "Prophecy to the breath; prophecy, 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 prophecy, 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."

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

## 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.

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

## Holy Gospel

*John 11:17-27, 38-53*

P The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the eleventh chapter.  
C **Glory to You, O Lord.**

<sup>17</sup>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.

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to You, O Christ.

### Nicene Creed

C I believe in one God,  
the Father Almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth  
and of all things visible and invisible.

And in one Lord Jesus Christ,  
the only-begotten Son of God,  
begotten of His Father before all worlds,  
God of God, Light of Light,  
very God of very God,  
begotten, not made,  
being of one substance with the Father,  
by whom all things were made;  
who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven  
and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary  
and was made man;  
and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate.  
He suffered and was buried.  
And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures  
and ascended into heaven  
and sits at the right hand of the Father.  
And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead,  
whose kingdom will have no end.

And I believe in the Holy Spirit,

the Lord and giver of life,  
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,  
who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified,  
who spoke by the prophets.  
And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church,  
I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins,  
and I look for the resurrection of the dead  
and the life of the world to come. Amen.

Sermon Hymn      “Christ, the Life of All the Living”

LSB 420

1 Christ, the life of all the living,  
Christ, the death of death,  
our foe,  
Who, Thyself for me once giving  
To the darkest depths of  
woe: Through Thy suff'rings,  
death, and merit  
I eternal life inherit.

Thousand, thousand thanks  
shall be,  
Dearest Jesus, unto Thee.

2 Thou, ah! Thou, hast taken on  
Thee  
Bonds and stripes, a cruel  
rod; Pain and scorn were  
heaped upon Thee,  
O Thou sinless Son of God!  
Thus didst Thou my soul deliver  
From the bonds of sin forever.

Thousand, thousand thanks  
shall be,  
Dearest Jesus, unto Thee.

3 Thou hast borne the smiting only  
That my wounds might all be  
whole; Thou hast suffered, sad  
and lonely,  
Rest to give my weary soul;  
Yea, the curse of God enduring,  
Blessing unto me securing.

Thousand, thousand thanks  
shall be,  
Dearest Jesus, unto Thee.

4 Heartless scoffers did surround  
Thee,  
Treating Thee with shameful  
scorn  
And with piercing thorns they  
crowned Thee.

All disgrace Thou, Lord, hast  
borne,  
That as Thine Thou mightest  
own me

And with heav'nly glory crown  
me.

Thousand, thousand thanks  
shall be,  
Dearest Jesus, unto Thee.

5 Thou hast suffered men to bruise  
Thee,

That from pain I might be  
free;  
Falsely did Thy foes accuse  
Thee:

Thence I gain security;  
Comfortless Thy soul did  
languish  
Me to comfort in my anguish.  
Thousand, thousand thanks  
shall be,  
Dearest Jesus, unto Thee.

6 Thou hast suffered great affliction  
And hast borne it patiently,

Even death by crucifixion,  
Fully to atone for me;  
Thou didst choose to be  
tormented  
That my doom should be  
prevented.

Thousand, thousand thanks  
shall be,  
Dearest Jesus, unto Thee.

7 Then, for all that wrought my  
pardon,

For Thy sorrows deep and  
sore,  
For Thine anguish in the  
Garden,

I will thank Thee evermore,  
Thank Thee for Thy groaning,  
sighing,  
For Thy bleeding and Thy dying,  
For that last triumphant cry,  
And shall praise Thee, Lord,  
on high.

Sermon  
Offering  
Prayer of the Church  
Lord's Prayer  
Benedicamus

LSB 212

P Let us bless the Lord.  
C Thanks be to God.

**Benediction**

P 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 T give you peace.  
C Amen.

**Closing Hymn "God's Own Child, I Gladly Say It"**

LSB 594

1 God's own child, I gladly say it:  
I am baptized into Christ!  
He, because I could not pay it,  
Gave my full redemption  
price.  
Do I need earth's treasures  
many?  
I have one worth more than any  
That brought me salvation  
free  
Lasting to eternity!

2 Sin, disturb my soul no longer:  
I am baptized into Christ!  
I have comfort even stronger:  
Jesus' cleansing sacrifice.  
Should a guilty conscience seize  
me  
Since my Baptism did release  
me  
In a dear forgiving flood,  
Sprinkling me with Jesus'  
blood?

3 Satan, hear this proclamation:  
I am baptized into Christ!  
Drop your ugly accusation,  
I am not so soon enticed.  
Now that to the font I've

traveled,  
All your might has come  
unraveled,  
And, against your tyranny,  
God, my Lord, unites with  
me!

4 Death, you cannot end my  
gladness:  
I am baptized into Christ!  
When I die, I leave all sadness  
To inherit paradise!  
Though I lie in dust and ashes  
Faith's assurance brightly  
flashes:  
Baptism has the strength  
divine  
To make life immortal mine.

5 There is nothing worth comparing  
To this lifelong comfort sure!  
Open-eyed my grave is staring:  
Even there I'll sleep secure.  
Though my flesh awaits its  
raising,  
Still my soul continues praising:  
I am baptized into Christ;  
I'm a child of paradise!

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**Those Serving In  
The Worship Service Sunday Morning  
March 22, 2020**

**Preacher** Rev. Michael Redeker  
**Liturgist** Rev. Josh Schmidt  
**Organist** Marilyn Smith  
**Videographer** Glacia Peck

**Announcements**

**March 29, 2020**

**SPECIAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING - TODAY**, March 29<sup>th</sup>, at 1:00pm. We will be voting on the proposed handicap accessible driveway on the north side of the church. Look forward to an email about it today!!! Click this announcement for the link to join.

**FOOD PANTRY** - We need anything and everything! Vegetables, rice, and complete meals in a box, spam, canned chicken, peanut butter, soups, saltine crackers, powdered milk, cereal, toilet paper, and toothpaste. We will continue to be open for those in need even through the stay at home order. Thank you for being a blessing to others!!!

**MESSIAH'S RADIO MINISTRY** - Pastor Redeker's sermons can be heard on Sunday mornings at 8:30am - 9:00am on 1100AM/KNZZ radio station. If you would like to be a sponsor for this ministry contact the church office, 970-245-2838.

**THE LUTHERAN HOUR** - Listen to The Lutheran Hour message each Sunday morning at 9:00am on 1100AM/KNZZ radio station.

**ONLINE GIVING:** Click online giving on the front page of our website [www.messiahlutherangj.org](http://www.messiahlutherangj.org) to set up reoccurring offering or a onetime donation.

**LOVING OTHERS IS "MESSY"** - The theme for this year's Lenten services examines the command to "Love your neighbor as yourself." Although the command is used throughout the Bible, loving others isn't easy. Look forward to devotions straight to your email!!!

**STEWARDSHIP THOUGHT** - "I cry to you, O LORD; I say, 'You are my refuge, my portion in the land of the living' " (Ps. 142:5). The Lord is our portion, our refuge, our everything. His mercy preserves us through all our days in the land of the living. This confidence frees us from the fear that so often leads to sins of greed and coveting. We have the Lord, we have a Father, and He is in control. We can follow His Word in confidence. (from the LCMS Stewardship website) - The Board of Stewardship

**BAKELESS BAKE SALE** - The Bakeless Bake Sale is under way! The Ladies Guild projects chosen this year will support: Bibles for 3<sup>rd</sup> graders, 6 months support of radio ministry, future industrial stove in the kitchen, church office supplies, quilters group, missionaries of the Vanderhyde family and a seminary student. Your donation may be dropped in the collection plate or mailed. Please make your checks out to Ladies Guild of Messiah. Wondering what the Bakeless Bake Sale is! More information is available on the shelf in the narthex. Thank you for your generous support.

**FINANCIAL PEACE UNIVERSITY** - Messiah Lutheran will be hosting the Financial Peace University class again this spring. Lisa Moore and Heather Meyer will be teaching the 9-week course. We are able to offer you the class for only \$109. This gives you a full year of online videos, worksheets, money apps and more. Learn how to live like no one else so you live and give like no one else. Classes will be Thursday evening from 6 pm to 8 pm, starting April 16<sup>th</sup>. Sign up at <https://fpu.com/1085431>. If you have any questions, please contact Stacy Krizman at [krizclan@hotmail.com](mailto:krizclan@hotmail.com) or 970-208-2345.

**URGENT NEED COMMUNION SETUP AND CLEANUP** - The Holy Communion signup sheet is in need of people to help in setting up and cleaning up of communion. Set Up is needed for the months of August, and October. Clean up is needed for the months of June, September, November and December. Please prayerfully consider helping. We are more than willing to train or help in anyway. Our thanks to those who have previously given generously of their time in service to our Lord. Contact Laura Ryden, 970-241-0438 for more information.

**HOLY COMMUNION SET UP AND CLEAN UP FOR WEDNESDAY EVENING SERVICES OF 2020** - need volunteers. Our thanks to those who have previously given generously of their time in service to our Lord. Contact Laura Ryden, 970-260-6766 for more information.

**THRIVENT CHOICE DOLLARS** - Thrivent members do not forget to direct your Choice Dollars® to the church general fund or to the school scholarship fund by March 31<sup>st</sup>. You have two easy options to direct your Choice Dollars: Online at [www.thrivent.com](http://www.thrivent.com) or by calling 800-847-4836.

*Please remember to let the office know of any changes of individuals that you have placed on the Prayer List.*

### Calendar for the Week

Sunday	8:00am	Divine Service/Online
	9:30am	Adult Bible Study /Online
	9:30am	5 <sup>th</sup> - 8 <sup>th</sup> Grade First Communion Class/Online
Monday	-----	Pastor Schmidt's Day Off
Tuesday	9:30am	Office Staff Meeting
Wednesday	8:00am	Weekly Bulletin Announcement deadline
Thursday		
Friday	-----	Pastor Redeker's Day Off
Saturday		
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