

**Fifth Sunday in Lent
March 26, 2023 9:00 a.m.**

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Welcome to Zion Lutheran Church on the Fifth Sunday in Lent- we are glad you have joined us for worship. 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.

Notes for visitors: Thank you for joining us! Please fill out a Visitor Card, located in your pew rack, if you would like to have us contact you.

+ Indicates that you are invited to rise as you are able

BOLD PRINT INDICATES CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSES

Hymn numbers are the large numbers at the top of the page in the red hymnal, *Evangelical Lutheran Worship*, which is located in the pew racks

PRELUDE

What Wondrous Love Is This

Charles Potter

Abide with Me

Christ, the Life of All the Living

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

TEMPLE TALK - Arlene Clark-Cain and Martha Lang will tell us about Laundry Love.

‡ GATHERING ‡

The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God

BELL CALLING US TO WORSHIP

+ GATHERING HYMN

What Wondrous Love is This

ELW 666

+ CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

All may make the sign of the cross, the sign that is marked at baptism, as the presiding minister begins.

Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God,

who journeys with us these forty days,

and sustains us with the gift of grace.

Amen.

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

Silence is kept for reflection.

Holy God, 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.

Hear the good news: God so loved the world that God gave the 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. **Amen.**

+ GREETING

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all. **And also with you.**

+ KYRIE ELW p. 138-139

In peace, let us pray to the Lord. Lord, have mer - cy.

For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mer - cy.

For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God,

and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mer - cy.

For this holy house, and for all who offer here their worship and praise,

let us pray to the Lord. Lord, have mer - cy.

Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gra - cious Lord. A - men.

+ PRAYER OF THE DAY

The Lord be with you

And also with you

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. Amen.

ANTHEM

I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say

Zion Choir

‡ WORD ‡

God speaks to us in scripture reading, preaching, and song

FIRST READING - Ezekiel 37:1-14

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

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

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

Thanks be to God

Psalm 130

Out of the depths I cry to you, O Lord;

O Lord, hear my voice! Let your ears be attentive to the voice of my supplication.

If you were to keep watch over sins, O Lord, who could stand?

Yet with you is forgiveness, in order that you may be feared.

I wait for you, O Lord; my soul waits; in your word is my hope.

My soul waits for the Lord more than those who keep watch for the morning, more than those who keep watch for the morning.

O Israel, wait for the Lord, for with the Lord there is steadfast love; with the Lord there is plenteous redemption.

For the Lord shall redeem Israel from all their sins.

SECOND READING Romans 8:6-11

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

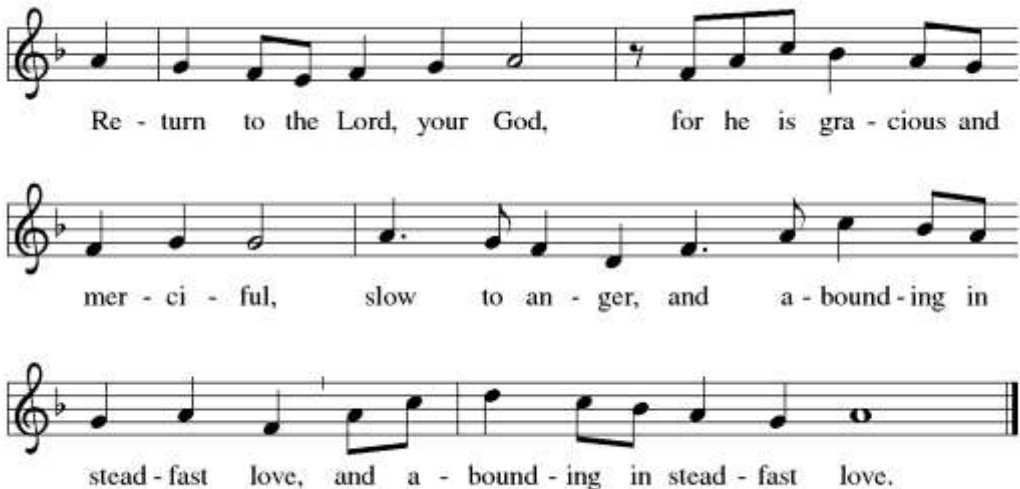
⁹But you are not in the flesh; you are in the Spirit, since the Spirit of God dwells in you. Anyone who does not have the Spirit of Christ does not belong to him. ¹⁰But if Christ is in you, though the body is dead because of sin, the Spirit is life because of righteousness. ¹¹If the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, he who raised Christ from the dead will give life to your mortal bodies also through his Spirit that dwells in you.

The Word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

CHILDREN'S SERMON

+ LENTEN GOSPEL ACCLAMATION ELW p. 142



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, and a - bound - ing in stead - fast love.

+ GOSPEL READING**John 11:1-45**

The Holy Gospel according to John

Glorify to you, O Lord.

Jesus is moved to sorrow when his friend Lazarus falls ill and dies. Then, in a dramatic scene, he calls his friend out of the tomb and restores him to life.

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

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

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

²⁸When 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." ²⁹And when she heard it, she got up quickly and went to him. ³⁰Now Jesus had not yet come to the village, but was still at the place where Martha had met him. ³¹The 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. ³²When 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." ³³When Jesus saw her weeping, and the Jews who came with her also weeping, he was greatly disturbed in spirit and deeply moved. ³⁴He said, "Where have you laid him?" They said to him, "Lord, come and see." ³⁵Jesus began to weep. ³⁶So the Jews said, "See how he loved him!" ³⁷But some of them said, "Could not he who opened the eyes of the blind man have kept this man from dying?"

³⁸Then Jesus, again greatly disturbed, came to the tomb. It was a cave, and a stone was lying against it. ³⁹Jesus 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." ⁴⁰Jesus said to her, "Did I not tell you that if you believed, you would see the glory of God?" ⁴¹So they took away the stone. And Jesus looked upward and said, "Father, I thank you for having heard me. ⁴²I 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." ⁴³When he had said this, he cried with a loud voice, "Lazarus, come out!" ⁴⁴The 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."

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

SERMON

HYMN OF THE DAY

Oh, for a Thousand Tongues to Sing

ELW 886

+ APOSTLES' CREED

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, God's 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 to the dead. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come 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 INTERCESSION

Sustained by God's abundant mercy, let us pray for the church, the world, and all of creation.

Each petition ends with: Lord, in your mercy

Congregational response: Hear our prayer

We bring to you our needs and hopes, O God, trusting your wisdom and power revealed in Christ crucified.

Amen.

+ SHARING OF THE PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you always

And also with you.

‡ MEAL ‡

God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ

Thank you for supporting God's ministry and mission through the people of Zion Lutheran Church. Your contributions are greatly appreciated. We have online giving options available through [Tithe.ly](https://www.tithe.ly) which allows you to give through the app, online, and even make weekly, biweekly, or monthly donations on a regular schedule. If you are interested in electronic giving options, please contact the church office.

+ OFFERING PRAYER

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. **Amen.**

+ DIALOGUE ELW p. 144


The Lord be with you. And al - so with you.
Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
It is right to give our thanks and praise.

+ PROPER PREFACE FOR LENT

It is right, our duty, and our joy.....and join their unending hymn.

+ HOLY, HOLY, HOLY ELW p. 144


Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might,
heav-en and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na. Ho -
san-na. Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless-ed is he who
comes in the name of the Lord. Ho-san - na in the high - est.

+ WORDS OF INSTITUTION

In the night in which he was betrayed.....Do this for the remembrance of me.

+ LORD'S PRAYER

Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us:

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and forever. Amen.

+ INVITATION TO COMMUNION

Come and receive Jesus, our strength in the wilderness.

DISTRIBUTION

LAMB OF GOD - ELW p. 146

Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world; have
mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the
world; have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the
sin of the world; grant us peace.

DISTRIBUTION HYMNS—ELW 326, 338, 337

+ POST-COMMUNION BLESSING

Now may this body and blood of our Lord and Savior, Jesus the Christ, strengthen you and keep you in his grace, ✠ now and forever. **Amen**

+ PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

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. **Amen**

‡ SENDING ‡

God blesses us and sends us in mission to the world

+ BLESSING

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

Amen

+ SENDING HYMN

Christ, the Life of All the Living

ELW 339

+Dismissal

Go in peace. Serve in love.

Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

Charles Potter

‡ Happening This Week ‡

SUN, Mar 26	9:00 a.m. Worship 10:15 a.m. Fellowship 10:30 a.m. Sunday School
WED, Mar 29	6:30 a.m. Men's Bible Study 5:30 p.m. Midweek Lent Worship 6:30 p.m. Bell Choir Rehearsal 7:00 p.m. Choir Rehearsal
Palm Sunday Apr 2	9:00 a.m. Worship 10:15 a.m. Fellowship 10:30 a.m. Sunday School

‡ SERVING IN MINISTRY ‡

DATE	3/26	Midweek Lent 5:30 3/29	Palm Sunday 4/2
ACOLTYES	Jackson Evans	Mason Smith	Preston Schroeder
A.M./READER	Tyler Baars /AM		Peggy Starkweather/AM
COMM. ASST.	Sara Reusswig		Gail Pusateri
HOSPITALITY	Council	Meal	No Hospitality

Total Offering Received for Week of 3/19/2023:	\$	3,004	
Year to date Offering Received:	\$	45,291	
Remaining Weekly Offering required to meet Budget:	\$	5,714	(per week)

YTD Food Pantry	YTD Bag of Blessings	YTD Quarters for Hunger
\$170	\$275	\$59.95

‡ ANNOUNCEMENTS ‡

Altar flowers were provided by Peggy & Dave Starkweather in honor of their grandson Wyatt's birthday.

This Sunday is Food Pantry Sunday. make a memo or drop non perishables in the cart.

Please Pray for Kristy Keith, Bill Tiecke, Patty Lange, Butch Doyle, Mary Butcher, Gary Sebbert, Evelyn Christopherson, and Billy Rueckert. The families of Carol Giovanazzi and Robert Ahlstrom.

Next week's Readings-Isaiah 50:4-9a, Psalm 31:9-16, Philippians 2:5-11, Matthew 26:14--27:66

Reader's Theater for the Passion History: We are looking for 10-15 readers for Palm Sunday to help with a Reader's Theater presentation of the Passion History from the Gospel of Matthew. If you are interested, please sign up on the bulletin board upstairs and contact the church office to receive a script. Thank you!

God's Global Barnyard - The Sunday School is participating in the ELCA God's Global Barnyard. Thank you to everyone who has contributed so far! The cost of the various animals for sponsorship is: Cow-\$500, Fish Farm-\$250, Goat-\$50, Pig-\$30, Honey Bees-\$20, Chicks-\$10 The deadline is April 9.

Potluck Party! You are invited to a potluck lunch in Fellowship Hall here at Zion on Tuesday, April 11th beginning at 12:00 p.m. This meal is open to anyone who wants to bring a dish to share and join in the fellowship. Coffee and water will be provided and we will receive goodwill donations to help pay for the coffee. If there is enough interest we will continue with this as a semi-monthly event with the next date on Tuesday, June 6th. There is a sign-up sheet on the bulletin board upstairs.

Christian Day Camp Opportunity in Muscatine Website: <https://shepherdofthecross.org/christian-day-camp> This Day Camp will be held at Saulsbury Recreation area June 13-17 from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. daily. Registration is open for all kids who have finished grades K-6. Cost is \$10, which includes a T-shirt.

FREE Summer Music Camp July 10-14, 2023 at Wesley United Methodist Church in Muscatine for students who have completed K-6th grade. K-2nd grade students will meet from 9:00 a.m.-11:30 a.m. daily. 3rd-6th grade students will meet from 9:00 a.m.-2:30 p.m. daily with lunch provided. Register at <https://wesleyonline.org/music/> by July 3, and by June 15 to guarantee a camp t-shirt.

Reminder: Men's Bible Study meets every Wednesday morning at 6:30 a.m. at the All-American Diner.

Adult Bible Study begins at 10:30 a.m. in the chapel area. We are using *Unfinished: Discovering God's Call in the Not Yet* from Near & Now. Devotion/participant booklets are available. You are welcome to join us!

Christians Underground - We have an additional Bible study/discussion group opportunity in Muscatine called Christians Underground.

Zion Lutheran Church Midweek Lenten Gatherings—5:30 p.m.

We will use the theme of UNFINISHED: Out of the Depths, a series on the book of Jonah. We will use the Holden Evening Prayer liturgy for the midweek services.

3/29 Midweek Lent Meal - Ham sandwiches, baked beans, carrots/celery, desserts.

Shepherd of the Cross Midweek Lenten Gatherings - 6:30-7:30pm

Grace Lutheran Church Midweek Lenten Gatherings-6:00-6:30 pm

We have sign-up sheets for **Hospitality 2023** upstairs.