



*Fifth Sunday in Lent
Life for the Dead*

St. Paul Evangelical Lutheran Church | Jordan, Minnesota

March 26, 2023

WELCOME TO WORSHIP

Welcome and thank you for joining us for worship today! In our service we gather before our almighty and saving God to offer him our worship and praise. We also assemble to hear God’s holy and powerful word and celebrate his life-giving sacraments. Through these means, God strengthens our faith and walks us ever closer to our eternal home with him.

TODAY’S THEME

The author and poet George Eliot once wrote, ‘Our dead are never dead to us, until we have forgotten them.’ The Roman philosopher Cicero said much the same. He wrote, ‘The life of the dead is placed in the memory of the living.’ What second rate comfort! But that is the best the unbelieving world can offer – the sappy sentiment that our dead loved ones somehow ‘live on’ in our memories. It is a sad way to attempt to cope as you walk through the cemetery. Jesus provides a better solution to death. He promises life. One day Jesus will give your faithful dead back to you – to love and to laugh and to hug and to dance. Body and soul, living and walking in the new heaven and the new earth. How do we know Jesus can and will keep that promise? Because the Son of God descended into the darkness of death himself and emerged on Easter Sunday as the first fruit of the resurrection of all God’s people. In the Creed we confess, ‘I believe in the resurrection of the body.’ Yet again, Jesus satisfies our greatest needs.

Pastor.....Jeremy Glowicki
Organist.....Lois Zander

Stand

Invocation

In the name of the Father and of the † Son and of the Holy Spirit.
Amen.

Confession

If we claim to be without sin, we deceive ourselves and the truth is not in us.
**If we confess our sins, God is faithful and just
and will forgive us our sins
and purify us from all unrighteousness.**

Let us confess our sins to the Lord.

Holy God, gracious Father,

I am sinful by nature

and have sinned against you in my thoughts, words, and actions.

I have not loved you with my whole heart;

I have not loved others as I should.

I deserve your punishment both now and forever.

But Jesus, my Savior, paid for my sins

with his innocent suffering and death.

Trusting in him, I pray: God, have mercy on me, a sinner.

Silence for meditation and reflection

Absolution

Our gracious Father in heaven has been merciful to us. He sent his only Son, Jesus Christ, who gave his life as the atoning sacrifice for the sins of the whole world. Therefore, as a called servant of Christ and by his authority, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the † Son and of the Holy Spirit.

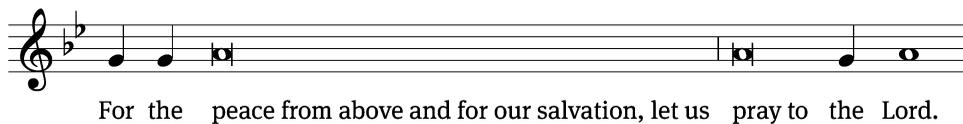
Amen.

Lord, Have Mercy

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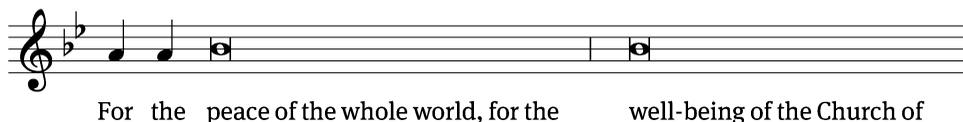
In peace let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, have mer - cy.**



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



Lord, have mer - cy.



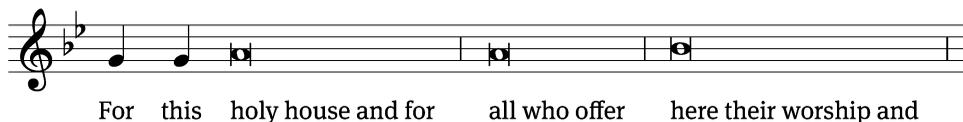
For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of



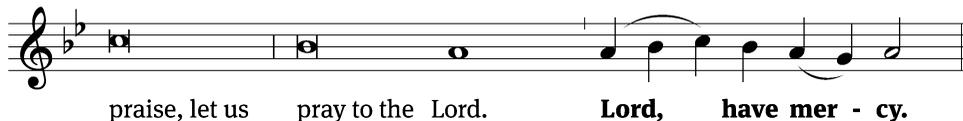
God, and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.



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, com - fort, and de - fend us, gra - cious Lord.

A - men.

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The Word

Salutation

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.

Prayer of the Day

Let us pray.

Eternal God and Father, help us to remember Jesus, who obeyed your will and bore the cross for our salvation, that through his anguish, pain, and death we may receive the forgiveness of sins, victory over the grave, and finally inherit eternal life; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

Be seated

First Reading

2 Kings 4:17–37

God wants us to know that whoever believes in him will live. Even though he dies. He enables the prophet Elisha to prove that to a grieving mother.

But the woman conceived, and she gave birth to a son at that same time of year, just as Elisha said to her. The boy grew up, and one day he went out to his father, who was with the reapers. Then he said to his father, “My head! My head!” His father said to his servant, “Carry him to his mother.” So he picked him up and carried him to his mother, and the boy sat on her lap until noon. Then he died. Then she went up and laid him on the bed of the man of God. She shut the door behind her and went out. Then she called to her husband and said, “Send one of the servants to me with one of the donkeys, so that I can run to the man of God and come back.” He said, “Why are you going to him today? It’s not the new moon, and it’s not the Sabbath.” But she said, “It’s all right.” Then she saddled the donkey and said to her servant, “Lead the way. Don’t slow down for me unless I tell you.” So she went to the man of God at Mount Carmel. When the man of God saw her from a distance, he said to his servant Gehazi, “Look! That’s the woman from Shunem! Now run to meet her and say, ‘Are you all right? Is your husband all right? Is your son all right?’” She answered, “We’re all right.” Then she came to the man of God at the mountain, and she grasped his feet. Gehazi stepped forward to push her away, but the man of God said, “Leave her alone, for her soul is in distress, but the LORD has hidden it from me. He has not told me.” Then she said, “Did I ask my lord for a son? Didn’t I say, ‘Don’t give me false hope?’” Then Elisha said to Gehazi, “Hike up your garments for travel, and take my staff in your hand and go! If you meet someone, do not greet him, and if someone greets you, do not answer. Put my staff on the boy’s face.” But the boy’s mother said, “As surely as the LORD lives and your soul lives, I will not leave you.” So he got up and followed her. Gehazi went ahead of them and put the staff on the boy’s face. But there was no sound, and there was no response. So he went back to Elisha and told him, “The boy did not wake up.” When Elisha came to the house, there the boy was—dead, lying on his bed. So he went in and he shut the door behind the two of them. Then he prayed to the LORD. He got up and lay down on top of the boy. He put his mouth to the boy’s mouth, his eyes to the boy’s eyes, his palms to the boy’s palms. Then he bent down over him, and the boy’s flesh became warm. He went back into the house and paced back and forth. Then he went up and bent down over him, and the boy sneezed seven times. Then the boy opened his eyes. Then Elisha called Gehazi and said, “Call the woman of Shunem!” So he called her, and she came in. He said, “Pick up your son.” So she came in and fell at Elisha’s feet and bowed down to the ground. Then she picked up her son and went out.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

130B Remember Your Mercy, O LORD

Psalm 130B

Refrain

Re - mem - ber your mer - cy, O LORD;
re - mem - ber your mer - cy and love.

Tone

Out of the depths I cry to / you, LORD;
Lord, / hear my voice.
Let your ears be at- / tentive
to my cry for / mercy.
If you, LORD, kept a record of sins, Lord, / who could stand?
But with you there is forgiveness, so that we can, with reverence, / serve you. *Refrain*

I wait for the LORD, my whole / being waits,
and in his word I / put my hope.
I wait for the Lord more than watchmen wait for the / morning,
more than watchmen wait for the / morning.
Israel, put your hope / in the LORD,
for with the LORD is unfailing love and with him is full re- / demption.
He himself will redeem / Israel
from / all their sins.

**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. *Refrain***

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Second Reading

Romans 8:11–19

The Father promises to raise his children from the dead and make them heirs of everlasting glory.

And if the Spirit of the one who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, the one who raised Christ from the dead will also make your mortal bodies alive through his Spirit, who is dwelling in you. So then, brothers, we do not owe it to the sinful flesh to live in harmony with it. For if you live in harmony with the sinful flesh, you are going to die. But if by the Spirit you put to death the actions of the body, you will live. Indeed, those who are led by the Spirit of God are sons of God. For you did not receive a spirit of slavery so that you are afraid again, but you received the Spirit of adoption by whom we call out, “Abba, Father!” The Spirit himself joins our spirit in testifying that we are God’s children. Now if we are children, we are also heirs—heirs of God and fellow heirs with Christ, since we suffer with him, so that we may also be glorified with him. For I conclude that our sufferings at the present time are not worth comparing with the glory that is going to be revealed to us. In fact, creation is waiting with eager longing for the sons of God to be revealed.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Stand

Gospel Acclamation

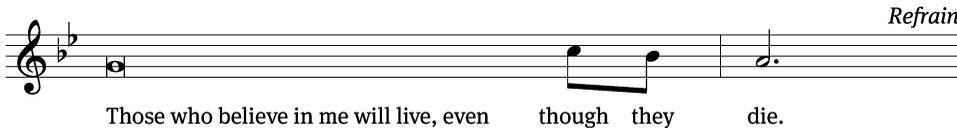
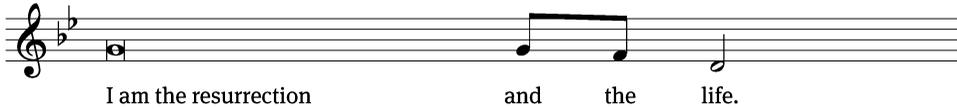
John 11:25



Refrain



Tone



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Gospel

John 11:17-27,38-45

A corpse responds to the empowering command of Christ. This greatest miracle of his ministry proves that Jesus is the Lord of life.

When Jesus arrived, he found that Lazarus had already been in the tomb for four days. Bethany was near Jerusalem, about two miles away. Many Jews had come to Martha and Mary to comfort them concerning their brother. When Martha heard that Jesus was coming, she went to meet him, while Mary was sitting in the house. Martha said to Jesus, “Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died. But even now I know that whatever you ask from God, God will give you.” Jesus said to her, “Your brother will rise again.” Martha replied, “I know that he will rise in the resurrection on the Last Day.” Jesus said to her, “I am the resurrection and the life. Whoever believes in me will live, even if he dies. And whoever lives and believes in me will never perish. Do you believe this?” “Yes, Lord,” she told him. “I believe that you are the Christ, the Son of God, who was to come into the world.” Jesus was deeply moved again as he came to the tomb. It was a cave, and a stone was lying against it. “Take away the stone,” he said. Martha, the dead man’s sister, told him, “Lord, by this time

there will be an odor, because it has been four days.” Jesus said to her, “Did I not tell you that if you believe, you will see the glory of God?” So they took away the stone. Jesus looked up and said, “Father, I thank you that you heard me. I knew that you always hear me, but I said this for the benefit of the crowd standing here, so that they may believe that you sent me.” After he said this, he shouted with a loud voice, “Lazarus, come out!” The man who had died came out with his feet and his hands bound with strips of linen and his face wrapped with a cloth. Jesus told them, “Loose him and let him go.” Therefore many of the Jews who came to Mary and saw what Jesus did believed in him.

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise be to you, O Christ!

Be seated

Children’s Message

571 O God, O Lord of Heaven and Earth

CW 571

Sermon

Stand

Apostles’ Creed

**I believe in God, the Father Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried.
He descended into hell.**

**The third day he rose again from the dead.
He ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of God the Father Almighty.
From there he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy Christian Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

Be seated

Prayer of the Church

Eternal Lord, give us peace as we ponder the good news that you forgive our sins in Christ.
Lead us to see clearly the path you have laid out for us.

Work in us so that we believe and live the Word we have heard today.

Provide courage and compassion to all who preach and teach your Word. Fill them with a love like yours as they proclaim your grace to us and all people.

Move us to love all ministers of the Word wherever they serve.

Guard and guide the families of our congregation. Lead husbands and wives to love each other with commitment, respect, and patience. Help parents to grasp the eternal value of keeping their children close to Jesus all their lives. Grant joy to those who are single, and make them a blessing to others.

Protect us from the temptations that surround us; give us pure hearts and minds.

Provide wisdom and insight to those who make laws and set policies. Give us respect for those who protect us from crime. Lead us to value the rights of our fellow citizens and to defend those who cannot defend themselves.

Bless our land with peace and prosperity so that the gospel may be proclaimed to all.

Give us passion to share the story of your love with our family and friends. Overcome unbelief, and open the hearts of people everywhere to believe the good news that Jesus has forgiven their sins and opened the gates of heaven.

Fill us with joy over every sinner who repents and comes to trust in you.

Extend your healing power to those who are sick and suffering in body or mind. Give patience and compassion to all who care for the sick and dying.

Lift the eyes of the distressed to your love in Christ.

Hear us, Lord, as we pray in silence.

Silent prayer

Gracious God, you govern and direct all things and you love all people. Hear our prayers, spoken and silent, and answer them in your wisdom and grace.

In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

Offering

During the offering, please fill out the Friendship Register in the pew and pass it down to those sitting next to you.

723 When in the Hour of Utmost Need

CW 723

Stand

Prayer

Almighty God, we thank you for teaching us the things you want us to believe and do. Help us by your Holy Spirit to keep your Word in pure hearts that we may be strengthened in faith, guided in holiness, and comforted in life and in death, through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

Lord's Prayer

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.

Blessing

The Lord bless you and keep you.
The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you.
The Lord look on you with favor and † give you peace.
Amen.

409 Jesus, Refuge of the Weary

CW 409

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News & Notes

Radio Broadcast

The radio broadcast is sponsored by Bill and Nancy Stocker in celebration of their 38th Wedding Anniversary. Thank-you!

Celebrate Jordan

St. Paul Lutheran Church will be hosting a booth at the community open house “Celebrate Jordan” on April 2nd, from 1-4 pm. We are looking for volunteers to help man the booth. Please let Pastor Glowicki or the office know if you are interested.

Senior Coffee Fellowship Update

Please note that due to Holy Thursday falling on the first Thursday of April, Senior Coffee Fellowship will be moved to 10:00 am on Thursday, April 13th.

Pinewood Derby

The St. Paul Lutheran Pinewood Derby will be held on Sunday, April 30th, 2023. Please sign up by March 26th. Set up will be at 1:30, and the race will begin at 2:00 pm. There will be a potluck to follow. The signup sheet is located on the table near the fellowship hall.

Martin Luther College Congregation Grant Program

MLC, our college which trains Christian teachers and prepares future pastors to attend the Seminary, has a program which matches gifts given to help with tuition for students from the congregation dollar for dollar. The maximum amount has been increased this year to \$1,325. We have one student from our congregation at MLC, Morgan Glowicki. What this means is that a gift from our congregation members of \$1,325 will be \$2,650 towards her 2023-2024 tuition. If you would like to participate in this program, gifts can be placed in the well in the gathering area. The deadline for the church to submit gifts is July 2.

Holy Week Worship

April 2 – Passion Sunday with Palms Procession

April 6 – Holy Thursday, 7 pm

April 7 – Good Friday, 7 pm

April 9 – Easter Sunday

6:30 am – Sunrise Worship

7:30 am – Easter Breakfast

9 am – Festival of the Resurrection of our Lord

APRIL 2023

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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2 Palm Sunday Worship 9 am Communion Bible Study/ Sunday School 10:15 am Celebrate Jordan 1-4 pm	3 Choir 7:45 pm	4	5	6 Holy Thursday Worship 7:30 pm	7 Good Friday Worship 7 pm	8 Easter Break- fast set-up 9 am
9 Sunrise Worship 6:30 am Easter Breakfast 7:30 am Easter Festival 9 am	10	11 Council Meeting 6:30 pm	12 Religion and Catechism 6 pm Ladies Aid 6 pm	13 Senior Coffee Fellowship 10 am	14	15
16 Worship 9 am Communion Bible Study/ Sunday School 10:15 am	17 Choir 7:45 pm	18 Oak Terrace 9:45 am	19 Religion and Catechism 6 pm	20	21	22
23 Worship 9 am Bible Study/ Sunday School 10:15 am	24 Worship 7 pm Choir 7:45 pm	25	26 Religion and Catechism 6 pm	27	28	29
30 Worship 9 am WELS Connec- tion Bible Study/ Sunday School 10:15 am						

SERVING THE LORD

		Acolytes	Ushers	Media Booth	Organist
3/26	9 AM	Riley Firle	3	Kaitlyn Sparby	Lois Zander
3/29	9 AM	Tyler Bohnsack	4	Alycin Glowicki	Lois Zander
4/2	9 AM	Payton Doverspike	1	Taylor Elsenpeter	-

April Altar Guild	April Cleaners
Dianne Jabs/Lynn Sorenson	Fulfilled
April Counters	Spring Service Group Leader
-	Craig and Melanie Sparby
May Altar Guild	
Donna Breeggemann/Janet Robling	

Attendance	
Sunday	98
Wednesday	57
Total	155

Gifts To Our Lord		
	Received	Needed
Current	\$2448	\$3834
Give Plus Online	\$924	
Total	\$3372	\$3834



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