

St. Matthew's Ev. Lutheran Church

1615 N. Wauwatosa Ave., Wauwatosa, WI 53213

March 26th, 2023

8:30 am & 11:00 am Services

Fifth Sunday in Lent

Introduction to the Day: 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.

Gathering

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

Pastor Karen Natterstad

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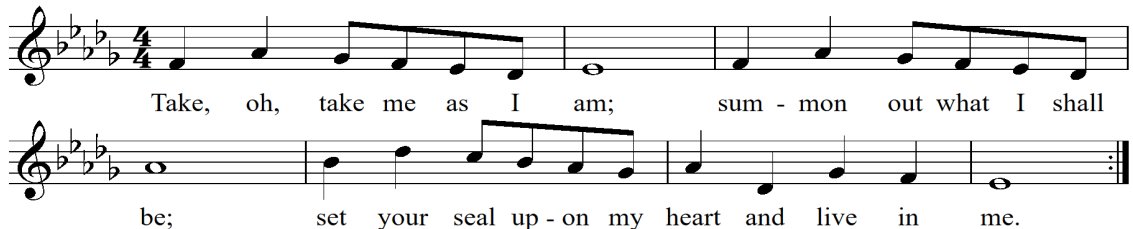
Preparation for Worship

Lord God, in this season of Lent we look forward to our remembrance of Jesus' death and our celebration of his resurrection.

We pray that your Spirit will renew in us today our anticipation for these events and our awareness that Jesus' death and resurrection are a sure source of hope and life. In the power of Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

Call to Confession

Take, Oh, Take Me As I Am



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Confession and Forgiveness with the Kyrie

Blessed be the holy Trinity, ☩ one God, who is present, who gives life, who calls into existence the things that do not exist.

Gracious God, have mercy on us. In times of temptation, we forget what you have done for us.

Silence is kept for reflection.



For self-centered living, and for wandering from your resurrection life:

Holy God, have mercy on us.

For misuse of human relationships, and for unwillingness to see the image of God in others:

Holy God, have mercy on us.



For jealousies that divide families and nations and that create strife and warfare:

Holy God, have mercy on us.

For reluctance in sharing the gifts of God, and for carelessness with the fruits of creation:

Holy God, have mercy on us.



Turn us back to you, O God.

Give us new hearts and right spirits, that we may find what is pleasing to you and dwell in your house forever.

Receive good news: God turns to you in love. “I will put my spirit in you, and you shall live,” says our God. All your sin is forgiven in the name of ☩ Jesus Christ, who is the free and abounding gift of God’s grace for you.

Amen.



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Litany for the 5th Sunday in Lent

Gracious God we praise you for sending your son, Jesus.

He is the source of our hope.

When raising Lazarus from the dead

Jesus showed He alone has power over life and death.

Our God calls each one of us by name.

We are never far from infinite love and abundant life.

We believe in the resurrection and eternal life.

And we go out into the world to share the Good News.

Gathering Song

#327 Through the Night of Doubt and Sorrow

Greeting

The grace and mercy of God, who in Christ bears our burdens and saves us from sin, be
with you all.

And also with you.

Prayer of the Day

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.

Please be seated.

11:00 Anthem

Minuet No. 3 J.S. Bach

Mark and Daniel Zello, Violins

Word

Psalm

Psalm 130

I wait for you, O LORD; in your word is my hope. (Ps. 130:5)

Let us read responsively from 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.

Please stand as you are able.

Gospel Acclamation

Return to God with All Your Heart



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Gospel Reading

John 11:1-3, 17-44

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.

The holy gospel according to John, the 11th chapter.

Glory to you, O Lord.

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

Please be seated.

Sermon

Pastor Karen Natterstad

Please stand as you are able.

Hymn of the Day

Martha, Mary, Waiting, Weeping*(Prayer Cards will be collected during the Hymn of the Day)*

1. Mar - tha, Ma - ry, wait - ing, weep - ing, bowed be - neath the
 2. Je - sus spoke to Mar - tha's griev - ing, "Re - sur - rec - tion,
 3. Je - sus, re - sur - rect - ed, giv - ing life to all you

weight of gloom, kept their watch where La - z'rus, sleep - ing, lay with -
 Life, am I! All who hear my Word, be - liev - ing, live with
 name your own: Help us know in hours of griev - ing we have

in a rock sealed tomb. Je - sus, late in com - ing, met them,
 me, al - though they die." Then to La - za - rus' tomb he led them,
 not been left a - lone. Come, when doubt and fear as - sail us;

shed with them com - pas - sion's tear. Mar - tha, sore with
 called their bro - ther forth by name. Liv - ing, lov - ing,
 join our jour - ney t'ward the grave. There your mer - cy

sor - row, charged him, "He'd have lived had you been here!
 hope ex - ceed - ing, freed from death, to Christ he came.
 will not fail us; there you speak with pow'r to save.

Text: Herman G. Stuempfle, Jr. Based on John 11:1-53. Music: Rowland H. Prichard, 1811-1887. Tune: Hyfrydol, 87
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Profession of Faith

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.

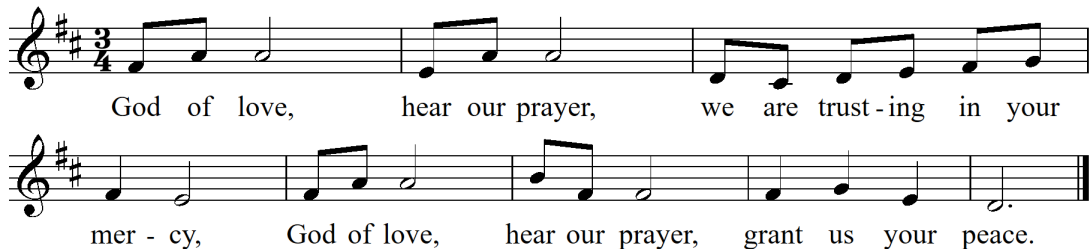
Usher Volunteers gather for Offering Collection at the Welcome Center.

Prayers of Intercession

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

Call to Prayer

God of Love, Hear Our Prayer



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...Merciful God,
Receive our prayer.

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.

Amen.

Sharing the Peace of Christ

May the peace of the Lord be with you always. **And also with you.**

Please be seated.

Meal

Musical Offering

The Samaritan Story – Hannah Malloy, Reader
How Big Are Your Arms, O God? by Carol Meier
 George Ubell, Soloist

How big are Your arms, O God? How wide is Your welcome here? How far will Your grace reach out to embrace the stranger both far and near?

Your love reaches beyond our walls, how vast, how wide, how deep, how high! Your love empowers, compels, and calls. Like You, may we love all. all. Like You, may we love all.

Could You be found in these, the immigrant, refugee? Could we welcome in as neighbor and kin those yearning to be made free?

Congregation joins in the Refrain

Your__ love reach-es be - yond our walls, how vast, how wide, how
 deep,___ how high! Your__ love em - pow - ers, com - pels, and
 calls. Like You, may we love all._____

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*Your love, it knows no bounds, no gender, no race, no creed. Much stronger than hate,
 Your love is the gate; this world and Your kingdom meet.*

Congregation joins in the Refrain.

We are Your arms, O God; yes, we are Your welcome wide. We go in Your name; Your love, we proclaim. Let all find a place inside!

Congregation joins in the Refrain.

Please stand as you are able.

Offertory

When Grains of Wheat Fall

1. When grains of wheat fall in the ground, New life with -
 2. With Christ we die; with Christ we live; To Christ our
 in their death is found. When grapes are crushed, there
 ran - somed lives we give. With grate - ful hearts, our
 flows new wine. So from Christ's death flow gifts di - vine.
 gifts in hand, Be - fore the cross of Christ we stand.

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Offertory Prayer

You are the giver of life, O God. And you are the giver of new life; resurrected life.
 Accept these gifts for they are evidence of the new life you have given us.
 Through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

Great Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you.

And also 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.

It is indeed right and good to give you thanks and praise, almighty God and everlasting Father, through Jesus Christ your Son. For in these forty days you lead us into the desert of repentance that through a pilgrimage of prayer and discipline we may grow in grace and learn to be your people once again.

Through fasting, prayer and acts of service you bring us back to your generous heart.

Through study of your holy word you open our eyes to your presence in the world and free our hands to welcome others into the radiant splendor of your love.

As we prepare to celebrate the Easter feast with joyful hearts and minds we bless you for your mercy and join with saints and angels forever praising your name and join their unending hymn:

Holy, Holy, Holy

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly,
 Lord, God of pow-er, God of might: heav-en and earth are full of your
 glo-ry. 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. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

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Eucharistic Prayer

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

Behold the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world. Happy are those who are called to his supper.

Lord, I am not worthy to receive you, but only say the word and I shall be healed.

Please be seated.

Call to Communion

#481 Come to the Table

Communion Hymn

#338 Beneath the Cross of Jesus

Please stand as you are able.

Communion Response

May the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his love and grace.

Amen.

Prayer after Communion

This is a meal we need, O Christ, the gift of grace for us sinners. This is a meal we require, a meal that looks ahead in hope. Assure us of the forgiveness you offer in this meal. And give us eyes to see that this meal is a foretaste of the great feast to come. We bless you now and evermore.

Amen.

Sending

Blessing for the Lenten Season

The blessing of God's eternal love, the courage to follow the way of the cross, and the guidance of the Spirit in the desert places of our world, be among us. The Father, Son and Holy Spirit, bless and preserve us both now and forever.

Amen.

Dismissal

Marked with the cross of Christ, go forth to love and serve the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Postlude

FIRST READING: Ezekiel 37:1-14 [not printed]

Psalms 130

SECOND READING: Romans 8:6-11 [not printed]

GOSPEL: John 11:1-45

Now 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.

Next Sunday's Readings: Isaiah 50:4-9a; Psalm 31:9-16; Philipians 2:5-11; Matthew 26:14—27:66 or Matthew 27:11-54.

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