

***Fifth Sunday in Lent  
April 1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2017***

Welcome to worship. Issues of death and life are presented to us as we prepare to enter Holy Week on Palm Sunday. Jesus raised Lazarus. He has raised us to new life by faith, through the Word!



**Our Worship**

**Order of Service:** “The Common Service” without Holy Communion, can also be found on page 15 in *Christian Worship* if you would like to follow the music there.

**HYMN:** 608

**STAND**

**M:** In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**C: (Sung) Amen.**

## **CONFESSION OF SINS**

**M:** Beloved in the Lord: let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins to God our Father, asking him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.

**C:** **Holy and merciful Father, I confess that I am by nature sinful and that I have disobeyed you in my thoughts, words, and actions. I have done what is evil and failed to do what is good. For this I deserve your punishment both now and in eternity. But I am truly sorry for my sins, and trusting in my Savior Jesus Christ, I pray: Lord, have mercy on me, a sinner.**

## **LORD HAVE MERCY**

**C: (Sung) Lord, have mercy on us. Christ, have mercy on us. Lord, have mercy on us.**

**M:** God, our heavenly Father, has been merciful to us and has given his only Son to be the atoning sacrifice for our sins. 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.

**C: (Sung) Amen.**

*(In the season of Lent, we omit the song of praise.)*

## **PRAYER OF THE DAY**

**M:** The Lord be with you.

**C: (Sung) And also with you.**

**M:** Let us pray.

**M:** 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 forgiveness of sins and 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.

**C: (Sung) Amen.**

*BE SEATED*

*Children's Sermon (Sunday)*

## **THE WORD**

### **First Lesson: Ezekiel 37:1-14 (NIV84)**

The hand of the LORD was upon me, and he brought me out by the Spirit of the LORD and set me in the middle of a valley; it was full of bones. <sup>2</sup> He led me back and forth among them, and I saw a great many bones on the floor of the valley, bones that were very dry. <sup>3</sup> He asked me, "Son of man, can these bones live?" I said, "O Sovereign LORD, you alone know." <sup>4</sup> Then he said to me, "Prophecy to these

bones and say to them, ‘Dry bones, hear the word of the LORD!’<sup>5</sup> This is what the Sovereign LORD says to these bones: I will make breath enter you, and you will come to life.<sup>6</sup> I will attach tendons to you and make flesh come upon you and cover you with skin; I will put breath in you, and you will come to life. Then you will know that I am the LORD.’ ”<sup>7</sup> So I prophesied as I was commanded. And as I was prophesying, there was a noise, a rattling sound, and the bones came together, bone to bone.<sup>8</sup> I looked, and tendons and flesh appeared on them and skin 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 it, ‘This is what the Sovereign LORD says: Come from the four winds, O breath, and breathe into these slain, that they may live.’ ”<sup>10</sup> So I prophesied as he commanded me, and breath entered them; they came to life and stood up on their feet—a vast army.<sup>11</sup> Then he said to me: “Son of man, these bones are the whole house of Israel. They say, ‘Our bones are dried up and our hope is gone; we are cut off.’ ”<sup>12</sup> Therefore prophecy and say to them: ‘This is what the Sovereign LORD says: O my people, I am going to open your graves and bring you up from them; I will bring you back to the land of Israel.’ ”<sup>13</sup> Then you, my people, will know that I am the LORD, when I open your graves and bring you up from them.<sup>14</sup> I will put my Spirit in you and you will live, and I will settle you in your own land. Then you will know that I the LORD have spoken, and I have done it, declares the LORD.’ ”

**PSALM OF THE DAY:** 116 on page 107

## **Second Lesson: Romans 8:11-19**

<sup>11</sup> And if the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead is living in you, he who raised Christ from the dead will also give life to your mortal bodies through his Spirit, who lives in you. <sup>12</sup> Therefore, brothers, we have an obligation—but it is not to the sinful nature, to live according to it. <sup>13</sup> For if you live according to the sinful nature, you will die; but if by the Spirit you put to death the misdeeds of the body, you will live, <sup>14</sup> because those who are led by the Spirit of God are sons of God. <sup>15</sup> For you did not receive a spirit that makes you a slave again to fear, but you received the Spirit of sonship. And by him we cry, “Abba, Father.” <sup>16</sup> The Spirit himself testifies with our spirit that we are God’s children. <sup>17</sup> Now if we are children, then we are heirs—heirs of God and co-heirs with Christ, if indeed we share in his sufferings in order that we may also share in his glory. <sup>18</sup> I consider that our present sufferings are not worth comparing with the glory that will be revealed in us. <sup>19</sup> The creation waits in eager expectation for the sons of God to be revealed.

### **VERSE OF THE DAY**

**M:** The Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many. (Mark 10:45)

### **STAND**

*After the announcement of the Gospel, the congregation sings:*

**C: (Sung) Glory be to you, O Lord!**

## The Gospel: John 11:17-27, 38-45



<sup>17</sup> On his arrival, Jesus found that Lazarus had already been in the tomb for four days. <sup>18</sup> Bethany was less than two miles from Jerusalem, <sup>19</sup> and many Jews had come to Martha and Mary to comfort them in the loss of their brother. <sup>20</sup> When Martha heard that Jesus was coming, she went out to meet him, but Mary stayed at home. <sup>21</sup> “Lord,” Martha said to Jesus, “if you had been here, my brother would not have died. <sup>22</sup> But I know that even now God will give you whatever you ask.” <sup>23</sup> Jesus said to her, “Your brother will rise again.” <sup>24</sup> Martha answered, “I know he will rise again in the resurrection at the last day.” <sup>25</sup>

Jesus said to her, “I am the resurrection and the life. He who believes in me will live, even though he dies; <sup>26</sup> and whoever lives and believes in me will never die. Do you believe this?” <sup>27</sup> “Yes, Lord,” she told him, “I believe that you are the Christ, the Son of God, who was to come into the world.”

<sup>38</sup> Jesus, once more deeply moved, came to the tomb. It was a cave with a stone laid across the entrance. <sup>39</sup> “Take away the stone,” he said. “But, Lord,” said Martha, the sister of the dead man, “by this time there is a bad odor, for he has been there four days.” <sup>40</sup> Then Jesus said, “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. Then Jesus looked up 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 for the benefit of the people standing here, that they may believe that you sent me.” <sup>43</sup> When he had said this, Jesus called in a loud voice, “Lazarus, come out!” <sup>44</sup> The dead man came out, his hands and feet wrapped with strips of linen, and a cloth around his face. Jesus said to them, “Take off the grave clothes and let him go.” <sup>45</sup> Therefore many of the Jews who had come to visit Mary, and had seen what Jesus did, put their faith in him.

**C: (Sung) Praise be to you, O Christ!**

## **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*

**HYMN OF THE DAY: 110 vs. 1-4**

**SERMON TEXT: John 11:17-27, 38-45**

“SORRY DEATH, HERE COMES THE RESURRECTION & THE LIFE”

- I. Patiently teaching
- II. Moving us to patiently teach

*STAND*

**C: (Sung) Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me. Cast me not away from your presence, and take not your Holy Spirit from me. Restore unto me the joy of your salvation, and uphold me with your free spirit. Amen.**

*BE SEATED*

**OFFERING**

*STAND*

**PRAYER OF THE CHURCH**

**LORD'S PRAYER**

## **(Saturday)**

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.

Or

## **(Sunday)**

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. Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours now and forever. Amen.

*BE SEATED*

**HYMN:** 110 vs. 5-7

*STAND*

**M:** Almighty God, grant to your Church the Holy Spirit and the wisdom that comes from above. Let nothing hinder your Word from being freely proclaimed to the joy and edifying of Christ's holy people, so that we may serve you in steadfast faith and confess your name as long as we live, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C: (Sung) Amen.**

**M:** 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.

**C: (Sung) Amen. Amen. Amen**

**CLOSING HYMN:** 319 (Please remain standing.)



*We welcome those visiting us this weekend. If you are a resident of this area and have no church home, we invite you to consider Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church, town of Liberty. If you are interested, please speak to the pastor. We pray the blessing of God's Holy Spirit upon his Word, which you have heard with us today. Come worship with us again!*

## **Announcements:**

### **Organist**

Our organist this weekend is Janice Loppnow, from Trinity, Kiel. We thank her for beautifying our worship with her organ playing.

### **Food and Household Item Drive – In-courage**

Today (Sunday) is the last day for our food and item drive for In-courage, of Manitowoc. In-courage supports victims of domestic abuse and sexual assault. You may drop off your items at our east and west entrances. Thank you to all who have donated! It is a great display of the love of Jesus.

### **Midweek Lenten Meals and Worship**

Thank you to the Church Council for serving Broasted Chicken & Broasted Potatoes last Wed. and to all who enjoyed it. The meal was very good, and was well attended. Please join us for the final meal by the Sunday School (Soup & Sandwiches) at 6 pm on March 29. Worship is 7 pm. Pastor Victor Headrick from St. John's, Newtonburg will preach.

### **Church Office Hours**

Church office hours are tentatively: Monday & Thursday, 4:30 - 9 p.m.

### **Blood Drive – April 4**

Our next Blood Drive is Tuesday, April 4<sup>th</sup> from 1:30 – 6:30 p.m. in the Trinity Fellowship Hall. Walk-ins are welcome and needed, as the supply is very low at this time.

### **Sharing Table – Today**

Today (Sunday) is our sharing table after worship. Feel free to bring extra vegetables, homemade canned goods, baked goods, or crafts. Feel free to take home any items, also. It is for a freewill offering, which this month is going toward music for choir. Any questions on the sharing table, please contact Lisa Kiesow at 905-2813. It is the first Sunday of each month.

### **Big East Conference Art Show**

Come and see the amazing art pieces from MLHS students and other art students from the Big East Conference, April 2<sup>nd</sup>–12<sup>th</sup>, at the Rahr West Art Museum – 610 North 8<sup>th</sup> Street, Manitowoc, WI.

### **Friends of the Lancer Fish Fry**

This is the annual Fish Fry sponsored by the Friends of the Lancer (FOL). Friday, April 7<sup>th</sup>, at Twin Fountains Banquet Hall. The night is full of fun, friends, and food. Serving will start at 4:30-8:00. NEW

this year is Riley Haupt Entertainment from 7-10pm. Please go to [www.mlhslancers.org/fol](http://www.mlhslancers.org/fol) for more details and to sign up to volunteer or bring desserts.

### **Easter Concert**

Come and listen to the story of "Love Unknown" a festival of passion readings and hymns, featuring the Lakeshore Lutheran Youth Choir, Freshmen Choir, Cantate Choir, Concert Choir, Lancer Singers and Symphonic Band. It will take place in the MLHS gymnasium Wednesday, April 12<sup>th</sup>, at 7pm. Bring a friend to hear the greatest message on earth!

### **Dave Ramsey's Financial Peace University**

St. John's Stewardship Committee is pleased to offer Dave Ramsey's Financial Peace University this coming April. Financial Peace University is a nationally recognized and acclaimed course aimed at equipping God's people to manage their resources rather than be overwhelmed by them.

The nine week course features topics such as debt reduction, consolidation, budgeting, preparing for college and retirement and much, much more. Budgeting tools and resources are among the materials included, together with videotaped lessons and discussion facilitated by the instructor, Mrs. Kelly Gates-Rohrer.

Classes will run on nine Sunday evenings, beginning April 2nd, at 6:00 p.m. at St. John's School, 3607 45th, Two Rivers, in the Music Room. We will have off for Easter Sunday which would end the class the first week of July. Child care will be provided by calling the Church Office at 920-794-7300 and signing up.

To register for the class or for more information go online at <http://www.daveramsey.com/fpu/classes/1038570>.

## Ushers

Saturday, April 1<sup>st</sup> Jim Krim, Jacob Krim  
Sunday, April 2<sup>nd</sup> Andy Fisher, Jeff Tuschel, James A. Ott, Caden Jungbluth

## Lenten Service

Wednesday, April 5<sup>th</sup> David Petersen, Greg Buechner

Saturday, April 8<sup>th</sup> Keith Olm (Server), Warren Lutze (Server), August Teesch  
Sunday, April 9<sup>th</sup> Keith Petersen (Server), Gary Vetter (Server), Todd Petersen,  
Ron Kasten

## Greeters

April 2<sup>nd</sup> Gary Vetter  
April 9<sup>th</sup> Sunday School  
April 16<sup>th</sup> Kim Fischer Family  
April 23<sup>rd</sup> Ken & Jean Reindl

## Altar Guild: March – Group 3

Marlene Borgwardt, Polly Ney, Ilona Fischer, Diane Smith

## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

<b>Sat.1<sup>st</sup></b>	7:00 p.m.	Worship
<b>Sun.2<sup>nd</sup></b>	8:15 a.m.	Adult Bible Class
	8:15 a.m.	Sunday School
	9:30 a.m.	Worship
	10:30 a.m.	Sharing Table
<b>Tues.4<sup>th</sup></b>	1:30 p.m.	Trinity Blood Drive
	5:15 p.m.	Fellowship Committee
<b>Wed.5<sup>th</sup></b>	6:00 p.m.	Lenten Meal
	7:00 p.m.	Lenten Worship
<b>Thurs.6<sup>th</sup></b>	5:30 p.m.	Catechism
	7:00 p.m.	Choir
<b>Sat.8<sup>th</sup></b>	10:00 a.m.	Catechism
<b>Sun.9<sup>th</sup></b>	7:00 p.m.	Worship with Holy Communion
	8:15 a.m.	Sunday School
	9:30 a.m.	Worship with Holy Communion

*Happy Birthday*

4/1 Todd Petersen  
4/2 Logan Brand  
4/3 Darci Matzke  
4/5 Greg Buechner  
4/5 Sarah Hackmann  
4/5 Jeff Knutson  
4/5 Kathy Schrank  
4/7 Dylan Kleinhans  
4/8 Steve Pleuss  
4/8 Hannah Schleis  
4/9 Earl Glaeser  
4/11 Dennis Bratz  
4/12 Miles Schreiber

*Happy Anniversary to...*

4/5 Richard & Helen Isaacson – 42 Years  
4/8 Wayne & Elaine Petersen – 56 Years  
4/11 Keith & Gail Olm – 47 Years

*If you have an April birthday/anniversary that was missed or listed incorrectly please let us know so we can update church records. Thank you!*