

FIFTH  
*Sunday*  
IN **LENT**



Fifth Sunday in Lent  
March 26, 2023  
8:00 AM & 10:30 AM



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### **As We Gather**

Please take time to fill out the fellowship pad located near the center aisle in your pew. If you have any prayer requests, feel free to use a prayer request card from the pew rack in front of you, and place it in the offering plate after the sermon. (For those joining us online, please contact the church office.) We will include these requests in our prayers during worship and share them with our prayer chain (if desired).

### **Holy Communion**

The Lord's Supper is celebrated at this congregation in the confession and glad confidence that, as he says, our Lord gives into our mouths not only bread and wine but his very body and blood to eat and to drink for the forgiveness of sins and to strengthen our union with him and with one another. Our Lord invites to his table those who trust his words, repent of all sin, and set aside any refusal to forgive and love as he forgives and loves us, that they may show forth his death until he comes.

Because those who eat and drink our Lord's body and blood unworthily do so to their great harm and because Holy Communion is a confession of the faith which is confessed at this altar, any who are not yet instructed, in doubt, or who hold a confession differing from that of this congregation and The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod, and yet desire to receive the sacrament, are asked first to speak with the pastor or an elder.

*For further study, see Matthew 5:23f.; 10:32f.; 18:15-35; 26:26-29; 1 Cor. 11:17-34.*



## Welcome and Opening Prayer

### 686 Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing

LSB 686



1 Come, Thou Fount of ev - 'ry bless - ing, Tune my heart to  
2 Here I raise my Eb - en - e - zer, Hith - er by Thy  
3 Oh, to grace how great a debt - or Dai - ly I'm con -  
4 Oh, that day when freed from sin - ning, I shall see Thy



sing Thy grace; Streams of mer - cy, nev - er ceas - ing,  
help I've come; And I hope, by Thy good plea - sure,  
strained to be; Let that grace now like a fet - ter  
love - ly face; Clothed then in the blood - washed lin - en,



Call for songs of loud - est praise. While the hope of end - less  
Safe - ly to ar - rive at home. Je - sus sought me when a  
Bind my wan - d'ring heart to Thee: Prone to wan - der, Lord, I  
How I'll sing Thy won - drous grace! Come, my Lord, no long - er



glo - ry Fills my heart with joy and love, Teach me  
strang - er, Wan - d'ring from the fold of God; He, to  
feel it; Prone to leave the God I love. Here's my  
tar - ry; Take my ran - som'd soul a - way; Send Thine



ev - er to a - dore Thee; May I still Thy good - ness prove.  
res - cue me from dan - ger, In - ter - posed His pre - cious blood.  
heart, O take and seal it, Seal it for Thy courts a - bove.  
an - gels soon to car - ry Me to realms of end - less day.

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## Divine Service Setting One, page 151

### ✠ Confession and Absolution ✠

*Confession, to confess to God our sins and sinful nature. Absolution, “To absolve of sin and wrongdoing,” more specifically, to affirm God’s forgiveness to all who sincerely confess their sins to Him.*

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

### Invocation

*Matthew 28:19b; 18:20*

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

### Exhortation

*1 John 1:8–9 151*

- P** If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.  
**C** **But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.**

*Silence for reflection on God’s Word and for self-examination. Consider: Have you loved God with all your heart, all your soul, and all your strength? Have you loved your neighbor as yourself?*

### Confession of Sins

*LSB 151*

- P** Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.  
**C** **Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. We have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved You with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways to the glory of Your holy name. Amen.**

### Absolution

*[John 20:19–23] LSB 151*

- P** Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.  
**C** Amen.

## Service of the Word

### Introit

*Psalm 116:1–4, 8; antiphon: v. 15*

- P** Precious in the sight of the LORD  
**C** **is the death of his saints.**
- P** I love the LORD, because he has heard  
**C** **my voice and my pleas for mercy.**
- P** Because he inclined his ear to me,  
**C** **therefore I will call on him as long as I live.**
- P** The snares of death encompassed me; the pangs of Sheol laid hold on me;  
**C** **I suffered distress and anguish.**
- P** Then I called on the name of the LORD:  
**C** **“O LORD, I pray, deliver my soul!”**
- P** For you have delivered my soul from death,  
**C** **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 beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.**
- P** Precious in the sight of the LORD  
**C** **is the death of his saints.**



# Kyrie

Mark 10:47 152

*A Greek phrase meaning, "Lord, have mercy!" A brief prayer not only imploring God's mercy but rejoicing in it through Jesus Christ.*

**P** In peace let us pray to the Lord.



**C** Lord, have mer - cy.

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



**C** Lord, have mer - cy.

**P** 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.



**C** Lord, have mer - cy.

**P** For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise let us pray to the Lord.



**C** Lord, have mer - cy.

**P** Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.



**C** A - men.

## Salutation and Collect of the Day

*“Salutation” is a word from Latin meaning, “to greet.” “Collect” (KAH-lekt), a brief structured prayer, usually consisting of five parts: address to God, basis for the prayer, petition, desired benefit or result, and trinitarian conclusion. The Collect of the Day also “collects” the message of the day’s Gospel reading.*

**P** The Lord be with you.



**C** And al - so 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** A - men.

*Sit*

## Old Testament Reading

*Ezekiel 37:1-14*

**A** The Old Testament Reading is from Ezekiel, chapter 37.

<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, “Prophesy 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.”

**A** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God.

## Epistle

*Romans 8:1–11*

**A** The Epistle is from Romans, chapter 8.

<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.

**A** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God.



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Verse (Lent)

Joel 2:13 LSB 157



**C** 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.

Holy Gospel

John 11:1–45

**P** The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the eleventh chapter.



**C** Glo - ry to You, O Lord.

<sup>1</sup>Now a certain man was ill, Lazarus of Bethany, the village of Mary and her sister Martha. <sup>2</sup>It was Mary who anointed the Lord with ointment and wiped his feet with her hair, whose brother Lazarus was ill. <sup>3</sup>So the sisters sent to him, saying, “Lord, he whom you love is ill.” <sup>4</sup>But when Jesus heard it he said, “This illness does not lead to death. It is for the glory of God, so that the Son of God may be glorified through it.”

<sup>5</sup>Now Jesus loved Martha and her sister and Lazarus. <sup>6</sup>So, when he heard that Lazarus was ill, he stayed two days longer in the place where he was. <sup>7</sup>Then after this he said to the disciples, “Let us go to Judea again.” <sup>8</sup>The disciples said to him, “Rabbi, the Jews were just now seeking to stone you, and are you going there again?” <sup>9</sup>Jesus answered, “Are there not twelve hours in the day? If anyone walks in the day, he does not stumble, because he sees the light of this world. <sup>10</sup>But if anyone walks in the night, he stumbles, because the light is not in him.” <sup>11</sup>After saying these things, he said to them, “Our friend Lazarus has fallen asleep, but I go to awaken him.” <sup>12</sup>The disciples said to him, “Lord, if he has fallen asleep, he will recover.” <sup>13</sup>Now Jesus had spoken of his death, but they thought that he meant taking rest in sleep. <sup>14</sup>Then Jesus told them plainly,

“Lazarus has died, <sup>15</sup>and for your sake I am glad that I was not there, so that you may believe. But let us go to him.” <sup>16</sup>So Thomas, called the Twin, said to his fellow disciples, “Let us also go, that we may die with him.”

<sup>17</sup>Now 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>28</sup>When she had said this, she went and called her sister Mary, saying in private, “The Teacher is here and is calling for you.” <sup>29</sup>And when she heard it, she rose quickly and went to him. <sup>30</sup>Now Jesus had not yet come into the village, but was still in the place where Martha had met him. <sup>31</sup>When the Jews who were with her in the house, consoling her, saw Mary rise quickly and go out, they followed her, supposing that she was going to the tomb to weep there. <sup>32</sup>Now when Mary came to where Jesus was and saw him, she fell at his feet, saying to him, “Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died.” <sup>33</sup>When Jesus saw her weeping, and the Jews who had come with her also weeping, he was deeply moved in his spirit and greatly troubled. <sup>34</sup>And he said, “Where have you laid him?” They said to him, “Lord, come and see.” <sup>35</sup>Jesus wept. <sup>36</sup>So the Jews said, “See how he loved him!” <sup>37</sup>But some of them said, “Could not he who opened the eyes of the blind man also have kept this man from dying?”

<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.

**P** This is the Gospel of the Lord.



**G** Praise to You, O Christ.

## Apostles' Creed

*Creed comes from the Latin "credo" which means "I believe." We confess our Christian faith in one of the three creeds (short statement of belief) agreed upon by the ancient church.*

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

And 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 sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty.  
From thence 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.

*Sit*

## Children's Message

Matthew 19:14; Mark 13:13-15; Luke 18:16

*Children are invited to join Amanda Adams, our Director of Christian Education,  
at the front of the sanctuary for the Children's Message.*



# 430 My Song Is Love Unknown

LSB 430



1 My song is love un - known, My Sav - ior's love to  
 2 He came from His blest throne Sal - va - tion to be -  
 3 Some - times they strew His way And His sweet prais - es  
 4 Why, what hath my Lord done? What makes this rage and



me, Love to the love - less shown That they might love - ly  
 stow; But men made strange, and none The longed - for Christ would  
 sing; Re - sound - ing all the day Ho - san - nas to their  
 spite? He made the lame to run, He gave the blind their



be. Oh, who am I That for my sake  
 know. But, oh, my friend, My friend in - deed,  
 King. Then "Cru - ci - fy!" Is all their breath,  
 sight. Sweet in - ju - ries! Yet they at these



My Lord should take Frail flesh and die?  
 Who at my need His life did spend!  
 And for His death They thirst and cry.  
 Them - selves dis - please And 'gainst Him rise.

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5 They rise and needs will have  
My dear Lord made away;  
A murderer they save,  
The Prince of Life they slay.  
Yet cheerful He  
To suffering goes  
That He His foes  
From thence might free.

6 In life no house, no home  
My Lord on earth might have;  
In death no friendly tomb  
But what a stranger gave.  
What may I say?  
Heav'n was His home  
But mine the tomb  
Wherein He lay.

7 Here might I stay and sing,  
No story so divine!  
Never was love, dear King,  
Never was grief like Thine.  
This is my friend,  
In whose sweet praise  
I all my days  
Could gladly spend!

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## Sermon

## Offering

*If you brought your gift, tithe, or offering with you today, you may place it in the offering plate as it passes. We also have multiple options for electronic giving. You can sign up for online giving through Vanco at [bit.ly/GivingChristLCMS](https://bit.ly/GivingChristLCMS) for a one-time or recurring gift. You may also download the Vanco Mobile Faith Engagement app and search for Christ Lutheran Church in Topeka, KS. Direct links and additional information are available on the church website ([christlcms.org/giving](https://christlcms.org/giving)).*

*For those joining us remotely, you may use the electronic giving methods listed above, or you may mail your offering to the church office (3509 SW Burlingame Rd, Topeka, KS 66611).*



*Stand*



## Prayer of the Church

1 Timothy 2:1-4

*At the end of each petition, the pastor will say, "Lord, in Your mercy," to which the congregation will respond, "**Hear our prayer.**"*

**P** ...through Jesus Christ, Your son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C** Amen.

## Service of the Sacrament

### Preface

2 Timothy 4:22; [Colossians 3:1]; [Psalm 136] LSB 160

**P** The Lord be with you.



**C** And al - so with you.

**P** Lift up your hearts.



**C** We lift them to the Lord.

**P** Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.



**C** It is right to give Him thanks and praise.

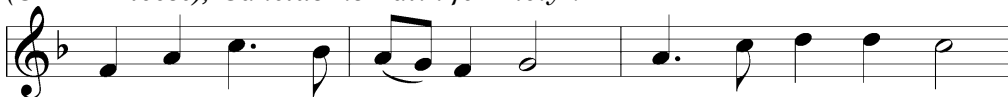
### Proper Preface (Full)

**P** It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who overcame the assaults of the devil and gave His life as a ransom for many that with cleansed hearts we might be prepared joyfully to celebrate the paschal feast in sincerity and truth. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:

## Sanctus

Isaiah 6:3; Matthew 21:9 161

(SAHNK-toose), "Sanctus" is Latin for "holy".



**C** 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.

## Prayer of Thanksgiving

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**P** Blessed are You, Lord of heaven and earth, for You have had mercy on those whom You created and sent Your only-begotten Son into our flesh to bear our sin and be our Savior. With repentant joy we receive the salvation accomplished for us by the all-availing sacrifice of His body and His blood on the cross.

Gathered in the name and the remembrance of Jesus, we beg You, O Lord, to forgive, renew, and strengthen us with Your Word and Spirit. Grant us faithfully to eat His body and drink His blood as He bids us do in His own testament. Gather us together, we pray, from the ends of the earth to celebrate with all the faithful the marriage feast of the Lamb in His kingdom, which has no end. Graciously receive our prayers; deliver and preserve us. To You alone, O Father, be all glory, honor, and worship, with the Son and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C** Amen.



## Lord's Prayer

Matthew 6:9–13 LSB 162

**P** Lord, remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray:

**C** 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.

## The Words of Our Lord

**P** Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: "Take, eat; this is My  $\text{✝}$  body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me."

In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: "Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in My  $\text{✝}$  blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."

## Pax Domini

John 20:19 163

*(PAKS DOH-mee-nee), Latin for "peace of the Lord" (John 20:19).*

**P** The peace of the Lord be with you always.

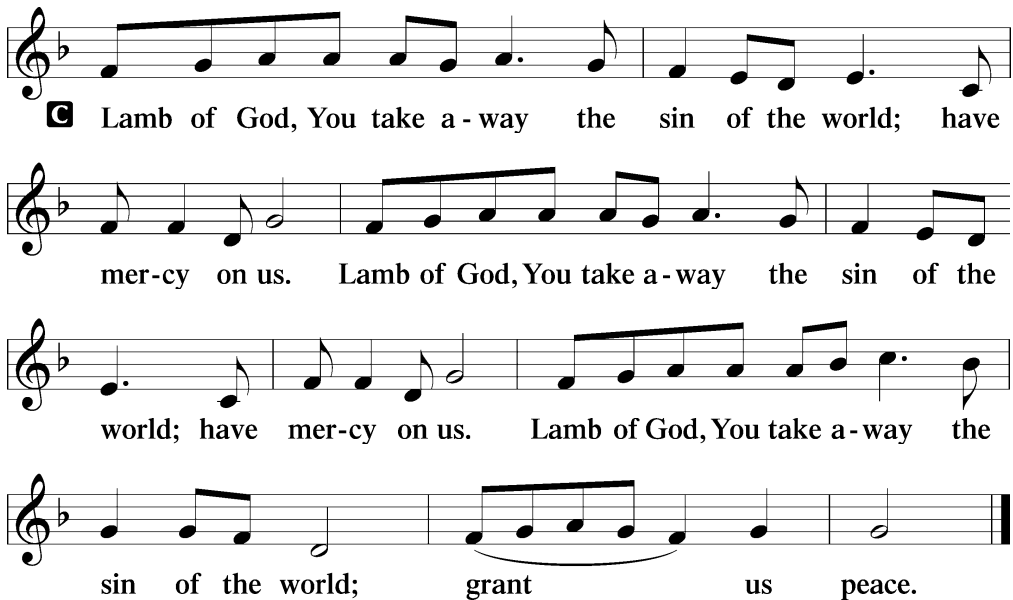




## Agnus Dei

John 1:29 LSB 163

(AHG-noose DAY-ee). Latin for "Lamb of God."



□ 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.

*Sit*

### Distribution

*The pastor and those who assist him receive the body and blood of Christ first. Then they will distribute it to those who cannot come up to the altar rail due to physical ailments. Following that the ushers will dismiss the people from their pews to go to the altar rail. The congregation will be ushered down the middle aisle to go up to the rail and when dismissed from there will use the side aisle to return to their seats. All are invited up to receive a blessing.*

**Mary, Did You Know (10:30 only)**  
**King of Kings (10:30 only)**

Martin Eckhardt, Amber Hamilton  
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1 Let us ev - er walk with Je - sus, Fol - low His ex -  
 2 Let us suf - fer here with Je - sus And with pa - tience  
 3 Let us glad - ly die with Je - sus. Since by death He  
 4 Let us al - so live with Je - sus. He has ris - en



am - ple pure, Through a world that would de - ceive us And to  
 bear our cross. Joy will fol - low all our sad - ness; Where He  
 con - quered death, He will free us from de - struc - tion, Give to  
 from the dead That to life we may a - wak - en. Je - sus,



sin our spir - its lure. On - ward in His foot - steps tread - ing,  
 is, there is no loss. Though to - day we sow no laugh - ter,  
 us im - mor - tal breath. Let us mor - ti - fy all pas - sion  
 You are now our head. We are Your own liv - ing mem - bers;



Pil - grims here, our home a - bove, Full of faith and  
 We shall reap ce - les - tial joy; All dis - com - forts  
 That would lead us in - to sin; And the grave that  
 Where You live, there we shall be In Your pres - ence



hope and love, Let us do the Fa - ther's bid - ding. Faith - ful  
 that an - noy Shall give way to mirth here - af - ter. Je - sus,  
 shuts us in Shall but prove the gate to heav - en. Je - sus,  
 con - stant - ly, Liv - ing there with You for - ev - er. Je - sus,



Lord, with me a - bide; I shall fol - low where You guide.  
 here I share Your woe; Help me there Your joy to know.  
 here with You I die, There to live with You on high.  
 let me faith - ful be, Life e - ter - nal grant to me.

## 741 Jesus Christ, My Sure Defense

LSB 741



1 Je - sus Christ, my sure de - fense And my Sav - ior, now is  
 2 Je - sus, my Re - deem - er, lives; Like - wise I to life shall  
 3 No, too close - ly I am bound By my hope to Christ for -  
 4 I am flesh and must re - turn To the dust, whence I am



liv - ing! Know - ing this, my con - fi - dence  
 wak - en. He will bring me where He is;  
 ev - er; Faith's strong hand the Rock has found,  
 tak - en; But by faith I now dis - cern



Rests up - on the hope here giv - en, Though the  
 Shall my cour - age then be shak - en? Shall I  
 Grasped it, and will leave it nev - er; E - ven  
 That from death I shall a - wak - en With my



night of death be fraught Still with man - y an anx - ious thought.  
 fear, or could the Head Rise and leave His mem - bers dead?  
 death now can - not part From its Lord the trust - ing heart.  
 Sav - ior to a - bide In His glo - ry, at His side.

- 5 Glorified, I shall anew  
 With this flesh then be enshrouded;  
 In this body I shall view  
 God, my Lord, with eyes unclouded;  
 In this flesh I then shall see  
 Jesus Christ eternally.
- 6 Then take comfort and rejoice,  
 For His members Christ will cherish.  
 Fear not, they will hear His voice;  
 Dying, they will never perish;  
 For the very grave is stirred  
 When the trumpet's blast is heard.
- 7 Laugh to scorn the gloomy grave  
 And at death no longer tremble;  
 He, the Lord, who came to save  
 Will at last His own assemble.  
 They will go their Lord to meet,  
 Treading death beneath their feet.
- 8 O, then, draw away your hearts  
 From all pleasures base and hollow;  
 Strive to share what He imparts  
 While you here His footsteps follow.  
 As you now still wait to rise,  
 Fix your hearts beyond the skies!

## 647 Lord Jesus Christ, the Church's Head

LSB 647



1 Lord Je - sus Christ, the Church's head, You are her one foun -  
 2 O Lord, let this Your lit - tle flock, Your name a - lone con -  
 3 Help us to serve You ev - er - more With hearts both pure and  
 4 And for Your Gos - pel let us dare To sac - ri - fice all



da - tion; In You she trusts, be - fore You bows, And  
 fess - ing, Con - tin - ue in Your lov - ing care, True  
 low - ly; And may Your Word, that light di - vine, Shine  
 trea - sure; Teach us to bear Your bless - ed cross, To



waits for Your sal - va - tion. Built on this rock se - cure,  
 u - ni - ty pos - sess - ing. Your sac - ra - ments, O Lord,  
 on in splen - dor ho - ly That we re - pen - tance show,  
 find in You all plea - sure. O grant us stead - fast - ness



Your Church shall en - dure Though all the world de -  
 And Your sav - ing Word To us, Lord, pure re -  
 In faith ev - er grow; The pow'r of sin de -  
 In joy and dis - tress, Lest we, Lord, You for -



cay And all things pass a - way.  
 tain. Grant that they may re - main  
 stroy And e - vils that an - noy.  
 sake. Let us by grace par - take



O hear, O hear us, Je - sus!  
 Our on - ly strength and com - fort.  
 O make us faith - ful Chris - tians.  
 Of end - less joy and glad - ness.

## 819 Sing Praise to God, the Highest Good

LSB 819



1 Sing praise to God, the high - est good, The au - thor of cre -  
 2 What God's al - might - y pow'r has made, In mer - cy He is  
 3 We sought the Lord in our dis - tress; O God, in mer - cy  
 4 He nev - er shall for - sake His flock, His cho - sen gen - er -  
 5 All who con - fess Christ's ho - ly name, Give God the praise and



a - tion, The God of love who un - der - stood  
 keep - ing. By morn - ing glow or eve - ning shade  
 hear us. Our Sav - ior saw our help - less - ness  
 a - tion; He is their ref - uge and their rock,  
 glo - ry. Let all who know His pow'r pro - claim



Our need for His sal - va - tion. With heal - ing balm our  
 His eye is nev - er sleep - ing. With - in the king - dom  
 And came with peace to cheer us. For this we thank and  
 Their peace and their sal - va - tion. As with a moth - er's  
 A - loud the won - drous sto - ry. Cast ev - 'ry i - dol



souls He fills And ev - 'ry faith - less mur - mur stills:  
 of His might All things are just and good and right:  
 praise the Lord, Who is by one and all a - dored:  
 ten - der hand, He leads His own, His cho - sen band:  
 from its throne, For God is God, and He a - lone:



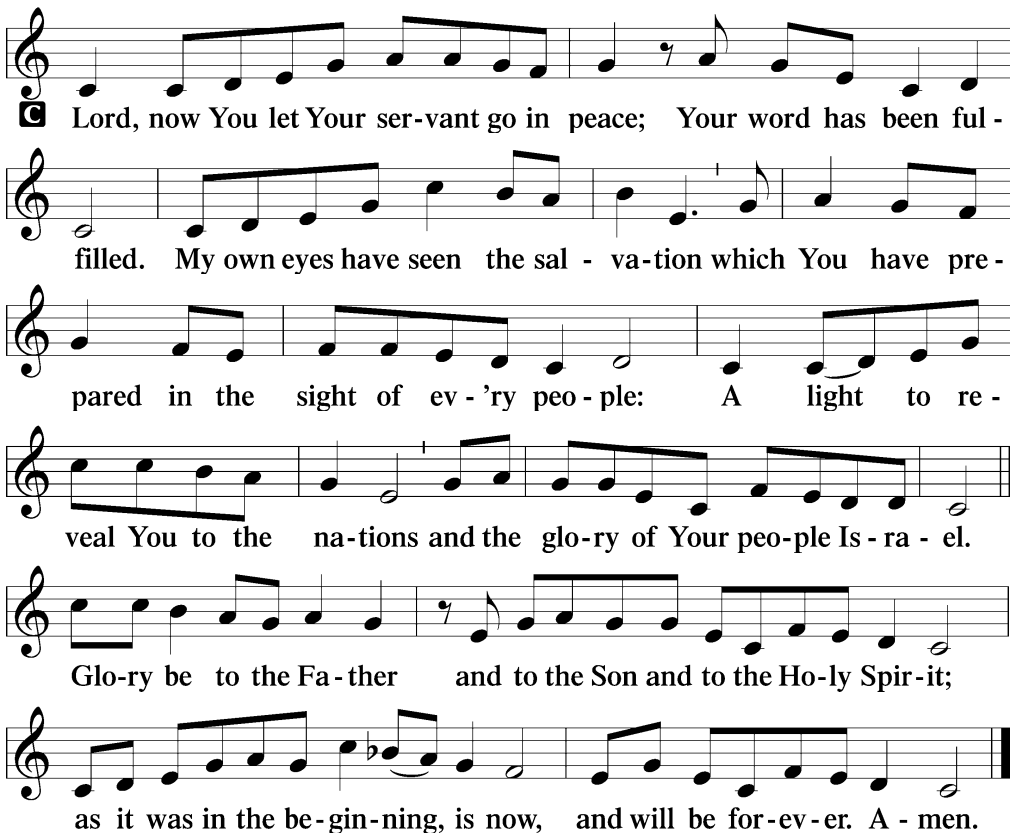
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Text: Johann Jacob Schütz, 1640–90; (sts. 1–3, 5); tr. Frances E. Cox, 1812–97, adapt.; (st. 4); tr. Catherine Winkworth, 1827–78, adapt.  
 Tune: Melchior Vulpius, c. 1570–1615  
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## Nunc Dimittis

Luke 2:29–32 LSB 165

*(NUNK dih-MIH-tuss). Latin for “now [let your servant] depart,” from the Song of Simeon.*



Lord, now You let Your ser-vant go in peace; Your word has been fulfilled. My own eyes have seen the sal - va-tion which You have pre-  
pared in the sight of ev - 'ry peo - ple: A light to re -  
veal You to the na-tions and the glo-ry of Your peo-ple Is - ra - el.  
Glo-ry be to the Fa-ther and to the Son and to the Ho-ly Spir-it;  
as it was in the be-gin-ning, is now, and will be for-ev-er. A - men.

## Post-Communion Collect

**P** Let us pray.

We give thanks to You, almighty God, that You have refreshed us through this salutary gift, and we implore You that of Your mercy You would strengthen us through the same in faith toward You and in fervent love toward one another; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



**C** A - men.

## Luther's Morning Prayer

**C** I thank You, my heavenly Father, through Jesus Christ, Your dear Son, that You have kept me this night from all harm and danger; and I pray that You would keep me this day also from sin and every evil, that all my doings and life may please You. For into Your hands I commend myself, my body and soul, and all things. Let Your holy angel be with me, that the evil foe may have no power over me. Amen.

## Benediction

Numbers 6:24–26 166

*A final blessing from God this morning before we leave.*

**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 ✠ give you peace.



**C** A - men.

*Sit*

## 433 Glory Be to Jesus

LSB 433



1 Glo - ry be to Je - sus, Who in bit - ter pains  
2 Grace and life e - ter - nal In that blood I find;  
3 Blest through end - less a - ges Be the pre - cious stream  
4 A - bel's blood for ven - geance Plead - ed to the skies;



Poured for me the life - blood From His sa - cred veins!  
Blest be His com - pas - sion, In - fi - nite - ly kind!  
Which from end - less tor - ment Did the world re - deem!  
But the blood of Je - sus For our par - don cries.

5 Oft as earth exulting  
Wafts its praise on high,  
Angel hosts rejoicing  
Make their glad reply.

6 Lift we, then, our voices,  
Swell the mighty flood;  
Louder still and louder  
Praise the precious blood!

## -- Week at a Glance --

Sunday March 26th	<b>8:00 &amp; 10:30 am</b> 9:00 am 9:15 am 4:00 pm 5:15 pm 7:00 pm	<b>Worship Service w/ Communion</b> Board of Youth & Ed Meeting Sunday School (children & adults) Jr. Youth (4 <sup>th</sup> -6 <sup>th</sup> grade) Youth Group (7 <sup>th</sup> -12 <sup>th</sup> grade) College/Young Adult Group (ages 18-25)
Monday March 27th		
Tuesday March 28th	9:00 am 6:00 pm	LWML Work Day Church Council Meeting
Wednesday March 29th	4:00 pm 5:00 pm 6:00 pm <b>7:00 pm</b> 7:30 pm	Confirmation Communion Class Lent Meal <b>Lent Midweek Worship Service</b> Choir
Thursday March 30th	2:00 pm	Chair Aerobics
Friday March 31st		
Saturday April 1st	10:00 am	Men's Bible Study (Zoom)
Sunday April 2nd	<b>8:00 &amp; 10:30 am</b> 9:15 am	<b>Worship Service w/ Communion</b> Sunday School (children & adults)  <i>Palm Sunday</i>

### Celebrating

**Birthdays:** Terry F., Kora K., Ted M. (26<sup>th</sup>); Donna S., Aria S. (27<sup>th</sup>); Michele J. (28<sup>th</sup>); Lydia B. (29<sup>th</sup>); Brandon B., Heather B., Kash H. (1<sup>st</sup>); Martin E. (2<sup>nd</sup>)

**Baptism Birthdays:** Patricia L., Carolyn T. (27<sup>th</sup>); Nathan H. (28<sup>th</sup>); Heather S. (29<sup>th</sup>); Marne C. (30<sup>th</sup>); Brandon B., Bev C., Daria H., Jamie H. (1<sup>st</sup>)

**Anniversaries:** (none this week)



# -- Announcements --

## **Adult Sunday School Hour (9:15 am)**

Romans (with Pastor Ben) – Schemm Family Life Center (Gym)  
God's Word for Today: 1, 2, & 3 John (Small Group) – Basement Meeting Room  
A Walk Through the Bible (Women's Group) – Meeting Room near Gym

## **Children/Youth Sunday School Hour (9:15 am)**

Children (Pre-K through 6<sup>th</sup> grade) – Upstairs Education Wing  
Youth (7<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> grades) – Basement Youth Room

## **Pastor's Midweek Bible Study**

Luke – Thursdays at 7 PM – Basement  
*(This class does NOT meet on the first Thursday of each month.)*

## **Lent**

Join us on Wednesdays for a Lent Meal at 6 PM and our Lent Midweek Worship service at 7 PM. If you would like to bring dessert for one of our Lent Meals, please sign up in the coffee lobby. Free devotion books are available at the back of the sanctuary, courtesy of Lutheran Hour Ministries.

## **Altar Flowers**

The flowers adorning our altar this morning were given by Marsha Smith in honor of her granddaughter Aria's birthday.

## **Easter Breakfast & Easter Egg Hunt**

Join us on Easter morning for a light breakfast in the Schemm Family Life Center (gym) at 9:15 AM, followed by our Children's Easter Egg Hunt.

If you would like to donate candy (or small non-candy prizes that will fit in plastic eggs), please leave your donations in the box in our coffee lobby. No plastic eggs are needed at this time. Thank you!

## **State of the Church Lunch**

Save the date! On Sunday, April 23<sup>rd</sup>, we will be having a "State of the Church" lunch in the gym after worship services have concluded. The elders will grill up some tasty food for us, and church council will provide updates for the congregation. All members are encouraged to attend.

## **Can I Get a Ride?**

We have a member with mobility issues that would love to have a ride to church once or twice a month. If you would be willing to help out, please contact the church office.

## -- Announcements --

### Teacher Appreciation at SENT

Our Board of Evangelism would like to continue their work with SENT this Spring. The staff and teachers there get very few perks, and struggle to keep their spirits up at times. A couple of the needs expressed by the SENT staff were for furniture (table, chairs, microwave, mini fridge, etc.) to make a teachers' lounge area and small office-type desks with chairs for each of their teachers to have in their classroom. If you have gently used furnishings that you would like to donate, please contact the church office. (Do not bring the items to church at this time.) Our goal is to be able to provide these items by the first week of April, which is Teacher Appreciation Week. Please contact Nancy Crago or the church office with questions.

### Bible Reading Challenge Q1 Prizes

First quarter prizes for our Bible Reading Challenge are still available for those who are playing a bit of catch-up and just now finishing those assigned chapters. They are now available in the church office instead of the coffee lobby.

### Marriage & Family Conference

Trinity Lutheran Church (Cole Camp, MO) will be hosting a conference for the whole family on April 21-22. This year's theme is "Christian Spiritual Life in the Family and Congregation." For more information or to register for this event, please visit [www.marriagefamilyconference.org](http://www.marriagefamilyconference.org) – registration deadline is April 9<sup>th</sup>.

## Children's Easter Egg Hunt

Sunday, April 9th -- 9:45 am

If you wish to donate candy for this event,  
Please leave it in the box in the coffee lobby.

Thank you!



# -- Announcements --

## **Teacher Wanted**

Topeka Lutheran School has an opening for an Elementary Teacher for the 2023-2024 school year. Applicants for this position must possess a valid teaching license and be a member of the Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod in good standing. E-mail Kyle Johnson at johnson@topekalutheran.org for more information about the position or how to apply. Applicants seeking either 3/4 or full time employment will be considered.

## **TLS Enrollment Signs**

Help us get the word out about Topeka Lutheran School! You may pick up a yard sign (like the ones by our church driveways) in the school office at TLS. Place it in your yard as long as you like, and return it to TLS when you take it down.

## **Photographer Needed**

Topeka Lutheran School is looking for a photographer to take professional photos of TLS students and activities to be used for their website, social media, marketing brochures, etc. If photography is your hobby or interest and you have a flexible schedule, please contact Marlene at (785) 357-1468.

## **9<sup>th</sup> Annual Luke Savage Memorial Golf Tournament**

The tournament this year will be held on April 29<sup>th</sup>, at the Great Life Shawnee Country Club (913 SE 29<sup>th</sup>). Registration will begin at 8AM with a shotgun start to follow (9AM.) The tournament is a 4-person scramble and is almost full at this time.

However, hole sponsorships and silent auction items are gratefully accepted! All proceeds benefit Topeka Lutheran School. For questions or donations, please email dkmsavage@yahoo.com.

## **Schaefer Scholarship**

The Margaret Schaefer Scholarship assists Christ member families attending TLS with their tuition costs. Donations are always welcome, but are especially crucial in the spring season as we begin enrollment for the 2023-2024 school year. Please prayerfully consider a one-time or recurring gift to this scholarship fund. Checks/envelopes should be marked "Schaefer Scholarship" and online gifts through Vanco should select "Schaefer Scholarship" from the list of funds. Thank you!

## **Crop at Christ**

You are invited to a "Crop" (scrapbooking and cardmaking) event here at Christ on Saturday, May 6<sup>th</sup>. Cost is \$20, which includes a free Make & Take item. 100% of the fees will benefit the Schaefer Scholarship Fund. Questions, RSVP's, and payment should be directed to Ann-Marie Bevel.


# -- Announcements --

## Thank You

The family of Richard Passow would like to thank you for your prayers, cards, calls, and visits during and after his illness. -- The Passow Family

## Remembered in our Prayers

Charlie P., Luke H., Don L., Jerry M., Jean (Pauline C.'s sister), Judy (Colleen B.'s neighbor), Noel (Colleen B.'s brother), Melanie (Sharon L.'s daughter), Vikki N., Matt N., Virginia C., Evelyn (mother of Sandy S.), Ted M., Garry N., Mark (Carol J.'s friend), Wayne B., David (Sondra K.'s son), Kim (friend of the Micheels), Dick H., Penny (Marty K.'s coworker's wife), Betty H., Burnell M., Dorothy (Wayne K.'s sister-in-law), Nick (Hannah M.'s cousin), Chris G., Sharon H., Lila N., Mike (Shawn H.'s friend), Darleen C., Kendra M., Brandon B., Dennis L., Bob H., Willa H., Marsha S., and others named in your heart. Pray for the Topeka Rescue Mission, Chelsea Irwin and missionaries around the world. We pray especially for those around the world being persecuted for their faith in the one, true God and the suffering they endure. Please continue to pray for Pastor Ben, DCE Amanda, our staff and their families as they do our Lord's work here at Christ Lutheran. We pray for the staff and students of Topeka Lutheran School and the Jr. Wildcats. We also pray for those who serve in the armed forces, first responders, and for our country and government. Prayers of thanksgiving for our Lord and Savior and the new life we have in Him.



HOLY WEEK

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PALM SUNDAY  
APRIL 2 - 8:00 AM & 10:30 AM

MAUNDY THURSDAY  
APRIL 6 - 7:00 PM

GOOD FRIDAY  
APRIL 7 - 7:00 PM

EASTER SUNDAY  
APRIL 9 - 6:30 AM, 8:00 AM, 10:30 AM

The graphic features a central black cross. To the left is a wooden chalice with red wine and a piece of bread. At the bottom are green palm fronds and a crown of thorns.

# SHADOWS OF THE CROSS

LENT MIDWEEK WORSHIP SERVICES  
WEDNESDAYS AT 7:00 PM

FEBRUARY 22  
MARCH 1, 8, 15, 22, 29

*Join us each Wednesday during Lent  
for a meal at 6 pm.*

*Gluten-free options will be available each week.  
A free will offering will support Christ Youth or LWML.*

**Feb. 22**

***Pulled Pork***

**Mar. 1**

***Baked Potatoes***

**Mar. 8**

***Tacos***

**Mar. 15**

***Soup/Sandwiches***

**Mar. 22**

***Lasagna***

**Mar. 29**

***Sloppy Joes***

# State of the Church Lunch

**Sunday, April 23 -- 11:45 AM**

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## AFTER-SCHOOL CARE DIRECTOR



### JOIN OUR TLS FAMILY!

#### REQUIREMENTS:

- ✓ Experience in childcare
- ✓ Member of an LCMS church
- ✓ 21+

**APPLY NOW**

#### Contact Us:

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## ***Jesus Christ Is the Resurrection and the Life***

The illness and death of Lazarus happened “*that the Son of God may be glorified through it*” (John 11:4). Jesus’ miracle of raising Lazarus prompted His arrest and crucifixion, whereby He would die “*for the nation*” and gather “*into one the children of God who are scattered abroad*” (John 11:51–52). As He called Lazarus from the tomb and commanded others to “*unbind him, and let him go*” (John 11:44), Jesus also calls us and releases us from the bondage of sin and death. We would not “*submit to God’s law,*” nor could we “*please God*” (Rom. 8:7–8), but “*he condemned sin*” in His own flesh so “*that the righteous requirement of the law might be fulfilled in us*” (Rom. 8:3–4). Now through the Gospel, “*the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead dwells*” in us (Rom. 8:11). His Word breathes His Spirit into our mortal flesh, animating us with His own life. As His ministers preach according to His divine command, the Lord Jesus calls us from the grave into the good land that He gives us (Ezek. 37:12, 14).

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**Worship Attendance – Sunday, Mar. 19<sup>th</sup>**

8:00 AM --82

10:30 AM -- 81

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## **Stewardship Corner**

<b><i>Budgeted Weekly Needs:</i></b>	<b>\$ 8,945</b>
<b><i>Offerings Received – Week of 3/19</i></b>	<b>\$ 5,673</b>
<b><i>Budgeted Needs (Jan-Feb 2023)</i></b>	<b>\$ 80,505</b>
<b><i>Offerings Received (Jan-Feb 2023)</i></b>	<b>\$ 69,830</b>

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**Romans 8:1 – “There is therefore now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus.”** This is the joy of the Gospel! There is no condemnation for us before the throne of God because in His love He has provided salvation for us in Christ. We have been set free. We are His children once again, and coheirs with Christ of all the blessings of heaven. If this does not make us thankful, nothing will!

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