



Fifth SUNDAY IN LENT

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Fourth Sunday of Lent

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*Thank you for being the Body of Christ
gathered here this morning.*

Welcome to Worship!

**It is good to be together. Your presence here is
a gift to God and to others this morning.**

We have committed as a church to pray for all those in our community who are living in the darkness of addiction. We have lit a candle in the front of the sanctuary as we pray for the light of Christ to break into their lives. Before worship begins, you are invited to light a candle for a friend or family member for whom you are praying.

**Prelude
Welcome
Announcements**

Confession and Forgiveness

Blessed be the Holy Trinity, one God, the sower, the seed, the fruit;
our lifeboat, our treasure, our leaven. Blessed be God forever. **Amen.**

Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

(Silence is kept for reflection.)

God of heaven and earth, we name before you the sin that enslaves us, the sin that wounds us and others, the sin that scars our world. Forgive us and heal us. Guard us from all evil. Give to us and the whole creation the freedom of the glory of the children of God. Amen.

Come, all who are weary, all who carry heavy burdens. As tender as a parent to child, so gentle is God to us.

As high as heaven is above earth, so vast is God's love for us. As far as east is from west, so far God removes our sin from, us, renewing our lives in Jesus Christ. Amen.

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

Choir

Ezekiel 37: 1-14**Reader: Val Samson**

The hand of the Lord came upon me, and he brought me out by the spirit of the Lord and set me down in the middle of a valley; it was full of bones. He led me all around them; there were very many lying in the valley, and they were very dry. He said to me, "Mortal, can these bones live?" I answered, "O Lord God, you know." Then he said to me, "Prophesy to these bones, and say to them: O dry bones, hear the word of the Lord. Thus says the Lord God to these bones: I will cause breath to enter you, and you shall live. I will lay sinews on you, and will cause flesh to come upon you, and cover you with skin, and put breath in you, and you shall live; and you shall know that I am the Lord."

So I prophesied as I had been commanded; and as I prophesied, suddenly there was a noise, a rattling, and the bones came together, bone to its bone. I looked, and there were sinews on them, and flesh had come upon them, and skin had covered them; but there was no breath in them. Then he said to me, "Prophesy to the breath, prophesy, mortal, and say to the breath: Thus says the Lord God: Come from the four winds, O breath, and breathe upon these slain, that they may live."

I prophesied as he commanded me, and the breath came into them, and they lived, and stood on their feet, a vast multitude. Then he said to me, "Mortal, these bones are the whole house of Israel. They say, 'Our bones are dried up, and our hope is lost; we are cut off completely.' Therefore prophesy, and say to them, Thus says the Lord God: I am going to open your graves, and bring you up from your graves, O my people; and I will bring you back to the land of Israel. And you shall know that I am the Lord, when I open your graves, and bring you up from your graves, O my people. I will put my spirit within you, and you shall live, and I will place you on your own soil; then you shall know that I, the Lord, have spoken and will act, says the Lord."

The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Gospel: John 11: 1-45

Now a man named Lazarus was sick. He was from Bethany, the village of Mary and her sister Martha. (This Mary, whose brother Lazarus now lay sick, was the same one who poured perfume on the Lord and wiped his feet with her hair.) So the sisters sent word to Jesus, "Lord, the one you love is sick."

When he heard this, Jesus said, "This sickness will not end in death. No, it is for God's glory so that God's Son may be glorified through it." Now Jesus loved Martha and her sister and Lazarus. So when he heard that Lazarus was sick, he stayed where he was two more days, and then he said to his disciples, "Let us go back to Judea."

"But Rabbi," they said, "a short while ago the Jews there tried to stone you, and yet you are going back?" Jesus answered, "Are there not twelve hours of daylight? Anyone who walks in the daytime will not stumble, for they see by this world's light. It is when a person walks at night that they stumble, for they have no light." After he had said this, he went on to tell them, "Our friend Lazarus has fallen asleep; but I am going there to wake him up."

His disciples replied, "Lord, if he sleeps, he will get better." Jesus had been speaking of his death, but his disciples thought he meant natural sleep. So then he told them plainly, "Lazarus is dead, and for your sake I am glad I was not there, so that you may believe. But let us go to him." Then Thomas (also known as Didymus) said to the rest of the disciples, "Let us also go, that we may die with him."

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

Jesus said to her, "I am the resurrection and the life. The one who believes in me will live, even though they die; and whoever lives by believing in me will never die. Do you believe this?"

“Yes, Lord,” she replied, “I believe that you are the Messiah, the Son of God, who is to come into the world.” After she had said this, she went back and called her sister Mary aside. “The Teacher is here,” she said, “and is asking for you.” When Mary heard this, she got up quickly and went to him. Now Jesus had not yet entered the village, but was still at the place where Martha had met him. When the Jews who had been with Mary in the house, comforting her, noticed how quickly she got up and went out, they followed her, supposing she was going to the tomb to mourn there. When Mary reached the place where Jesus was and saw him, she fell at his feet and said, “Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died.” When Jesus saw her weeping, and the Jews who had come along with her also weeping, he was deeply moved in spirit and troubled. “Where have you laid him?” he asked. “Come and see, Lord,” they replied. Jesus wept. Then the Jews said, “See how he loved him!” But some of them said, “Could not he who opened the eyes of the blind man have kept this man from dying?” Jesus, once more deeply moved, came to the tomb. It was a cave with a stone laid across the entrance. “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.” Then Jesus said, “Did I not tell you that if you believe, you will see the glory of God?” So they took away the stone. Then Jesus looked up and said, “Father, I thank you that you have heard me. 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.” When he had said this, Jesus called in a loud voice, “Lazarus, come out!” 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.” Therefore many of the Jews who had come to visit Mary, and had seen what Jesus did, believed in him.

The Gospel of the Lord. **Thanks be to God**

Sermon

Hymn of the Day

“I Am the Bread of Life”

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Apostle’s Creed

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth. I believe in Jesus Christ, God’s only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the living and the dead.

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

Prayers of Intercession

Each petition will end with “Lord, in your mercy,”
the congregation responds with “**hear our prayer.**”

Offering

*You may put your offerings in the basket on the table in the back of the sanctuary -
or you are invited to make your offerings online on our website – americanlutheranchurch.net --
or mail them to American Lutheran Church at PO Box 653- Newport, WA 99156*

MEAL

Great Thanksgiving
“Holy, Holy, Holy”

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The Words of Institution

Christ has died, Christ has risen, Christ will come again.

Lord's Prayer -See call and response on screens

Invitation to Communion - *All are welcome at the Lord's Table. This is God's gift, God's grace, God's life – given freely in love for you. Grape juice and gluten, soy, dairy and corn-free wafers are available. If you need communion brought to you at your seat, please let the usher know.*

Lamb of God

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Communion Hymns: 332, 338, 353

Blessing

Prayer

Benediction

Sending Hymn

"Thine the Amen"

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Go in Peace. Serve the Lord. Thanks be to God.

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A gentle reminder: Please show care for one another and wear a mask if you are feeling under the weather at all.

This Week

Monday	10 am	Bible Study
	Noon	Al-anon
Tuesday	10 am	Quilting
Wednesday	5:45pm	Lenten Soup Supper
Wednesday	6:30pm	Lenten Service
Wednesday	7pm	Choir (after service)
Saturday	1pm	WWW Women's Fellowship
Saturday	3pm	Recovery & Support Group
Sunday	10 am	Worship

Remember in Prayer: Lucy Anderson (at the request of Mary Bug Smith), Anita (at the request of Terry Zakar), Cyndy Akre Grady, Scone Bender, Rudy Bergen, Roger Brandt, Annika Britton, Barbara Campbell, Justin Carnie (Ruth and Mitch Carnie), , Shae Courtney (son-in-law of the Lewis'), Susan Fox, Dorothy Funden, Gladys Gerow, Larry Gerow, Ed and Lynda Heckman, Gary Heckathorn, Annika Hughes, Kurt Johnson , Imo Jones, Kapple family, Leroy Leland, Garrett Levers, Moses (at the request of Sark Ratliff), Steve Morey (Phyllis and Wilson's grandfather), friends and family of Carl Pitts, Sark Ratliff, Jeanette Reiter, Joel Robertson, Carol Rock, Sandy Rock (Joy Peralta's sister-in-law), Sara Rogers (at the request of Christian Britton), Judy Schoesler, Jason (at the request of Terry Zakar).

***Please note:** Prayer requests will normally be kept on the list for one month unless requested for longer.

Announcements:

Ordination: Brendan Wiechert will be ordained on Saturday March 28th 10am at St. Luke's Lutheran Church in Spokane.

Scam: If you receive a text or email claiming to be from the Pastor asking for money or gift cards, it is a scam.

Newsletter: Please email your submissions for the April Newsletter to the office (alc.churchoffice@gmail.com) by March 23rd. This is YOUR newsletter.

Lent: Soup Supper served at 5:45, followed by a short service at 6:30. Choir practice will follow. There will be a Maundy Thursday (7pm April 2) and Good Friday (7pm April 3) service as well.

Recovery & Support Group: Christian Britton and Sark Ratliff are hosting a support group for all addictions. They meet on Saturdays at 3pm.

If you would like to be on our church email list for announcements and prayer concerns, please send your email address to alc.churchoffice@gmail.com.

Reminder: Please don't forget to set the alarm before leaving the church. If you do not have a code please text/call Laretta 509-447-3440

