

# Immanuel Lutheran Church of Plainview, MN

March 29, 2020

The Fifth Sunday in Lent

Service of the Word

## Invocation

*Matthew 28:19b; [18:20]*

**P** In the name of the Father and of the  $\text{✠}$  Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**C** Amen.

## Exhortation

*1 John 1:8–9*

**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.*

## Confession of Sins

**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]*

**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  $\text{✠}$  Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**C** Amen.

## Collect of the Day

**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** Amen.

## Old Testament Reading

*Ezekiel 37:1–14*

<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, “Prophesy to the breath; prophesy, 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 prophesy, 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.”

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

**C** Thanks be to God.

## Epistle

*Romans 8:1–11*

<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.

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

**C** Thanks be to God.

## Holy Gospel

*John 11:1–45*

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

**C** Glory 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.

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

### Apostles' Creed

**C** 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.**

Sermon

"Christ, the Life of All the Living"

*John 11:1-45*

Prayer of the Church

Lord's Prayer

**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.

- 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 T give you peace.
- C** Amen.

**420 Christ, the Life of All the Living** (Click on the link for YouTube video: <https://youtu.be/N0SIXdqInmI>)

- |  |  |
|--|--|
| <p>1 Christ, the life of all the living,<br/>       Christ, the death of death, our foe,<br/>       Who, Thyself for me once giving<br/>       To the darkest depths of woe:<br/>       Through Thy suff' rings, death, and merit<br/>       I eternal life inherit.<br/>       Thousand, thousand thanks shall be,<br/>       Dearest Jesus, unto Thee.</p> <p>2 Thou, ah! Thou, hast taken on Thee<br/>       Bonds and stripes, a cruel rod;<br/>       Pain and scorn were heaped upon Thee,<br/>       O Thou sinless Son of God!<br/>       Thus didst Thou my soul deliver<br/>       From the bonds of sin forever.<br/>       Thousand, thousand thanks shall be,<br/>       Dearest Jesus, unto Thee.</p> <p>3 Thou hast borne the smiting only<br/>       That my wounds might all be whole;<br/>       Thou hast suffered, sad and lonely,<br/>       Rest to give my weary soul;<br/>       Yea, the curse of God enduring,<br/>       Blessing unto me securing.<br/>       Thousand, thousand thanks shall be,<br/>       Dearest Jesus, unto Thee.</p> <p>4 Heartless scoffers did surround Thee,<br/>       Treating Thee with shameful scorn<br/>       And with piercing thorns they crowned Thee.<br/>       All disgrace Thou, Lord, hast borne,<br/>       That as Thine Thou mightest own me<br/>       And with heav'nly glory crown me.<br/>       Thousand, thousand thanks shall be,<br/>       Dearest Jesus, unto Thee.</p> | <p>5 Thou hast suffered men to bruise Thee,<br/>       That from pain I might be free;<br/>       Falsely did Thy foes accuse Thee:<br/>       Thence I gain security;<br/>       Comfortless Thy soul did languish<br/>       Me to comfort in my anguish.<br/>       Thousand, thousand thanks shall be,<br/>       Dearest Jesus, unto Thee.</p> <p>6 Thou hast suffered great affliction<br/>       And hast borne it patiently,<br/>       Even death by crucifixion,<br/>       Fully to atone for me;<br/>       Thou didst choose to be tormented<br/>       That my doom should be prevented.<br/>       Thousand, thousand thanks shall be,<br/>       Dearest Jesus, unto Thee.</p> <p>7 Then, for all that wrought my pardon,<br/>       For Thy sorrows deep and sore,<br/>       For Thine anguish in the Garden,<br/>       I will thank Thee evermore,<br/>       Thank Thee for Thy groaning, sighing,<br/>       For Thy bleeding and Thy dying,<br/>       For that last triumphant cry,<br/>       And shall praise Thee, Lord, on high.</p> |
|--|--|

Text: Public domain

**Acknowledgments**

Divine Service, Setting One from Lutheran Service Book  
 Unless otherwise indicated, Scripture quotations are from the ESV® Bible (The Holy Bible, English Standard Version®), copyright © 2001 by  
 Crossway, a publishing ministry of Good News Publishers. Used by permission. All rights reserved.  
 Created by Lutheran Service Builder © 2018 Concordia Publishing House.