



John 11:25, NIV

Faith Lutheran Church March 26th 2023

WELCOME

Thank you for worshipping with us today. Please sign the guest register in the entry as you leave the church today.

TODAY'S SERVICE

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PRE-SERVICE DEVOTION

Psalm 130

Out of the depths I have cried to You, O LORD; ² Lord, hear my voice! Let Your ears be attentive To the voice of my supplications. ³ If You, LORD, should mark iniquities, O Lord, who could stand? ⁴ But *there is* forgiveness with You, That You may be feared. ⁵ I wait for the LORD, my soul waits, And in His word I do hope. ⁶ My soul *waits* for the Lord More than those who watch for the morning-- *Yes, more than* those who watch for the morning. ⁷ O Israel, hope in the LORD; For with the LORD *there is* mercy, And with Him *is* abundant redemption. ⁸ And He shall redeem Israel From all his iniquities.

Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing

by Robert Robinson Thou Fount of ev - 'ry I. Come, 2. Here raise Eb - en -Ι my 3. Oh, how grace great a to freed from 4. Oh, that day when bless ing, Tune my heart sing Thy to Hith-er Thy help I've by e zer, debt -Dai - ly or I'm con strainedto ning, shall Thy love - ly sin -Ι see Streams of grace; mer nev - er cy, And hope, by Thy come; I good that like be; grace Let now а Clothedthen bloodwashed face: in the Call for of loud-est ing, songs ceas plea safe-ly rive at sure, to ar Bind my d'ring fet ter heart to wan HowI'll Thy won-drous lin sing en,



SERVICE OF THE WORD

INVOCATION

p In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.



CONFESSION OF SINS

- p Beloved of God: 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.
- all Almighty God, our Maker and Redeemer: we confess that we are sinful by nature, and have sinned against You in our thoughts, words, and actions. We have not loved You above all things. We have

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not loved our neighbors as ourselves. Have mercy on us, and, for the sake of our Lord Jesus Christ, forgive us our sins.

p 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.







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.



THE WORD

Ezekiel 37:1-14 The hand of the LORD came upon me and brought me out in the Spirit of the LORD, and set me down in the midst of the valley; and it was full of bones.² Then He caused me to pass by them all around, and behold, there were very many in the open valley; and indeed they were very dry. ³ And He said to me, "Son of man, can these bones live?" So I answered, "O Lord GOD, You know." ⁴ Again He said to me, "Prophesy to these bones, and say to them, 'O dry bones, hear the word of the LORD! ⁵ 'Thus says the Lord GOD to these bones: "Surely I will cause breath to enter into you, and you shall live. ⁶ "I will put sinews on you and bring flesh upon you, cover you with skin and put breath in you; and you shall live. Then you shall know that I am the LORD.""" 7 So I prophesied as I was commanded; and as I prophesied, there was a noise, and suddenly a rattling; and the bones came together, bone to bone. 8 Indeed, as I looked, the sinews and the flesh came upon them, and the skin covered them over; but there was no breath in them. 9 Also 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."" ¹⁰ So I prophesied as He commanded me, and breath came into them, and they lived, and stood upon their feet, an exceedingly great army. ¹¹ Then He said to me, "Son of man, these bones are the whole house of Israel. They indeed say, 'Our bones are dry, our hope is lost, and we ourselves are cut off!" 12 "Therefore prophesy and say to them, 'Thus says the Lord GOD: "Behold, O My people, I will open your graves and cause you to come up from your graves, and bring you into the land of Israel.¹³ "Then you shall know that I am the LORD, when I have opened your graves, O My people, and brought you up from your graves. ¹⁴ "I will put My Spirit in you, and you shall live, and I will place you in your own land. Then you shall know that I, the LORD, have spoken it and performed *it*," says the LORD.'"

Romans 8:1-11 *There is* therefore now no condemnation to those who are in Christ Jesus, who do not walk according to the flesh, but according to the Spirit. ² For the law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus has made me free from the

law of sin and death. ³ For what the law could not do in that it was weak through the flesh, God *did* by sending His own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh, on account of sin: He condemned sin in the flesh, ⁴ that the righteous requirement of the law might be fulfilled in us who do not walk according to the flesh but according to the Spirit. 5 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, the things of the Spirit. ⁶ For to be carnally minded is death, but to be spiritually minded is life and peace. ⁷ Because the carnal mind *is* enmity against God; for it is not subject to the law of God, nor indeed can be. ⁸ So then, those who are in the flesh cannot please God. ⁹ But you are not in the flesh but in the Spirit, if indeed the Spirit of God dwells in you. Now if anyone does not have the Spirit of Christ, he is not His. ¹⁰ And if Christ *is* in you, the body is dead because of sin, but the Spirit is life because of righteousness. ¹¹ But if the Spirit of Him who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, He who raised Christ from the dead will also give life to your mortal bodies through His Spirit who dwells in you.



THE NICENE CREED

I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth and of all things visible and invisible.

And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of His Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God, begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father, by Whom all things were made; Who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary and was made man; and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate. He suffered and was buried. And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures and ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of the Father. And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead, Whose kingdom will have no end.

And I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and giver of life, Who proceeds from the Father and the Son, Who with the Father and Son together is worshiped and glorified, Who spoke by the prophets. And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church, I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins, And I look for the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. Amen.

#370 "My Hope is Built on Nothing Less" by Edward Mote, 1797-1874

I. My hope is built on nothing less
Than Jesus' blood and righteousness;
I dare not trust the sweetest frame,
But wholly lean on Jesus' name.
On Christ, the solid Rock, I stand;
All other ground is sinking sand.

2. When darkness veils His lovely face,
I rest on His unchanging grace;
In every high and stormy gale
My anchor holds within the veil.
On Christ, the solid Rock, I stand;
All other ground is sinking sand.

 3. His oath, His covenant, and blood Support me in the whelming flood;
 When every earthly prop gives way,
 He then is all my Hope and Stay.
 On Christ, the solid Rock, I stand;
 All other ground is sinking sand.

4. When He shall come with trumpet sound,Oh, may I then in Him be found,Clothed in His righteousness alone,Faultless to stand before the throne!On Christ, the solid Rock, I stand;All other ground is sinking sand.

SERMON

John II:I-45 Now a certain *man* was sick, Lazarus of Bethany, the town of Mary and her sister Martha. ² It was *that* Mary who anointed the Lord with fragrant oil and wiped His feet with her hair, whose brother Lazarus was sick. ³ Therefore the sisters sent to Him, saying, "Lord, behold, he whom You love is sick." 4 When Jesus heard that, He said, "This sickness is not unto death, but for the glory of God, that the Son of God may be glorified through it." ⁵ Now Jesus loved Martha and her sister and Lazarus. ⁶ So, when He heard that he was sick, He stayed two more days in the place where He was. 7 Then after this He said to the disciples, "Let us go to Judea again." 8 The disciples said to Him, "Rabbi, lately the Jews sought to stone You, and are You going there again?" 9 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. ¹⁰ "But if one walks in the night, he stumbles, because the light is not in him." ¹¹ These things He said, and after that He said to them, "Our friend Lazarus sleeps, but I go that I may wake him up." ¹² Then His disciples said, "Lord, if he sleeps he will get well." ¹³ However, Jesus spoke of his death, but they thought that He was speaking about taking rest in sleep. ¹⁴ Then Jesus said to them plainly, "Lazarus is dead.¹⁵ "And I am glad for your sakes that I was not there, that you may believe. Nevertheless let us go to him." ¹⁶ Then Thomas, who is called the Twin, said to his fellow disciples, "Let us also go, that we may die with Him." ¹⁷ So when Jesus came, He found that he had al-

ready been in the tomb four days. ¹⁸ Now Bethany was near Jerusalem, about two miles away. ¹⁹ And many of the Jews had joined the women around Martha and Mary, to comfort them concerning their brother.²⁰ Then Martha, as soon as she heard that Jesus was coming, went and met Him, but Mary was sitting in the house. ²¹ Then Martha said to Jesus, "Lord, if You had been here, my brother would not have died. ²² "But even now I know that whatever You ask of God, God will give You."²³ Jesus said to her, "Your brother will rise again."²⁴ Martha said to Him, "I know that he will rise again in the resurrection at the last day." ²⁵ Jesus said to her, "I am the resurrection and the life. He who believes in Me, though he may die, he shall live. ²⁶ "And whoever lives and believes in Me shall never die. Do you believe this?"²⁷ She said to Him, "Yes, Lord, I believe that You are the Christ, the Son of God, who is to come into the world." ²⁸ And when she had said these things, she went her way and secretly called Mary her sister, saying, "The Teacher has come and is calling for you." ²⁹ As soon as she heard *that*, she arose quickly and came to Him. ³⁰ Now Jesus had not yet come into the town, but was in the place where Martha met Him. ³¹ Then the Jews who were with her in the house, and comforting her, when they saw that Mary rose up quickly and went out, followed her, saying, "She is going to the tomb to weep there." ³² Then, when Mary came where Jesus was, and saw Him, she fell down at His feet, saying to Him, "Lord, if You had been here, my brother would not have died." ³³ Therefore, when Jesus saw her weeping, and the Jews who came with her weeping, He groaned in the spirit and was troubled. ³⁴ And He said, "Where have you laid him?" They said to Him, "Lord, come and see." ³⁵ Jesus wept. ³⁶ Then the Jews said, "See how He loved him!" ³⁷ And some of them said, "Could not this Man, who opened the eyes of the blind, also have kept this man from dying?" ³⁸ Then Jesus, again groaning in Himself, came to the tomb. It was a cave, and a stone lay against it. ³⁹ Jesus said, "Take away the stone." Martha, the sister of him who was dead, said to Him, "Lord, by this time there is a stench, for he has been *dead* four days." ⁴⁰ Jesus said to her, "Did I not say to you that if you would believe you would see the glory of God?" ⁴¹ Then they took away the stone from the place where the dead man was lying. And Jesus lifted up His eyes and said, "Father, I thank You that You have heard Me. ⁴² "And I know that You always hear Me, but because of the people who are standing by I said *this*, that they

may believe that You sent Me." ⁴³ Now when He had said these things, He cried with a loud voice, "Lazarus, come forth!" ⁴⁴ And he who had died came out bound hand and foot with graveclothes, and his face was wrapped with a cloth. Jesus said to them, "Loose him, and let him go." ⁴⁵ Then many of the Jews who had come to Mary, and had seen the things Jesus did, believed in Him.

JESUS GOES TO WAR

In the last weeks we have seen how Jesus takes advantage of every opportunity. In the death of Lazarus there is another opportunity for Jesus to personally battle death. Despite the threat from the leaders of the Jews Jesus goes to call the dead to life. His fight is with death both physical and spiritual.



#313 "O Lord, We Praise Thee"

by Martin Luther, 1483-1546

I. O Lord, we praise Thee, bless Thee, and adore Thee,
In thanksgiving bow before Thee.
Thou with Thy body and Thy blood didst nourish
Our weak souls that they may flouish:
O Lord, have mercy!
May Thy body, Lord, born of Mary,
That our sins and sorrows did carry,
And Thy blood for us plead
In all trial, fear, and need:
O Lord, have mercy!

2. Thy holy body into death was given,Life to win for us in heaven.No greater love than this to Thee could bind us;May this feast thereof remind us!O Lord, have mercy!

Lord, Thy kindness did so constrain Thee That Thy blood should bless and sustain me. All our debt Thou hast paid; Peace with God once more is made: O Lord, have mercy.

3. May God bestow on us His grace and favor
To please Him with our behavior
And live as brethren here in love and union
Nor repent this blest Communion!
O Lord, have mercy!
Let not Thy good Spirit forsake us;
Grant that heavenly-minded He make us;
Give Thy Church, Lord, to see
Days of peace and unity:
O Lord, have mercy!

OFFERING HYMN #788:1

Lord, You love the cheerful giver who with open heart and hand blesses freely, as a river that refreshes all the land. Grant us, then, the grace of giving with a spirit large and true that our life and all our living we may consecrate to You.

PRAYERS AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

all 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.

SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT



p It is right and beneficial that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, O Lord, holy Father, almighty and everlasting God through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who on the tree of the cross did give salvation to all mankind that, where death arose, there also Life might rise again; and that he who by a tree once overcame might likewise by a tree be overcome. Therefore with angels and archangels, and with all the company of heaven, we magnify Your glorious Name, evermore praising You and saying:

ho - ly, Ho - ly, ho ly Lord, _ might, God of power and heav'n and earth are full of Your glo-ry. Ho - san-nain the highest, hosanna in the highest. Blest is Hewho comes in the of the Lord. Ho - san-nain the highest honame the high - est. in san - na

p Our Lord Jesus Christ, the same night in which He was betrayed, took bread. And when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to His disciples, saying, "Take, eat. This is My body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of Me. In the same way He took the cup, after supper, gave thanks, and gave it to them saying, "Drink of it, all of you. This cup is the new covenant in My blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, whenever you drink it, in remembrance of Me."

The peace of the Lord be with you always!





We invite all those who have registered with the pastor before the service to come forward and receive with us the Lord's Supper. Prayers for before and after communion are available on page 118 of your hymnal.





p The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make His face shine upon you and be gracious to you. The Lord lift up His countenance upon you and give you peace.



#158 "Glory be to Jesus"

Italian, 18th Century

1. Glory be to Jesus, Who in bitter pains Poured for me the life-blood From His sacred veins!

2. Grace and life eternalIn that blood I find;Blest be His compassion,Infinitely kind!

3. Blest through endless ages Be the precious stream Which from endless torments Did the world redeem! 4. Abel's blood for vengeancePleaded to the skies;But the blood of JesusFor our pardon 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 louderPraise the precious blood!

PRAYER LIST

Blaine Kempenaar – diagnosed with cancer.

Linda Kozup back pain and infection.

Marsha Brown - recovering from surgery and in pain.

Gerogine Quade - has cancer

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Sunday, March 26

9am Communion Service 10am Choir Practice 10am Sunday School 10:15am Bible Class

Wednesday, March 29

3:40pm Confirmation Class 7:00 pm Lent Service

Sunday, April 2

9am Worship Service 10am Choir Practice 10am Sunday School 10:15am Bible Class

UPCOMING EVENTS

April 6th 7pm Maundy Thursday Service April 7th 1:30pm Good Friday Service April 9th 7am Sunrise Service April 9th 8am Easter Brunch April 9th 8am Egg Hunt April 9th 9am Easter Service April 16th 3pm Installation of Andrew Schaller May 12th Preschool Round-Up

USHERS FOR MARCH

Jeff Jones, Mike Dumke, Jim Hanneman, Jim Brown

USHERS FOR APRIL

Benjamin Lillo, Mike Dumke, Bob Kirst, Kent Quade

Easter Early Service: Mike Dumke, Benjamin Lillo

Easter Late Service: Gary Brown, Ryan Krueger

COUNTERS

This Week Team #4 Lynn Dumke, Tyler Denson Next Week Team #4 Lynn Dumke, Tyler Denson

FRUITS OF FAITH

Sunday Service - 83 Bible Class - 10 Sunday School - 8 General \$3177 Missions \$25 Building \$75 Stained Glass \$10 In Memory: \$20 Mildred Draeger – Stained Glass \$20 Mildred Draeger – School

EASTER LILIES

Signup sheet for Easter lilies is on the bulletin board. Lilies are \$15 apiece. The deadline is Sunday, April 2.

EASTER BRUNCH

Easter brunch potluck starts at 8am. Please bring a dish to share. We are asking the men to sign up to serve and clean up. Sign-up sheet on the bulletin board.

INSTALLATION IN FOND DU LAC

Luther Memorial would like to extend an invitation to your congregations to attend the installation of Pastor Andrew Schaller. Sunday April 16, 3:00 pm. A fellowship meal will be provided afterwards.

PRESCHOOL ROUND-UP

8-11am on Friday May 12th. Any child who will be 3-4 years old by September 9th, 2023.

FLOAT FOR JUNE DAIRY DAYS

If anyone is interested in helping to build the float for June Diary Days please talk to Pastor Ude.

OFFERING FOR SCHOOL TUITION

A few students here at Faith need some help paying their tuition. There is a basket in the back of the church for this purpose. We would like to raise about \$2,000.

CLC YOUTH CAMP 2023!

Camp will be held at the Pillager location this year from June 11-17th! Registration opens March 18th at 3pm CST for campers entering 6th-12th grade. More information can be found at https:// youthcampclc.wixsite.com/camp

Email youthcamp.clc@gmail.com with any questions!

MARCH MEETING NOTES

Available on the shelf under the bulletin board.

NEXT WEEK'S READINGS

Isaiah 50:4–9a Psalm 118:19–29 Phil. 2:5–11 John 12:12–19

CALL NEWS

Calvary Lutheran Church in Marquette, MI is requesting a graduate from Immanuel Lutheran Seminary to be their pastor.

Mrs. Leah Ude of Eau Claire, WI is considering the call to be teacher at Peace Thru Christ Lutheran Church of Middleton, WI.

Pastor Luke Bernthal of St. Stephen Lutheran Church in Mountain View, CA is considering the call to serve as the third pastor at Messiah Lutheran Church, Eau Claire, WI.

Pre-sermon

Have you ever lost out because you didn't take advantage of an opportunity?

Can you think of a time when you lost an opportunity to share your faith because you didn't speak up?

Sermon

Why do the disciples not want Jesus to go to Bethany?

Why does Jesus go anyway?

Explain John 11:9 "If anyone walks in the day."

Other than Lazarus who else does Jesus call to life?

Explain "I am the resurrection."

Explain "I am the life."

How can dry bones live?

How can preaching do any good?

What does the name Lazarus mean?

How does Jesus battle death in our lives?

Why was Thomas wrong?



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