



St. Mary's Lutheran Church
Evangelical Lutheran Church in America
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FIFTH SUNDAY IN LENT
Saturday, March 25 & Sunday, March 26, 2023

All are welcome at St. Mary's!

- Please respect the beauty of reverence and quiet reflection as we prepare for worship. Turn off phones or silence them.
- Please know that St. Mary's Lutheran Church celebrates Holy Communion for ALL! This is Christ's table and His invitation. You do not need to be a Lutheran, or a member of our church to participate. Also, if you wish to come up for only a blessing, please tell us when you approach, and we will bless you! If you are unable to come up for communion, tell the usher that you would like to receive communion at your seat, and someone will bring it to you.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

TEMPLE TALK Mission Exploration Team Report

PRELUDE (SAT)

CALL TO WORSHIP (SUN) Adult Choir

STAND

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Blessed be the holy Trinity, ☩ one God,
who journeys with us these forty days,
and sustains us with the gift of grace.

Amen.

Let us acknowledge before God and one another
our need for repentance and God's mercy.

Holy God,

we confess to you our faults and failings.

Too often we neglect and do not trust your holy word;

we take for ourselves instead of giving to others;

we spoil rather than steward your creation;

we cause hurt though you call us to heal;

we choose fear over compassion.

Forgive us, renew us, and lead us,

as we seek to follow in your way of life.

Amen.

Hear the good news:

God so loved the world that God gave the only Son,

so that all may receive life.

This promise is for you!

God embraces you with divine mercy,

☩ forgives you in Christ's name,

and revives you in the Spirit's power.

Amen.

GATHERING SONG

Hymn #886 "O, for a Thousand Tongues to Sing"

GREETING

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the
communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

And also with you.

KYRIE

(ELW p. 138)

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray.

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.

SIT

WORD

Pew Bible Page

First Reading: Ezekiel 37:1-14

(pgs. 704-705)

*Ezekiel's vision of the valley of dry bones is a promise that Israel as a
nation, though dead in exile, will live again in their land through God's
life-giving spirit. Three times Israel is assured that through this vision they
will know that "I am the Lord."*

Word of God, word of life.

Thanks be to God.

Second Reading: Romans 8:6-11

(pg. 919)

*For Paul, Christian spirituality entails living in the reality of the Holy
Spirit. The driving force behind our actions and values is not our sinful
desire for self-satisfaction but the very Spirit by which God raised Jesus
from the dead and will also raise us from the dead.*

Word of God, word of life.

Thanks be to God.

STAND

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

(ELW p. 142 "Return to the Lord")

GOSPEL: John 11:1-45

(pg. 873-874)

The holy gospel according to John

Glory to you, O Lord.

*Jesus is moved to sorrow when his friend Lazarus falls ill and dies. Then,
in a dramatic scene, he calls his friend out of the tomb and restores him to
life.*

The gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

SIT

KIDS CONNECTION (Sun)

SERMON

STAND

HYMN OF THE DAY Hymn #485 "I Am the Bread of Life" vs. 1,4,5

APOSTLES' 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

Merciful God,

receive our prayer.

We lift our prayers to you, O God, trusting in your steadfast love
and your promise to renew your whole creation; through Jesus
Christ our Savior.

Amen.

PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you always.

And also with you.

SIT

ADULT CHOIR

"He Never Said a Mumbalin' Word"

ARR. VICTOR C. JOHNSON

They crucified my Lord, and He never said a mumbalin' word;

Not a word, not a word, not a word.

They nailed Him to the tree, and He never said mumbalin' word.

They pierced Him in His side, and He never said a mumbalin' word;

Not a word, not a word, not a word.

He hung His head and died, and He never said a mumbalin' word,

He never said a word.

STAND

OFFERING Hymn #811 "On My Heart Imprint Your Image" vs. 1

OFFERING PRAYER

Let us pray.

God of good gifts, receive these and all our offerings

as we present them in faithful service

for the sake of your gospel.

Prepare our hearts to receive you in this meal

as you pour out your very presence

through Christ Jesus, the wellspring of eternal life.

Amen.

GREAT THANKSGIVING

DIALOGUE

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

PREFACE

ACCLAMATION AND AMEN

"Holy, Holy, Holy" (ELW p. 144)

THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

Blessed are you, O God of the universe.
Your mercy is everlasting
and your faithfulness endures from age to age.

Praise to you for creating the heavens and the earth.
Praise to you for saving the earth from the waters of the flood.
Praise to you for bringing the Israelites safely through the sea.
Praise to you for leading your people through the wilderness to the land of milk and honey.
Praise to you for the words and deeds of Jesus, your anointed one.
Praise to you for the death and resurrection of Christ.
Praise to you for your Spirit poured out on all nations.

In the night in which he was betrayed...as we proclaim the mystery of faith:

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

O God of resurrection and new life:
Pour out your Holy Spirit on us
and on these gifts of bread and wine.
Bless this feast.
Grace our table with your presence.

Come, Holy Spirit.

Reveal yourself to us in the breaking of the bread.
Raise us up as the body of Christ for the world.
Breathe new life into us.
Send us forth, burning with justice, peace, and love.

Come, Holy Spirit.

With your holy ones of all times and places,
with the earth and all its creatures,
with sun and moon and stars,
we praise you, O God,
blessed and holy Trinity,
now and forever.

Amen.

LORD’S PRAYER

Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us.

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.

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

Come and receive Jesus, our strength in the wilderness.

SIT

COMMUNION

COMMUNION SONG “Lamb of God” (ELW p. 146)
DISTRIBUTION HYMN

Hymn #803 “When I Survey the Wondrous Cross ”

STAND

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Let us pray.
Embodied God,
at your table, we have tasted the goodness of Jesus.
With the eyes of our hearts open to your promise,
empower us to hear the needs of our neighbors
and touch the world with your love.

Amen.

SENDING OF COMMUNION

Gracious God, loving all your family with a mother’s tender care:
As you sent the angel to feed Elijah with heavenly bread, assist
those who set forth to share your word and sacrament with
those who are sick, homebound, and imprisoned. In your love
and care, nourish and strengthen those who will receive this
sacrament, and give us all the comfort of your abiding presence
through the body and blood of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord.

Amen.

BLESSING

The Lord bless you and keep you.
The Lord’s face shine on you with grace and mercy.
The Lord look upon you with favor and ✝ give you peace.

Amen.

SENDING SONG Hymn #802 “Let us Ever Walk with Jesus”

DISMISSAL

We are God’s People.

Followers of Jesus Christ.

Gifted by the Spirit.

Go Pray. Go Love. Go Serve.

Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

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“⁴³When he had said this, he cried with a loud voice, “Lazarus, come out!” ⁴⁴The dead man came out, his hands and feet bound with strips of cloth, and his face wrapped in a cloth. Jesus said to them, “Unbind him, and let him go.”

John 11:43-44

THIS WEEKEND’S WORSHIP LEADERS

INTERIM PASTOR: Pastor Kathy Brown
SOUND/VIDEO: Kristofer Twadell
ASSISTING MINISTER: Dana Larsen
SATURDAY

PIANO: Laurel Borter
TEMPLE TALK: Lisa Zanin, MET
READER: Faith Pfeiffer
COMMUNION ASSISTANTS: Tim Somers, Todd Woller
USHERS: Bob VanBendegom, Dale Brandes, Sandy Benson

SUNDAY

ORGAN: Deb Black
TEMPLE TALK: Andy Schroeder, MET
READER: Dick Sjoerdsma
ADULT CHOIR: Dr. Richard Sjoerdsma, Director;
Deb Black, Accompanist
COMMUNION ASSISTANTS: Kim & Dave Frost, Andy Schroeder
GREETER: Margaret Van Boven
USHERS: Gary Rice, Ralph Tollas, Carole Scotese, Dave Raszkiewicz, Dan Neururer and/or Doug Derginer
HOSPITALITY: Dan & Kathy Neururer

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*This weekend’s altar flowers are given  
to the Glory of God in honor of those celebrating their First  
Holy Communion this Sunday.*  
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Receiving their First Holy Communion:

Lilliana DeFranco
Emma King
Lily Pascucci
Maggie Pascucci
Sydney Rizzotto
Cedar Williamson

