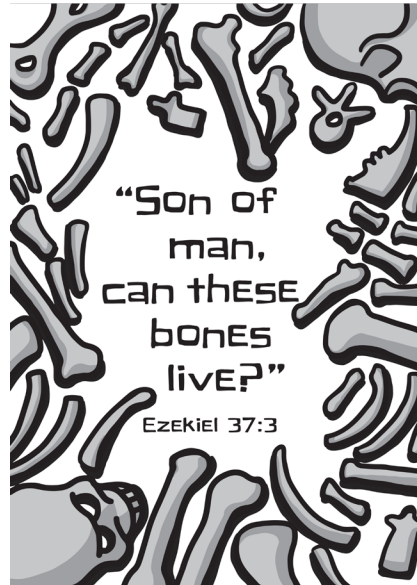


**THE FIFTH SUNDAY IN LENT – March 22, 2026
WELCOME TO OUR SAVIOR LUTHERAN CHURCH**



MISSION STATEMENT: *"See Christ Through Us"*

Our Savior Lutheran Church members, through Christ, preach, teach, listen, learn, and live so the world sees Christ through us.

WELCOME: There's a lot of reasons for God's people to be confident in our readings today. Ezekiel is questioned about the possibility of a resurrection, and sees what God can do in a vision. It's no vision when Lazarus walks out of the tomb, but a shocking display of the power of Jesus. That confidence in Christ leads Paul to proclaim that there is no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus. Through the Spirit who dwells in you through your Baptism, you can be confident in your own resurrection as well.

ENTRANCE PRAYER: *Lord of Life, You have shown Your power of death in many ways. Guard us from fear and grant us confidence in the power of Your resurrection, that we may rejoice and be glad all our days. Amen.*

AS WE GATHER: "Since death is called a sleep, we know that we shall not remain in it; but we shall awake and live again, and the time during which we sleep cannot be long. It will seem as if we had just dropped off, so that we shall rebuke ourselves for having been appalled and frightened at so fine a sleep in the hour of death. And so from grave and corruption we shall in a moment go to meet our Lord and Savior Christ in the clouds." – Martin Luther

Order of Service – Divine Service, Setting One (pages 151-166)

Organ Prelude and Opening Announcements

Stand The Opening Hymn: “My Song Is Love Unknown” **LSB #430**

- 1 My song is love unknown, My Savior’s love to me,
Love to the loveless shown That they might lovely be.
Oh, who am I That for my sake
My Lord should take Frail flesh and die?**
- 2 He came from His blest throne Salvation to bestow;
But men made strange, and none
The longed-for Christ would know.
But, oh, my friend, My friend indeed,
Who at my need His life did spend!**
- 3 Sometimes they strew His way And His sweet praises sing;
Resounding all the day Hosannas to their King.
Then “Crucify!” Is all their breath,
And for His death They thirst and cry.**
- 4 Why, what hath my Lord done? What makes this rage and spite?
He made the lame to run, He gave the blind their sight.
Sweet injuries! Yet they at these
Themselves displease And ’gainst Him rise.**
- 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 suff’ring 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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The Invocation **[Page 151]**

[P]: *In the name of the Father and of the (+) Son and of the Holy Spirit.*

[C]: **Amen.**

The Confession and Absolution of Sin [Pages 151, Left Column]

[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.**

[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.**

[P]: *In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us, and for His sake God forgives us all our sins. To those who believe in Jesus Christ He gives the power to become the children of God and bestows on them the Holy Spirit. May the Lord, who has begun this good work in us, bring it to completion in the day of our Lord Jesus Christ.*

[C]: **Amen.**

Sit The Introit: (Psalm 116:1-4, 8; antiphon: Psalm 116:15)

[P]: *Precious in the sight of the Lord is the death of his saints.*

[C]: **I love the Lord, because he has heard my voice and my pleas for mercy.**

[P]: *Because he inclined his ear to me, therefore I will call on him as long as I live.*

[C]: **The snares of death encompassed me; the pangs of Sheol laid hold on me; I suffered distress and anguish.**

[P]: *Then I called on the name of the Lord: "O Lord, I pray, deliver my soul!"*

[C]: **For you have delivered my soul from death, 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 is the death of his saints.*

The Kyrie [pages 152-153]

[P]: *In peace, let us pray to the Lord.*

[C]: **(sung) Lord, have mercy.**

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

[C]:(sung) Lord, have mercy.

[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]:(sung) Lord, have mercy.

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

[C]:(sung) Lord, have mercy.

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

[C]:(sung) Amen.

The Gloria in Excelsis **[omitted during Lent]**

As the Church contemplates the pain and suffering that sin causes for us and for our Lord, we remove the songs of praise (Gloria in Excelsis/This is the Feast, Alleluia Verse, Post-Communion Canticle) until we praise our Lord for his resurrection.

The Salutation and Collect of the Day..... **[page 156]**

[P]: *The Lord be with you.*

[C]:And also 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]:Amen.

The Old Testament Reading: (5th Sunday in Lent)..... Ezekiel 37:1-14

¹The 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. ²And he led me around among them, and behold, there were very many on the surface of the valley, and behold, they were very dry. ³And he said to me, "Son of man, can these bones live?" And I answered, "O Lord GOD, you know." ⁴Then he said to me, "Prophecy over these bones, and say to them, O dry bones, hear the word of the LORD. ⁵Thus says the Lord GOD to these bones: Behold, I will cause breath to enter you, and you shall live. ⁶And 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."

⁷So 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. ⁸And 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. ⁹Then 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." ¹⁰So I prophesied as he commanded me, and the breath came into them, and they lived and stood on their feet, an exceedingly great army.

¹¹Then 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.' ¹²Therefore 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. ¹³And you shall know that I am the LORD, when I open your graves, and raise you from your graves, O my people. ¹⁴And 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.**

The Gradual: (*Hebrews 12:2*)

[C]: **[O come, let us fix our eyes on] Jesus,
the founder and perfecter of our faith,
who for the joy that was set before him endured the cross, despising the
shame,
and is seated at the right hand of the throne of God.**

The Epistle Reading Romans 8:1-11

¹There is therefore now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus. ²For the law of the Spirit of life has set you free in Christ Jesus from the law of sin and death. ³For 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, ⁴in 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. ⁵For 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. ⁶To set the mind on the flesh is death, but to set the mind on the Spirit is life and peace. ⁷For the mind that is set on the flesh is hostile to God, for it does not submit to God's law; indeed, it cannot. ⁸Those who are in the flesh cannot please God.

⁹You, 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. ¹⁰But if Christ is in you, although the body is dead because of sin, the Spirit is life because of righteousness. ¹¹If 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.**

Stand The Verse: (*John 11:25*).....

[C]: **I am the resurrection and the life. Whoever believes in me, though he die, yet shall he live.**

The Holy Gospel..... John 11:1-45

[P]: *The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the eleventh chapter, beginning at the 1st verse.*

[C]: **Glory to You, O Lord**

¹Now a certain man was ill, Lazarus of Bethany, the village of Mary and her sister Martha. ²It was Mary who anointed the Lord with ointment and wiped his feet with her hair, whose brother Lazarus was ill. ³So the sisters sent to him, saying, "Lord, he whom you love is ill." ⁴But 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."

⁵Now Jesus loved Martha and her sister and Lazarus. ⁶So, when he heard that Lazarus was ill, he stayed two days longer in the place where he was. ⁷Then after this he said to the disciples, "Let us go to Judea again." ⁸The disciples said to him, "Rabbi, the Jews were just now seeking to stone you, and are you going there again?" ⁹Jesus 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. ¹⁰But if anyone walks in the night, he stumbles, because the light is not in him." ¹¹After saying these things, he said to them, "Our friend Lazarus has fallen asleep, but I go to awaken him." ¹²The disciples said to him, "Lord, if he has fallen asleep, he will recover." ¹³Now Jesus had spoken of his death, but they thought that he meant taking rest in sleep. ¹⁴Then Jesus told them plainly, "Lazarus has died, ¹⁵and for your sake I am glad that I was not there, so that you may believe. But let us go to him." ¹⁶So Thomas, called the Twin, said to his fellow disciples, "Let us also go, that we may die with him."

¹⁷Now when Jesus came, he found that Lazarus had already been in the tomb four days. ¹⁸Bethany was near Jerusalem, about two miles off, ¹⁹and many of the Jews had come to Martha and Mary to console them concerning their brother. ²⁰So when Martha heard that Jesus was coming, she went and met him, but Mary remained seated in the house. ²¹Martha said to Jesus, "Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died. ²²But even now I know that whatever you ask from God, God will give you." ²³Jesus said to her, "Your brother will rise again." ²⁴Martha said to him, "I know that he will rise again in the resurrection on the last day." ²⁵Jesus said to her, "I am the resurrection and the life. Whoever believes in me, though he die, yet shall he live, ²⁶and everyone who lives and believes in me shall never die. Do you

believe this?" ²⁷She said to him, "Yes, Lord; I believe that you are the Christ, the Son of God, who is coming into the world."

²⁸When she had said this, she went and called her sister Mary, saying in private, "The Teacher is here and is calling for you." ²⁹And when she heard it, she rose quickly and went to him. ³⁰Now Jesus had not yet come into the village, but was still in the place where Martha had met him. ³¹When 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. ³²Now 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." ³³When Jesus saw her weeping, and the Jews who had come with her also weeping, he was deeply moved in his spirit and greatly troubled. ³⁴And he said, "Where have you laid him?" They said to him, "Lord, come and see." ³⁵Jesus wept. ³⁶So the Jews said, "See how he loved him!" ³⁷But some of them said, "Could not he who opened the eyes of the blind man also have kept this man from dying?"

³⁸Then Jesus, deeply moved again, came to the tomb. It was a cave, and a stone lay against it. ³⁹Jesus 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." ⁴⁰Jesus said to her, "Did I not tell you that if you believed you would see the glory of God?" ⁴¹So they took away the stone. And Jesus lifted up his eyes and said, "Father, I thank you that you have heard me. ⁴²I 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." ⁴³When he had said these things, he cried out with a loud voice, "Lazarus, come out." ⁴⁴The 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."

⁴⁵Many 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.*



☐ Praise to You, O Christ.

Sit Children's Sermon

The Sermon Hymn: "O Christ, Who Shared Our Mortal Life"**LSB #552**

**1 O Christ, who shared our mortal life And ended death's long reign,
Who healed the sick and raised the dead And bore our grief and pain:
We know our years on earth are few, That death is always near.
Come now to us, O Lord of Life; Bring hope that conquers fear!**

- 9 Two weeping sisters, worn by grief And mired in depths of gloom,
 Stood watching where their brother lay Within a rock-sealed tomb.
 When, Lord, You met them as they mourned,
 You wept compassion's tear.
 But Martha, sore with sorrow, said, "He'd lived had You been here!"
- 10 "I am the Lord of life and death!" You answered Martha's cry,
 "And all who hear and trust My Word Shall live, although they die!"
 You walked the path to Laz'rus' tomb, You called him forth by name,
 And living, loving once again, From death to life he came!
- 4 Death's power holds us still in thrall And bears us toward the tomb.
 Death's dark'ning cloud hangs like a pall
 That threatens earth with doom.
 But You have broken death's embrace And torn away its sting.
 Restore to life our mortal race! Raise us, O Risen King!

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The Sermon: "Obviously!" John 11:1-45

Stand The Apostles' Creed..... [page 159]

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.

The Prayer of the Church

Sit The Offering and Hymn: "Thanks to Thee, O Christ Victorious" ...**LSB #548**

- 1 Thanks to Thee, O Christ, victorious! Thanks to Thee, O Lord of Life!
 Death hath now no power o'er us, Thou hast conquered in the strife.
 Thanks because Thou didst arise And hast opened paradise!
 None can fully sing the glory Of the resurrection story.
- 2 Thou hast died for my transgression, All my sins on Thee were laid;
 Thou hast won for me salvation, On the cross my debt was paid.
 From the grave I shall arise And shall meet Thee in the skies.
 Death itself is transitory; I shall lift my head in glory.

**3 For the joy Thine advent gave me, For Thy holy, precious Word;
 For Thy Baptism, which doth save me,
 For Thy blest Communion board;
 For Thy death, the bitter scorn, For Thy resurrection morn,
 Lord, I thank Thee and extol Thee, And in heav'n I shall behold Thee.**

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Stand The Offertory..... [pages 159-160]

C What shall I ren-der to the Lord for all His ben-e-fits to
 me? I will of - fer the sac-ri-fice of thanks-giv - ing and will
 call on the name of the Lord. I will take the cup of sal-
 va - tion and will call on the name of the Lord. I will pay my
 vows to the Lord now in the pres-ence of all His peo-ple, in the
 courts of the Lord's house, in the midst of you, O Je - ru - sa-lem.

The Lord's Prayer (prayed in unison).....[page 162, right column]

[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 Collect for the Word

[P]: *Blessed Lord, You have caused all Holy Scriptures to be written for our learning. Grant that we may so hear them, read, mark, learn and inwardly digest them that, by the patience and comfort of Your holy Word, we may*

embrace and ever hold fast the blessed hope of everlasting life; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

[C]: Amen.

The Benediction..... **[page 166]**

[P]: *The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make His face shine upon you and be gracious unto you. The Lord lift up His countenance upon you (+) and give you peace.*



The Closing Hymn: "Come, Thou Fount" **LSB #686**

- 1 Come, Thou Fount of ev'ry blessing, Tune my heart to sing Thy grace;
Streams of mercy, never ceasing, Call for songs of loudest praise.
While the hope of endless glory Fills my heart with joy and love,
Teach me ever to adore Thee; May I still Thy goodness prove.**
- 2 Here I raise my Ebenezer, Hither by Thy help I've come;
And I hope, by Thy good pleasure, Safely to arrive at home.
Jesus sought me when a stranger, Wand'ring from the fold of God;
He, to rescue me from danger, Interposed His precious blood.**
- 3 Oh, to grace how great a debtor Daily I'm constrained to be;
Let that grace now like a fetter Bind my wand'ring heart to Thee:
Prone to wander, Lord, I feel it; Prone to leave the God I love.
Here's my heart, O take and seal it, Seal it for Thy courts above.**
- 4 Oh, that day when freed from sinning, I shall see Thy lovely face;
Clothed then in the blood-washed linen,
How I'll sing Thy wondrous grace!
Come, my Lord, no longer tarry; Take my ransom'd soul away;
Send Thine angels soon to carry Me to realms of endless day.**

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Silent prayer, Extra Announcements, and Postlude Music

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