



## FIFTH SUNDAY IN LENT

Sunday, March 26, 2023



*As you enter the nave—our worship space—we ask that you remember this room is holy: Set apart for prayer and praise. Please enter this space with reverence and keep silence, so that you may quiet your mind and be prepared for worship.*

H82 is the shorter hymnal which says “The Hymnal 1982” on the front and spine.  
ELW is the slightly taller hymnal which says “Worship” on the spine.

### PRELUDE

— *All stand and face the font as the bell is tolled.*

### CONFESSION & FORGIVENESS

*Presider* In the name of the Father, and of the + Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

*All* **Amen**

*Presider* Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

*All* **Most merciful God, we confess that 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 are truly sorry and we humbly repent. For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us; that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your Name. Amen.**

*Presider* Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life.

*All* **Amen**

**PROCESSIONAL HYMN** “O For a Thousand Tongues to Sing”

H82 #493

### OPENING ACCLAMATION

*Presider* Bless the Lord who forgives all our sins.

*All* **His mercy endures forever.**

### TRISAGION

*in front section of H82 #S 102*

*All* **Holy God, Holy and Mighty, Holy Immortal One, Have mercy upon us. (x3)**

### COLLECT OF THE DAY

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

*All* **And also with you.**

*Presider* Let us pray.

Almighty God, you alone can bring into order the unruly wills and affections of sinners: Grant your people grace to love what you command and desire what you promise; hat, among the swift and varied changes of the world, our hearts may surely there be fixed where true joys are to be found; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

*All* **Amen**

— *All are seated.*

### FIRST READING: Ezekiel 37:1-14

*Reader* A reading from the Prophet Ezekiel

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, “Prophecy 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, “Prophecy to the breath, prophecy, 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 prophecy, 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.

*Reader* The Word of the Lord.

*All* **Thanks be God.**

### PSALM 130

*Sung by all in unison*



**Out of the depths have I called to you; O God, | hear my voice; \*  
let your ears consider well the voice of my | supplication.**

**If you were to note what is | done amiss, \*  
O God, | who could stand?**

**For there is forgive- | ness with you, \*  
therefore you | shall be feared.**

**I wait for you, O God; my soul | waits for you; \*  
in your word | is my hope.**

**My soul waits for you, more than sentries | for the morning, \*  
more than sentries | for the morning.**

**O Israel, wait | upon God, \*  
for with God | there is mercy.**

**With God there is plent- | eous redemption; \*  
God shall redeem Israel from | all their sins.**

### SECOND READING: Romans 8:6-11

*Reader* A reading from the letter of Paul to the Romans

To set the mind on the flesh is death, but to set the mind on the Spirit is life and peace. For this reason the mind that is set on the flesh is hostile to God; it does not submit to God’s law—indeed it cannot, and those who are in the flesh cannot please God. But you are not in the flesh; you are in the Spirit, since the Spirit of God dwells in you. Anyone who does not have the Spirit of Christ does not belong to him. But if Christ is in you, though the body is dead because of sin, the Spirit is life because of righteousness. If the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, he who raised Christ from the dead will give life to your mortal bodies also through his Spirit that dwells in you.

Reader The Word of the Lord.  
All **Thanks be God.**

— *All stand.*

### GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

*Cantor introduces refrain, then is joined by all*



Cantor Glo - ry to you, O Word of God, Lord Je - sus Christ.  
I am the resurrection | and the life; \*  
whoever believes in me will | never die. *All repeat refrain.*

### GOSPEL: John 11:1-45

Reader The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John  
All **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

Now a certain man was ill, Lazarus of Bethany, the village of Mary and her sister Martha. Mary was the one who anointed the Lord with perfume and wiped his feet with her hair; her brother Lazarus was ill. So the sisters sent a message to Jesus, "Lord, he whom you love is ill." But when Jesus heard it, he said, "This illness does not lead to death; rather it is for God's glory, so that the Son of God may be glorified through it." Accordingly, though Jesus loved Martha and her sister and Lazarus, after having heard that Lazarus was ill, he stayed two days longer in the place where he was. Then after this he said to the disciples, "Let us go to Judea again." The disciples said to him, "Rabbi, the Jews were just now trying to stone you, and are you going there again?" Jesus answered, "Are there not twelve hours of daylight? Those who walk during the day do not stumble, because they see the light of this world. But those who walk at night stumble, because the light is not in them." After saying this, he told them, "Our friend Lazarus has fallen asleep, but I am going there to awaken him." The disciples said to him, "Lord, if he has fallen asleep, he will be all right." Jesus, however, had been speaking about his death, but they thought that he was referring merely to sleep. Then Jesus told them plainly, "Lazarus is dead. For your sake I am glad I was not there, so that you may believe. But let us go to him." Thomas, who was called the Twin, said to his fellow disciples, "Let us also go, that we may die with him." When Jesus arrived, he found that Lazarus had already been in the tomb four days. Now Bethany was near Jerusalem, some two miles away, and many of the Jews had come to Martha and Mary to console them about their brother. When Martha heard that Jesus was coming, she went and met him, while Mary stayed at home. Martha said to Jesus, "Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died. But even now I know that God will give you whatever you ask of him." Jesus said to her, "Your brother will rise again." Martha said to him, "I know that he will rise again in the resurrection on the last day." Jesus said to her, "I am the resurrection and the life. Those who believe in me, even though they die, will live, and everyone who lives and believes in me will never die. Do you believe this?" She said to him, "Yes, Lord, I believe that you are the Messiah, the Son of God, the one coming into the world." When she had said this, she went back and called her sister Mary, and told her privately, "The Teacher is here and is calling for you." And when she heard it, she got up quickly and went to him. Now Jesus had not yet come to the village, but was still at the place where Martha had met him. The Jews who were with her in the house, consoling her, saw Mary get up quickly and go out. They followed her because they thought that she was going to the tomb to weep there. When Mary came where Jesus was and saw him, she knelt at his feet and said to him, "Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died." When Jesus saw her weeping, and the Jews who came with her also weeping, he was greatly disturbed in spirit and deeply moved. He said, "Where have you laid him?" They said to him, "Lord, come and see." Jesus began to weep. So 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?" Then Jesus, again greatly disturbed, came to the tomb. It was a cave, and a stone was lying against it. Jesus said, "Take away the stone." Martha, the sister of the dead man, said to him, "Lord, already there is a stench because he has been dead four days." Jesus said to her, "Did I not tell you that if you believed, you would see the glory of God?" So they took away the stone. And Jesus looked upward and said, "Father, I thank you for having heard me. I knew that you always hear me, but I have said

this for the sake of the crowd standing here, so that they may believe that you sent me." When he had said this, he cried with a loud voice, "Lazarus, come out!" The 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." Many of the Jews therefore, who had come with Mary and had seen what Jesus did, believed in him.

Reader The Gospel of the Lord.  
All **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

— *All are seated at the invitation of the preacher.*

### SERMON

*Rev. Tim Burger*

— *A moment of silence and reflection is observed. All stand with the Presider.*

### HYMN OF THE DAY

*"What Wondrous Love Is This"*

ELW #666

### NICENE CREED

All **We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father; through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary and became truly human. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

— *All stand or kneel.*

### PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Intercessor With the whole people of God in Christ Jesus, let us pray for the church, those in need, and all of God's creation.

*After each petition:*

Intercessor Lord, in your mercy,  
All **hear our prayer.**

*The Presider adds a concluding Collect. All respond 'Amen'.*

— *All stand.*

### PEACE

Presider The peace of the Lord be always with you.

All **And also with you.**

*The congregation is invited to greet one another with the peace of Christ.*

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### OFFERTORY

*Alms basins will be passed during the Offertory. If you don't carry cash or a check, you can give online at our website, or by texting "give" to 229.384.0050. Thank you for your generosity!*

### ANTHEM

*"And No Bird Sang"*

*by Douglas E. Wagner*

— *All stand.*

### OFFERTORY CANTICLE

*"Create in Me a Clean Heart"*

**ELW #188**

*All*

**Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me.  
Cast me not away from your presence, and take not your Holy Spirit from me.  
Restore unto me the joy of your salvation, and uphold me with your free Spirit.**

### GREAT THANKSGIVING – PREFACE

*Presider* The Lord be with you.

*All* **And also with you.**

*Presider* Lift up your hearts.

*All* **We lift them to the Lord.**

*Presider* Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

*All* **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

*Presider* It is right, and a good and joyful thing,...for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

### GREAT THANKSGIVING – SANCTUS

*in front section of H82 #S 129*

*All*

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory.  
Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.**

— *All stand or kneel.*

### GREAT THANKSGIVING – EUCHARISTIC PRAYER 2

*Enriching Our Worship, pg. 60*

*Presider* Glory and honor and praise to you, holy and...to you be honor, glory, and praise, for ever and ever.

*All* **AMEN**

### LORD'S PRAYER

*Presider* And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

*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**

### FRACTION ANTHEM

*"Lamb of God"*

*in front section of H82 #S 163*

*All*

**Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world: have mercy on us.  
Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world: have mercy on us.  
Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world: grant us peace.**

— *The Presider will invite the congregation to commune, after which all are seated.*

## HOLY COMMUNION

*At the direction of the ushers, you are invited to come forward for Holy Communion to the altar rail. If you wish to receive bread only and/or wine from the common cup (chalice), please place your hands open in front of you. If you wish to receive by having the bread dipped and place on your tongue (intinction), please leave your hands on the rail or by your side.*

### COMMUNION HYMN I

*"I Am the Bread of Life"*

**H82 #335**

### COMMUNION HYMN II

*"Ye Who Claim the Faith of Jesus"*

**H82 #268**

— *All stand at the direction of the Presider.*

### PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

*Presider* Let us pray.

*All*

**Eternal God, heavenly Father, you have graciously accepted us as living members of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ, and you have fed us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood. Send us now into the world in peace, and grant us strength and courage to love and serve you with gladness and singleness of heart; through Christ our Lord. Amen**

### BLESSING

*The Presider proclaims God's blessing. All respond 'Amen'.*

### SENDING HYMN

*"Let Us Ever Walk with Jesus"*

**ELW #802**

### DISMISSAL

*Presider* Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

*All*

**Thanks be to God.**

### POSTLUDE

*Please join us for fellowship in the Parish Hall next door following the worship service.*

## PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

LEM TRAINING | All who are interested in learning more about being a Lay Eucharistic Minister are invited to join us for a training session today following the worship service!

OUTREACH COMMISSION | Meeting today in the All Saints' Room following the worship service.

ANNUAL YARD SALE | We need volunteers for this year's sale! While this event is sponsored by the ELCW, we need support from the whole parish. The 2023 sale will be held Saturday, April 1. Here's what we need from you:

- Are you or someone you know anticipating donating items to the sale?
- Volunteers to set-up and price items before the sale during the week of March 27
- Volunteers to help on the floor during the sale, April 1, 7.30a-12n
- Volunteers to clean up after the sale, April 1, 12n-2p

So we can move forward in our planning we need your responses soon! Please contact Aida Cerney if any of the above sounds like you! You can call her at home: 229.878.1514; on her cell: 229.343.5518; or E-mail her at: aida224@mediacombb.net. Thank you for your help, and we look forward to our success this year!

**EASTER FLOWERS** | If you wish to remember before God the special people in your lives in thanksgiving and/or memory, please fill out our order forms located in the Narthex. Attached your check made payable to “St. Patrick’s Flowers”, and place in the alms basin or mail to the Church Office. The deadline to receive memorials is Sunday, April 2. The cost is \$15; if that is a concern for you, please contact the Parish Office.

**EASTER OUTREACH** | It’s that time of year again! Please help us by donating supplies for creating Easter baskets for the children of Liberty House. We **DO NOT** need grass or plastic eggs! We do, however, need baskets, wrapped candies, small toys, small books, basket wrap and jellybeans. The last day to receive donations is Palm Sunday, April 2. Easter baskets will be assembled and prepared following that Sunday’s worship.

**SIGN-UP SHEETS** | As we prepare to celebrate the season of Easter, new sign-up sheets are available in the Parish Hall for coffee hour hosts as well as flower donations. Please sign-up today!

**PARISH OFFICE** | As a reminder, the office is open Tuesday through Thursday, 10a to 2p. The deadline to receive notices for the E-mail and bulletin is Thursdays at 10a.

**CHILDREN’S CHURCH** | Every Sunday at 10a during the first half of our worship service children are invited to Sunday School in the Children’s Classroom of the Parish Hall building. Here they will learn and do activities related to the lessons for that Sunday, and then they will return to worship with us beginning at the Offertory!

**NEIGHBORS IN NEED** | Items needed: Canned potatoes, canned tuna, cereal, microwaveable foods, soup (all sizes)

**PARISH SCHEDULE**

March 26	Inquirer’s Class	9:00 AM
	Lent V – Holy Eucharist	10:00 AM
	LEM Training	11:00 AM
	Outreach Commission	11:00 AM
March 27	St. Clare’s Soup Kitchen	9:00 AM
March 29	Bible Study & Evening Prayer	6:00 PM
	Choir Rehearsal	7:00 PM
April 1	Annual Yard Sale	<i>starts at</i> 7:30 AM
April 2	Inquirers’ Class	9:00 AM
	Palm Sunday – Holy Eucharist	10:00 AM
	First Sunday Brunch	11:00 AM
April 3	ELCW Meeting	12:00 PM
April 6	Holy Thursday – Holy Eucharist	6:00 PM
April 7	Good Friday – Liturgy	6:00 PM
April 8	Easter Vigil at Saint Paul’s	TBD
April 9	Easter – Holy Eucharist	10:00 AM
	Vestry Meeting	<i>cancelled</i>
April 14	Plant Exchange Meeting/Set-up	TBD
April 15	Albany Plant Exchange	TBD
	Girl Scout Troop #40276 Meeting	12:00 PM
April 16	Easter II – Holy Eucharist	10:00 AM

**MARCH CELEBRATIONS**

**BAPTISMAL ANNIVERSARY:**

**1st** – Loretta Williamson **4th** – Bob Baranko **8th** – Kristin Jones **19th** – Barbara Cumbee **26th** – Seth Daniels

**BIRTHDAY:**

**1st** – Bobbye Pruet **2nd** – Mike Brunson, Sam Williamson **3rd** – Kearsten Jones **7th** – Le Anna Walton  
**8th** – Teresa Jones **14th** – Kristi Baranko **16th** – Tom Shapard **19th** – Anne Wilson **20th** – Lauren Williamson  
**22nd** – Georgeanne McPeters **28th** – Davis Goodin **31st** – Lesia Irvin

**WEDDING ANNIVERSARY**

**11th** – Clay & Libby Sisson **13th** – Ann & Bill Young **15th** – Bert & Kristi Baranko  
**23rd** – Brian & Loretta Williamson

**KEEP IN PRAYER**

Myra Hundley, the family of Pat Hundley, Sam Stringer, Jeff Williamson, Michael Brunson, Albert Timmons, Stephen J., Butch Tiell, Suzanne Orndorff, Elsbeth Hebert, the Wingo Family, Stacey Fleming-Weeks, Vivian Fleming, M. Johnson, Bonnie & Charlie Hough, David Hogue, Tom Borst, Shavonya Wade, Steve Williams, Gary Shafer, Sue Young, Jessie, Ann Young, Doris Alley, Donna Timmons, Gene S., Jackie Powell, Peggy Hamlin, Tom Driggers, Steve & Nancy Jackson, Michael Price, Steve Tanner, Jessica Thompson, Micki Hundley Addleman, Maxx Bourgeault, Savannah Esway, Jay Howard & Family, Jim Howard, Al Seely-Wilson, and Evie Tsisis.

<b><u>SERVING IN WORSHIP</u></b>	<b><u>TODAY</u></b>	<b><u>NEXT SUNDAY</u></b>
<b>COFFEE HOUR:</b>	Joe & Sandy Wingard	First Sunday Brunch
<b>ALTAR GUILD:</b>	Sandra Rowe, Loretta Williamson	Joyce Bridges-Judkins, Elaine White, Marian White
	–	Libby Sisson
<b>GREETERS:</b>	Aida Cerney	Howard Glover, Jim Kempf
<b>USHERS:</b>	Bob Cerney, Jim Kempf	Lucas Wingard
<b>A/V TEAM:</b>	Lucas Wingard	Steve Kender
<b>READERS:</b>	Sam & Tracy Stringer	Kennedy Hackett
<b>ACOLYTES:</b>	Daniella Okafor, Emmanuella Okafor	–
<b>CHALICE ADMINISTRATOR:</b>	Stacey Driggers	Lamon Brand
<b>VERGER:</b>	Carolyn Brunson	Carolyn Brunson

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