

Joy Mission Church
5th Sunday in Lent
3/29/20

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GOD GATHERS US AS HIS PEOPLE IN EVERY PLACE

During Lent we remember Jesus' 40 days of temptation and His journey to the cross, as we fast, pray, and give to the needy. This season is a time to repent from sin and return to the Lord.

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

In remembrance of Baptism, we trace the sign of the cross on our chest or forehead.

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

Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy name, though Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

Silence is kept for reflection and meditation.

Most merciful God, we confess that we are in bondage to sin and cannot free ourselves. 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. 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.

Almighty God, in his mercy, has given his Son to die for us and, for his sake, forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained minister of the Church of Christ and by his authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the + Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

GATHERING HYMN: In the Hour of Trial (also in LBW #106)

1 In the hour of tri - al, Je - sus, plead for me,
 2 With for - bid - den plea - sures Should this vain world charm,
 3 Should thy mer - cy send me Sor - row, toil, and woe,

Lest by base de - ni - al I de - part from thee.
 Or its sor - did trea - sures Spread to work me harm,
 Or should pain at - tend me On my path be - low,

When thou seest me wa - ver, With a look re - call;
 Bring to my re - mem - brance Sad Geth - sem - a - ne,
 Grant that I may nev - er Fail thy hand to see;

Nor from fear or fa - vor Suf - fer me to fall.
 Or, in dark - er sem - blance, Cross-crowned Cal - va - ry.
 Grant that I may ev - er Cast my care on thee.

Text: James Montgomery, 1771 - 1854
 Tune: Spencer Lane, 1843 -1903

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AFFIRMATION OF PURPOSE

Matthew 28:18-20, 22:36-39; Mark 12:30-31

We are Joy Mission Church, missionary-disciples of Jesus Christ.
We love God, love neighbor, and serve with joy in Jesus' name.

APOSTOLIC GREETING

2 Corinthians 13:14

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.**

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Matthew 9:27, 15:22; Psalm 51:1

Spoken by pastor and congregation.

In peace,
let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, have mercy.**

For the peace from above, and for our salvation,
let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, have mercy.**

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. **Lord, have mercy.**

For this holy house, and for all who offer their worship and praise,
let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, have mercy.**

Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord. **Amen.**

SALUTATION & PRAYER OF THE DAY

Spoken by pastor and congregation.

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.

Let us pray.
Almighty God, **grant help and healing to all who are in need. Comfort our anxious minds and speak peace to our troubled hearts, that casting all our cares on you, we may press on in faith, trusting in your mercy; through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

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GOD SPEAKS TO US IN HIS WORD

FIRST READING: 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, "Prophesy 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, "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." 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 indeed cut off.' ¹²Therefore 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. 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."

The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM 130

Sung responsively with the cantor.

- ¹ Out of the depths I cry to you, O LORD! Lord, | hear my voice!*
- Let your ears consider well the voice of my | supplication.
- ² **If you, LORD, were to note what is | done amiss,***
O Lord, | who could stand?
- ³ For there is forgive- | ness, in you;*
- therefore you | shall be feared.
- ⁴ **I wait for the LORD; my soul | waits for him;***
in his word | is my hope.
- ⁵ My soul waits for the Lord
more than watchmen | for the morning,*
more than watchmen | for the morning.
- ⁶ **O Israel, wait | for the LORD,***
for with the LORD | there is mercy;
- ⁷ with him is plenti- | ful redemption,*
and he shall redeem Israel from | all their sins.

SECOND 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. ⁶For to 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.

The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION & ANNUNCIATION

Spoken by pastor and congregation.

Joel 2:13

We read together a verse from Joel: **Return to the Lord your God, for he is gracious and merciful, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love, and abounding in steadfast love.**

The Holy Gospel according to St. John the eleventh chapter. **Glory to you, O Lord.**

Gospel: John 11:1-45

¹Now a certain man was ill, Lazarus of Bethany, the village of ²Mary and her sister Martha. It was Mary who anointed the Lord with ointment and wiped his feet with her hair, whose brother ³Lazarus was ill. So 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 ³⁰and went to him. Now 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...

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

CHILDREN’S SERMON

SERMON

SERMON HYMN: Savior, When in Dust to You (also in LBW #91)

1 Sav - ior, when in dust to you Low we bow in hom - age due;
 2 By your help - less in - fant years, By your life of want and tears,
 3 By your hour of dire de - spair, By your ag - o - ny of prayer,
 4 By your deep ex - pir - ing groan, By the sad se - pul - chral stone,

When, re - pen - tant, to the skies Scarce we lift our weep - ing eyes;
 By your days of deep dis - tress In the sav - age wil - der - ness,
 By the cross, the nail, the thorn, Pierc - ing spear, and tor - turing scorn,
 By the vault whose dark a - bode Held in vain the ris - ing God,

Oh, by all your pains and woe Suf - fered once for us be - low,
 By the dread, mys - te - rious hour Of the in - sult - ing tempt - er's pow'r,
 By the gloom that veiled the skies O'er the dread - ful sac - ri - fice,
 Oh, from earth to heav'n re - stored, Might - y, re - as - cend - ed Lord,

Bend - ing from your throne on high, Hear our pen - i - ten - tial cry!
 Turn, oh, turn a fa - v'ring eye; Hear our pen - i - ten - tial cry!
 Lis - ten to our hum - ble sigh; Hear our pen - i - ten - tial cry!
 Bend - ing from your throne on high, Hear our pen - i - ten - tial cry!

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GOD INVITES US TO RESPOND IN FAITH

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Genesis 1-2; John 3:16; Luke 2; Acts 2

Living together in trust and hope, we confess our faith.

**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;
by the power of the Holy Spirit he became incarnate
from the virgin Mary, and was made man.**

**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.
With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified.
He 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.**

OFFERING OF PEACE

John 20:19-21

The peace of the Lord be with you always. **And also with you.**

We share the peace of Christ with those in our household.

OFFERTORY

Psalm 51

Spoken by pastor and congregation.

We read together from Psalm 51: 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 to me the joy of your salvation, and uphold me with your free Spirit.

PRAYERS

Let us pray.

O God of mercy, you hear the cries of those who are in need. We pray for your Church on earth, that she may not be silent in these trying times, but rather, speak your Word more boldly and point the way to salvation through Jesus Christ.

Lord in your mercy. **Hear our prayer.**

Loving God, you comfort every anxious heart. We pray for your peace to rest upon this and every nation. Fill us with faith instead of fear and teach us to trust and love you more. We pray for parents and students, for healthcare workers and researchers, for the unemployed or underemployed, and for our president and other leaders. Give to all your wisdom, strength, and compassion.

Lord in your mercy. **Hear our prayer.**

Gracious Father, you call us to love and care for one another. When we cannot be close physically, keep us close to you in the Spirit. We pray for all who need your tender care and gifts of healing and health, for our congregational prayer list, *most especially... We pray also for those who do not yet know Jesus, those living in fear, those suffering from coronavirus, and for those who are most vulnerable*, as well as any others whom we lift aloud of hold in the silence of our hearts...

Lord in your mercy. **Hear our prayer.**

Almighty Lord, pour out upon us your mercy and grace, that redeemed in soul and body, we may remain steadfast in faith and ever praise your holy name; through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord. **Amen.**

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Matthew 6:9-13; Luke 11:2-4

Lord, remember us in your kingdom, and teach us to pray...

**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.**

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GOD SENDS US FORTH TO SERVE

BLESSING

Numbers 6:24-26

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 give you peace. In the name of the Father, and of the + Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

SENDING HYMN: O Master, Let Me Walk with You (also in LBW #492)

1 O Mas - ter, let me walk with thee
 2 Help me the slow of heart to move
 3 Teach me thy pa - tience; still with thee
 4 In hope that sends a shin - ing ray

In low - ly paths of ser - vice free;
 By some clear, win - ning word of love;
 In clos - er, dear - er com - pa - ny,
 Far down the fu - ture's broad - 'ning way,

Tell me thy se - cret; help me bear
 Teach me the way - ward feet to stay,
 In work that keeps faith sweet and strong,
 In peace that on - ly thou canst give;

The strain of toil, the fret of care.
 And guide them in the home - ward way.
 In trust that tri - umphs o - ver wrong.
 With thee, O Mas - ter, let me live.

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LENTEN HYMN: Jesus, Remember Me

Luke 23:42

Sing 3 times.

Jesus, remember me; when you come into your kingdom.

Jesus, remember me; when you come into your kingdom.

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Trust in the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

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WELCOME! We are delighted to have you with us today!

Love God. Love neighbor.

Serve with joy in Jesus' name.

worship + fellowship + discipleship

Who We Are - As a mission congregation of the North American Lutheran Church we hold these four core values to be: **Christ Centered, Mission Driven, Traditionally Grounded, & Congregationally Focused.**

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