Psalm 130

1 Out of the depths I cry to you, O LORD.
2 LORD, hear my voice!
   Let your ears be attentive
   to the voice of my supplications!
3 If you, O LORD, should mark iniquities,
   LORD, who could stand?
4 But there is forgiveness with you,
   so that you may be revered.
5 I wait for the LORD, my soul waits,
   and in his word I hope;
6 my soul waits for the LORD
   more than those who watch for the morning,
   more than those who watch for the morning.
7 O Israel, hope in the LORD!
   For with the LORD there is steadfast love,
   and with him is great power to redeem.
8 It is he who will redeem Israel
   from all its iniquities.

Fifth Sunday in Lent
March 29, 2020
WELCOME TO EMMANUEL LUTHERAN CHURCH

INTRODUCTION
In today’s gospel Jesus reveals his power over death by raising Lazarus from the dead. The prophet Ezekiel prophesies God breathing new life into dry bones. To those in exile or living in the shadows of death, these stories proclaim God's promise of resurrection. In baptism we die with Christ that we might also be raised with him to new life.

Prelude
Adagio for Strings
Samuel Barber

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

TRINITARIAN CHIMES

The assembly stands.

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

All may make the sign of the cross, the sign marked at baptism, as the presiding minister begins.

Blessed be the holy Trinity, one God, who is present, who gives life, who calls into existence the things that do not exist.

Amen.

If you were to keep watch over sins, O Lord, who could stand? Yet with you is forgiveness, and so we confess.

Silence is kept for reflection. The assembly may stand or kneel.
Gracious God, have mercy on us.
We confess that we have turned away from you, knowingly and unknowingly.
We have wandered from your resurrection life.
We have strayed from your love for all people.
Turn us back to you, O God.
Give us new hearts and right spirits, that we may find what is pleasing to you and dwell in your house forever. Amen.

Receive good news: God turns to you in love.
“I will put my spirit in you, and you shall live,” says our God.
All your sin is forgiven in the name of Jesus Christ, who is the free and abounding gift of God’s grace for you.
Amen.

GATHERING SONG

Jesus Is a Rock in a Weary Land

ELW 333

GREETING

The free gift of grace in Jesus Christ, the reconciling love of God, and the life and peace of the Holy Spirit be with you all.
And also with you.

HOLY GOD

* Music notation for Holy, holy, holy God, holy and mighty.*

* Music notation for holy and immortal, have mercy on us.*
PRAYER OF THE DAY
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.

The assembly is seated.
FIRST READING: Ezekiel 37:1–14  
(Please turn to page 898 in the Old Testament of your pew Bible).
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."

The word of the Lord.  
Thanks be to God.
SECOND READING: Romans 8:6-11  
(Please turn to page 164 in the New Testament of your pew Bible).
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.

The word of the Lord.  
Thanks be to God.

The assembly stands to welcome the gospel.
GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

I am the resurrection and the life, whoever believes in me will never die. (John 11: 25, 26)  
(REPEAT GOSPEL ACCLAMATION)
GOSPEL: John 11: 1-45
(Please turn to page 108 in the New Testament of your pew Bible).

The holy gospel according to John, the eleventh chapter.
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.

SERMON
Pastor Will Kittinger

HYMN OF THE DAY: I Am the Bread of Life ELW 485

THE 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.

*Or, "he descended into hell," another translation of this text in widespread use.
PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION
Turning our hearts to God who is gracious and merciful, we pray for the church, the world, and all who are in need. *Hear us, O God, Your mercy is great.*

Congregational refrain: “Bless the Lord, My Soul”

We bring to you, Christ, members and friends of Emmanuel who need your healing touch.

*(Names from our congregation…)*

*Into your loving hands, gracious God, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your abundant mercy, through Jesus Christ our risen Savior. Amen.*

Congregational refrain: “*Bless the Lord, My Soul*”

PEACE

The presiding minister and the assembly greet each other in the peace of the risen Christ.

The peace of Christ be with you always.

*And also with you.*

The people may greet one another with a sign of Christ's peace, and may say, "Peace be with you," or similar words.

The assembly is seated.

OFFERING

An offering is gathered for the mission of the church, including the care of those in need.

*During this time, the table is set.*
OFFERTORY

The assembly stands.

OFFERING PRAYER
Let us pray.
Holy and generous host,
you set a table where we feast as friends.
Prepare us to witness to your goodness
with every gift you have given us to share,
that all people may know your peace
through Jesus Christ, now and forever.
Amen.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

DIALOGUE

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy,
that we should at all times and in all places
give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God,
through our Savior Jesus Christ.
You call your people to cleanse their hearts
and prepare with joy for the paschal feast,
that, renewed in the gift of baptism,
we may come to the fullness of your grace.
And so, with all the choirs of angels,
with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven,
we praise your name and join their unending hymn:
SANCTUS: HOLY, HOLY, HOLY

Holy, holy, holy Lord(116,39),(883,930),
God of pow’r and might,
Heaven and earth are full,
Of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest,
Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is he who comes
In the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest,
Hosanna in the highest.
Thanksgiving at the Table

In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying: This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me.

Lord’s Prayer

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

God’s love is poured out in Christ for you. Open yourselves to receive it.

Communion

When giving the bread and cup, the communion ministers say The body of Christ, given for you. The blood of Christ, shed for you, and each person may respond Amen.
COMMUNION SONG

COMMUNION HYMN:

In Christ Alone

Set My Heart

Alive Band

The assembly stands.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.

Amen.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Let us pray.

We thank you, living God,

for the body and blood of your Son,

which sustains us in the wilderness and the garden alike.

As Christ has loved us in this feast,

so send us to love Christ in our neighbors.

In Jesus’ name we pray.

Amen.

BLESSING

Now is the acceptable time.

Now is the day of salvation.

Holy God,

speaking, spoken, and inspiring,

bless you, unbind you,

and send you in love and in peace.

Amen.
The Word of God is Source and Seed
(tune: Jesus Shall Reign)

Vs. 1
The Word of God is source and seed;
It comes to die and sprout and grow.
So make your dark earth welcome warm;
Root deep the grain God bent to sow.

Vs. 2
The Word of God is breath and life;
It comes to heal and wake and save.
So let the Spirit touch and mend
And rouse your dry bones from their grave.

Vs. 3
The Word of God is flesh and grace,
Who comes to sing, to laugh and cry.
So dare to be as Jesus was,
Who came to live and love and die.

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DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Share the good news.
Thanks be to God.

A Mighty Fortress Is Our God
Luther/arr. Hughes

During Lent we do not have flowers on the Altar.