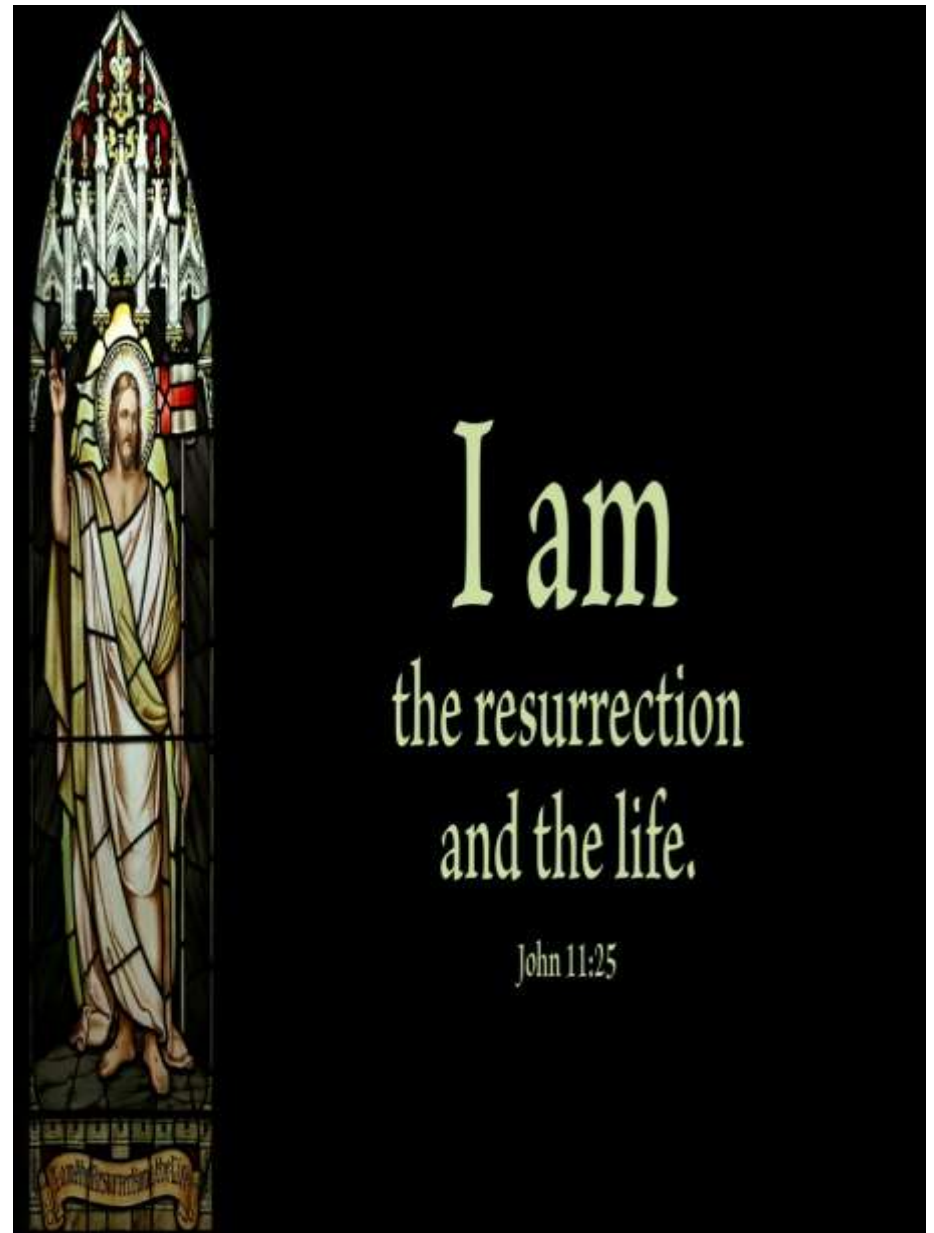


PARISH CONCERNS

Please keep in your daily prayers all people in need, including those mentioned here:

- Aiden Atkinson's tonsillectomy and adenoidectomy have been postponed.
- Carolyn Peterson has broken her hip and is back at Pine Acres. She is comfortable. She has been pleased with all the cards she is receiving!
- Fred Goltermann has received a pacemaker on Tuesday, March 24. All is well and he is home. He and Judy would appreciate prayers. Their address is: 555 Mission Hill Run, New Braunfels, TX. 78132-4766
- All those who are working to provide essential services during this crisis.
- Jo Boehmer's niece, Jackie, is an RN working on the COVID floor at St. Mary's Hospital in Madison. She is Jo's age, at high risk due to diabetes, and plans on retiring in June.
- All who are affected by this crisis!
- All suffering serious physical or mental illness or injury, dementia, chronic pain, anxiety, depression, or addictions, and their families, caregivers, and medical teams.
- All pregnant women and the babies they are carrying.
- All victims of natural disasters, violent crimes, and accidents.
- May God bless America, our president, elected leaders, police officers, first responders, and military personnel, that they hear and receive God's guidance and protection.
- Our church and its activities, and all Christian churches.
- Persecuted Christians throughout the world.
- The NALC, NALS, the Great Rivers Mission District, all Christian churches, and our partners in SC and PA.



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LBW – green hymnal WOV – navy hymnal *Please stand as able.

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

*Brief Order for Public Confession P.98

*Sharing of Peace

*Opening Hymn: “O God, Our Help in Ages Past” LBW 320

*Apostolic Greeting and Kyrie P.99

*Glory to God in the Highest P.100

*Prayer of the Day

Holy One, your Son came into this world bringing salvation and life to all who believe. May your Spirit breathe life into the dry bones of our lives so that we may follow and serve you in newness of life; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Children's Sermon

First Reading Ezekiel 37:1-14

Psalm 142 (Read responsively by half verse) p. 285

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*Lenten Sentence P.104

*Gospel John 11:1-53

Pulpit Hymn: “I Am the Bread of Life” vv. 1, 4 & 5 WOV 702

Sermon: Based on the Gospel

“I AM THE RESURRECTION AND THE LIFE”

*Hymn of the Day: “I Am the Resurrection” BC 265

Apostles’ Creed P.106

Offering

*Create in Me A Clean Heart (Back Hymnal Cover)

*Prayers P.106

For Life to Dry Bones

God of Creation, you are a wonderful God who fashioned the universe and all its living creatures in such glory and splendor.

Bring new life, we pray, to those dry, brittle, dead bones in our lives.

Bring our spirits back to you that we might worship and adore you with all our hearts.

Lord in your mercy. Hear our prayer.

For The Spirit’s Leading

God of Mercy, pour out the gift of your Holy Spirit on your church. Grant us insight, creativity, and patience as we work for the expansion and glory of your kingdom here on earth. Fill us with energy, wisdom, and a confidence that only comes from your guiding love in our lives. Lord in your mercy. Hear our prayer.

For Resurrection Life

God of Life, you are the one who breathes life into us in our first breath. Your Son, Jesus, brought Lazarus back from the dead to show the world what was soon to happen to him at Calvary and then the empty tomb. Let us hold firmly in faith, the knowledge that you are the God of both the living and the dead and though we die, yet shall we live in you. Lord in your mercy. Hear our prayer.

For Renewed Health

Gracious Lord, we come to you with petitions for those who are suffering. Keep a watchful eye on them and remind them of your never-failing presence with them. Give strength and patience to their care-givers and help them to trust in your promise of new life. [We pray especially for ...] Lord in your mercy. Hear our prayer.

*The Lord’s Prayer P.113

*Closing Hymn: “Precious Lord, Take My Hand” WOV 731

*Benediction

*Threefold Amen

*Pastor: Go in Peace, Serve the Lord!

*Congregation: Thanks be to God!

Postlude

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."

Psalm 130 (Together in Unison)

LBW p. 281

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.

Gospel: John 11:1-53

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, ⁴⁶but some of them went to the Pharisees and told them what Jesus had done. ⁴⁷So the chief priests and the Pharisees gathered the council and said, "What are we to do? For this man performs many signs. ⁴⁸If we let him go on like this, everyone will believe in him, and the Romans will come and take away both our place and our nation." ⁴⁹But one of them, Caiaphas, who was high priest that year, said to them, "You know nothing at all. ⁵⁰Nor do you understand that it is better for you that one man should die for the people, not that the whole nation should perish." ⁵¹He did not say this of his own accord, but being high priest that year he prophesied that Jesus would die for the nation, ⁵²and not for the nation only, but also to gather into one the children of God who are scattered abroad. ⁵³So from that day on they made plans to put him to death.

Lessons for Next Week:

John 12:12-19; Isaiah 50:4-9a; Psalm 118:19-29; Philippians 2:5-11;

Matthew 26:1-27:66