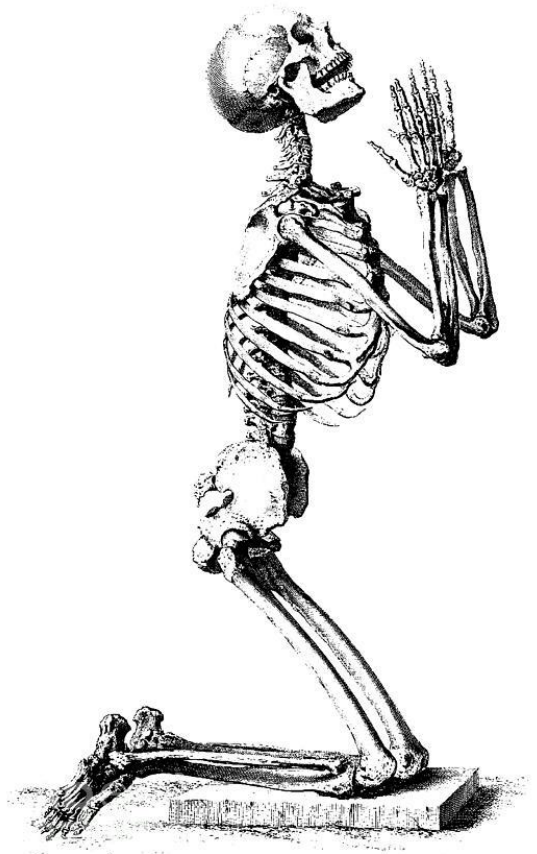


Our Saviour

Lutheran Church



“Thus says the LORD: I will put my Spirit within you, and you shall live.”

Saturday Service
The Fifth Week in Lent
25 March 2023
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*A Communion Service in the style of
the Community at Taizé, France*

For the musical setting of hymns marked with “ELW”, look in the red *Evangelical Lutheran Worship* hymnal and for the musical setting of hymns marked with “W&P” look in the purple *Worship & Praise* paperback songbook. Both can be found in the pew backs.

GATHERING

Gathering Song

The Lord Is My Light

The Lord is my light, my light and salvation:
in God I trust, in God I trust.

Each of the two themes can be sung separately, either in unison or in canon (two voices only: enter on A1 and B1). The two themes can also be sung together with Theme I for higher and Theme II for lower voices.

Psalm 130 (Spoken by the leaders)

¹Out of the depths I cry to you, O Lord;

²O Lord, hear my voice! Let your ears be attentive to the voice of my supplication.

³If you were to keep watch over sins, O Lord, who could stand?

⁴Yet with you is forgiveness, in order that you may be feared. **Refrain**

⁵I wait for you, O Lord; my soul waits; in your word is my hope.

⁶My soul waits for the Lord more than those who keep watch for the morning, more than those who keep watch for the morning.

⁷O Israel, wait for the Lord, for with the Lord there is steadfast love; with the Lord there is plenteous redemption.

⁸For the Lord shall redeem Israel from all their sins. **Refrain**

Welcome

Confession and Mutual Prayer

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

P In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

The pastor and the people confess their sins, and pray for one another.

Those burdened by a particular guilt are encouraged to speak with a pastor about Individual Confession and Absolution.

Silence for reflection may be kept.

P I confess to God Almighty, before the whole company of heaven, and to you, my brothers and sisters, that I have sinned by my own fault, in thought, word, and deed.

I pray God Almighty to have mercy on me, forgive me all my sins, and bring me to everlasting life.

C Almighty and merciful God grant you healing, pardon, and forgiveness of all your sins. Amen.

I confess to God Almighty, before the whole company of heaven, and to you, my brothers and sisters, that I have sinned by my own fault in thought, word, and deed.

I pray God Almighty to have mercy on me, forgive me all my sins, and bring me to everlasting life.

P Almighty and merciful God grant you healing, pardon, and forgiveness of all your sins. Amen.

Sharing the Peace

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C And also with you.

Prayer of the Day

L Let us pray. *[A brief pause]*

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.

C Amen.

WORD

First Reading **Ezekiel 37:1-14**

L A reading from Ezekiel

¹The 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. ²He led me all around them; there were very many lying in the valley, and they were very dry. ³He said to me, "Mortal, can these bones live?"

I answered, “O Lord God, you know.”

⁴Then he said to me, “Prophecy to these bones, and say to them: O dry bones, hear the word of the Lord. ⁵Thus says the Lord God to these bones: I will cause breath to enter you, and you shall live. ⁶I 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.”

⁷So 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. ⁸I 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. ⁹Then 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.” ¹⁰I prophesied as he commanded me, and the breath came into them, and they lived, and stood on their feet, a vast multitude.

¹¹Then 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.’ ¹²Therefore 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. ¹³And you shall know that I am the Lord, when I open your graves, and bring you up from your graves, O my people. ¹⁴I 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.”

L The word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Gospel **John 11:30-45**

P The holy gospel according to St. John.

C **Glory to you, O Lord.**

³⁰Now Jesus had not yet come to the village [*where his friend Lazarus had died*], but was still at the place where Martha had met him. ³¹The 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. ³²When 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.”

³³When Jesus saw her weeping, and the Jews who came with her also weeping, he was greatly disturbed in spirit and deeply moved. ³⁴He said, “Where have you laid him?” They said to him, “Lord, come and see.” ³⁵Jesus began to weep. 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 have kept this man from dying?”

³⁸Then Jesus, again greatly disturbed, came to the tomb. It was a cave, and a stone was lying against it. ³⁹Jesus 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.”

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 looked upward and said, “Father, I thank you for having heard me. ⁴²I 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.” ⁴³When he had said this, he cried with a loud voice, “Lazarus, come out!” ⁴⁴The 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.”

⁴⁵Many of the Jews therefore, who had come with Mary and had seen what Jesus did, believed in him.

P The Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to you, O Christ.

Children’s Sermon

Sermon

Song of Day **Nothing Can Trouble (Nada te turbe)**

Nothing can trouble, nothing can frighten.
Those who seek God shall never go wanting.
Nothing can trouble, nothing can frighten.
God alone fills us.

Prayer Song O Lord, Hear My Prayer

ELW 751

O Lord, hear my prayer, O Lord, hear my prayer:
when I call, answer me.

O Lord, hear my prayer, O Lord, hear my prayer:
come and listen to me.

Prayers of the People

When prompted, call out names of people, places or organizations for which you are thankful or that are in need of God's care.

MEAL

Sharing Our Gifts

L Let us offer back to God what God has first given us: our selves, our time and our possessions, signs of his gracious love.

Our offerings support the work of the church. Please pass the baskets from front to back. You may also make an offering online at www.oslc-warrenton.org by clicking the "DONATE" tab on the homepage.

Offertory Song Since Jesus Came Into My Heart

I shall go there to dwell in that city, I know,
Since Jesus came into my heart!
And I'm happy, so happy, as onward I go,
Since Jesus came into my heart!
Since Jesus came into my heart,
Since Jesus came into my heart,
Floods of joy o'er my soul
Like the sea billows roll,
Since Jesus came into my heart.

Offering Prayer

L Let us pray together. *[A brief pause]*

C God of good gifts, receive these and all our offerings as we present them in faithful service for the sake of your gospel. Prepare our hearts to receive you in this meal as you pour out your very presence through Christ Jesus, the wellspring of eternal life. Amen.

Dialogue

The presiding minister invites the people to prayer.

P The Lord be with you.

C And also with you.

P Lift up your hearts.

C We lift them to the Lord.

P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Thanksgiving Prayer

P Holy God, our living Water and our merciful Guide, together with rivers and seas, wells and springs we bless and magnify you. ...

... Through him all glory and honor is yours, Almighty Father, with the Holy Spirit, in your holy Church, both now and forever.

C Amen.

Lord's Prayer

P Let us pray as our Savior taught us.

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.

Sharing Holy Communion

All baptized Christians are invited to share Christ's Body. If you wish to receive Holy Communion, please come forward and stand or kneel around the altar.

Communion Song

Eat This Bread

ELW 472

The Congregation gradually joins in to repeat the refrain.

"Eat this bread, drink this cup,
come to me and never be hungry.
Eat this bread, drink this cup,
trust in me and you will not thirst."

Prayer After Communion

L Let us pray. [*A brief pause*]

L Lord God, you have renewed us with the living bread from heaven; by it you nourish our faith, increase our hope, and strengthen our love: teach us always to hunger for him who is the true and living bread, and enable us to live by every word that proceeds from out of your mouth; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

SENDING

Blessing

P Almighty God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you now and forever.

C Amen.

Sending Song **Where True Charity and Love Abide** *Ubi caritas* ELW 642

Where true charity and love abide,
God is dwelling there; God is dwelling there.

Dismissal

L Go in peace. Remember the poor.

C Thanks be to God.

Tag

Since Jesus Came Into My Heart vs. 1

What a wonderful change in my life has been wrought
Since Jesus came into my heart!
I have light in my soul for which long I had sought,
Since Jesus came into my heart!
Chorus: Since Jesus came into my heart,
Since Jesus came into my heart,
Floods of joy o'er my soul Like the sea billows roll,
Since Jesus came into my heart.

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