

Salem Lutheran Church ~ March 29, 2020  
Fifth Sunday in Lent ~ Service of the Word ~ John 11:1-45

**GREETING**

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.**

**CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**

**Build yourselves up on your most holy faith;  
pray in the Holy Spirit.** *(Jude 20)*

**Keep yourselves in the love of God;  
look forward to the mercy of our Lord Jesus Christ.** *(Jude 21)*

**If anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation:  
Everything old has passed away; behold, everything has become  
new!** *(2 Corinthians 5:17)*

God has given us the ministry of reconciliation. Therefore, let us be reconciled to God and to one another.

*Silence for reflection and self examination.*

*Let us pray*

Gracious God,

**have mercy on us. In your compassion forgive us our sins, known and unknown, things done and left undone. Uphold us by your Spirit so that we may live and serve you in newness of life, to the honor and glory of your holy name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen**

By grace you have been saved. In the name of + Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven. The almighty and merciful Lord strengthen you with power through the Holy Spirit that Christ may live in your hearts through faith.

**Amen**

**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.**

**CHILDREN'S MESSAGE**

**FIRST READING: Ezekiel 37:1-14** (for you to read at a later time)

**SECOND READING: Romans 8:6-11** (for you to read at a later time)

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**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**

**I am the resurrection and the life; whoever believes in me  
will never die.** *(John 11:25, 26)*

**GOSPEL; John 11:1-45**

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. John the 11<sup>th</sup> chapter.

**ALL: Glory to you, O God**

<sup>1</sup>Now a certain man was ill, Lazarus of Bethany, the village of Mary and her sister Martha. <sup>2</sup>Mary was the one who anointed the Lord with perfume and wiped his feet with her hair; her brother Lazarus was ill. <sup>3</sup>So the sisters sent a message to Jesus, "Lord, he whom you love is ill." <sup>4</sup>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." <sup>5</sup>Accordingly, though Jesus loved Martha and her sister and Lazarus, <sup>6</sup>after having heard that Lazarus was ill, he stayed two days longer in the place where he was.

<sup>7</sup>Then after this he said to the disciples, "Let us go to Judea again." <sup>8</sup>The disciples said to him, "Rabbi, the Jews were just now trying to stone you, and are you going there again?" <sup>9</sup>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. <sup>10</sup>But those who walk at night stumble, because the light is not in them." <sup>11</sup>After saying this, he told them, "Our friend Lazarus has fallen asleep, but I am going there to awaken him." <sup>12</sup>The disciples said to him, "Lord, if he has fallen asleep, he will be all right." <sup>13</sup>Jesus, however, had been speaking about his death, but they thought that he was referring merely to sleep. <sup>14</sup>Then Jesus told them plainly, "Lazarus is dead. <sup>15</sup>For your sake I am glad I was not there, so that you may believe. But let us go to him." <sup>16</sup>Thomas, who was called the Twin, said to his fellow disciples, "Let us also go, that we may die with him."

<sup>17</sup>When Jesus arrived, he found that Lazarus had already been in the tomb four days. <sup>18</sup>Now Bethany was near Jerusalem, some two miles away, <sup>19</sup>and many of the Jews had come to Martha and Mary to console them about their brother. <sup>20</sup>When Martha heard that Jesus was coming, she went and met him, while Mary stayed at home. <sup>21</sup>Martha said to Jesus, "Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died. <sup>22</sup>But even now I know that God will give you whatever you ask of him." <sup>23</sup>Jesus said to her, "Your brother will rise again." <sup>24</sup>Martha said to him, "I know that he

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will rise again in the resurrection on the last day.”<sup>25</sup> Jesus said to her, “I am the resurrection and the life. Those who believe in me, even though they die, will live,<sup>26</sup> and everyone who lives and believes in me will never die. Do you believe this?”<sup>27</sup> She said to him, “Yes, Lord, I believe that you are the Messiah, the Son of God, the one coming into the world.”

<sup>28</sup>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.”<sup>29</sup> And when she heard it, she got up quickly and went to him.<sup>30</sup> Now Jesus had not yet come to the village, but was still at the place where Martha had met him.<sup>31</sup> 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.<sup>32</sup> 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.”<sup>33</sup> When Jesus saw her weeping, and the Jews who came with her also weeping, he was greatly disturbed in spirit and deeply moved.<sup>34</sup> He said, “Where have you laid him?” They said to him, “Lord, come and see.”<sup>35</sup> Jesus began to weep.<sup>36</sup> So the Jews said, “See how he loved him!”<sup>37</sup> But some of them said, “Could not he who opened the eyes of the blind man have kept this man from dying?”

<sup>38</sup>Then Jesus, again greatly disturbed, came to the tomb. It was a cave, and a stone was lying against it.<sup>39</sup> 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.”<sup>40</sup> Jesus said to her, “Did I not tell you that if you believed, you would see the glory of God?”<sup>41</sup> So they took away the stone. And Jesus looked upward and said, “Father, I thank you for having heard me.<sup>42</sup> 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.”<sup>43</sup> When he had said this, he cried with a loud voice, “Lazarus, come out!”<sup>44</sup> 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.”

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

P: The gospel of the Lord.     **ALL: Praise to you, O Christ.**

#### MESSAGE FOR TODAY

#### RESPONSE TO THE MESSAGE

#### 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.**

#### PEACE

Sisters and brothers, rejoice. Mend your ways, encourage one another, agree with one another, live in peace. (*2 Corinthians 13:11*)

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

#### THE PRAYERS

Gracious God, it is good for us to gather as your beloved in community. We trust that you surround us with your sheltering wings. Encourage us to connect, as we are able, reach out to our neighbors in need and to be vigilant in prayer.

**Let us pray:**

**Loving God, we give you thanks for the gifts of life on earth, for our human**

**bodies and all you have created.**

**Merciful God, by the wounds of your Son we are healed. Bring your saving**

**health to all people.**

**Restoring God, your Son Jesus brought the gift of healing and wholeness.**

**Bring your healing presence now those named in prayers list across**

the world, and all who are in any distress.

**Almighty God, source of human knowledge, give skill, wisdom, and compassion to all who provide medical care. Care and protect them. Sustaining God, give gentleness and courage to family members, friends, and caregivers of and all who are suffering.**

**God of great and abundant mercy, with your presence sustain the homeless, the most vulnerable, people around the world touched by COVID19 and all for whom we pray; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

*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.**

#### **BLESSING**

May the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ fill you with every spiritual blessing. **Amen**

May the God of faithfulness and encouragement grant you to live in harmony with one another, in accordance with Christ Jesus. **Amen**

May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that you may abound in hope by the power of the Holy Spirit. **Amen** (*Romans 15*)

#### **DISMISSAL**

Let us go in peace to love, care, and serve as faithful and beloved children of God. **Thanks be to God.** And all God's people say: **Amen**

*Ongoing Prayer Concerns:* Susan Whitacre (broken ankle), Debbie McDonald, Michelle Harshman, Lisa Barwick, The family and friends of Opportune Chenou, Dorothy Portera, Nick Carmichael, Walt Karoll, Family and friends of Ron Bartholome, Sandy Barthel, Linda and the friends of Ski Kuzinarski, Alan Hahn, Marianna Putnam, Dawn Weaver, David Buck, Lee Saffran, Joan Burleigh, Donald Rembert, Thelma Presinger, Steve Sussan, Kathi Fuller, Bill & Sherri Stout, Julie Stout, Betty Burnet, Carrie Claus, Dorothy Long, Bailey Law, Pr. Myers, Maurice Grove, Nancy Roschli, Margaret and Jerry Shank, Pete, Dewitt, Jim McNicholas, Aunt Marie, Joan Evans, Steve Norman, Austin Phoebus, Joan & John Kusick, Phil Kulinski, Robin Sealover, Kaidyn Jamison, Lennard Beecher, Jumela Beecher, Seth Bates, Siloa Lutheran Church, Steve White, Margret Krebbal, Frank Gailitz, Dan Gnau, Paula Feldman, Dolly Suiratt, Talu Elvove Arikan, Jim Bair, Craig Perry Beel, Joyce Craig, Aston Dean, Kattie Hale, Kevin Kolb, Carolyn Lynch, Donna Miller, Ray Morrison, Nicole Phelps, Kim Scott, Stephen Smith, Natalie Szparza, Pat Ward, Curtis Waters, Jason Whitney, Karen Wiley, Nick Wingate, and Jeanie Z., Will & Bernadine Boyce, Bishop Elizabeth Eaton, Bishop Bill Gohl.

*Please contact Lynn Cox or Pastor with updates concerning the prayer list.*

#### **Note:**

**+Church worship services will continue being suspended through April 26<sup>th</sup> and online services are being planned.**

**+Drive-in Cabinet will be available curbside to the church entrance Friday, April 3 and Saturday, April 4 Hours: 10a – 2p**

**+Our Daily Bread Casseroles are needed. Mary and Tom will pick up casseroles on, April 6<sup>th</sup> at the church parking lot at 10a. If you have a key to the church building there is freezer space and you may place the casseroles in the freezer. Please wipe handles of the fridge and doors as you exit.**

**+ We are receiving mail delivery daily. Please consider mailing your offering to Salem Lutheran Church, 3825 Norrisville Road, Jarrettsville, MD 21084. Your gifts continue God's mission and the ministries of Salem so that God's love and life may spread into the world. Thank you.**