LENT V Service of the Word March 29, 2020



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Gathering

Welcome

Prelude

Greeting P: The grace of our Lord...be with you all.

C: And also with you.

Prayer of the Almighty God, your Son came into the world to free us all from sin **Day** 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.

Word

First Reading Ezekiel 37: 1 - 14

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, "Prophesy 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, "Prophesy to the breath, prophesy, 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 prophesy, 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."

P: The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

Reflection

Pastor Tuula Van Gaasbeek

Song "Tree of Life and Awesome Mystery" (vs. 5) **ELW 334** (please see next page)

Lent 5

God of all our fear and sorrow, God who lives beyond our death, Hold us close through each tomorrow, Love as near as ev'ry breath.



¹I lift up my eyes to the hills — **Psalm 121** from where will my help come? ²My help comes from the LORD, who made heaven and earth. ³He will not let your foot be moved; he who keeps you will not slumber. ⁴He who keeps Israel will neither slumber nor sleep. ⁵The LORD is your keeper; the LORD is your shade at your right hand. ⁶The sun shall not strike you by day, nor the moon by night. ⁷The LORD will keep you from all evil; he will keep your life. ⁸The LORD will keep your going out and your coming in

from this time on and forevermore.

Children's Message

Victoria Mlynko

Song "Jesus Is a Rock in A Weary Land" (vs. 1)

ELW 333



The Lord's Our Father in heaven, Prayer hallowed be

hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins,
as we forgive those
who sin against us.
Save us from the time of trial
and deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power,
and the glory are yours,
now and forever. Amen.

Prayers of P: ...in your mercy. **Intercession C:** *Hear our prayer*.

Sharing of the Peace

Affirmation You, O God, are supreme and holy.

of Faith You create our world and give us life.

Your purpose overarches everything we do.
You have always been with us.
You are God.

You, O God, are infinitely generous, good beyond all measure.
You came to us before we came to you.
You have revealed and proved your love for us in Jesus Christ, who lived and died and rose again.
You are with us now.
You are God.

You, O God, are Holy Spirit. You empower us to be your gospel in the world. You reconcile and heal; you overcome death. You are our God. We worship you.

Thanksgiving

Offering Holy and generous host, you set a table where we feast as friends.

Prayer 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.

Thanksgiving P: For every breath we take, for every beat of our hearts, for every **for the Word** sensation of our bodies:

C: We thank you, God.

P: For the ear that listens, for the hand that caresses, for the arms that reach out in love:

C: We thank you, God.

P: For relief from pain, for the tears of shared sorrow, for the laughter of shared joy:

C: We thank you, God.

P: For the freedom to choose, for the ability to love, for the power of hope:

C:We thank you, God.

P: For the presence you reveal to us, for the courage you offer us, for the rest you assure us will be ours:

C: We thank you, God.

Sending

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.

Postlude Mark Kieswetter

REMINDERS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

In our prayers....

Rodney Erlandson, Melody Hogeveen, Mary Hughes, Al Jacksteit, Mark Kieswetter, Kylie Mahoney, Fran Moore, Marion Morningstar, Pat Penney, Julie Potocny, Lesley Powell, Sydney Ross, Helen Scollnik, and Elga Smidt.

HOLIDAYS: Pastor Tuula has cancelled her holiday due to restrictions from COVID-19.

EASTER FLOWERS: This fundraiser has unfortunately been CANCELLED. Terra Nurseries is closed. All monies will be returned as soon as possible.



Lenten Box Outreach Project: Just a reminder for those of you who are taking part in this mission project for the 40 days of Lent, to please bring your Lenten Box back to church on Easter, with your envelope number and name on it. We will be putting this money towards a Gift From the Heart from Lutheran World Relief.

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