

**Fifth Sunday in Lent
Including the Sacrament of Holy Communion**

Sunday, March 22, 2026

Theme: Bridging to the Future: Reflecting with Humility and Anticipation



“Thus says the Lord GOD to these bones: I will cause breath to enter you, and you shall live.” Ezekial 37:5

“To set the mind on the flesh is death, but to set the mind on the Spirit is life and peace.” Romans 8:6

“Jesus said to her, “I am the resurrection and the life. Those who believe in me, even though they die, will live.” John 11:25

GATHERING

Prelude: “What Wondrous Love Is This” Robert Lau

Call to Worship

Leader: Some of us come to worship today, weary and worn, heavy with circumstances and the unplanned that are too hard to bear alone.

People: We gather to have our load lightened; to know that we are not alone.

Leader: Some of us come today, dry and thirsty, longing for relief and peace from the troubles that surround us.

People: We’ve tried different ways to have our our thirst quenched and our hungers fed. Somehow we keep trying knowing there is an answer somewhere.

Leader: We gather to travel God’s redemption road together.

People: Yet some of us come with stories of little resurrections, moments of new life that sprang up when we least expected them.

Leader: So maybe there is hope after all, reason for us to gather, reason for us to turn everything over to God.

People: Surely we will try, for in traveling God’s redemption road together we will be encouraged to take one more step, to live one more day, to look toward a new rising sun.

Leader: Beloved, whatever we bring with us to worship today, God welcomes us just as we are and calls us to support one another.

People: May God help us be truth-tellers and life-bringers as we travel God’s redemption road together. AMEN

*Hymn: #645 “Sing Praise to God Who Reigns Above”

*Prayer of the Day and Confession

Out of the depths of despair, we cry to You, O God. We are lost in a world of pain and suffering. When we put our trust in weapons of war, we find no peace. When we put our faith in our own resources, we feel the ache of our true needs. When we put our hope in the health of our bodies, we suffer pain and find no healing. Come to us, O God. Forgive our doubts and fears. Heal our brokenness, that we may rejoice in your steadfast love.

God of mercy, when we come to You dry and lifeless, seeking Your breath of life. Lead us to the place where our hopes lie buried and call us out from the tombs of despair. Call forth our faith that, with the Lazarus’s and Martha’s, we may know you to be the resurrection and the life, in this world and the world to come. AMEN.

PROCLAIMING GOD’S WORD

Scripture: Ezekial 37:1-14 Romans 8:6-11
John 11:1-45 The raising of Lazarus (*not read*)

Sermon: “Just Ask Ezekial”

RESPONDING TO GOD’S WORD

Offering of Tithes and Gifts

The Sacrament of Holy Communion

*Hymn: #801 “The Lord’s My Shepherd”

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Life-Giving Spirit, you breathe hope into our valleys of despair and call forth life where we see only dry bones. We come not out of habit, but out of longing to be part of your work that restores, renews, and redeems. Receive our gifts whenever we offer them and use them to roll away the stones that keep your people bound. Let them be signs of trust, symbols of resurrection, and tools of transformation in a weary world. May our living lean into your Spirit and testify to life that is abundant, eternal, and holy—and possible only through You. In Christ, who calls us out of the grave and into your grace, we pray, AMEN.

Announcements

Prayers of the People

*Hymn: “In the Day of Need” (*please see insert*)

*Charge and Benediction

Leader: Beloved, the journey does not end here. As we travel God’s redemption road, go in the blessing of God who journeys with us.

People: We go, knowing that God persistently breathes new life into our dry and weary places.

Leader: So go, watching for resurrection moments to happen when you least expect it.
AMEN

People: Praise God! We surely will!

Silent Prayer (*be seated*)

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord. In the name of Christ. AMEN

Postlude: “Wondrous Love: And When From Death I’m Free” Robert Lau

(Please remain seated)

The End of Worship
The Beginning of Service

*Those who wish may stand

Rev. James Shuler, Interim Pastor
Mrs. Dianne Yuninger, Organist/Choir Director

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