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5th Sunday in Lent – March 26, 2023

Order of Worship: Service of the Word

(printed on insert inside front cover of maroon hymnal)

Serving Us At God's House Today

Organist: Carly Mess

Ushers: Bob Rankin, Mark Hartmeister

- ◆ Pre-Service Devotion: Psalm 16 (pew bible, p.486)
- ◆ The Hymns: 902, 725, 728, *391 (*bulletin, back page)
- ◆ Scripture Lessons: Ezekiel 37:1-3,9-14; John 11:17-27,38-45
- ◆ Psalm of the Day: From Psalm 116
- ◆ Confession of Faith: The Apostles' Creed (liturgy insert, p.15)

Sermon Text – Romans 8:11-19

Christians Have "Spirit Security"

1. We are children of the Heavenly Father.
2. We are heirs of glory.

- ◆ Offering of Thankful Hearts
- ◆ Prayer & Lord's Prayer
- ◆ Benediction
- ◆ Closing Hymn (391, printed on back page of bulletin)

Today's Scriptures

First Lesson – Ezekiel 37:1-3,9-14

1 The hand of the LORD was upon me, and he brought me out by the Spirit of the LORD and set me in the middle of a valley; it was full of bones. 2 He led me back and forth among them, and I saw a great many bones on the floor of the valley, bones that were very dry. 3 He asked me, “Son of man, can these bones live?” I said, “O Sovereign LORD, you alone know.” | 9 Then he said to me, “Prophesy to the breath; prophesy, son of man, and say to it, ‘This is what the Sovereign LORD says: Come from the four winds, O breath, and breathe into these slain, that they may live.’” 10 So I prophesied as he commanded me, and breath entered them; they came to life and stood up on their feet—a vast army. 11 Then he said to me: “Son of man, these bones are the whole house of Israel. They say, ‘Our bones are dried up and our hope is gone; we are cut off.’ 12 Therefore prophesy and say to them: ‘This is what the Sovereign LORD says: O my people, I am going to open your graves and bring you up from them; I will bring you back to the land of Israel. 13 Then you, my people, will know that I am the LORD, when I open your graves and bring you up from them. 14 I will put my Spirit in you and you will live, and I will settle you in your own land. Then you will know that I the LORD have spoken, and I have done it, declares the LORD.’”

Psalm of the Day – From Psalm 116

P I love the LORD, for he heard my voice:
C **He heard my cry for mercy.**
P Because he turned his ear to me:
C **I will call on him as long as I live.**
P For you, O LORD, have delivered my soul from death:
C **My eyes from tears, my feet from stumbling,**
P That I may walk before the LORD:
C **In the land of the living.**
P How can I repay the LORD:
C **For all his goodness to me?**
P I will lift up the cup of salvation:
C **And call on the name of the LORD.**
P I will fulfill my vows to the LORD:
C **In the presence of all his people.**
P Precious in the sight of the LORD:
C **Is the death of his saints.**

Second Lesson – John 11:17-27,38-45

17 On his arrival, Jesus found that Lazarus had already been in the tomb for four days. 18 Bethany was less than two miles from Jerusalem, 19 and many Jews had come to Martha and Mary to comfort them in the loss of their brother. 20 When Martha heard that Jesus was coming, she went out to meet him, but Mary stayed at home. 21 “Lord,” Martha said to Jesus, “if you had been here, my brother would not have died. 22 But I know that even now God will give you whatever you ask.” 23 Jesus said to her, “Your brother will rise again.” 24 Martha answered, “I know he will rise again in the resurrection at the last day.” 25 Jesus said to her, “I am the resurrection and the life. He who believes in me will live, even though he dies; 26 and whoever lives and believes in me will never die. Do you believe this?” 27 “Yes, Lord,” she told him, “I believe that you are the Christ, the Son of God, who was to come into the world.” | 38 Jesus, once more deeply moved, came to the tomb. It was a cave with a stone laid across the entrance. 39 “Take away the stone,” he said. “But, Lord,” said Martha, the sister of the dead man, “by this time there is a bad odor, for he has been there four days.” 40 Then Jesus said, “Did I not tell you that if you believed, you would see the glory of God?” 41 So they took away the stone. Then Jesus looked up and said, “Father, I thank you that you have heard me. 42 I knew that you always hear me, but I said this for the benefit of the people standing here, that they may believe that you sent me.” 43 When he had said this, Jesus called in a loud voice, “Lazarus, come out!” 44 The dead man came out, his hands and feet wrapped with strips of linen, and a cloth around his face. Jesus said to them, “Take off the grave clothes and let him go.” 45 Therefore many of the Jews who had come to visit Mary, and had seen what Jesus did, put their faith in him.

Sermon Text – Romans 8:11-19

11 And if the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead is living in you, he who raised Christ from the dead will also give life to your mortal bodies through his Spirit, who lives in you. 12 Therefore, brothers, we have an obligation—but it is not to the sinful nature, to live according to it. 13 For if you live according to the sinful nature, you will die; but if by the Spirit you put to death the misdeeds of the body, you will live, 14 because those who are led by the Spirit of God are sons of God. 15 For you did not receive a spirit that makes you a slave again to fear, but you received the Spirit of sonship. And by him we cry, “*Abba*, Father.” 16 The Spirit himself testifies with our spirit that we are God’s children. 17 Now if we are children, then we are heirs—heirs of God and co-heirs with Christ, if indeed we share in his sufferings in order that we may also share in his glory. 18 I consider that our present sufferings are not worth comparing with the glory that will be revealed in us. 19 The creation waits in eager expectation for the sons of God to be revealed.

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A Warm Welcome to Our Worship Guests!

It is our prayer that your faith is strengthened today by the preaching of our Lord's pure Word and by the psalms, hymns, and spiritual songs that our Scripture-based liturgy offers every week. St. Paul is a member of the Church of the Lutheran Confession (CLC). The CLC is represented by congregations throughout the United States and Canada, with affiliated churches in Africa, India, and neighboring nations. All of our churches confess the Bible to be the inspired and unerring Word of God. We invite our Guests to record their visit by signing the Guestbook and to come worship with us again.

This Week at St. Paul

Today (3/26)	8:30 am	Church Council Meeting
	9:30 am	Worship Service
	10:45 am	Sunday School & Bible Class
Wed	7:00 pm	Wednesday Lenten Service
Sun (4/2)	8:30 am	Choir Practice
	9:30 am	Worship Service
	10:45 am	Palm Sunday Breakfast served by the men

Upcoming Meetings

Mary/Martha Ladies: Sunday, April 16, 10:45 am
Quarterly Voters: Sunday, April 30, 10:45 am

Our Wednesday Lenten Service Schedule concludes this Wednesday, March 29, with Pastor Schuetze conducting the service. This week's psalm prophecy in our ongoing series "Our Savior's Sorrows Foreshadowed in the Psalms": *Jesus Will Be Unpitied by His Enemies* (Psalm 69:19-21).

Holy Week Worship Schedule

Palm Sunday Worship: April 2, 9:30 am
Maundy Thursday Communion: April 6, 7:00 pm
Good Friday Worship: April 7, 7:00 pm
Easter Sunday Worship: April 9, 9:30 am

Mission Festival Service Coming Soon!

St. Paul is hosting this year's Front Range Mission Festival Service. The date of the service is **Sunday, April 23**. David Reim, pastor of St. Paul Lutheran Church, Vernon, British Columbia, Canada, will serve as guest speaker. Parishioners from our sister CLC churches of the Front Range, Redeemer, Cheyenne, and Prince of Peace Loveland, have been invited. The schedule of events for the special day is as follows:

- ◆ Choir Practice: 9:30 am
- ◆ Sunday School & Bible Class: 10:00 am
- ◆ **Worship Service: 11:00 am**
- ◆ Meal: 12:00 noon

Come ... and invite a friend!

Synod News & Notes

CLC Youth Camp Registration is now open. The camp will take place June 11-17, 2023 at Camp JIM in Pillager MN for students entering Grades 6-12. Visit their website for more info and to register your camper between now and May 31. <https://youthcampclc.wixsite.com/camp>. Email Youth Camp Director Amber Casto or Sam Rademacher at youthcamp.clc@gmail.com with any questions.

Students in Grades 7-11 are invited to attend **Immanuel Lutheran High School Visitors Day** in Eau Claire WI on Friday, April 28, 2023. Students and chaperones need to register by Friday, April 21. More information can be found at www.ilc.edu, including the [invitation letter](#), a full [schedule of events](#) and the [registration form](#). The Immanuel Band will perform on Friday at 7:00 pm, followed by the theater performance of *The Westing Game* at 7:30 pm. Saturday night will feature a variety of student music performances at 7:00 pm, followed by a repeat performance of *The Westing Game* at 7:30 pm. Performances will not be live-streamed. For more information contact Prof. Joel Gullerud (joel.gullerud@ilc.edu 715-544-8446).

Peace Thru Christ Lutheran Church, Middleton WI has decided to re-open its Christian day school for Fall 2023. They have called Mrs. Leah Ude of Eau Claire WI as teacher.

Financial Aid Applications – Immanuel Lutheran High School, College, and Seminary has a financial aid program that helps students to attend by assisting with loans, multi-student grants, individual student grants, scholarships, and work study. All students are encouraged to submit an application. While the scholarships are automatically applied based upon academic performance, the other aids are provided upon application made by the responsible party. In order to be as helpful and as equitable to all, these forms need to be submitted by the deadline which is May 1, 2023, for the 2023-24 academic year. If any potential student is showing interest in attending Immanuel, applying now ensures that you will be considered for financial assistance. While applications have already been provided to the families of current students, you may still find them at ilc.edu/resources/ under the heading "Financial Assistance Forms & Info."

Daily Bible Readings for Home Devotions **(March 27 – April 1 '23)**

Mon John 13:31-35 Judas has “gone out” to betray Jesus to His enemies (v31). God will now be glorified in showing mercy to mankind in Christ. Jesus, who is about to lay down His life for His “friends” (cpJn15:13), calls upon His disciples to love one another “just as I have loved you” (v34).

Tues Numbers 21:4-9 After the Israelites complained that the Lord wanted them to die in the wilderness, and that they hated the food He provided, God sent venomous snakes among them that did bring about the death of many. When they repented and asked that the snakes be removed, God removed the deadly effect of the snakes through the bronze serpent on the pole, a picture of Christ on the cross (cf Jn3:14,15).

Wed Luke 23:27-31 Some women of Jerusalem, following the procession to the cross, weep over the inhumane way that Jesus is being treated. Jesus warns them that there will be much more to weep about in future times for this city, which now has the Savior among them but is casting Him out.

Thurs Luke 23:32-34 Jesus is numbered with the worst of criminals and crucified among them, while the soldiers divide up His clothes among themselves. Yet at just that time Jesus shows His love toward those who nail Him to the cross, praying for their forgiveness, as He also dies for ours.

Fri 1 Peter 1:17-21 Peter reminds us all that we were ransomed from a dead-end life by the precious blood of Christ. This was God’s plan from before the foundation of the world, and it is He who persuades us to trust and hope in God, who raised our Redeemer from the dead.

Sat 1 Peter 1:22-24 It was by the living and abiding word of God that we were persuaded to trust God’s great love for us in Christ Jesus. May we then reflect that love to each other. The word of God will continue forever, so our faith and love for Him and our love for one another may also remain.

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Blessed Are the Sons of God


Matt. 5:14

Joseph Humphreys, 1748, cento, alt.



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Johann G. Ebeling, 1666



1 Bless-ed are the sons of God, They are bo't with Christ's own blood;
 2 They are jus - ti - fied by grace, They en - joy the Sav-ior's peace;
 3 They are lights up - on the earth, Chil-dren of a heav'n-ly birth;

They are ran-somed from the grave, Life e - ter - nal they shall have:
 All their sins are washed a - way, They shall stand in God's great Day:
 One with God, with Je - sus one; Glo - ry is in them be - gun:

With them numbered may we be Here and in e - ter - ni - ty!
 With them numbered may we be Here and in e - ter - ni - ty!
 With them numbered may we be Here and in e - ter - ni - ty! A-men.

