

ST. PAUL LUTHERAN CHURCH

147 West Forest Street
Clyde, Ohio

FIFTH SUNDAY IN LENT

MARCH 29, 2020

8:00 A.M. & 10:30 A.M.

HOLY COMMUNION ~ SETTING ONE

* = those who are able may stand

Confession & Forgiveness

In the name of the Father,

and of the † Son,

and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

God of all mercy and consolation,
come to the help of your people,
turning us from our sin
to live for you alone.

Give us the power of your Holy Spirit
that we may confess our sin,
receive your forgiveness,
and grow into the fullness
of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.
Amen.

Most merciful God,
we confess
that we are captive to sin
and cannot free ourselves.
We have sinned against you
in thought, word and deed,
by what we have done
and by what we have left undone.
We have not loved you
with our whole heart;
we have not loved
our neighbors as ourselves.

For the sake
of your Son, Jesus Christ,
have mercy on us.
Forgive us, renew us, and lead us,
so that we may delight in your will
and walk in your ways,
to the glory of your holy name.
Amen.

In the mercy of almighty God,
Jesus Christ was given to die for us,
and for his sake
God forgives us all our sins.
As a called and ordained minister
of the church of Christ,
and by his authority,
I therefore declare to you
the entire forgiveness of all your sins,
in the name of the Father,
and of the † Son,
and of the Holy Spirit.
Amen.

* *The Hymn "When I Survey the Wondrous Cross" No. 803*

The Prayer of the Day (in unison)

Almighty God, look favorably upon your family.
Graciously rule our bodies lest we are enticed to love the
world, and guard our spirits lest we fail to recognize your
love. Grant this, we pray, through Jesus Christ, your Son,
our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy
Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

The First Lesson ~ Ezekiel 37:1-14

¹The hand of the Lord was upon me, and he brought me out
in the Spirit of the Lord and set me down in the middle of
the valley; it was full of bones. ²And he led me around
among them, and behold, there were very many on the

surface of the valley, and behold, they were very dry. ³And he said to me, "Son of man, can these bones live?" And I answered, "O Lord God, you know." ⁴Then he said to me, "Prophecy over these bones, and say to them, O dry bones, hear the word of the Lord. ⁵Thus says the Lord God to these bones: Behold, I will cause breath to enter you, and you shall live. ⁶And I will lay sinews upon 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 was commanded. And as I prophesied, there was a sound, and behold, a rattling, and the bones came together, bone to its bone. ⁸And I looked, and behold, 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, son of man, and say to the breath, Thus says the Lord God: Come from the four winds, O breath, and breathe on these slain, that they may live." ¹⁰So I prophesied as he commanded me, and the breath came into them, and they lived and stood on their feet, an exceedingly great army. ¹¹Then he said to me, "Son of man, these bones are the whole house of Israel. Behold, they say, 'Our bones are dried up, and our hope is lost; we are indeed cut off.' ¹²Therefore prophecy, and say to them, Thus says the Lord God: Behold, I will open your graves and raise you from your graves, O my people. And I will bring you into the land of Israel. ¹³And you shall know that I am the Lord, when I open your graves, and raise you from your graves, O my people. ¹⁴And I will put my Spirit within you, and you shall live, and I will place you in your own land. Then you shall know that I am the Lord; I have spoken, and I will do it, declares the Lord."

P: The Word of the Lord.

C: *Thanks be to God.*

Psalm 130

¹Out of the depths have I called to you, O Lord; Lord, hear my voice;

let your ears consider well the voice of my supplication.

**²If you, Lord, were to note what is done amiss,
O Lord, who could stand?**

³For there is forgiveness with you;
therefore you shall be feared.

**⁴I wait for the Lord; my soul waits for him;
in his word is my hope.**

⁵My soul waits for the Lord, more than watchmen for the
morning, more than watchmen for the morning.

**⁶O Israel, wait for the Lord,
for with the Lord there is mercy;**

⁷With him there is plenteous redemption,
and he shall redeem Israel from all their sins.

P: Here ends the reading of the Psalm.

C: *Thanks be to God.*

The Second Lesson ~ Romans 8:1-11

¹There is therefore now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus. ²For the law of the Spirit of life has set you free in Christ Jesus from the law of sin and death. ³For God has done what the law, weakened by the flesh, could not do. By sending his own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh and for sin, he condemned sin in the flesh, ⁴in order that the righteous requirement of the law might be fulfilled in us, who walk not according to the flesh but according to the Spirit. ⁵For those who live according to the flesh set their minds on the things of the flesh, but those who live according to the Spirit set their minds on the things of the Spirit. ⁶For to set the mind on the flesh is death, but to set the mind on the Spirit is life and peace. ⁷For the mind that is set on the flesh is hostile to God, for it does not submit to God's law; indeed, it cannot. ⁸Those who are in the flesh cannot please God. ⁹You, however, are not in the flesh but in the Spirit, if in fact the Spirit of God dwells in you. Anyone who does not have the Spirit of Christ does not belong to him. ¹⁰But if Christ is in you, although the body is dead because of sin, the Spirit is life because of righteousness. ¹¹If the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, he who raised Christ Jesus from the dead will also give life to your mortal bodies through his Spirit who dwells in you.

P: The Word of the Lord.

C: *Thanks be to God.*

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the 11th chapter.

C: *Glory to You, O Lord.*

The Gospel ~ John 11:1-45

¹Now a certain man was ill, Lazarus of Bethany, the village of Mary and her sister Martha. ²It was Mary who anointed the Lord with ointment and wiped his feet with her hair, whose brother Lazarus was ill. ³So the sisters sent to him, saying, "Lord, he whom you love is ill." ⁴But when Jesus heard it he said, "This illness does not lead to death. It is for the glory of God, so that the Son of God may be glorified through it." ⁵Now Jesus loved Martha and her sister and Lazarus. ⁶So, when he heard that Lazarus was ill, he stayed two days longer in the place where he was. ⁷Then after this he said to the disciples, "Let us go to Judea again." ⁸The disciples said to him, "Rabbi, the Jews were just now seeking to stone you, and are you going there again?" ⁹Jesus answered, "Are there not twelve hours in the day? If anyone walks in the day, he does not stumble, because he sees the light of this world. ¹⁰But if anyone walks in the night, he stumbles, because the light is not in him." ¹¹After saying these things, he said to them, "Our friend Lazarus has fallen asleep, but I go to awaken him." ¹²The disciples said to him, "Lord, if he has fallen asleep, he will recover." ¹³Now Jesus had spoken of his death, but they thought that he meant taking rest in sleep. ¹⁴Then Jesus told them plainly, "Lazarus has died, ¹⁵and for your sake I am glad that I was not there, so that you may believe. But let us go to him." ¹⁶So Thomas, called the Twin, said to his fellow disciples, "Let us also go, that we may die with him." ¹⁷Now when Jesus came, he found that Lazarus had already been in the tomb four days. ¹⁸Bethany was near Jerusalem, about two miles off, ¹⁹and many of the Jews had come to Martha and Mary to console them concerning their brother. ²⁰So when Martha heard that Jesus was coming, she went and met him, but Mary remained seated in the house. ²¹Martha said to Jesus, "Lord, if you had

been here, my brother would not have died. ²²But even now I know that whatever you ask from God, God will give you.” ²³Jesus said to her, “Your brother will rise again.” ²⁴Martha said to him, “I know that he will rise again in the resurrection on the last day.” ²⁵Jesus said to her, “I am the resurrection and the life. Whoever believes in me, though he die, yet shall he live, ²⁶and everyone who lives and believes in me shall never die. Do you believe this?” ²⁷She said to him, “Yes, Lord; I believe that you are the Christ, the Son of God, who is coming into the world.” ²⁸When she had said this, she went and called her sister Mary, saying in private, “The Teacher is here and is calling for you.” ²⁹And when she heard it, she rose quickly and went to him. ³⁰Now Jesus had not yet come into the village, but was still in the place where Martha had met him. ³¹When the Jews who were with her in the house, consoling her, saw Mary rise quickly and go out, they followed her, supposing that she was going to the tomb to weep there. ³²Now when Mary came to where Jesus was and saw him, she fell at his feet, saying to him, “Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died.” ³³When Jesus saw her weeping, and the Jews who had come with her also weeping, he was deeply moved in his spirit and greatly troubled. ³⁴And he said, “Where have you laid him?” They said to him, “Lord, come and see.” ³⁵Jesus wept. 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 also have kept this man from dying?” ³⁸Then Jesus, deeply moved again, came to the tomb. It was a cave, and a stone lay against it. ³⁹Jesus said, “Take away the stone.” Martha, the sister of the dead man, said to him, “Lord, by this time there will be an odor, for 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 lifted up his eyes and said, “Father, I thank you that you have heard me. ⁴²I knew that you always hear me, but I said this on account of the people standing around, that they may believe that you sent me.” ⁴³When he had said these things, he cried out with a loud voice, “Lazarus, come out.” ⁴⁴The

man who had died came out, his hands and feet bound with linen strips, and his face wrapped with 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 he did, believed in him.

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

C: *Praise to You, O Christ.*

* *The Hymn* *"Jesus Loves Me!"* *No. 595*

The Sermon "Ezekiel's Valley of Dry Bones"
 based on Ezekiel 37:1-14
 Pastor Kurt E. Luebke

* **The Prayer of the Church**

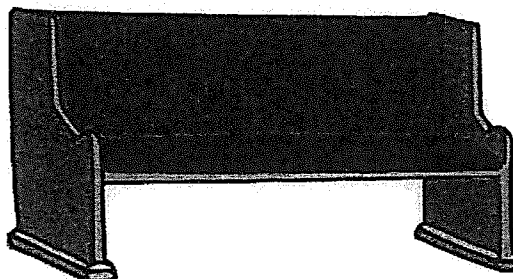
* *The Hymn* *"How Great Thou Art"* *No. 856*

* **The Benediction**

Fifth Sunday in Lent Weekend

Sunday, March 29, 2020

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ALL *WORSHIP SERVICES*

Due to health and safety concerns surrounding the coronavirus outbreak **ALL WORSHIP SERVICES** at St. Paul have been **CANCELLED** until further notice! Video sermons will be offered on Facebook. A link will be placed on our website to view the sermon on the St. Paul Lutheran Facebook page.

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Glen Baker	friend of Will & Mary Miller
Molly (McCoy) Binder	
Rae Ann Carothers	mother-in-law of Dana Widman
Dick Dagg	brother of Bill (Diane) Dagg
Sue Dinan	
Glenn Genzman	brother-in-law of Thelma Blair
Denny Gossett	nephew of Bill & Diane Dagg
Deanne Harman	daughter of Marc & Yvonne Wayland-Smith
Tracy Hutchinson	
Hal Michaels	friend of Will & Mary Miller
Jean Beckman Royster	friend of many
Terri Sattler	sister of Kim (Paul) Elfring
Jim Shull	
Carrie White	
Deb Williams	

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DEPLOYED MILITARY PERSONNEL

Andy Brown ~ son of Faye (Terry) Langham
 Chelsea (Zerman) Matty ~ daughter of Chuck & Melanie Zerman
 Cameron Wasson ~ son of Ray & Elizabeth Wasson

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Money can be a blessing or a curse,
 depending on our attitude towards it.

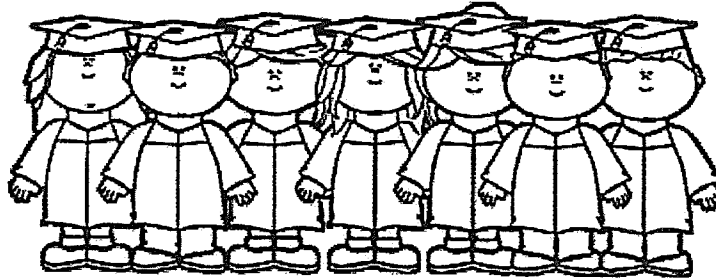
“For the love of money is a root
 of all kinds of evils” (1 Tim. 6:10).

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Jesus promised Martha and us: "I am the resurrection and the life. The one who believes in Me will live" (John 11:25, NIV). Let us worship our Savior.

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ATTENTION 2020 GRADUATING HIGH SCHOOL SENIORS

St. Paul Lutheran Church will be awarding a \$1,500.00 scholarship to a graduating high school senior, who is a member of St. Paul Lutheran Church. The application for this award is in the April Reflector or is available from the church office. All applications **MUST BE turned in to the church office no later than Sunday, May 10, 2020.** A winner will be selected, and the award will be presented during the winner's high school's award ceremony.

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Easter Plants/Cross of Lilies Announcement

Due to the almost-certain possibility of Easter services being canceled, we **WILL NOT** be taking orders for the plants/lilies. Anyone who has already given money to this effort will be getting a refund through the mail. Thank you for your understanding.

St. Paul Women's Board

Faith-ful Lord, with me a - bide; I shall fol - low where you guide.
 Je - sus, here I share your woe; help me there your joy to know.
 Je - sus, here with you I die, there to live with you on high.
 Je - sus, let me faith - ful be; life e - ter - nal grant to me.

When I Survey the Wondrous Cross 803

1 When I sur - vey the won - drous cross on which the
 2 For - bid it, Lord, that I should boast save in the
 3 See, from his head, his hands, his feet, sor - row and
 4 Were the whole realm of na - ture mine, that were a

prince of glo - ry died, my rich - est gain I
 death of Christ, my God; all the vain things that
 love flow min - gled down. Did e'er such love and
 pres - ent far too small; love so a - maz - ing,

count but loss and pour con - tempt on all my pride.
 charm me most, I sac - ri - fice them to his blood.
 sor - row meet, or thorns com - pose so rich a crown?
 so di - vine, de - mands my soul, my life, my all.

Text: Isaac Watts, 1674-1748
 Music: Lowell Mason, 1792-1872

HAMBURG
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Alternate tune: ROCKINGHAM OLD

Jesus Loves Me!

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1 Je - sus loves me! this I know, for the Bi - ble tells me so;
 2 Je - sus loves me! he who died heav - en's gates to o - pen wide;
 3 Je - sus loves me! he will stay close be - side me all the way;

lit - tle ones to him be - long, they are weak, but he is strong.
 he will wash a - way my sin, let his lit - tle child come in.
 when at last I come to die, he will take me home on high.

Refrain

Yes, Je - sus loves me, yes, Je - sus loves me,

yes, Je - sus loves me, the Bi - ble tells me so.

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How Great Thou Art

1 O Lord my God, when I in awe-some won - der con - sid - er
 2 When through the woods and for - est glades I wan - der, I hear the
 3 But when I think that God, his Son not spar - ing, sent him to
 4 When Christ shall come, with shout of ac - cla - ma - tion, and take me

all the works thy hand hath made, I see the stars, I hear the might-y
 birds sing sweet-ly in the trees; when I look down from loft - y moun-tain
 die, I scarce can take it in, that on the cross my bur - den glad - ly
 home, what joy shall fill my heart! Then I shall bow in hum - ble ad - o -

thun - der, thy pow'r through-out the u - ni - verse dis - played;
 gran - deur and hear the brook and feel the gen - tle breeze;
 bear - ing he bled and died to take a - way my sin;
 ra - tion and there pro - claim, "My God, how great thou art!"

Refrain

Then sings my soul, my Sav - ior God, to thee, how great thou

art! How great thou art! Then sings my soul, my Sav-ior God, to thee, how great thou art! How great thou art!

Lord, I Lift Your Name on High

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Lord, I lift your name on high; Lord, I love to sing your prais-es.
 I'm so glad you're in my life, I'm so glad you came to save us.
 You came from heav-en to earth to show the way, from the earth
 to the cross, my debt to pay, from the cross to the grave,
 from the grave to the sky; Lord, I lift your name on high.