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Sharing Jesus Christ's love with those around us.

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FIFTH SUNDAY IN LENT

(Series A)

WELCOME

We are glad you are here to worship our Savior with us. Please remember to turn your cell phone to silence. Restrooms are on the west side of the sanctuary. Prayer requests can be submitted to the church office through email, office@stlukesmanhattan.org, or by calling 785-539-2604. On Communion Sundays, if you need non-gluten wafers at communion, or need to have communion brought to you, please notify the elder who is serving. We hope you will join us again so that you may experience Jesus.

AS WE GATHER

Lent draws us deeper into the mystery of Christ's saving work, preparing our hearts to behold the victory of His resurrection. Today's readings turn our eyes toward the God who brings life where death has taken hold. In Ezekiel's vision, the Lord speaks His Word over a valley of dry bones, and by His Spirit they rise to life again. Paul reminds us that the same Spirit who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in us, giving life to our mortal bodies. At Lazarus's tomb, Jesus reveals the heart of His mission with the words, *"I am the resurrection and the life."* Even in our grief, our waiting, and our unanswered questions, Christ comes to call us out of the depths and into His living hope. As we gather around His Word and Sacrament, we join Martha in confessing with bold faith: **"Yes, Lord, I believe."**

IMAGE ON THE COVER

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."* (John 11:43-44)

PRELUDE

Please use this time to prayerfully prepare your hearts to enter into the presence of Jesus

✠A SERVICE OF WORSHIP AND PRAISE✠

WELCOME

PRESERVICE SONG – “As We Gather” Matthew 18:20

1, 2, 3 As we gather may Your Spirit work within us
As we gather may we glorify Your name
Knowing well that as our hearts begin to worship
We'll be blessed because we came
We'll be blessed because we came

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Stand

The sign of the cross ✠ may be made by all in remembrance of their Baptism.

INVOCATION

P In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C **Amen.**

OPENING SENTENCES

Psalm 130:1, 2; Romans 8:11; John 11:25, 27

P Out of the depths we cry to You, O Lord.

C **Lord, hear our voice and be attentive to our pleas for mercy.**

P The Spirit who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in us.

C **He gives life to our mortal bodies through His Spirit.**

P Jesus said, “I am the resurrection and the life.”

C **We confess with Martha: “Yes, Lord, we believe.”**

CONFESSION

P In the valley of dry bones, the Lord spoke His life-giving Word and raised what was dead. Standing before Lazarus’s tomb, Jesus called him by name and brought him out alive. Today, the same Lord calls us to repentance, that He may breathe His Spirit into our weary hearts. Let us come before Him in humility and hope.

Silence for reflection.

C Almighty God, we confess that we have walked in the ways of the flesh rather than the Spirit. Our thoughts have been scattered, our words careless, our deeds marked by sin, and our love slow to rise. We have doubted Your timing, questioned Your goodness, and feared the grave more than we trusted Your promises. Call us out of the depths, O Lord. Speak Your Word of life over our dry bones. For the sake of Jesus, who is the resurrection and the life, forgive us, renew us, and lead us, that we may walk in Your ways and live by Your Spirit. Amen.

ABSOLUTION

P “With the Lord there is steadfast love, and with Him is plentiful redemption.” The same Lord who opened graves in Ezekiel’s vision, who raised Lazarus from death, and who Himself rose victorious on the third day now speaks His mercy to you. As a called and ordained servant of Jesus Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

LORD, HAVE MERCY

P Lord, have mercy on us.

C Christ, have mercy on us.

Lord, have mercy on us.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P Let us pray.

Almighty and ever-living God, Your Son came into our world to break the power of death and to call us from the depths into His marvelous life. As He revealed Himself as the resurrection and the life, strengthen us by Your Spirit to trust His Word and to confess with boldness that He is the Christ, the Son of God who has come into the world. Raise our weary hearts by His life-giving voice; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

APOSTLES' CREED

P God has made us His people through our Baptism into Christ.
Living together in trust and hope, we confess our faith.

C **I believe in God, the Father Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth.**

**And in Jesus Christ, His 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 into hell.
The third day He rose again from the dead.
He ascended into heaven
and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty.
From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy Christian Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life ✠ everlasting. Amen.**

Sit

OPENING SONG - "Let My Words be Few"

- 1, 5 You are God in heaven
 And here am I on Earth
 So, I'll let my words be few
 Jesus, I am so in love with You
- 2, 4, 6, 7 And I'll stand in awe of You, Jesus
 Yes, I'll stand in awe of You
 And I'll let my words be few
 Jesus, I am so in love with You
- 3 The simplest of all love songs
 I want to bring to You
 So, I'll let my words be few
 Jesus, I am so in love with You

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OLD TESTAMENT READING

Ezekiel 37:1-14

(Ezekiel prophesies over the bones, and the Lord brings them to life.)

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, "Prophesy 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 clean 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."

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

PSALM

Psalm 130; antiphon: v. 7

P ⁷O Israel, hope in the LORD!

C For with the LORD there is steadfast love,
and with him is plentiful redemption.

P ¹Out of the depths

C I cry to you, O LORD!

P ²O Lord, hear my voice!

C Let your ears be attentive
to the voice of my pleas for mercy!

P ³If you, O LORD, should mark iniquities,

C O Lord, who could stand?

P ⁴But with you there is forgiveness,

C that you may be feared.

P ⁵I wait for the LORD, my soul waits,

C and in his word I hope;

P ⁶my soul waits for the Lord
C **more than watchmen for the morning,
more than watchmen for the morning.**

P ⁷O Israel, hope in the LORD!
C **For with the LORD there is steadfast love,
and with him is plentiful redemption.**

P ⁸And he will redeem Israel
C **from all his iniquities.**

C **Glory be to the Father and to the Son
and to the Holy Spirit;
as it was in the beginning,
is now, and will be forever. Amen.**

P ⁷O Israel, hope in the LORD!
C **For with the LORD there is steadfast love,
and with him is plentiful redemption.**

EPISTLE

Romans 8:1-11

(The Spirit who raised Jesus from the dead will also give life to you.)

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. ⁶To 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.

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Stand

VERSE

John 11:25

P I am the resurrection and the life. Whoever believes in Me,

C though he die, yet shall he live.

HOLY GOSPEL

John 11:1-45

(Jesus raises Lazarus from the dead.)

P The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the eleventh chapter.

C Glory to You, O Lord.

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.*

42 I 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 This is the Gospel of the Lord.

G Praise to You, O Christ.

Sit

LAMB'S MESSAGE

SERMON

VOTUM

P The peace of God, which passes all understanding, keep your hearts and minds in Christ Jesus.

G Amen.

OFFERING

There are several ways to give.

1. Please **send** your offerings to
St. Luke's Lutheran Church
4801 Anderson Avenue
Manhattan, KS 66503
2. **Electronic Funds Transfer**
Sign up through the church office.

STEWARDSHIP MESSAGE: Romans 8:1 – “There is therefore now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus.” This is the joy of the Gospel! There is no condemnation for us before the throne of God because in His love He has provided salvation for us in Christ. We have been set free. We are His children once again, and co-heirs with Christ of all the blessings of heaven. If this does not make us thankful, nothing will!

OFFERTORY – “Only by Grace” Hebrews 4:16

1, 4, 7 Only by grace can we enter, only by grace can we stand
Not by our human endeavor, but by the blood of the Lamb
Into Your presence You draw us, You call us to come
Into Your presence You draw us and now by Your grace we come
Now by Your grace we come

2, 3, 5, 6 Lord, if You mark our transgressions who would stand?
Thanks to Your grace we are cleansed by the blood of the Lamb

8, 9 Now by Your grace we come
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Stand

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

P Because the Lord has heard our cries from the depths and has spoken His life-giving Word to His people, let us come before Him with confidence, trusting His mercy in every need.

God of life, You breathed Your Spirit into the valley of dry bones and raised up a people for Yourself. Breathe that same Spirit upon Your Church today. Strengthen all pastors, teachers, missionaries, and servants of Your Word, that they may proclaim Christ with the boldness of Ezekiel and the compassion of our Lord at Lazarus’s tomb. For Jesus is

C the resurrection and the life.

P Lord of grace, You have joined us to Christ's death and resurrection in Holy Baptism. Set our minds on the things of the Spirit, that we may put to death the deeds of the flesh and walk in newness of life. For Jesus is
C **the resurrection and the life.**

P Father of all mercies, You place the lonely in families and call us to love one another as You have loved us. Bless the homes of Your people. Turn parents and children toward each other in patience, forgiveness, and steadfast love. For Jesus is
C **the resurrection and the life.**

P Almighty God, You hold all authority in heaven and on earth. Grant wisdom, humility, and integrity to those entrusted with leadership in our land, that they may protect life, uphold justice, and serve according to Your will. For Jesus is
C **the resurrection and the life.**

P Redeeming Lord, You hear the cries of Your people from the depths and draw near to the brokenhearted. Look with compassion upon the sick, the dying, the grieving, and all who suffer in body or spirit, especially **[names may be added]**. Speak Your Word of hope to them, and grant healing, peace, and endurance according to Your gracious will. For Jesus is
C **the resurrection and the life.**

P God of all comfort, You promise that those who believe in Christ, though they die, yet shall they live. Give hope to all who mourn, that they may not grieve as those without hope but rest in the sure and certain promise of the resurrection on the Last Day. For Jesus is
C **the resurrection and the life.**

P O Lord, You have opened graves, raised the dead, and brought life and immortality to light through Your Son. Sustain us in this living hope, that we may endure every trial, trust every promise, and await with joy the day when Christ will call us by name and raise us to everlasting life. For Jesus is
C **the resurrection and the life. Amen.**

LORD'S PRAYER

P Lord, remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray:

C **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.**

CONCLUDING PRAYER

P Let us pray.

Himself as the resurrection and the life. By His life-giving Word, call us out of the depths of our sin and sorrow, and by Your Spirit who raised Jesus from the dead, set our minds on the things of the Spirit that we may walk in newness of life. Strengthen us in the hope of the resurrection, that we may trust Your promises in every trial and await with confidence the day when You will open our graves and bring us to everlasting life; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C **Amen.**

BENEDICTION

P The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.

The Lord look upon you with favor and ✠ give you peace.

C **Amen.**

GREET ONE ANOTHER

We greet one another in the name of the Lord, saying, "The Lord be with you," "Peace be with you," or "The peace of the Lord be with you".

CLOSING SONG – "The Hurt and the Healer"

- 1 Why? The question that is never far away
 But healing doesn't come from the explained
 Jesus please don't let this go in vain
 You're all I have, all that remains
- 2, 5 So here I am, what's left of me
 Where glory meets my suffering
- 3, 6 I'm alive
8 Even though a part of me has died
 You take my heart and breathe it back to life
 I fall into Your arms open wide
 When the hurt and the healer collide
- 4 Breathe, sometimes I feel it's all that I can do
 Pain so deep that I can hardly move
 Just keep my eyes completely fixed on You
 Lord take hold and pull me through
- 7 It's the moment when humanity
 Is overcome by majesty
 When grace is ushered in for good
 And all the scars are understood
 When mercy takes its rightful place
 And all these questions fade away
 When out of the weakness we must bow
 And hear You say "It's over now"
- 9, 10 Jesus come and break my fear
 Awake my heart and take my tears
 Find Your glory even here
 When the hurt and the healer collide

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