



**THERE IS THEREFORE NOW
NO CONDEMNATION
FOR THOSE WHO ARE IN CHRIST JESUS.**

*For the law of the Spirit of life has set you free
in Christ Jesus from the law of sin and death.*

Romans 8:1-2



St. Paul's
Missouri Synod Lutheran

Fifth Sunday in Lent – March 22, 2026

Welcome!

Service Setting Four Hymnal LSB 203

Bold face type - read by congregation

Opening Hymn - Give Me Jesus



1 In the morn - ing when I rise, In the morn - ing when I rise,
2 Dark mid - night was my cry, Dark mid - night was my cry,
3 Just a - bout the break of day, Just a - bout the break of day,
4 Oh, when I come to die, Oh, when I come to die,
5 And when I want to sing, And when I want to sing,



In the morn - ing when I rise, Give me Je - sus.
Dark mid - night was my cry, Give me Je - sus.
Just a - bout the break of day, Give me Je - sus.
Oh, when I come to die, Give me Je - sus.
And when I want to sing, Give me Je - sus.



Give me Je - sus, Give me Je - sus.



You may have all the rest, Give me Je - sus.

Text and tune: African American spiritual

Text and tune: Public domain

Please Stand

Please Kneel/Sit

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

Confession of Sins LSB 203

Invocation

Absolution LSB 203

Exhortation LSB 203

Please Stand

Introit

Psalm 116:1–4, 8;
antiphon: v. 15

Read responsively

Precious in the sight of the Lord
is the death of his saints.
I love the Lord, because he has heard
my voice and my pleas for mercy.
Because he inclined his ear to me,
therefore I will call on him as long as I live.
The snares of death encompassed me;
the pangs of Sheol laid hold on me;
I suffered distress and anguish.
Then I called on the name of the Lord:
“O Lord, I pray, deliver my soul!”
For you have delivered my soul from death,
my eyes from tears, my feet from stumbling.
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.
Precious in the sight of the Lord
is the death of his saints.

Kyrie

LSB 204

Lord, have mercy;
Christ, have mercy;
Lord, have mercy.

Salutation and Collect of the Day

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.

Let us pray.

Almighty God, by Your great goodness
mercifully look upon Your people that we may
be governed and preserved evermore in body
and soul; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our
Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the
Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
Amen.

Please be Seated

Old Testament Reading 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, “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, “Prophesy to the breath; prophesy, 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.’”

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¹²Therefore prophesy, 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.”

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Gradual

Hebrews 12:2

[O come, let us fix our eyes on] Jesus,
the founder and perfecter of our faith,
who for the joy that was set before him
endured the cross, despising the shame,
**and is seated at the right hand of the
throne of God.**

Epistle

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. 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.

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Please Stand

Verse

John 11:25

I am the resurrection and the life. Whoever believes in me, though he die, yet shall he live.

Holy Gospel

John 11:17–27,
38–53

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

Glory to You, O Lord.

¹⁷When 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.” . . .

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, ⁴⁶but some of them went to the Pharisees and told them what Jesus had done. ⁴⁷So the chief priests and the Pharisees gathered the Council and said, “What are we to do? For this man performs many signs. ⁴⁸If we let him go on like this, everyone will believe in him, and the Romans will come and take away both our place and our nation.” ⁴⁹But one of them, Caiaphas, who was high priest that year, said to them, “You know nothing at all. ⁵⁰Nor do you understand that

it is better for you that one man should die for the people, not that the whole nation should perish.” ⁵¹He did not say this of his own accord, but being high priest that year he prophesied that Jesus would die for the nation, ⁵²and not for the nation only, but also to gather into one the children of God who are scattered abroad. ⁵³So from that day on they made plans to put him to death.

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to You, O Christ.

Nicene Creed

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Please be Seated

Sermon Hymn - 543

What Wondrous Love Is This

Sermon

Please Stand

Prayer of the Church

Please be Seated

Offering

Offertory Prayer

Service of the Sacrament

Please Stand

Preface

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Sanctus

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Prayer of Thanksgiving

Lord's Prayer LSB 209

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.

The Words of Our Lord

Pax Domini

Agnus Dei LSB 210

Please be Seated

Distribution

Prayer Concerns

Willy Forba - Praise for successful surgery
and continued recovery

Ashley Forba - Ongoing health issues

Mary Ellen Mills - Eye issues

Janet Finn - Continued mobility issues

Elaine Decker - Ongoing health issues

Vladimir and Marie Dutko - Healing and
well-being - Marina Yarasavage's parents

Communion Hymn - 430
My Song Is Love Unknown

Please Stand

Nunc Dimittis LSB 211

Post-Communion Collect

Benedicamus LSB 212

Benediction

Closing Hymn - 433 - Glory Be to Jesus

*Being confident of this very thing,
that he which hath begun
a good work in you
will perform it until the day
of Jesus Christ.*

Philippians 1:6

Keith Mitchell's father - Kendall
Health issues

All those in the armed forces,
including Kyle Stackhouse

All those suffering due to natural disasters

Birthdays

March 4 Jack Pencek

March 21 Ella Tyler

March 25 Rebekah Durland

March 28 Jerry Decker

Please join us for Sunday services at 10 am

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Offering - Monthly offering needs are \$10,888.75

February offering total \$13,575

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Those Who Serve

Date	Reader	Ushers	Acolyte
Mar 15	Pete W	Bill Y & Keith M	Nate J
Mar 22	Diane T	Willy F & Jack W	Kayla S
Mar 29	Nancy P	Don S & Keith M	Nate J
April 5	Donna W	Bill Y & Don S	Nate J
April 12	Karen M	Kevin D & Keith M	Kayla S

Church Events

Meet with Pastor Josh

Sign-up sheet in narthex

Youth Activities

 - Please contact

Liz Stackhouse 570-833-5971

New Bible Study

Join us Wednesdays during Lent for a '**Back to the Basics**' Bible Study as we look at what we believe as Christians and why we believe it. We will use Luther's Small Catechism to review and discuss the Six Chief Parts of the Christian faith.

We also learn how our prayer life can be shaped by knowing the basics of the Christian faith.

Council Meeting

 - April 13 - 4 pm

Business cards and bookmarks are available for everyone to use!

Please pick-up a handful to invite friends and neighbors to church.

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1	2	3	4 Bible Study 5 pm	5	6	7
8 Communion	9 Council Meeting 4 pm	10	11 Bible Study 5 pm	12	13	14
15	16	17	18 Bible Study 5 pm	19	20	21
22 Communion	23	24	25 Bible Study 5 pm	26	27	28 Church clean-up day
29 Communion Palm Sunday	30	31				

April 2026

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1 No Study	2 Maundy Thursday 7pm service	3 Good Friday 7 pm	4
5 Easter Communion	6	7	8 Bible Study 5 pm	9	10	11
12	13 Council Meeting 4 pm	14	15	16	17	18
19 Communion	20	21	22	23	24	25
26	27	28	29	30		