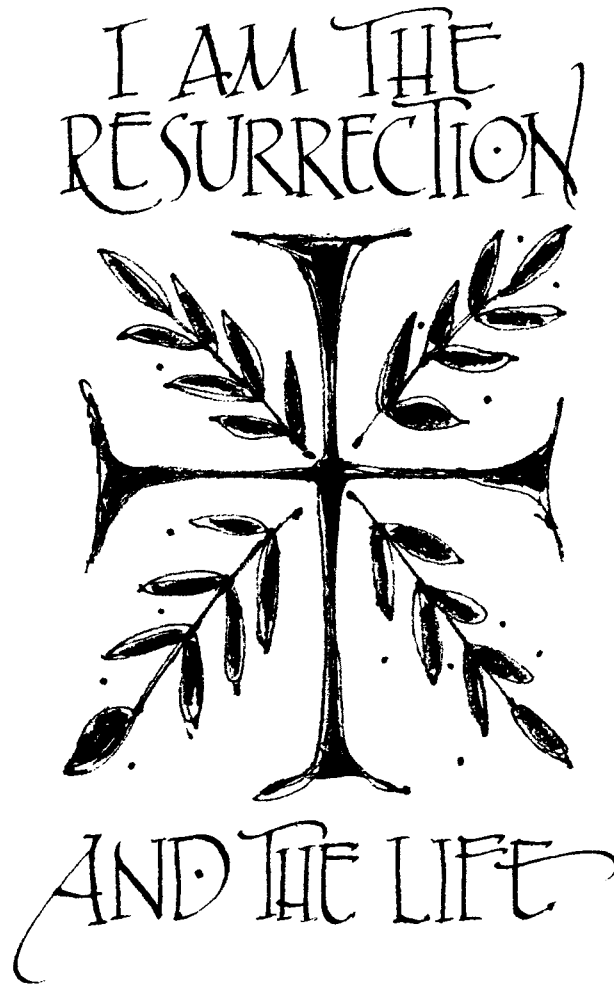


Good Shepherd Lutheran Church of South Hills

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Fifth Sunday in Lent



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AS WE GATHER

Each Sunday in Lent brings us closer to Holy Week and closer to the foot of the cross. In a sense, we are annual pilgrims traveling on the way of and to the cross. Each year is slightly different from the one that has come before on that cross way. According to the liturgical year in the Church, we are closer today to the death of Christ and His glorious resurrection than we were a week ago. And, according to our earthly lives, we are drawing closer to our own individual death and resurrection. Along this way, we intersect with the cross, which serves as a sign for our lives at all times. May we each be blessed in our pilgrimage!

Jesus invites his followers to participate in **The Lord's Supper**. He gives His very body and blood in, with and under the bread and wine (Matthew 26:26-28). Paul encourages us to **examine** our hearts and our relationships as we prepare to share in this meal together (1 Corinthians 11:27-29). **Children** who have not yet been instructed in communion can cross their arms over their chest to receive a blessing (Mark 10:13-16). For those unable to drink wine, the center ring holds cups intinctured with wine. If you have any questions, feel free to talk to Pastor.

~PRESERVICE MUSIC

~WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

~OPENING SONG

King Of Kings

Verse 1, Chorus, Verse 2, Chorus, Verse 3, Verse 4, Chorus

- 1 In the darkness we were waiting
Without hope without light
Till from Heaven You came running
There was mercy in Your eyes

To fulfil the law and prophets
To a virgin came the Word
From a throne of endless glory
To a cradle in the dirt

Chorus Praise the Father
Praise the Son
Praise the Spirit three in one
God of Glory
Majesty
Praise forever to the King of kings

- 2 To reveal the kingdom coming
And to reconcile the lost
To redeem the whole creation
You did not despise the cross

For even in Your suffering
You saw to the other side
Knowing this was our salvation
Jesus for our sake You died; *Chorus*

- 3 And the morning that You rose
All of heaven held its breath
Till that stone was moved for good
For the Lamb had conquered death

And the dead rose from their tombs
And the angels stood in awe
For the souls of all who'd come
To the Father are restored

- 4 And the Church of Christ was born
Then the Spirit lit the flame
Now this Gospel truth of old
Shall not kneel shall not faint

By His blood and in His Name
In His freedom I am free
For the love of Jesus Christ
Who has resurrected me; *Chorus*

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**Please stand.*

~INVOCATION

~CALL TO WORSHIP

Psalm 36:5, 7-9

P: Your steadfast love, O Lord, extends to the heavens,
C: **Your faithfulness to the clouds.**

P: How precious is Your steadfast love, O God!
C: **The children of mankind take refuge in the shadow of Your wings.**

P: They feast on the abundance of Your house,
C: **and You give them drink from the river of Your delights.**

P: For with You is the fountain of life;
C: **in Your light do we see light.**

~CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

P: Humble yourselves before God, confess your sins to Him, and implore His forgiveness.

C: **Almighty God, merciful Father, we acknowledge our sinful nature and repent of our sins—those of which we are not aware and those we know full well. We do not love You and other people as we ought. We are often careless with Your creation and heedless in choosing the proper priorities of our lives. Yet it is our intent to say and do that which honors You. For the sake of Jesus grant us Your forgiveness so that, as Your redeemed people, we may be fit places for the indwelling of the Holy Spirit and may serve You in time and in eternity.**

P: God be gracious to you and strengthen your faith. In the stead and by the command of our Lord Jesus Christ, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit. Now may the God of peace Himself sanctify you completely, and may your whole spirit, soul, and body be kept blameless at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. He who calls you is faithful; He will surely do it. Go in + peace.

C: **Amen.**

~INTROIT

Psalm 116:1–4, 8; antiphon: v.15

All: **Precious in the sight of the Lord is the death of His saints.**

Women: *I love the Lord, because He has heard my voice and my pleas for mercy.*

Men: Because He inclined His ear to me, therefore I will call on Him as long as I live.

Women: *The snares of death encompassed me; the pangs of Sheol laid hold on me; I suffered distress and anguish.*

Men: Then I called on the name of the Lord: “O Lord, I pray, deliver my soul!”

All: **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.**

~SALUTATION

P: The Lord be with you.
C: **And also with you.**

~PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: Let us pray.

A: 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.

C: **Amen.**

**Please be seated.*

~OLD TESTAMENT READING

Ezekiel 37:1-14

(Life is restored in the valley of the dry bones.)

37 The 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. ² And he led me around among them, and behold, there were very many on the surface of the valley, and behold, they were very dry. ³ And he said to me, "Son of man, can these bones live?" And I answered, "O Lord GOD, you know." ⁴ Then he said to me, "Prophecy over these bones, and say to them, O dry bones, hear the word of the LORD. ⁵ Thus says the Lord GOD to these bones: Behold, I will cause breath to enter you, and you shall live. ⁶ And 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."

⁷ So 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. ⁸ And 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. ⁹ Then 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." ¹⁰ So I prophesied as he commanded me, and the breath came into them, and they lived and stood on their feet, an exceedingly great army.

¹¹ Then 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.' ¹² Therefore 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. ¹³ And you shall know that I am the LORD, when I open your graves, and raise you from your graves, O my people. ¹⁴ And 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."

R: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

~PSALM RESPONSE

Psalm 130; antiphon: v. 7

P: O Israel, hope in the Lord! For with the Lord there is steadfast love,
and with Him is plentiful redemption.

C: **Out of the depths I cry to You, O Lord!**

Women: *O Lord, hear my voice! Let Your ears be attentive to the voice of my pleas
for mercy!*

Men: If You, O Lord, should mark iniquities, O Lord, who could stand?

C: **But with You there is forgiveness, that You may be feared.**

Women: *I wait for the Lord, my soul waits, and in His word I hope;*

Men: my soul waits for the Lord more than watchmen for the morning, more
than watchmen for the morning.

Women: *O Israel, hope in the Lord! For with the Lord there is steadfast love, and
with Him is plentiful redemption.*

Men: And He will redeem Israel 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.**

**O Israel, hope in the Lord! For with the Lord there is steadfast love,
and with Him is plentiful redemption.**

~GRADUAL AND VERSE

John 11:25; Hebrews 12:2

All: **I am the resurrection and the life. Whoever believes in Me, though he
die, yet shall he live..**

Women: *O come, let us fix our eyes on Jesus, the founder and perfecter of our
faith,*

Men: 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.

All: **I am the resurrection and the life. Whoever believes in Me, though he
die, yet shall he live.**

~HOLY GOSPEL

John 11:1-4, 17-27, 38-44

(Lazarus is restored to life by Jesus.)

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

C: **Glory to you, O Lord.**

11 Now a certain man was ill, Lazarus of Bethany, the village of Mary and her sister Martha. ² It was Mary who anointed the Lord with ointment and wiped his feet with her hair, whose brother Lazarus was ill. ³ So the sisters sent to him, saying, "Lord, he

whom you love is ill.” ⁴ But 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.”...

¹⁷ Now when Jesus came, he found that Lazarus had already been in the tomb four days. ¹⁸ Bethany was near Jerusalem, about two miles off, ¹⁹ and many of the Jews had come to Martha and Mary to console them concerning their brother. ²⁰ So when Martha heard that Jesus was coming, she went and met him, but Mary remained seated in the house. ²¹ Martha said to Jesus, “Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died. ²² But even now I know that whatever you ask from God, God will give you.” ²³ Jesus said to her, “Your brother will rise again.” ²⁴ Martha said to him, “I know that he will rise again in the resurrection on the last day.” ²⁵ Jesus said to her, “I am the resurrection and the life. Whoever believes in me, though he die, yet shall he live, ²⁶ and everyone who lives and believes in me shall never die. Do you believe this?” ²⁷ She said to him, “Yes, Lord; I believe that you are the Christ, the Son of God, who is coming into the world.” ...

³⁸ Then Jesus, deeply moved again, came to the tomb. It was a cave, and a stone lay against it. ³⁹ Jesus 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.” ⁴⁰ Jesus said to her, “Did I not tell you that if you believed you would see the glory of God?” ⁴¹ So 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.” ⁴³ When he had said these things, he cried out with a loud voice, “Lazarus, come out.” ⁴⁴ The 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.”

P: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C: **Praise to You, O Christ.**

**Please be seated.*

~CHILDREN’S MESSAGE

~HYMN OF THE DAY

Let Us Ever Walk with Jesus

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~MESSAGE

“A peak behind the curtain” - John 11:17-53

**Please stand.*

~APOSTLE'S CREED

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**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.**

**Please be seated.*

~OFFERING

~OFFERING MUSIC *The Steadfast Love*

**Chorus The steadfast love
 Of the Lord never ceases
 His mercies never come to an end
 They are new every morning
 New every morning
 Great is Thy faithfulness O Lord**

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**Please stand.*

~OFFERTORY PRAYER

~PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

**Following each additional petition the response will be:*

A: Lord in your mercy,

C: Hear our prayer.

~LORD'S PRAYER

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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 LORD'S SUPPER ++

~PREFACE

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P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

P: Lift up your hearts.

C: We lift them to the Lord.

P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C: It is right to give Him thanks and praise.

~PROPER PREFACE

~PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

~WORDS OF INSTITUTION

~PROCLAMATION OF CHRIST

1 Corinthians 11:26; Revelation 22:20

P: As often as we eat this bread and drink this cup, we proclaim the Lord's death until He comes.

C: Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.

**Please be seated.*

~DISTRIBUTION OF HOLY COMMUNION

**Communion is served around the altar today. The common cup is being provided as an option to the congregation.*

~AGNUS DEI

LSB 163

G Lamb of God, You take a-way the sin of the world; have
mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, You take a-way the sin of the
world; have mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, You take a-way the
sin of the world; grant us peace.

~DISTRIBUTION MUSIC

Blest Be the Tie That Binds

LSB 649

Living Hope

Verse 1, Verse 2, Chorus, Verse 3, Chorus, Ending

- 1 How great the chasm that lay between us
How high the mountain I could not climb
In desperation I turned to heaven
And spoke Your name into the night
Then through the darkness Your loving-kindness
Tore through the shadows of my soul
The work is finished the end is written
Jesus Christ my living hope
- 2 Who could imagine so great a mercy
What heart could fathom such boundless grace
The God of ages stepped down from glory
To wear my sin and bear my shame
The cross has spoken I am forgiven
The King of kings calls me His own

Beautiful Savior I'm Yours forever
Jesus Christ my living hope

Chorus Hallelujah praise the One who set me free
Hallelujah death has lost its grip on me
You have broken every chain
There's salvation in Your name
Jesus Christ my living hope

3 Then came the morning that sealed the promise
Your buried body began to breathe
Out of the silence the Roaring Lion
Declared the grave has no claim on me
Jesus Yours is the victory; *Chorus*

Ending Jesus Christ my living hope
Oh God You are my living hope

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**Please stand.*

~POST-COMMUNION THANKSGIVING

~BENEDICTION

~POST SERVICE MUSIC

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