

**Beautiful Savior Lutheran Church & Preschool**

*Connecting people to Jesus as we gather, grow, and go.*



I will  
put my  
**spirit**  
within  
**you,**  
and you  
**shall live...**

Ezekiel 37:14, NRSV

**The Fifth Sunday in Lent**

**March 29, 2020**

## *Welcome to Beautiful Savior Lutheran Church!*

We greet you in the name of our risen Savior, Jesus Christ. We are glad you are worshiping with our family of faith and rejoice with you as God comes to us through His Word this day to bring His gift of forgiveness and life in Jesus.

### **EDUCATION HOUR**

Adult Bible Classes: Pastor Schultz's Class will be further explore the theme of each Wednesday's sermon during Lent. Vicar Reseburg's class will be a review of Christian teaching as explained in Luther's Small Catechism. *Both classes will be live-streamed on Sunday @ 9:00am. Go to YouTube and search for Beautiful Savior-Olathe.*

**SUNDAY SCHOOL classes are cancelled. Materials will be emailed for families to work on together.**



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# Order of Service: Divine Service 1

## AS WE GATHER

### ***Jesus Christ Is the Resurrection and the Life***

The illness and death of Lazarus happened “*that the Son of God may be glorified through it*” (John 11:4). Jesus’ miracle of raising Lazarus prompted His arrest and crucifixion, whereby He would die “*for the nation*” and gather “*into one the children of God who are scattered abroad*” (John 11:51–52). As He called Lazarus from the tomb and commanded others to “*unbind him, and let him go*” (John 11:44), Jesus also calls us and releases us from the bondage of sin and death. We would not “*submit to God’s law,*” nor could we “*please God*” (Rom. 8:7–8), but “*he condemned sin*” in His own flesh so “*that the righteous requirement of the law might be fulfilled in us*” (Rom. 8:3–4). Now through the Gospel, “*the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead dwells*” in us (Rom. 8:11). His Word breathes His Spirit into our mortal flesh, animating us with His own life. As His ministers preach according to His divine command, the Lord Jesus calls us from the grave into the good land that He gives us (Ezek. 37:12, 14).

## MUSIC FOR MEDITATION

## PASTORAL GREETING

## OPENING HYMN

***Christ, the Life of All the Living***

**LSB 420: 1, 2, 6, 7**

- 1      **Christ, the life of all the living,  
         Christ, the death of death, our foe,  
         Who, Thyself for me once giving  
         To the darkest depths of woe:  
         Through Thy suff’rings, death, and merit  
         I eternal life inherit.  
         Thousand, thousand thanks shall be,  
         Dearest Jesus, unto Thee.**

2        **Thou, ah! Thou, hast taken on Thee  
          Bonds and stripes, a cruel rod;  
Pain and scorn were heaped upon Thee,  
          O Thou sinless Son of God!  
Thus didst Thou my soul deliver  
From the bonds of sin forever.  
          Thousand, thousand thanks shall be,  
          Dearest Jesus, unto Thee.**

6        **Thou hast suffered great affliction  
          And hast borne it patiently,  
Even death by crucifixion,  
          Fully to atone for me;  
Thou didst choose to be tormented  
That my doom should be prevented.  
          Thousand, thousand thanks shall be,  
          Dearest Jesus, unto Thee.**

7        **Then, for all that wrought my pardon,  
          For Thy sorrows deep and sore,  
For Thine anguish in the Garden,  
          I will thank Thee evermore,  
Thank Thee for Thy groaning, sighing,  
For Thy bleeding and Thy dying,  
          For that last triumphant cry,  
          And shall praise Thee, Lord, on high.**

*Stand*

## **✠ THE PREPARATION ✠**

### **INVOCATION**

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

**C**    **Amen.**

## CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

**P** If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.

**C** **But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.**

*1 John 1:8-9*

*(Silence for reflection on God's Word and to confess our personal and specific sins.)*

**P** Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.

**C** **Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. 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. We justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. 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.**

**P** Almighty God in His mercy... and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**C** **Amen.**

*[John 20:19-23]*

## ✠ THE SERVICE OF THE WORD ✠

### HYMN OF PRAISE

*During the penitential season of Lent, the Hymn of Praise is omitted.*

### SALUTATION AND COLLECT OF THE DAY

**P** The Lord be with you.

**C** **And also with you.**

*2 Timothy 4:22*

**P** 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.

**C** **Amen.**

*Sit*

## OLD TESTAMENT READING

## Ezekiel 37:1–14

<sup>1</sup>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. <sup>2</sup>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. <sup>3</sup>And he said to me, "Son of man, can these bones live?" And I answered, "O Lord GOD, you know." <sup>4</sup>Then he said to me, "Prophecy over these bones, and say to them, O dry bones, hear the word of the LORD. <sup>5</sup>Thus says the Lord GOD to these bones: Behold, I will cause breath to enter you, and you shall live. <sup>6</sup>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."

<sup>7</sup>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. <sup>8</sup>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. <sup>9</sup>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." <sup>10</sup>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.

<sup>11</sup>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 clean cut off.' <sup>12</sup>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. <sup>13</sup>And you shall know that I am the LORD, when I open your graves, and raise you from your graves, O my people. <sup>14</sup>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."

**L** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** **Thanks be to God.**

## EPISTLE

## Romans 8:1–11

<sup>1</sup>There is therefore now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus. <sup>2</sup>For the law of the Spirit of life has set you free in Christ Jesus from the law of sin and death. <sup>3</sup>For 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, <sup>4</sup>in 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. <sup>5</sup>For 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. <sup>6</sup>To set the mind on the flesh is death, but to set the mind on the Spirit is life and peace. <sup>7</sup>For the mind that is set on the flesh is hostile to God, for it does not submit to God's law; indeed, it cannot. <sup>8</sup>Those who are in the flesh cannot please God.

<sup>9</sup>You, 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. <sup>10</sup>But if Christ is in you, although the body is dead because of sin, the Spirit is life because of righteousness. <sup>11</sup>If 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*

## GOSPEL VERSE

**Lent**

*Joel 2:13*

**C** Re - turn to the Lord, your God, for He is gra-cious and  
mer - ci - ful, slow to an - ger, and a-bound-ing in  
stead-fast love, and a - bound - ing in stead - fast love.

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

**C** **Glory to You, O Lord.**

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

<sup>38</sup>Then Jesus, deeply moved again, came to the tomb. It was a cave, and a stone lay against it. <sup>39</sup>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." <sup>40</sup>Jesus said to her, "Did I not tell you that if you believed you would see the glory of God?" <sup>41</sup>So they took away the stone. And Jesus lifted up his eyes and said, "Father, I thank you that you have heard me. <sup>42</sup>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." <sup>43</sup>When he had said these things, he cried out with a loud voice, "Lazarus, come out." <sup>44</sup>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."

<sup>45</sup>Many of the Jews therefore, who had come with Mary and had seen what he did, believed in him, <sup>46</sup>but some of them went to the Pharisees and told them what Jesus had done. <sup>47</sup>So the chief priests and the Pharisees gathered the Council and said, "What are we to do? For this man performs many signs. <sup>48</sup>If 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." <sup>49</sup>But one of them, Caiaphas, who was high priest that year, said to them, "You know nothing at all. <sup>50</sup>Nor do you understand that it is better for you that one man should die for the people, not that the whole nation should perish." <sup>51</sup>He did not say this of his own accord, but being high priest that year he prophesied that Jesus would die for the nation,



<sup>52</sup>and not for the nation only, but also to gather into one the children of God who are scattered abroad. <sup>53</sup>So from that day on they made plans to put him to death.

**P** This is the Gospel of the Lord.

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

*Sit*

## **READING THE FAITH** *(as drawn from Luther's Small Catechism)*

**P** THE APOSTLES' CREED: FIRST ARTICLE

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

**P** What does this mean?

**C** **I believe that God has made me and all creatures; that He has given me my body and soul, eyes, ears, and all my members, my reason and all my senses, and still takes care of them.**

**He also gives me clothing and shoes, food and drink, house and home, wife and children, land, animals, and all that I have. He richly and daily provides me with all that I need to support this body and life.**

**He defends me against all danger and guards and protects me from all evil. All this He does only out of fatherly, divine goodness and mercy, without any merit or worthiness in me. For all this it is my duty to thank and praise, serve and obey Him.**

**This is most certainly true.**

## **SERMON HYMN**

*Jesus Lives! The Victory's Won*

**LSB 490**

**1** **Jesus lives! The vict'ry's won!  
Death no longer can appall me;  
Jesus lives! Death's reign is done!  
From the grave will Christ recall me.  
Brighter scenes will then commence;  
This shall be my confidence.**

- 2        **Jesus lives! To Him the throne  
          High above all things is given.  
I shall go where He is gone,  
          Live and reign with Him in heaven.  
God is faithful; doubtings, hence!  
This shall be my confidence.**
- 3        **Jesus lives! For me He died,  
          Hence will I, to Jesus living,  
Pure in heart and act abide,  
          Praise to Him and glory giving.  
All I need God will dispense;  
This shall be my confidence.**
- 4        **Jesus lives! I know full well  
          Nothing me from Him shall sever.  
Neither death nor pow'rs of hell  
          Part me now from Christ forever.  
God will be my sure defense;  
This shall be my confidence.**
- 5        **Jesus lives! And now is death  
          But the gate of life immortal;  
This shall calm my trembling breath  
          When I pass its gloomy portal.  
Faith shall cry, as fails each sense:  
Jesus is my confidence!**

## **SERMON**

*Dry Bones*  
**Ezekiel 37:1-14**  
**Vicar Aaron Reseburg**

*Stand*

## APOSTLES' CREED

**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.

## PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

*[1 Timothy 2:1-4]*

- P** We come, O Lord, with the dry bones of our broken hopes and disappointed dreams. Bind us up in Christ, that we may learn to pray with confidence, trusting in Your mercy to supply us with all things needful to us and to our salvation.
- P** Almighty God, everlasting Father, You saw Israel in their despair and raised them up to hope by placing Your Spirit upon them. Join us together with the communion of saints in Christ, even though we must for a time stand apart. Raise us up from our weariness and grant us Your Spirit, that we may be strong in faith, bold in witness, holy in life and steadfast in hope. Lord, in Your mercy,
- C** **hear our prayer.**

**P** O eternal Lord, Your Son has given us the new birth of water and the Word and planted faith in us, that we might be Your own children. Bless Your Church. Supply her with able, fearless and caring pastors to nurture us in Your Word. Raise up faithful fathers and those who will teach and pray in Your name in every Christian household. Keep Your Church in Your mercy, that she may believe without fear and love without limit even now. Lord, in Your mercy,

**C** **hear our prayer.**

**P** O God of power and might, You hold in Your hand all the might of man. Give to us good government and faithful leaders who will heed Your Word and pursue righteousness and justice. Bless and defend us against all destruction, especially from this deadly pandemic, and teach us to be patient and faithful citizens of this land, using ourselves and our resources wisely for the good of all. Lord, in Your mercy,

**C** **hear our prayer.**

**P** O merciful Lord, Your Son shed tears for Lazarus, whom He loved. Grant Your compassion, patience and endurance to all who suffer illness, who are troubled in mind or whose time on earth is short. Spare us from death now, but give us courage and comfort far stronger by Your power over death. Eternal God, You carry the grief of those who mourn and remember all who die in Christ. Give comfort to the grieving and peace to the dying, and give that same comfort and peace to us who live in the shadow and fear of death, that we would neither live nor grieve as people without hope but trust in You at every hour. Hear all our prayers, especially on behalf of \_\_\_\_\_ and for all those we name in our hearts. Lord, in Your mercy,

**C** **hear our prayer.**

**P** O gracious God, You daily and richly grant us all things we need for this body and life. Bless our labors, and grant us wisdom to use the fruits of those labors wisely and well, for the care of our families, for the poor in their needs, and for the support of Your work in this congregation. Preserve us from fear and greed as we live and work alone, and turn us instead in love toward our neighbors however distant. Lord, in Your mercy,

**C** **hear our prayer.**

**P** O blessed Lord, Your Word continues to go forth and bear good fruit. Bless the missionaries planting churches near and far, bless those churches with whom we partner in the worldwide work of the Gospel, and bless the congregations now struggling to fulfill Your bidding and do what You have called them to do in Your name. Lord, in Your mercy,

**C** **hear our prayer.**

**P** O Lord, God Almighty, through Your Son You have kept the promise of the ages and rescued us from sin. You have raised up the dry bones of a people captive to death and made us alive in Christ forever. Sustain us in this hope, that we may endure the tests, trials and troubles of this life and be ready when our Savior comes again in His glory; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C** **Amen.**

## THE LORD'S PRAYER

**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.**

## BENEDICAMUS/BENEDICTION

**P** Let us bless the Lord.

*Psalm 103:1*

**C** **Thanks be to God.**

**P** The Lord bless you...and ☩ give you peace.

*Numbers 6:24-26*

**C** **Amen.**

## CLOSING HYMN

*Thanks to Thee, O Christ, Victorious*

LSB 548

- 1       **Thanks to Thee, O Christ, victorious!  
Thanks to Thee, O Lord of Life!  
Death hath now no power o'er us,  
Thou hast conquered in the strife.  
Thanks because Thou didst arise  
And hast opened paradise!  
None can fully sing the glory  
Of the resurrection story.**
  
- 2       **Thou hast died for my transgression,  
All my sins on Thee were laid;  
Thou hast won for me salvation,  
On the cross my debt was paid.  
From the grave I shall arise  
And shall meet Thee in the skies.  
Death itself is transitory;  
I shall lift my head in glory.**
  
- 3       **For the joy Thine advent gave me,  
For Thy holy, precious Word;  
For Thy Baptism, which doth save me,  
For Thy blest Communion board;  
For Thy death, the bitter scorn,  
For Thy resurrection morn,  
Lord, I thank Thee and extol Thee,  
And in heav'n I shall behold Thee.**

## POSTLUDE

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## Serving the Lord and Us Today:

Preaching ..... Vicar Aaron Reseburg  
Liturgist ..... Pastor Joel Schultz  
Organist ..... Deb Miller  
Sound Technician ..... Andrew Willey

## Voice of the Martyrs prayer request

### Local Muslims Reject Church's Presence - Indonesia

When local Muslims in the Bekasi City area noticed that some Christians were using an empty building for a worship service on Jan. 23, they gathered at the building to protest the meeting. Members of the Pillar Asih Protestant Church eventually came to an agreement with the local residents and signed a statement, witnessed by police, promising not to conduct Christian activities at the location. Although Christianity is legal in Indonesia, a majority of neighbors must agree to the presence of a church in an area before one can be built, and Islamists frequently stir up opposition to churches in Muslim neighborhoods. Pray that members of the Pillar Asih Protestant Church will find a suitable place to worship.

### **PRAYERS REQUESTED FOR THIS WEEK**

For **Eddie & Julie Flores**, whom the Lord blessed with the gift of a baby boy, Edward Dreyton, born on March 19<sup>th</sup>.

For **Gary Horrigan**, Mark Horrigan's brother, who has been hospitalized with blood clots in his lungs and symptoms of COVID

For **K.C. Gloe** diagnosed with osteoid carcinoma (bone cancer) and will be having his left leg below the knee amputated. Surgery is scheduled for March 31<sup>st</sup>.

For **Monty Hayes**, Catherine Miller's father, as he recovers from back Surgery and working through rehabilitation.

For **Ken Miller**, Erik Miller's father, who was diagnosed with colon cancer and is now receiving chemo therapy treatments.

For **Gene Downard** recovering from gall bladder & hernia surgery.

For **Steve Martinez**, friend of Danny Hundley, who has been on our long-term prayer list, has now been diagnosed with squamous cell carcinoma.

For **Jen Degner**, Gail Mattern's mother, abdominal cancer, nearing life's end.

### **CONTINUED PRAYERS**

For **Jim Teig**, hospitalized this past weekend with A fib.

For **Bob Newman**, who was able to have his thumb sewn back on after self-amputation.

For **Verl Matthews**, brother of Rev. Darrell Matthews, recovering from a heart attack.

For **Pat Gossen, Barb Gossen, Joy Rodenberger, Moriah Obermueller, & Debbie Newman** continuing treatments for cancer; for **Sherri Webb** as she continues to recover from her stroke.

For our expectant mothers and their unborn children especially **Mary Schultz, Kellie Kanoy, Liesl Jensen, Jordan Shiao, Morgan Riechers, Nicole Christensen** and all other expectant mothers. Also for those who long for God's gift of children.

**For our partner church in Zacapa, Guatemala:** Pray that God would bless this congregation with church members and the community that they would be strengthened and encouraged in His faith as well.

**For all those who are unemployed or under-employed**, that the Lord would provide for all their needs and lead them to jobs soon. For those who have secured jobs, we offer prayers of thanksgiving!