

Sunday, March 22, 2026

Fifth Sunday in Lent, Year A



Ringling of Bell

PRELUDE - BELL CHOIR

ANNOUNCEMENTS

◆ CONFESSION & FORGIVENESS

P: Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God,
who forgives all our sin, whose mercy endures
forever.

C: Amen.

P: Let us confess our sin before God, who
removes our guilt and blots out all offenses.

Silence is kept for reflection.

P: Gracious God,

**C: have mercy on us according to your
steadfast love.**

P: For seeking worldly delights that deceive
us and dishonor you: Gracious God,

**C: have mercy on us according to your
steadfast love.**

P: For desiring self-reliance instead of hungering
for your word: Gracious God,

**C: have mercy on us according to your
steadfast love.**

P: For failing to recognize your coming reign,
and for hindering the work of the Spirit:
Gracious God,

**C: have mercy on us according to your
steadfast love.**

P: For drawing from the well of self-serving
ambition, and for disdaining the living water
Christ offers: Gracious God,

**C: have mercy on us according to your
steadfast love.**

P: For disregarding voices from the margin,
and for distrusting signs of your healing and
hope in the world: Gracious God,

**C: have mercy on us according to your
steadfast love.**

P: For dwelling in tombs of self-pity and discontent,
and for disregarding Christ's call to come forth
to life: Gracious God,

**C: have mercy on us according to your
steadfast love.**

P: God's steadfast love, grace, and forgiveness
abound. Through faith, the free gift of God,
you have been clothed in the righteousness
of Christ. In the name of † Jesus Christ,
your sins are forgiven. The Spirit of the One
who raised Christ from the dead dwells in you,
pours God's love into your hearts, and gives
you life and peace. **C: Amen.**

GATHERING HYMN

ELW #858

Praise to the Lord, the Almighty

1 Praise to the Lord, the Almighty, the King of
creation! O my soul, praise him, for he is your
health and salvation! Let all who hear now to his
temple draw near, joining in glad adoration!

2 Praise to the Lord, who o'er all things is
wondrously reigning and, as on wings of an
eagle, uplifting, sustaining. Have you not seen all
that is needful has been sent by his gracious
ordaining?

3 Praise to the Lord, who will prosper your work
and defend you; surely his goodness and mercy
shall daily attend you. Ponder anew what the
Almighty can do if with his love he befriend you.

4 Praise to the Lord! Oh, let all that is in me
adore him! All that has life and breath, come now
with praises before him! Let the amen sound from
his people again. Gladly forever adore him!

PRAYER OF THE DAY *We pray together*

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

L: Almighty God, your Son came into the world to
free us all from sin and death.

**C: Breathe upon us the power of your Spirit,
that we may be raised to new life in Christ and
serve you in righteousness all our days,
through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who
lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and forever. Amen.**

PLEASE BE SEATED

FIRST READING: EZEKIEL 37:1-14

The dry bones of Israel brought to life in Ezekiel's vision

¹The hand of the LORD came upon me, and he
brought me out by the spirit of the LORD and set me
down in the middle of a valley; it was full of
bones. ²He led me all around them; there were very
many lying in the valley, and they were very dry. ³He

said to me, "Mortal, can these bones live?" I answered, "O Lord GOD, you know."⁴ Then he said to me, "Prophecy to these bones and say to them: O dry bones, hear the word of the LORD."⁵ Thus says the Lord GOD to these bones: I will cause breath to enter you, and you shall live.⁶ I will lay sinews on 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 had been commanded, and as I prophesied, suddenly there was a noise, a rattling, and the bones came together, bone to its bone.⁸ I looked, and 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, mortal, and say to the breath: Thus says the Lord GOD: Come from the four winds, O breath, and breathe upon these slain, that they may live."¹⁰ I prophesied as he commanded me, and the breath came into them, and they lived and stood on their feet, a vast multitude.

¹¹ Then he said to me, "Mortal, these bones are the whole house of Israel. They say, 'Our bones are dried up, and our hope is lost; we are cut off completely.'¹² Therefore prophecy and say to them: Thus says the Lord GOD: I am going to open your graves and bring you up from your graves, O my people, and I will bring you back to the land of Israel.¹³ And you shall know that I am the LORD when I open your graves and bring you up from your graves, O my people.¹⁴ I will put my spirit within you, and you shall live, and I will place you on your own soil; then you shall know that I, the LORD, have spoken and will act, says the LORD."
WORD OF GOD. WORD OF LIFE. **THANKS BE GOD.**

PSALM 130 We read responsively

- L: Out of the depths I cry to you, O LORD;
C: O LORD, hear my voice! Let your ears be attentive to the voice of my supplication.
L: If you were to keep watch over sins,
O LORD, who could stand?
C: Yet with you is forgiveness, in order that you may be feared.
L: I wait for you, O LORD; my soul waits;
in your word is my hope.
C: My soul waits for the Lord more than those who keep watch for the morning, more than those who keep watch for the morning.
L: O Israel, wait for the LORD, for with the LORD there is steadfast love; with the LORD there is plenteous redemption.
C: For the LORD shall redeem Israel from all their sins.

SECOND READING: ROMANS 8:6-11

Life in the Spirit

⁶ To set the mind on the flesh is death, but to set the mind on the Spirit is life and peace.⁷ For this reason the mind that is set on the flesh is hostile to God; it does not submit to God's law—indeed, it cannot,⁸ and those who are in the flesh cannot please God.

⁹ But you are not in the flesh; you are in the Spirit, since the Spirit of God dwells in you. Anyone who does not have the Spirit of Christ does not belong to him.¹⁰ But if Christ is in you, then the body is dead because of sin, but the Spirit is life because of righteousness.¹¹ If the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, he who raised Christ Jesus from the dead will give life to your mortal bodies also through his Spirit that dwells in you. WORD OF GOD. WORD OF LIFE. **THANKS BE GOD.**

◆ GOSPEL: JOHN 11:1-45

C: GLORY TO YOU, O LORD!

The raising of Lazarus

¹ Now a certain man was ill, Lazarus of Bethany, the village of Mary and her sister Martha.² Mary was the one who anointed the Lord with perfume and wiped his feet with her hair; her brother Lazarus was ill.³ So the sisters sent a message to Jesus, "Lord, he whom you love is ill."⁴ But when Jesus heard it, he said, "This illness does not lead to death; rather, it is for God's glory, so that the Son of God may be glorified through it."⁵ Accordingly, though Jesus loved Martha and her sister and Lazarus,⁶ after having heard that Lazarus was ill, he stayed two days longer in the place where he was.

⁷ Then after this he said to the disciples, "Let us go to Judea again."⁸ The disciples said to him, "Rabbi, the Jews were just now trying to stone you, and are you going there again?"⁹ Jesus answered, "Are there not twelve hours of daylight? Those who walk during the day do not stumble because they see the light of this world.¹⁰ But those who walk at night stumble because the light is not in them."¹¹ After saying this, he told them, "Our friend Lazarus has fallen asleep, but I am going there to awaken him."¹² The disciples said to him, "Lord, if he has fallen asleep, he will be all right."¹³ Jesus, however, had been speaking about his death, but they thought that he was referring merely to sleep.¹⁴ Then Jesus told them plainly, "Lazarus is dead.¹⁵ For your sake I am glad I was not there, so that you may believe. But let us go to him."¹⁶ Thomas, who was called the Twin, said to his fellow disciples, "Let us also go, that we may die with him."

¹⁷ When Jesus arrived, he found that Lazarus had

already been in the tomb four days. ¹⁸ Now Bethany was near Jerusalem, some two miles away, ¹⁹ and many of the Jews had come to Martha and Mary to console them about their brother. ²⁰ When Martha heard that Jesus was coming, she went and met him, while Mary stayed at home. ²¹ Martha said to Jesus, "Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died. ²² But even now I know that God will give you whatever you ask of him." 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. Those who believe in me, even though they die, will live, ²⁶ and everyone who lives and believes in me will never die. Do you believe this?" ²⁷ She said to him, "Yes, Lord, I believe that you are the Messiah, the Son of God, the one coming into the world."

²⁸ When she had said this, she went back and called her sister Mary and told her privately, "The Teacher is here and is calling for you." ²⁹ And when she heard it, she got up quickly and went to him. ³⁰ Now Jesus had not yet come to the village but was still at the place where Martha had met him. ³¹ The Jews who were with her in the house consoling her saw Mary get up quickly and go out. They followed her because they thought that she was going to the tomb to weep there. ³² When Mary came where Jesus was and saw him, she knelt at his feet and said to him, "Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died." ³³ When Jesus saw her weeping and the Jews who came with her also weeping, he was greatly disturbed in spirit and deeply moved. ³⁴ He said, "Where have you laid him?" They said to him, "Lord, come and see." ³⁵ Jesus began to weep. ³⁶ So the Jews said, "See how he loved him!" ³⁷ But some of them said, "Could not he who opened the eyes of the blind man have kept this man from dying?"

³⁸ Then Jesus, again greatly disturbed, came to the tomb. It was a cave, and a stone was lying against it. ³⁹ Jesus said, "Take away the stone." Martha, the sister of the dead man, said to him, "Lord, already there is a stench because 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 looked upward and said, "Father, I thank you for having heard me. ⁴² I knew that you always hear me, but I have said this for the sake of the crowd standing here, so that they may believe that you sent me." ⁴³ When he had said this, he cried with a loud voice, "Lazarus, come out!" ⁴⁴ The dead man came out, his hands and feet bound with strips of cloth and his face wrapped in a cloth. Jesus said to them, "Unbind him, and let him go."

⁴⁵ Many of the Jews, therefore, who had come with Mary and had seen what Jesus did believed in him.

L: THE GOSPEL OF THE LORD. C: PRAISE TO YOU, O CHRIST!

PLEASE BE SEATED

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

SERMON *Rev. D.J. Chatelaine*

HYMN OF THE DAY *Christ Is the Life* OBS #52

Tune: KINGSFOLD



1 Christ is the life of all that is, God's pure cre-a-tive Word



whose pow'r be-yond & thru all space the worlds to Be-ing stirred.



Christ is the life be-yond all time, cre-a-tion's birth & breath.



whose la-bor brings all things to be & brings all things to death.

2 Christ is the death of all that is; a broad and beck'ning tomb, who welcomes us from well-worn ways to darkness of the womb. Christ is the death, the sinking down past all desire and fear, whose promise in the gentle dark bids newness to appear.

3 Christ is the death of all that is, a bright, consuming fire, whose flames require our prior self as kindling for the pyre. Christ is the death of dusty days of uncreative strife, for out from fire we tread upon the threshold of new life.

4 Christ is the life of all that is, Beginning and the End; creative force, most peaceful death, transforming burning brand. Christ is the life, in whose wise love creation lives and dies and thus forevermore shall bless the Source, the living Christ.

◆ APOSTLES CREED

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth. I believe in Jesus Christ, God's 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 to the dead. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Hear us, O God, **your mercy is great**

SHARING OF PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you always.
And also with you.

PLEASE BE SEATED

OFFERING--BELL CHOIR--GLOBE OFFERING

Children are invited to bring an offering to the globe at the front of the church

◆ OFFERING SONG *Create in Me* ELW 186

Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me. Cast me not away from your presence, and take not your Holy Spirit from me. Restore to me the joy of your salvation, and uphold me with your free Spirit.

OFFERING PRAYER

P: O God, maker of heaven and earth, your steadfast love embraces all creation. You send rain and sunshine to nourish the earth and bring forth its bounty.

C: Through these gifts of bread and wine, draw us into the death and life of your Son, who calls us to bear witness to his saving work. We ask this in Jesus' name. Amen.

GREAT THANKSGIVING *Spoken*

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 our thanks and praise.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION & LORD'S PRAYER

INVITATION TO COMMUNION:

Come to the table.

Feast on God's goodness and mercy.

PLEASE BE SEATED

DISTRIBUTION -&- HYMN ELW 485

I Am the Bread of Life

1 "I am the Bread of life. You who come to me shall not hunger, and who believe in me shall not thirst. No one can come to me unless the Father beckons."

REFRAIN "And I will raise you up, and I will raise you up, and I will raise you up on the last day."

2 "The bread that I will give is my flesh for the life of the world, and if you eat of this bread, you shall live forever, you shall live forever." *REFRAIN*

3 "Unless you eat of the flesh of the Son of Man and drink of his blood, and drink of his blood, you shall not have life within you." *REFRAIN*

4 "I am the resurrection, I am the life. If you believe in me, even though you die, you shall live forever." *REFRAIN*

5 Yes, Lord, I believe that you are the Christ, the Son of God, who have come into the world. *REFRAIN*

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

P: God of our salvation, we give you thanks for this meal that restores our souls, reconciles us to you, and strengthens us for the journey.

C: Through the body and blood of your Son, may we become Christ's body in the world, bearing witness to your love for all creation, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

BLESSING

P: Receive the blessing of the holy Trinity: God who calls all things into existence, Jesus Christ who redeems us, and the Holy Spirit whose breath sustains creation, † bless you now and always. **C: Amen.**

◆ SENDING SONG ELW 886

Oh, for a Thousand Tongues to Sing

1 Oh, for a thousand tongues to sing my great Redeemer's praise, the glories of my God and King, the triumphs of his grace!

2 My gracious Master and my God, assist me to proclaim, to spread through all the earth abroad the honors of your name.

3 The name of Jesus charms our fears and bids our sorrows cease, sings music in the sinner's ears, brings life and health and peace.

4 He speaks, and list'ning to his voice, new life the dead receive; the mournful, broken hearts rejoice, the humble poor believe.

5 Look unto him, your Savior own, O fallen human race! Look and be saved through faith alone, be justified by grace!

6 To God all glory, praise, and love be now and ever giv'n by saints below and saints above, the church in earth and heav'n.

Ringing of Bell

DISMISSAL

L: Go in peace. Believe the good news.

C: Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE - BELL CHOIR

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CALENDAR

Sun Mar 22 9 AM WORSHIP - *5th Sun in Lent*
10 AM Coffee
10 AM Sunday School Class
Wed Mar 25 5:30 PM LENTEN SUPPER & Bible Study
6:30 PM LENTEN WORSHIP
Thu Mar 26 1 PM Love Day
Sun Mar 29 9 AM WORSHIP - PALM SUNDAY
Procession w/Palms, Brunch,
& Easter Egg Hunt
3 PM Choir Concert @ Emmanuel
See below

March Madness Food Drive for Kenyon All Seasons Food Shelf



Congregation members sitting on the right/South side compete with those sitting on the left/North side. Each item donated equals 2 points. A 3 pointer can be earned for large ticket items like paper towels, toilet paper, or diapers.

March 1 Meal-in-itself Soups: tomato, chicken noodle, etc. No cream condensed items.

March 8 Toiletries: full size shampoos and conditioners, body washes, toothpaste, toothbrushes.

March 15 Canned Meats/Spam, Boxed meals like macaroni and cheese, etc.

March 22 Peanut butter; canned fruits & applesauce.

Bring each Sunday or all-at-once. Your choice.

Email Tanya with questions tanya.short1988@gmail.com



3 PM - SUNDAY MARCH 29, 2026

"Oh, the Deep, Deep Love of Jesus"

PALM SUNDAY CONCERT OF SONG & WORD

PRESENTED BY EMMANUEL LUTHERAN CHOIR

Light supper following

Emmanuel Lutheran Church-Aspelund

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KENYON AREA INTERNSHIP COMMITTEE

Soup Cookoff - & - Cake/Pie Auction

SUN APRIL 12, 11:30 TO 1:30

AT GOL LUTHERAN, HWY 60 KENYON

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