

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Ezekiel 37:1-14

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. 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. And he said to me, "Son of man, can these bones live?" And I answered, "O Lord GOD, you know." Then he said to me, "Prophecy over these bones, and say to them, O dry bones, hear the word of the LORD. Thus says the Lord GOD to these bones: Behold, I will cause breath to enter you, and you shall live. 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." 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. 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. 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." 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. 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. Therefore 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. And you shall know that I am the LORD, when I open your graves, and raise you from your graves, O my people. 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."

EPISTLE

Romans 8:1-11

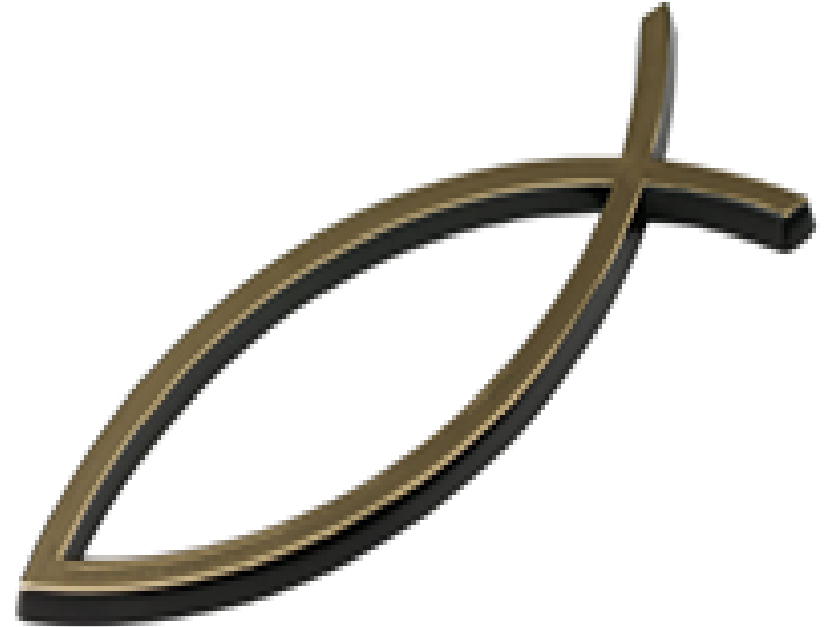
There is therefore now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus. For the law of the Spirit of life has set you free in Christ Jesus from the law of sin and death. For God has done what the law, weakened by the flesh, could not do. By sending his own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh and for sin, he condemned sin in the flesh, 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. 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. For to set the mind on the flesh is death, but to set the mind on the Spirit is life and peace. 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. Those who are in the flesh cannot please God. 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. But if Christ is in you, although the body is dead because of sin, the Spirit is life because of righteousness. 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.

GOSPEL READING

John 11:17-27, 38-53

Now when Jesus came, he found that Lazarus had already been in the tomb four days. Bethany was near Jerusalem, about two miles off, and many of the Jews had come to Martha and Mary to console them concerning their brother. So when Martha heard that Jesus was coming, she went and met him, but Mary remained seated in the house. Martha said to Jesus, "Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died. But even now I know that whatever you ask from God, God will give you." Jesus said to her, your brother will rise again. Martha said to him, "I know that he will rise again in the resurrection on the last day." Jesus said to her, "I am the resurrection and the life. Whoever believes in me, though he die, yet shall he live, and everyone who lives and believes in me shall never die. Do you believe this?" She said to him, "Yes, Lord; I believe that you are the Christ, the Son of God, who is coming into the world." Then Jesus, deeply moved again, came to the tomb. It was a cave, and a stone lay against it. 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." Jesus said to her, "Did I not tell you that if you believed you would see the glory of God?" So they took away the stone. And Jesus lifted up his eyes and said, "Father, I thank you that you have heard me. 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." When he had said these things, he cried out with a loud voice, "Lazarus, come out." 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." Many of the Jews therefore, who had come with Mary and had seen what he did, believed in him, but some of them went to the Pharisees and told them what Jesus had done. So the chief priests and the Pharisees gathered the council and said, "What are we to do? For this man performs many signs. 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." But one of them, Caiaphas, who was high priest that year, said to them, "You know nothing at all. 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." He did not say this of his own accord, but being high priest that year he prophesied that Jesus would die for the nation, and not for the nation only, but also to gather into one the children of God who are scattered abroad. So from that day on they made plans to put him to death.



*St. Andrew
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March 26, 2023

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SUNDAY March 26,2023
Fifth Sunday in Lent

PRESERVICE MUSIC WHILE WE PREPARE FOR WORSHIP

WELCOME & GREET ONE ANOTHER WITH GOD'S PEACE

OPENING HYMN "Your Hand, O Lord, in Days of Old" LSB 846

DIVINE SERVICE (Setting Three) *(p. 184 in the front of the hymnal)*

INVOCATION

P: In the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

P: Beloved in the Lord! Let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins unto God our Father, beseeching Him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.

P: Our help is in the name of the Lord,

C: Who made heaven and earth.

P: I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord,

C: And You forgave the iniquity of my sin.

+ Silence for reflection on God's Word and for self-examination +

P: O almighty God, merciful Father,

C: I, a poor, miserable sinner, confess unto You all my sins and iniquities with which I have ever offended You and justly deserved Your temporal and eternal punishment. But I am heartily sorry for them and sincerely repent of them, and I pray You of Your boundless mercy and for the sake of the holy, innocent, bitter sufferings and death of Your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, to be gracious and merciful to me, a poor, sinful being.

P: Upon this your confession, I, by virtue of my office, as a called and ordained servant of the Word, announce the grace of God unto all of you, and in the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

PSALM 130

P: 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 pleas for mercy!

P: If you, O LORD, should mark iniquities, O Lord, who could stand?

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

P: I wait for the LORD, my soul waits, and in his word, I hope;

C: My soul waits for the Lord more than watchmen for the morning, more than watchmen for the morning.

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

C: And he will redeem Israel from all his iniquities.

THE GLORIA PATRI

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C: ♪ Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost; as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

THE KYRIE

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C: ♪ Lord, have mercy upon us. Christ, have mercy upon us. Lord, have mercy upon us.

SALUTATION AND COLLECT (PRAYER) OF THE DAY

P: The Lord be with you.

C: ♪ And with thy spirit.

P: Let us pray.

C: O God, You make the minds of Your faithful to be of one will. Grant that we may love what You have commanded and desire what You promise, that among the many changes of this world our hearts may be fixed where true joys are found; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: ♪ Amen.

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON

Ezekiel 37:1-14

EPISTLE

Romans 8:1-11

ANTHEM: "Amazing Grace" Woodwind Trio

HOLY GOSPEL John 11:17-27, 38-53

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

C: ♪ **GLORY BE TO THEE, O LORD.**

(after the reading . . .)

P: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C: ♪ **PRAISE BE TO THEE, O CHRIST.**

CONFESSION OF FAITH "Apostle's Creed" (p. 191)

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

HYMN OF THE DAY "Not All the Blood of Beasts" LSB 431

SERMON "With God There Is Forgiveness" Based on Psalm 130

OFFERTORY "Create in Me" (p. 192)

OFFERING

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

P: Lord, You raised Your Son and sent Your Spirit. Sustain us while we await Christ's attention to our present needs. Give strength to our prayers, heal our weaknesses and restore all our losses. Give us faith throughout our days in Jesus, who is the resurrection and the life. Lord, in Your mercy...

(following each petition the congregation responds)

C: Hear our prayer.

(Our petitions this day)

P: Into Your hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in Your mercy; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

C: Amen.

SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT

Preface (p. 194 in the front of the hymnal)

Sanctus

Lord's Prayer

The Words of Our Lord

Pax Domini – "The Peace of the Lord" (p. 197)

Agnus Dei – "Lamb of God"

DISTRIBUTION HYMNS

"What Wondrous Love Is This" LSB 543;

"Cross of Jesus, Cross of Sorrow" LSB 428;

"Give Thanks with a Grateful Heart" LSB 806.

POST-COMMUNION CANTICLE

Nunc Dimittis – "Song of Simeon" (p. 199)

Thanksgiving (p. 200)

SALUTATION AND BENEDICTION

CLOSING HYMN: "Blessed Assurance"

1. Blessed assurance, Jesus is mine!
O what a foretaste of glory divine!
Heir of salvation, purchase of God,
Born of His Spirit, washed in His blood.

Refrain

This is my story, this is my song,
Praising my Savior, all the day long;
This is my story, this is my song,
Praising my Savior all the day long.

2. Perfect submission, perfect delight,
Visions of rapture now burst on my sight;
Angels descending, bring from above
Echoes of mercy, whispers of love. [Refrain]

3. Perfect submission, all is at rest,
I in my Savior am happy and blest,
Watching and waiting, looking above,
Filled with His goodness, lost in His love. [Refrain]

ANNOUNCEMENTS

POSTLUDE

OFFICIANT: Rev. Jonathan Vierkant

ORGANIST: Rinda Bye

WOODWIND TRIO: Michaela Grande, Stephanie Gutschmidt, Simone Manns

LAY READER: Kris Sheffield

THIS WEEK AT ST. ANDREW

Monday, March 27	-	6:45 p.m. Handbell Choir
	-	7:00 p.m. Men's Group
Wednesday, March 29	-	9:30 a.m. Ladies Bible Study
	-	6:00 p.m. Soup Supper
	-	7:00 p.m. Worship
Saturday, April 1	-	8:30 a.m. Mens Bible Study Dan B
Sunday, April 2	-	9:00 a.m. Palm Sunday Worship
	-	10:15 a.m. Family Education Hour

DID YOU KNOW?

Please check the bulletin board for other announcements.

SHHHHH. . . THERE IS A "QUIET ROOM" AT ST. ANDREW in the back of the Sanctuary. It has a sound system and the service can be heard in that room. Please be considerate of the worshipful attitude of others and use it as necessary. It is there for your comfort and convenience.

We have **reduced gluten communion wafers**. If you desire to receive one during communion, please identify yourself before the service to the Elder for that service so we can distribute one to you.

TEXAS ROADHOUSE: When you go to Texas Roadhouse in West Bend on a Sunday, take our church bulletin with you and they will donate 10% of your food purchases back to church.

BASKETS are located in the Narthex to collect food for the **FOOD PANTRY**.

THE LUTHERAN HOUR - SUNDAYS: 6 a.m. WGN Chicago 720 AM; 6:30 a.m. WTKM Hartford 104.9 FM; 6:30 a.m. WTMJ Milwaukee 620 AM & 103.3 FM; 5 p.m. WJUB Plymouth 1420 AM; 9 a.m. WIBD West Bend 1470 AM

**Lutheran Church Radio Service – JOY/WJYI (1340 AM)
7 a.m. Sundays**

St. Andrew Financials: If you are interested in seeing our monthly givings and expenses, please check the latest newsletter. Newsletters are sent out once a month and can be found in your email (if you have an email on file), in your mailbox, or on the table in the Narthex.

Reminder: Check your mailboxes regularly.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

IN OUR PRAYERS THIS WEEK: March 26 thru April 1

BIRTHDAY: Kendrick Miller, Clifford Hetzel, Fred Legate, Caleb Falk

BAPTISMAL ANNIVERSARIES: Sheriane Sauter, Joshua Vierkant, Craig Falk, Clifford Hetzel, Peggy Kriefall, Lori Turenske

WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES: Kenneth & Dorene Betz

PRAYERS FOR: Robert Oelke (son of Lee and Sharon Oelke), Adrian Buntrock (friend of Darryl & Laurie Pree), Mark Ruback, Larry Hammen, Ron Nuoffer, Mike & Miranda Kaufman (friends of Zach Kiehnau), Pray for Jim he has lung cancer (a friend of Cliff Hetzel). Lynn Henry is very ill with colitis (a friend of Jacquie Voeks) Sandi Bemis healing for Shoulder.

SERVING IN THE MILITARY: William Bowman (brother of Katie Vierkant), Matthew Speaks-(nephew of Darryl & Laurie Pree)

WELCOME VISITORS! We are glad you chose to worship with us. Sign our Guest Book in the Narthex or one of the cards in the pews and please talk to Pastor, an Usher or Elder if you have any questions.

DIFFERENT CHURCHES HAVE DIFFERENT UNDERSTANDINGS regarding Holy Communion. For this reason, because of what 1 Corinthians 11:27-30 tells us, we ask that visitors talk to Pastor if they wish to commune with us. **ALSO**, see the back of the communion cards for a statement by Synod.

WE HAVE A PRAYER CHAIN AT ST. ANDREW. Please contact Josie Pfeiffer at 262-626-4303 or pfeiffer4303@charter.net

ELDER SERVING TODAY Tai Hua, Craig Falk
Next Sunday: Bob Buehler, Dave Brehmer

CLEANED THIS WEEK ENDING 4/1/2023 Pastor Jon Vierkant, Katie Vierkant, Myron Kraft, Suzanne Woods

COMING WEEK Melissa Knox, Carla Peterson, Sandy Lompa

Altar Guild for March, Melissa Knox, Carla Peterson, Charlie Grande
April, Judi Bastain, Star Dzwonkowski, Cindy Heinz, Evelyn Nuoffer

Please contact Pastor Jon (262)808-7974 if you or a loved one is in the hospital, celebrating a milestone, or would just like a visit.

CHURCH TRIP We are planning a group trip next June for our congregation members to the Ark Encounter & the Creation Museum in Kentucky. This will be a 3-day adventure Thursday morning June 15 thru Saturday evening, June 17, 2023. We will be arranging for a block of hotel rooms and group tickets to both attractions. We are also looking into hiring a coach bus to drive us down there, but we need to make sure the number of people makes the cost worthwhile. If you are interested in going on this trip, please pick up a form in the narthex and fill it out with your name and the number that would attend.

COME VISIT THE SCRIP TABLE, after each Sunday service and purchase gift cards to use for groceries, shopping, and gifts! All proceeds go right to St. Andrew. If we don't have something you want or need in stock, we can order it. Visit www.raiseright.com for a list of available retailers or to create your own online account. See Carla Peterson, Laurie Pree, or Melissa Knox with questions

WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY

We will resume on Wednesday, February 22, beginning at 9:30 a.m. Our study called, Altogether Beautiful, a study on Song of Songs, will be an 8 week study. We will meet at Sandy Berres' home. Please let Sandy Ruback, know if you will be attending so I can order a book for you.

MONTHLY MISSIONS COLLECTIONS

In March, we will be collecting Hamburger/Chicken/Tuna Helper and canned tuna and other canned meats for the Kewaskum Food Pantry.

HIGHWAY CLEAN-UP DATES

Please read below the current dates for clean-up

May 7, 2023 at Noon

July 9, 2023 at 10:30 a.m.

September 24, 2023 at noon

Any questions please contact Jessica Janz 262-339-2164