



**Jesus said to her,
“I am the resurrection
and the life.”**

John 11:25

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As We Gather

In today's Gospel Reading, Mary and Martha both recognize Jesus as the Son of God and the Christ, but in their grief over the death of their brother Lazarus, they seem to forget the full extent of His power. Jesus reveals that He is the resurrection and the life, promising eternal life in heaven to all who believe in Him. He reminds us that He is not far away from us, but is filled with compassion and personally joins us in our times of trouble. Jesus proves His power over death by calling Lazarus out of the grave, and promises that when He raises us up, all traces of sin will be removed forever.

✠ Preparation for Worship ✠

Hymn

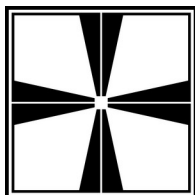
166 – Savior, When in Dust to Thee

Invocation

- P** In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.
C Amen.

Confession and Absolution

- P** We have come into the presence of God, who created us to love and serve Him as His dear children. But we have disobeyed Him and deserve only His wrath and punishment. Therefore, let us confess our sins to Him and plead for His mercy.
- C** **Merciful Father in heaven, I am altogether sinful from birth. In countless ways I have sinned against You and do not deserve to be called Your child. But trusting in Jesus, my Savior, I pray: Have mercy on me according to Your unfailing love. Cleanse me from my sin, and take away my guilt.**
- P** God, our heavenly Father, has forgiven all your sins. By the perfect life and innocent death of our Lord Jesus Christ, He has removed your guilt forever. You are His own dear child. May God give you strength to live according to His will.
- C** Amen.



✠ The Service of the Word ✠

Lord, Have Mercy

Kyrie

Lord, have mer-cy on us. Christ, have mer-cy
on us. Lord, have mer - cy on us.

Glory to God in the Highest

Gloria in Excelsis

Glo - ry to God, we give you thanks and praise; Of
Lord Je - sus Christ, the Fa - ther's on - ly Son, You
A - lone, O Christ, You on - ly are the Lord, At
heav'n - ly joy and peace on earth we sing. We wor-ship
bore for us the load of this world's sin. O Lamb of
God's right hand in maj-es - ty most high: Who, with the
You, to You our hearts we raise, Lord God, al -
God, Your glo - rious vic - t'ry won, Re - ceive our
Spir - it wor-shipped and a - dored, With all the
might - y Fa - ther, heav'n - ly King.
prayer, grant us Your peace with - in.
heav'n - ly host we glo - ri - fy.

Salutation

P The Lord be with you.

C And also with you.

Prayer of the Day

P Let us pray...

... who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

Old Testament Reading

2 Kings 4:17-37

¹⁷ But the woman conceived, and bore a son when the appointed time had come, of which Elisha had told her. ¹⁸ And the child grew. Now it happened one day that he went out to his father, to the reapers. ¹⁹ And he said to his father, "My head, my head!" So he said to a servant, "Carry him to his mother." ²⁰ When he had taken him and brought him to his mother, he sat on her knees till noon, and then died. ²¹ And she went up and laid him on the bed of the man of God, shut the door upon him, and went out. ²² Then she called to her husband, and said, "Please send me one of the young men and one of the donkeys, that I may run to the man of God and come back." ²³ So he said, "Why are you going to him today? It is neither the New Moon nor the Sabbath." And she said, "It is well." ²⁴ Then she saddled a donkey, and said to her servant, "Drive, and go forward; do not slacken the pace for me unless I tell you." ²⁵ And so she departed, and went to the man of God at Mount Carmel. So it was, when the man of God saw her afar off, that he said to his servant Gehazi, "Look, the Shunammite woman!" ²⁶ Please run now to meet her, and say to her, 'Is it well with you? Is it well with your husband? Is it well with the child?' " And she answered, "It is well." ²⁷ Now when she came to the man of God at the hill, she caught him by the feet, but Gehazi came near to push her away. But the man of God said, "Let her alone; for her soul is in deep distress, and the LORD has hidden it from me, and has not told me." ²⁸ So she said, "Did I ask a son of my lord? Did I not say, 'Do not deceive me'?" ²⁹ Then he said to Gehazi, "Get yourself ready, and take my staff in your hand, and be on your way. If you meet anyone, do not greet him; and if anyone greets you, do not answer him; but lay my staff on the face of the child." ³⁰ And the mother of the child said, "As the LORD lives, and as your soul lives, I will not leave you." So he arose and followed her. ³¹ Now Gehazi went on ahead of them, and laid the staff on the face of the child; but there was neither voice nor hearing. Therefore he went back to meet him, and told him, saying, "The child has not awakened." ³² When Elisha came into the house, there was the child, lying dead on his bed. ³³ He went in therefore, shut the door behind the two of them, and prayed to the LORD. ³⁴ And he went up and lay on the child, and put his mouth on his mouth, his eyes on his eyes, and his hands on his hands; and he stretched himself out on the child, and the flesh of the child became warm. ³⁵ He returned and walked back and forth in the house, and again went up and

stretched himself out on him; then the child sneezed seven times, and the child opened his eyes. ³⁶ And he called Gehazi and said, “Call this Shunammite woman.” So he called her. And when she came in to him, he said, “Pick up your son.” ³⁷ So she went in, fell at his feet, and bowed to the ground; then she picked up her son and went out.

Psalm of the Day

Psalm 130

P Out of the depths

C I have cried to You, O LORD;

P Lord, hear my voice!

C Let Your ears be attentive To the voice of my supplications.

P If You, LORD, should mark iniquities,

C O Lord, who could stand?

P But there is forgiveness with You,

C That You may be feared.

P I wait for the LORD, my soul waits,

C And in His word I do hope.

P My soul waits for the Lord More than those who watch for the morning

C Yes, more than those who watch for the morning.

P O Israel, hope in the LORD; For with the LORD there is mercy,

C And with Him is abundant redemption.

P And He shall redeem Israel

C From all his iniquities.

Epistle Reading

Romans 8:11-19

¹¹ But if the Spirit of Him who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, He who raised Christ from the dead will also give life to your mortal bodies through His Spirit who dwells in you. ¹² Therefore, brethren, we are debtors—not to the flesh, to live according to the flesh. ¹³ For if you live according to the flesh you will die; but if by the Spirit you put to death the deeds of the body, you will live. ¹⁴ For as many as are led by the Spirit of God, these are sons of God. ¹⁵ For you did not receive the spirit of bondage again to fear, but you received the Spirit of adoption by whom we cry out, “Abba, Father.” ¹⁶ The Spirit Himself bears witness with our spirit that we are children of God, ¹⁷ and if children, then heirs—heirs of God and joint heirs with Christ, if indeed we suffer with Him, that we may also be glorified together. ¹⁸ For I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worthy to be compared with the glory which shall be revealed in us. ¹⁹ For the earnest expectation of the creation eagerly waits for the revealing of the sons of God.

Response

P Blessed are they who hear the Word of God and keep it.

C Amen.

Confession of Faith

Apostles' Creed

I believe in God, the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth.

I believe 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 is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty. From there 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.

Hymn

151 (1-2, 6-7) – Christ, the Life of All the Living

Sermon Text

John 11:17-27, 38-45

¹⁷ So when Jesus came, He found that he had already been in the tomb four days. ¹⁸ Now Bethany was near Jerusalem, about two miles away. ¹⁹ And many of the Jews had joined the women around Martha and Mary, to comfort them concerning their brother. ²⁰ Now Martha, as soon as she heard that Jesus was coming, went and met Him, but Mary was sitting in the house. ²¹ Now 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 of 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 at the last day." ²⁵ Jesus said to her, "I am the resurrection and the life. He who believes in Me, though he may die, he shall live. ²⁶ And whoever 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 to come into the world." ³⁸ Then Jesus, again groaning in Himself, 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 him who was dead, said to Him, "Lord, by this time there is a stench, for he has been dead four days." ⁴⁰ Jesus said to her, "Did I not say to you that if you would believe you would see the glory of God?" ⁴¹ Then they took away the stone from the place where the dead man was lying. And Jesus lifted up His eyes and said, "Father, I thank You that You have heard Me. ⁴² And I know that You always hear Me, but because of the people who are standing by I said this, that they may believe

that You sent Me.”⁴³ Now when He had said these things, He cried with a loud voice, “Lazarus, come forth!”⁴⁴ And he who had died came out bound hand and foot with graveclothes, and his face was wrapped with a cloth. Jesus said to them, “Loose him, and let him go.”⁴⁵ Then many of the Jews who had come to Mary, and had seen the things Jesus did, believed in Him.



Sermon

Tears of Grief

I. See Jesus' Comfort

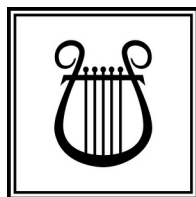
II. See Jesus' Heart

Offertory

Cre-ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re -
 new a right spir-it with - in me. Cast me not a -
 way from Your pres - ence. Take not Your Ho - ly
 Spir-it from me. Re store to me the joy of Your sal -
 va - tion. Up - hold with Your Spir - it free.

Hymn

19 (1-4) – All Praise to God, Who Reigns Above



Lord, You love the cheerful giver
Who with open heart and hand
Blesses freely, as a river
That refreshes all the land.
Grant us, then, the grace of giving
With a spirit large and true
That our life and all our living
We may consecrate to You.

General Prayer

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.

Benediction

P The Lord bless you and keep you.
The Lord make His face shine upon you and be gracious to you.
The Lord lift up His countenance upon you and give you peace.
C Amen.

Hymn

651 – Be Still, My Soul

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✝ Announcements ✝

Welcome to all of our guests and visitors this morning in our Savior's name. We are glad that you have come to worship with us this morning, and hope that you will come back and join us again. It is our prayer that your faith will be strengthened by the preaching of our Lord's pure Word and by the psalms and hymns that our Scripture-based liturgy offers. If you have any questions about our church or are interested in learning more about the Scriptures, please ask Pastor Sauers.

Upcoming Schedule

March 26	8:00 am	Worship Service (Orlando)
	10:15 am	Worship Service (Winter Haven)
April 1	9:00 am	Work Day
April 2	9:15 am	Bible Class
	10:15 am	Worship Service w/ Holy Communion
	11:15 am	Quarterly Voters' Meeting
April 7	6:30 pm	Good Friday Worship Service
April 9	9:00 am	Easter Brunch
	10:15 am	Worship Service

Member Visits: Pastor would like to get to know everyone in the congregation, and to that end, would like to visit with each family individually. These visits are intended as an opportunity for spiritual encouragement and for members to share their concerns, questions, comments, and suggestions. Please find the sign-up sheet on the bulletin board and sign up.

Midweek Lenten Worship: This year, our midweek Lenten theme is "Chronicles of the King." Throughout this series, we will explore how the kings of Judah are a shadow of Christ, the King of kings who sits upon the throne of David, His Father, forever. We will see how the kings in Chronicles point us to Christ, who fulfills all the kingly promises that the kings of Judah were unable to realize in themselves. This Wednesday, we consider King Josiah under the theme: Our Last Hope. We hope you will make plans to join us at 6:30 pm.

Easter Lilies: Celebrate the joy and beauty of Easter by signing up for Easter lilies! These lovely flowers will enhance the splendor of our Easter worship service, and are available for just \$10 each. Don't miss out on this opportunity to contribute to our Easter celebration. Sign up before April 2nd on the sign-up sheet on the organ.

Quarterly Voters' Meeting: The Quarterly Voters' Meeting will be held next Sunday, April 2nd, following the worship service. If you have something in particular that you would like the voters to consider at the meeting, please don't hesitate to speak with a member of the Church Council. The Church Council consists of the following:

- **President:** Ed Morris
- **Vice President:** Fred Adams
- **Secretary:** John Kuehne
- **Treasurer:** Mike Sheffield
- **Board of Elders Chair:** John Kuehne
- **Board of Trustees Chair:** Paul Kuehne
- **Board of Education Chair:** John Kuehne

Church Work Day: We are planning for a church work day this Saturday, April 1st, starting at 9:00 am. Lord willing, we will work together to complete the following tasks:

1. Clean windows.
2. Deep clean window blinds.
3. Pull weeds.
4. Rake lawn.
5. Spread mulch.
6. Trim trees.
7. Pick up trash on property.
8. Touch up paint and caulking in main hallway.
9. Pressure wash the steeple (steeple needs to be painted).

These tasks are important in preparing our church for the upcoming Easter celebration. We look forward to seeing you on Saturday.

Christ's Explorers Camp: Holy Trinity Ev. Lutheran Church (W. Columbia, SC) will be hosting Christ's Explorers Camp July 20th - 23rd in Sevierville, TN. Camp is open to students entering grades 3-9 for the 2023-24 school year. Registration opens on Saturday, April 1st at 9 AM (EST). Registrations will be limited to the first 25 boys and 25 girls. You may register online at christsexplorerscamp.com.

CLC Call News: Mrs. Leah Ude of Eau Claire, WI is considering the call to be teacher at Peace Thru Christ Lutheran Church of Middleton, WI. <> Pastor Luke Bernthal of St. Stephen Lutheran Church in Mountain View, CA is considering the call to serve as the third pastor at Messiah Lutheran Church, Eau Claire, WI.

Fruits of Faith	–	March 19, 2023	–	WH – 50
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Immanuel Home	\$840.25
Missions	\$5.00
ILC Scholarship	\$50.00
Lent	\$55.25
Sign	\$55.00
Total Offering	\$1,005.50

✝ Serving Next Weekend ✝

Cleaner (4/1): Work Day

Acolyte (4/2): Maxwell Kuehne

✠ Daily Bible Readings for Home Devotions ✠

March 27 – April 1

Monday: John 13:31-35 – Judas has “gone out” to betray Jesus to His enemies (v. 31). God will now be glorified in showing mercy to mankind in Christ. Jesus, who is about to lay down His life for His “friends” (cp Jn 15:13), calls upon His disciples to love one another “just as I have loved you” (v34).

Tuesday: Numbers 21:4-9 – After the Israelites complained that the Lord wanted them to die in the wilderness, and that they hated the food He provided, God sent venomous snakes among them that did bring about the death of many. When they repented and asked that the snakes be removed, God removed the deadly effect of the snakes through the bronze serpent on the pole, a picture of Christ on the cross (cf Jn 3:14,15).

Wednesday: Luke 23:27-31 – Some women of Jerusalem, following the procession to the cross, weep over the inhumane way that Jesus is being treated. Jesus warns them that there will be much more to weep about in future times for this city, which now has the Savior among them but is casting Him out.

Thursday: Luke 23:32-34 – Jesus is numbered with the worst of criminals and crucified among them, while the soldiers divide up His clothes among themselves. Yet at just that time Jesus shows His love toward those who nail Him to the cross, praying for their forgiveness, as He also dies for ours.

Friday: 1 Peter 1:17-21 – Peter reminds us all that we were ransomed from a dead-end life by the precious blood of Christ. This was God’s plan from before the foundation of the world, and it is He who persuades us to trust and hope in God, who raised our Redeemer from the dead.

Saturday: 1 Peter 1:22-24 – It was by the living and abiding word of God that we were persuaded to trust God’s great love for us in Christ Jesus. May we then reflect that love to each other. The word of God will continue forever, so our faith and love for Him and our love for one another may also remain.