

CHRIST LUTHERAN ACTIVITIES

Digging Deeper into the Bible & *We Make the Road by Walking* book study — Study sheets are sent out weekly. Interactive ZOOM meetings coming after Easter. Join in the conversation! Contact sjrawbrey@gmail.com.

Monday Afternoon Women's Tea! We hope to meet again soon.

Beach Bonfire—Monday, March 30

If you would like to volunteer to bring a dish for dropping off at the beach, please contact Louise Gilliam—flgilliam@cox.net or 949.322.2921.

CLC Book Club will meet virtually via Zoom on Wednesday, April 22, at 6p to discuss "Mary" by Janis Hoffman, a first-person tale of the Wild West told from the perspective of a woman with grit and humor raised in a whorehouse by a Blackfoot Spirit Woman. How's that for a synopsis?! Contact Judy Franz at jafranz47@gmail.com to join the discussion and add you to the Zoom invite list and send you instructions (it's easy).

HARDWARE DONATIONS of a laptop & smart devices needed for Remote Access

As we work to limit exposure for CLC staff and congregation we are asking for a laptop donation for Christine and any extra smart devices (tablets, phone etc.,) for congregation members who do not have access to technology for our Zoom meetings. Please contact Pastor Steve or Christine (via email addresses below) if you can donate, so we can ensure someone knows when the drop-off occurs. Thank you everyone for your help in this ever-changing situation.

DONATIONS—Please generously give to the ministry of CLC by check or @ <https://tithe.ly/give?c=171875> or @ clcsancllemente.org and click **Donate Using Tithe.ly**.

SUNDAY WORSHIP IS ALMOST LIVE (PRE-RECORDED) @ 10:30a.

If you miss our on-line worship @ 10:30a during the COVID-19 crisis, we are posting our Sunday service on [facebook.com/christlutheransc](https://www.facebook.com/christlutheransc) and will be linked to our web-site: www.clcsancllemente.org.

UPDATING PRAYER LIST please **renew** or **send new** prayer requests to sjrawbrey@gmail.com or secretary@clcsancllemente.org.

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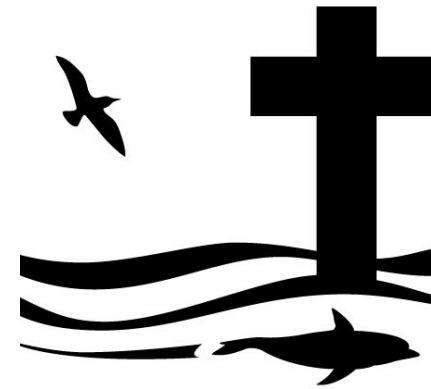


**SCMFO food pantry NEEDS
OUR HELP!**

The SCMFO dry goods
pantry for at risk military
families is

LOW ON SUPPLIES!

If you have any canned goods, pastas, etc...
laying around the house please bring them
to the CLC Narthex!



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March 29, 2020

Fifth Sunday in Lent

WELCOME TO CHRIST LUTHERAN CHURCH!

We welcome the participation of people of all ages, ethnic background, sexual orientation, gender identity, education, physical ability, nationality, socio-economic status, mental health, and in-recovery, — all who want to join us in serving the world with gratitude, reflecting the unconditional love of God.
Our unity is in Christ.

Pastor/Leader reading in script print/Assembly response in bold print

Introduction to the day

In today's gospel Jesus reveals his power over death by raising Lazarus from the dead. The prophet Ezekiel prophesies God breathing new life into dry bones. To those in exile or living in the shadows of death, these stories proclaim God's promise of resurrection. In baptism we die with Christ that we might also be raised with him to new life.

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

All may make the sign of the cross, the sign marked at baptism.

*Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God,
who is present, who gives life,
who calls into existence the things that do not exist.
Amen.*

*If you were to keep watch over sins, O Lord, who could stand?
Yet with you is forgiveness, and so we confess.*

Silence is kept for reflection.

BLESSING

*Now is the acceptable time.
Now is the day of salvation.
Holy God, speaking, spoken, and inspiring,
† bless you, unbind you,
and send you in love and in peace. Amen.*

SENDING SONG It is Well with My Soul

Verse 1

**When peace like a river attendeth my way
When sorrows like sea billows roll
Whatever my lot You have taught me to say
It is well it is well with my soul**

Chorus 1

**It is well it is well
Through the storm I am held
It is well it is well with my soul**

Verse 2

**My sin oh the bliss of this glorious thought
My sin not in part but the whole
Is nailed to the cross and I bear it no more
Praise the Lord praise the Lord oh my soul**

Chorus 2

**It is well it is well
God has won Christ prevailed
It is well it is well with my soul**

Verse 3

**And Lord haste the day
When the faith shall be sight
The clouds be rolled back as a scroll
The trump shall resound and the Lord shall descend
Even so it is well with my soul**

Ending

**It is well with my soul
It is well it is well with my soul**

DISMISSAL

*Go in peace. Stay healthy and well.
Thanks be to God.*

PRAYER

Lord Christ, you came into the world as one of us, and suffered as we do. As we go through the trials of life, help us to realize that you are with us at all times and in all things. In the security of your everlasting embrace we pray. Amen.

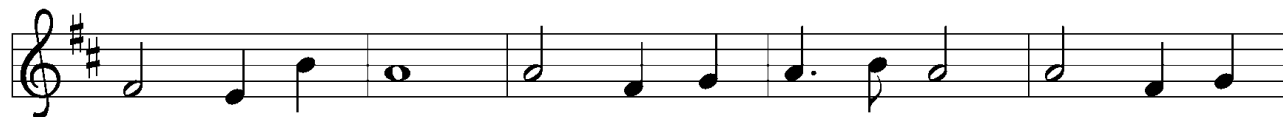
LORD'S PRAYER

**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.**

COMMUNION SONG My Faith Looks Up to Thee



1 My faith looks up to thee, thou Lamb of Cal - va - ry,
2 May thy rich grace im - part strength to my faint - ing heart,
3 While life's dark maze I tread and griefs a - round me spread,
4 When ends life's tran - sient dream, when death's cold, sul - len stream



Sav - ior di - vine! Now hear me while I pray, take all my
my zeal in - spire; as thou hast died for me, oh, may my
be thou my guide; bid dark - ness turn to day, wipe sor - row's
shall o'er me roll; blest Sav - ior, then, in love fear and dis -



guilt a - way, oh, let me from this day be whol - ly thine!
love to thee pure, warm, and change - less be, a liv - ing fire!
tears a - way, nor let me ev - er stray from thee a - side.
trust re - move; oh, bear me safe a - bove, a ran - somed soul!

Gracious God,

have mercy on us.

**We confess that we have turned away from you,
knowingly and unknowingly.**

We have wandered from your resurrection life.

We have strayed from your love for all people.

Turn us back to you, O God.

Give us new hearts and right spirits,

**that we may find what is pleasing to you
and dwell in your house forever. Amen.**

Receive good news: God turns to you in love.

"I will put my spirit in you, and you shall live," says our God.


All your sin is forgiven in the name of † Jesus Christ,

who is the free and abounding gift of God's grace for you.

Amen.

GATHERING SONG Kyrie Eleison

Refrain



Ky-ri-e e-lei-son, on our world and on our way.



Ky-ri-e e-lei-son, ev-'ry day.



- 1 For peace in the world, for the health of the church, for the
- 2 That we may live out your im-passioned re-sponse to the
- 3 For peace in our hearts, . . . for peace in our homes, . . . for
- 4 For your Spir-it to guide; that you cen-ter our lives in the



u - ni - ty of all; for
 hun - gry and the poor; that
 friends and fam - i - ly; for
 wa - ter and the word; that you



this ho - ly house, for all who wor-ship and praise,
 we may live out truth and jus-tice and grace,
 life and for love, for our work and our play,
 nour-ish our souls . . . with your bod - y and blood,

Refrain



let us pray to the Lord, let us pray to the Lord.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

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

Strengthen and encourage those in public health services and in the medical profession: care-givers, nurses, attendants, doctors, especially Brianne and all who commit themselves to caring for the sick and their families.

Hear our cry, O God, Listen to our prayer.

Inspire, give insight and hope to all researchers focused on developing a vaccine.
Hear our cry, O God, Listen to our prayer.

Sustain all workers and business owners who suffer loss of livelihood due to shut-downs, quarantines, closed borders, and other restrictions... protect and guard all those who must travel. Hear our cry, O God, Listen to our prayer.

Guide the leaders of the nations that they speak the truth, halt the spread of misinformation and act with justice so that all your family may know healing.
Hear our cry, O God, Listen to our prayer.

Heal our world, heal our bodies, strengthen our hearts and our minds, and in the midst of turmoil, give us hope and peace. Hear our cry, O God, Listen to our prayer.

Hold in your gentle embrace all who have died and who will die this day. Comfort their loved ones in their despair. Hear our cry, O God, Listen to our prayer.

Remember all your family, the entire human race, and all your creation, in your love.
Amen!

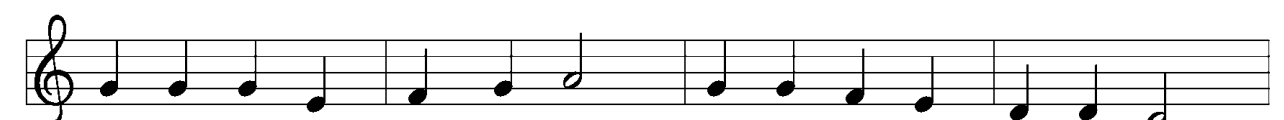
OFFERING SONG On My Heart Imprint Your Image



On my heart im - print your im - age, bless-ed Je - sus, king of grace,



that life's trou-bles nor its plea-sures ev - er may your work e - rase.



Let the clear in - scrip-tion be: Je - sus, cru - ci - fied for me,



is my life, my hope's foun-da-tion, all my glo-ry and sal - va - tion!

CREED *We confess our faith in a Triune God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit*

**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

*Turning our hearts to God who is gracious and merciful, we pray for the church,
the world, and all who are in need.*

A brief silence.

*O God our Healer, show your compassion for the whole human family that is in turmoil
and burdened with illness and with fear. Hear our cry, O God, **Listen to our prayer.***

*Come to our aid as the coronavirus spreads globally, heal those who are sick,
support and protect their families and friends from being infected.
Hear our cry, O God, **Listen to our prayer.***

*Grant us your spirit of love and self-discipline so that we may come together, working
to control and eliminate the coronavirus. Hear our cry, O God, **Listen to our prayer.***

*Make us vigilant, attentive, and proactive in the eradication of all diseases, malaria,
dengue, HIV & AIDS, and others that create suffering and often result in death for
many people. Hear our cry, O God, **Listen to our prayer.***

READING: Ezekiel 37:1-14

I felt the power of the Lord was on me. He brought me out by the Spirit of the Lord. And he put me down in the middle of a valley. It was full of bones. ² The Lord led me around among the bones. There were many bones on the bottom of the valley. I saw the bones were very dry. ³ Then he asked me, "Human being, can these bones live?" I answered, "Lord God, only you know."

⁴ The Lord said to me, "Prophecy to these bones. Say to them, 'Dry bones, hear the word of the Lord. ⁵ This is what the Lord God says to the bones: I will cause breath to enter you. Then you will live. ⁶ I will put muscles on you. I will put flesh on you. I will cover you with skin. Then I will put breath in you, and you will live. Then you will know that I am the Lord.'"

⁷ So I prophesied as I was commanded. While I prophesied, there was a noise and a rattling. The bones came together, bone to bone. ⁸ I looked and saw muscles come on the bones. Flesh grew, and skin covered the bones. But there was no breath in them.

⁹ Then the Lord said to me, "Prophecy to the wind. ^a Prophecy, human being, and say to the wind: 'This is what the Lord God says: Wind, come from the four winds. Breathe on these people who were killed so they can live again.'" ¹⁰ So I prophesied as the Lord commanded me. And the breath came into them, and they came to life. They stood on their feet. They were a very large army.

¹¹ Then the Lord said to me: "Human being, these bones are like all the people of Israel. They say, 'Our bones are dried up, and our hope has gone. We are destroyed.' ¹² So, prophecy, and say to them: 'This is what the Lord God says: My people, I will open your graves. And I will cause you to come up out of your graves. Then I will bring you into the land of Israel. ¹³ This is how you, my people, will know that I am the Lord. I will open your graves and cause you to come up from them. ¹⁴ And I will put my Spirit inside you. You will come to life. Then I will put you in your own land. And you will know that I, the Lord, have spoken and done it, says the Lord.'"

Word of God, word of life.

Thanks be to God.

SPECIAL MUSIC

Kenneth Haro

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION **Change My Heart, O God**

Change my heart, O God; make it ever true.

Change my heart, O God; may I be like you

You are the potter; I am the clay.

Mold me and make me; this is what I pray.

GOSPEL: John 11:1-45

¹⁻³ A man was sick, Lazarus of Bethany, the town of Mary and her sister Martha. This was the same Mary who massaged the Lord's feet with aromatic oils and then wiped them with her hair. It was her brother Lazarus who was sick. So the sisters sent word to Jesus, "Master, the one you love so very much is sick."⁴ When Jesus got the message, he said, "This sickness is not fatal. It will become an occasion to show God's glory by glorifying God's Son."⁵⁻⁷ Jesus loved Martha and her sister and Lazarus, but oddly, when he heard that Lazarus was sick, he stayed on where he was for two more days. After the two days, he said to his disciples, "Let's go back to Judea."⁸ They said, "Rabbi, you can't do that. The Jews are out to kill you, and you're going back?"⁹⁻¹⁰ Jesus replied, "Are there not twelve hours of daylight? Anyone who walks in daylight doesn't stumble because there's plenty of light from the sun. Walking at night, he might very well stumble because he can't see where he's going."

¹¹ He said these things, and then announced, "Our friend Lazarus has fallen asleep. I'm going to wake him up."¹²⁻¹³ The disciples said, "Master, if he's gone to sleep, he'll get a good rest and wake up feeling fine." Jesus was talking about death, while his disciples thought he was talking about taking a nap.¹⁴⁻¹⁵ Then Jesus became explicit: "Lazarus died. And I am glad for your sakes that I wasn't there. You're about to be given new grounds for believing. Now let's go to him."

¹⁶ That's when Thomas, the one called the Twin, said to his companions, "Come along. We might as well die with him."¹⁷⁻²⁰ When Jesus finally got there, he found Lazarus already four days dead. Bethany was near Jerusalem, only a couple of miles away, and many of the Jews were visiting Martha and Mary, sympathizing with them over their brother. Martha heard Jesus was coming and went out to meet him. Mary remained in the house.²¹⁻²² Martha said, "Master, if you'd been here, my brother wouldn't have died. Even now, I know that whatever you ask God he will give you."²³ Jesus said, "Your brother will be raised up."²⁴ Martha replied, "I know that he will be raised up in the resurrection at the end of time."²⁵⁻²⁶ "You don't have to wait for the End. I am, right now, Resurrection and Life. The one who believes in me, even though he or she dies, will live. And everyone who lives believing in me does not ultimately die at all. Do you believe this?"²⁷ "Yes, Master. All along I have believed that you are the Messiah, the Son of God who comes into the world."

²⁸ After saying this, she went to her sister Mary and whispered in her ear, "The Teacher is here and is asking for you."²⁹⁻³² The moment she heard that, she jumped up and ran out to him. Jesus had not yet entered the town but was still at the place where Martha had met him. When her sympathizing Jewish friends saw Mary run off, they followed her, thinking she was on her way to the tomb to weep there. Mary came to where Jesus was waiting and fell at his feet, saying, "Master, if only you had been here, my brother would not have died."

³³⁻³⁴ When Jesus saw her sobbing and the Jews with her sobbing, a deep anger welled up within him. He said, "Where did you put him?"³⁴⁻³⁵ "Master, come and see," they said. Now Jesus wept.

³⁶ The Jews said, "Look how deeply he loved him."³⁷ Others among them said, "Well, if he loved him so much, why didn't he do something to keep him from dying? After all, he opened the eyes of a blind man."

³⁸⁻³⁹ Then Jesus, the anger again welling up within him, arrived at the tomb. It was a simple cave in the hillside with a slab of stone laid against it. Jesus said, "Remove the stone." The sister of the dead man, Martha, said, "Master, by this time there's a stench. He's been dead four days!"⁴⁰ Jesus looked her in the eye. "Didn't I tell you that if you believed, you would see the glory of God?"

⁴¹⁻⁴² Then, to the others, "Go ahead, take away the stone." They removed the stone. Jesus raised his eyes to heaven and prayed, "Father, I'm grateful that you have listened to me. I know you always do listen, but on account of this crowd standing here I've spoken so that they might believe that you sent me."

⁴³⁻⁴⁴ Then he shouted, "Lazarus, come out!" And he came out, a cadaver, wrapped from head to toe, and with a kerchief over his face. Jesus told them, "Unwrap him and let him loose."

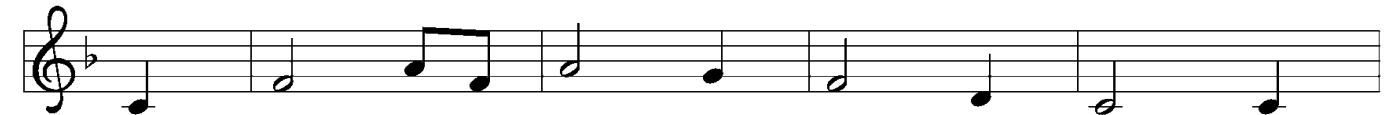
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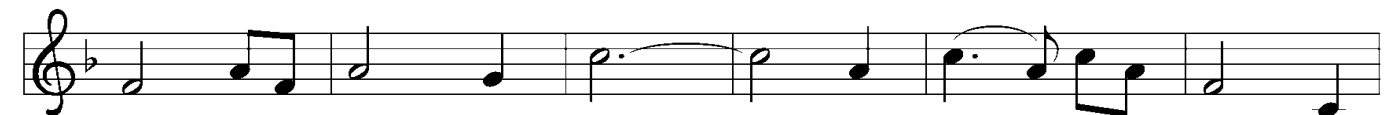
SERMON *Reflections on the Scriptures for today.*

Pastor Steve Awbrey

HYMN OF THE DAY **Amazing Grace**



1 A - maz - ing grace!— how sweet the sound— that
2 'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear, and
3 Through man - y dan - gers, toils, and snares I
4 The Lord has prom - ised good to me; his
5 When we've been there ten thou - sand years, bright



saved a wretch like me! I once was lost, but
grace my fears re - lieved; how pre - cious did that
have al - read - y come; 'tis grace has brought me
word my hope se - cures; he will my shield and
shin - ing as the sun, we've no less days to



now am found; was blind, but now I see.
grace ap - pear the hour I first be - lieved!
safe thus far, and grace will lead me home.
por - tion be as long as life en - dures.
sing God's praise than when we'd first be - gun.