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Sunday, March 22, 2026

THE FIFTH SUNDAY in LENT:

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. At the Easter Vigil we will welcome the newly baptized as we remember God's unfailing promise in our baptism.

Please feel free to sit anytime during the service if the need arises.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

(Please stand for the Confession and Forgiveness)

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS:

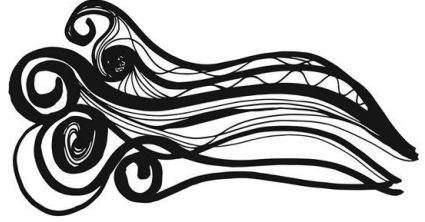
All may make the sign of the cross, the sign that is marked at baptism, as the presiding minister begins.

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 disdain
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.

(Remain Standing)

OPENING HYMN: "Oh, for a Thousand Tongues to Sing" LBW 559

APOSTOLIC GREETING:

P: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion
of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C: And also with you.

(Please Sit)

PRAYER OF THE DAY: (Located on the Today's Readings Insert)

GOD'S WORD

PSALM 130:

Please join me in the responsive reading.

FIRST READING: Ezekiel 37:1-14

Ezekiel's vision of the valley of dry bones is a promise that Israel as a nation, though dead in exile, will live again in their land through God's life-giving spirit. Three times Israel is assured that through this vision they will know that "I am the Lord."

Reader says: The Word of the Lord.

Congregation respond: Thanks be to God.

SECOND READING: Romans 8:6-11

For Paul, Christian spirituality entails living in the reality of the Holy Spirit. The driving force behind our actions and values is not our sinful desire for self-satisfaction but the very Spirit by which God raised Jesus from the dead and will also raise us from the dead.

Reader says: The Word of the Lord.

Congregation respond: Thanks be to God.

(Please stand for the Gospel Acclamation)

Sing: "Thy Word is a lamp unto my feet and a light unto my path."

(Please Sit)

P: The gospel reading is from John Chapter 11 verses 1-45.

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

THE GOSPEL READING: John 11:1-45

Jesus is moved to sorrow when his friend Lazarus falls ill and dies. Then, in a dramatic scene, he calls his friend out of the tomb and restores him to life.

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON: “No Exceptions” Sister Ruth Ellen Reblein

SERMON HYMN: “Lord, Whose Love in Humble Service” LBW 423

(Please stand for the Apostles Creed and The Sharing of the Peace)

APOSTLES CREED:

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THE PEACE:

P: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C: **And also with you.**

Let us share signs of peace with one another.

(Please sit for The Prayers of the People)

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE:

P: Hear us, O God.

C: **Your mercy is great.**

(Please stand and join hands)

THE LORD’S PRAYER

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**The OFFERING is RECEIVED AND WE STAND and SING
“Create in Me” Green, LBW Page 96**

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. Through all the gifts you give us, 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.

C: Amen.

THE BENEDICTION:

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 HYMN: “Precious Lord, Take My Hand” WOV 731

DISMISSAL:

P: Go in peace. Believe the good news.

C: Thanks be to God.

Postlude: Roberta Ryskoski

OUR GUEST DEACONESS THIS MORNING is Sister Ruth Ellen Rebelein. Thank you for leading our Worship, Sister Ruth Ellen.

Attendance: Last Sunday and Facebook Live: Inclement Weather

Wed., March 11th Lenten Service: 11

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Wed., March 18th Lenten Service: 14

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Facebook Plays:

Sunday, March 8th: 159 Wednesday, March 11th: N/A

Today, Service Schedule, March 22nd, 9:30 A.M.

Reader: Charlotte Rebelein

Usher: Darrell Rahn

Mid-Week Lenten Service Schedule, March 25th, 6:00 P.M.

Usher: Annette Raube

Next Week's Schedule, March 29th, 9:30 A.M.

Reader: Verlyn Rebelein

Usher: Verlyn Rebelein

March 2026 Altar Schedule

Annette Raube and Charleen Strook

March 2026 Communion Schedule (1st and 3rd Sunday)

Annette Raube

April 2026 Altar Schedule

Mary Fairbank

April 2026 Communion Schedule (1st and 3rd Sunday)

Wayne Heitmann

THIS WEEK AT EMANUEL:

**THERE WILL BE COFFEE AND GOODIES THIS MORNING
FOLLOWING THE WORSHIP** provided by Marlene Connell.

Please consider joining your church council. We are in need of at least one more member.

MID-WEEK LENTEN SERVICE is this Wednesday, March 25th, at 6:00 P.M.

THE NEW DEVOTION BOOKS are here! They are on the rack South of the elevator and in the narthex of the church.

To The Congregation for the many good wishes of healing from everyone. My new shoulder is healing well. Only 10 more weeks to go before I can use it. Sure is not any fun. Must think positive thoughts. Thank you! Toby

DATE TO REMEMBER:

Easter Breakfast will be served on Easter morning starting at 8:00 A.M. Thank you to Renee Mayo. **Easter Day** service at 9:30 A.M.

EASTER LILIES

You can help beautify Emanuel's Altar on Easter Sunday by purchasing an Easter Lily. Cost per lily is \$15.00. Please complete this form, put it in an envelope marked "LILY" and drop it in the offering plate. **Please include payment.** The deadline for ordering is Sunday, March 22, 2026. Please take your lily home following the 9:30 AM worship service on Easter Sunday, April 5th.

YOUR

NAME: _____

Number of lilies: _____ X \$15.00 = _____

IN MEMORY

OF: _____

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OF: _____