



**Emmanuel Lutheran Church**  
**Morning Prayer**  
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**PRELUDE**

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**DIALOGUE AND DOXOLOGY**

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Pastor: O Lord, open my lips,  
Assembly: **and my mouth shall proclaim your praise.**

**All: Glory to the Father, and to the Son  
and to the Holy Spirit:  
as it was in the beginning, is now,  
and will be forever. Amen.**

**HYMN**

ELW#777

*Come to Me, All Pilgrims Thirsty*

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1 "Come to me, all pil-grims thirst - y; drink the wa - ter I will give.  
 2 "Come to me, all trav-'lers wea - ry; come that I may give you rest.  
 3 "Come to me, be - liev - ers bur - dened; find re - fresh - ment in this place.  
 4 "Come to me, re - pen - tant sin - ners; leave be - hind your guilt and shame.

If you knew what gift I of - fer, you would come to me and live."  
 Drink the cup of life I of - fer; at this ta - ble be my guest."  
 Come, re - ceive the gift I of - fer, turn to me and seek my face."  
 Come and know di - vine com - pas - sion, turn to me, I call your name."

*Refrain*

Je - sus, ev - er - flow - ing foun - tain, give us wa - ter from your well.

In the gra - cious gift you of - fer there is joy no tongue can tell.

5 "Come to me, distressed and needy;  
 I would be your trusted friend.  
 Come and seek the gift I offer,  
 come, your open hands extend." *Refrain*

6 "Come to me, abandoned, orphaned;  
 lonely ways no longer roam.  
 Come and take the gift I offer,  
 let me make in you my home." *Refrain*

## PSALMODY

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Pastor: The Sun of righteousness will arise with healing in his wings.  
Assembly: **Oh, come, let us worship and praise.**

### PSALM 95:1-7

*(the assigned Psalm for Morning Prayer)*

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Leader: Come, let us sing to the LORD;  
let us shout for joy to the rock of our salvation.  
  
Let us come before God's presence with thanksgiving  
and raise a loud shout to the LORD with psalms.

For you, LORD, are a great God,  
and a great ruler above all gods.

In your hand are the caverns of the earth;  
the heights of the hills are also yours.

The sea is yours, for you made it,  
and your hands have molded the dry land.

Come, let us worship and bow down,  
let us kneel before the LORD our maker.

For the LORD is our God, and we are the people of God's pasture and the sheep of  
God's hand.

Oh, that today you would hear God's voice!

**All: Come, let us sing to the Lord:  
let us shout for joy to the rock of our salvation.**

Leader: Let us pray. God our maker, you guide us as the sheep of your fold. When we  
stray into rebellion and unbelief, bring us back and restore us, that we may follow  
your ways and listen to the voice of our shepherd who gives us eternal life, Jesus  
Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Assembly: **Amen.**

Leader:     <sup>1</sup>Out of the depths  
              I cry to you, O LORD;  
              <sup>2</sup>O LORD, hear my voice!  
              Let your ears be attentive to the voice of my supplication.  
              <sup>3</sup>If you were to keep watch over sins,  
              O LORD, who could stand?  
              <sup>4</sup>Yet with you is forgiveness,  
              in order that you may be feared.  
              <sup>5</sup>I wait for you, O LORD; my soul waits;  
              in your word is my hope.  
              <sup>6</sup>My soul waits for the Lord more than those who keep watch  
              for the morning,  
              more than those who keep watch for the morning.  
              <sup>7</sup>O Israel, wait for the LORD, for with the LORD there is steadfast love;  
              with the LORD there is plenteous redemption.  
              <sup>8</sup>For the LORD shall redeem Israel  
              from all their sins.

**All:           I wait for you O Lord,  
                  in your word is my hope.**

Leader:     Let us pray. God of compassion, you sent your Word into the world to announce  
              the dawn of salvation. Do not leave us in the depths of our sins, but give to us the  
              fullness of your redeeming grace; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

**Assembly:   Amen.**

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**SCRIPTURE READINGS FOR THE FIFTH SUNDAY IN LENT, YEAR A**

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**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."*

Lector:     A reading from Ezekiel

<sup>1</sup>The 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. <sup>2</sup>He led me all around them; there were very many lying in the valley, and they were very dry. <sup>3</sup>He said to me, "Mortal, can these bones live?" I answered, "O Lord GOD, you know." <sup>4</sup>Then he said to me, "Prophecy to these bones, and say to them: O dry bones, hear the word of the LORD. <sup>5</sup>Thus says the Lord GOD to these bones: I will cause breath to enter you, and you shall live. <sup>6</sup>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."

<sup>7</sup>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. <sup>8</sup>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. <sup>9</sup>Then he said to me, “Prophecy to the breath, prophesy, 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.” <sup>10</sup>I prophesied as he commanded me, and the breath came into them, and they lived, and stood on their feet, a vast multitude.

<sup>11</sup>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.’ <sup>12</sup>Therefore prophesy, 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. <sup>13</sup>And you shall know that I am the LORD, when I open your graves, and bring you up from your graves, O my people. <sup>14</sup>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.”

Lector:                   The Word of the Lord.  
Assembly:               **Thanks be to God!**

## SECOND READING

Romans 8: 6-11

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*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.*

Lector:     A reading from Romans

<sup>6</sup>To set the mind on the flesh is death, but to set the mind on the Spirit is life and peace. <sup>7</sup>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, <sup>8</sup>and those who are in the flesh cannot please God.

<sup>9</sup>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. <sup>10</sup>But if Christ is in you, though the body is dead because of sin, the Spirit is life because of righteousness. <sup>11</sup>If the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, he who raised Christ from the dead will give life to your mortal bodies also through his Spirit that dwells in you.

Lector:                   The Word of the Lord.  
Assembly:               **Thanks be to God!**

*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.*

Pastor: Hear the reading of the Holy Gospel from John

**Assembly: Glory to you, O Lord.**

<sup>1</sup>Now a certain man was ill, Lazarus of Bethany, the village of Mary and her sister Martha. <sup>2</sup>Mary was the one who anointed the Lord with perfume and wiped his feet with her hair; her brother Lazarus was ill. <sup>3</sup>So the sisters sent a message to Jesus, "Lord, he whom you love is ill." <sup>4</sup>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." <sup>5</sup>Accordingly, though Jesus loved Martha and her sister and Lazarus, <sup>6</sup>after having heard that Lazarus was ill, he stayed two days longer in the place where he was.

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

<sup>17</sup>When Jesus arrived, he found that Lazarus had already been in the tomb four days. <sup>18</sup>Now Bethany was near Jerusalem, some two miles away, <sup>19</sup>and many of the Jews had come to Martha and Mary to console them about their brother. <sup>20</sup>When Martha heard that Jesus was coming, she went and met him, while Mary stayed at home. <sup>21</sup>Martha said to Jesus, "Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died. <sup>22</sup>But even now I know that God will give you whatever you ask of him." <sup>23</sup>Jesus said to her, "Your brother will rise again." <sup>24</sup>Martha said to him, "I know that he will rise again in the resurrection on the last day." <sup>25</sup>Jesus said to her, "I am the resurrection and the life. Those who believe in me, even though they die, will live, <sup>26</sup>and everyone who lives and believes in me will never die. Do you believe this?" <sup>27</sup>She said to him, "Yes, Lord, I believe that you are the Messiah, the Son of God, the one coming into the world."

<sup>28</sup>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." <sup>29</sup>And when she heard it, she got up quickly and went to him. <sup>30</sup>Now Jesus had not yet come to the village, but was still at the place where Martha had met him. <sup>31</sup>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. <sup>32</sup>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." <sup>33</sup>When Jesus saw her weeping, and the Jews who came with her also weeping, he was greatly disturbed in spirit and deeply moved. <sup>34</sup>He said, "Where have you laid him?" They said to him, "Lord, come and see." <sup>35</sup>Jesus began to weep. <sup>36</sup>So the Jews said, "See how he loved him!" <sup>37</sup>But some of them said, "Could not he who opened the eyes of the blind man have kept this man from dying?"

<sup>38</sup>Then Jesus, again greatly disturbed, came to the tomb. It was a cave, and a stone was lying against it. <sup>39</sup>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.” <sup>40</sup>Jesus said to her, “Did I not tell you that if you believed, you would see the glory of God?” <sup>41</sup>So they took away the stone. And Jesus looked upward and said, “Father, I thank you for having heard me. <sup>42</sup>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.” <sup>43</sup>When he had said this, he cried with a loud voice, “Lazarus, come out!” <sup>44</sup>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.”

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

Pastor: The Gospel of the Lord.  
Assembly: **Praise to you, O Christ!**

Pastor: Long ago God spoke to our ancestors in many and various ways by the prophets,  
Assembly: **but in these last days God has spoken to us by the Son.**

**SERMON**

Pastor Amanda

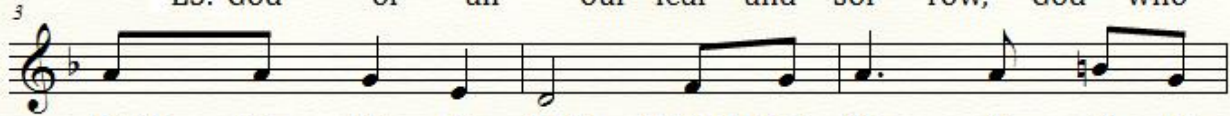
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**HYMN OF THE DAY** ELW#334 *Tree of Life and Awesome Mystery* (vv. 1, 2, 3, Lent 5)

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1. Tree of life and awe-some mys - t'ry, in your  
2. We re - mem - ber truth once spo - ken, love passed  
3. Christ, you lead and we shall fol - low, stum - bling  
L5. God of all our fear and sor - row, God who



death we are re - born; though you die in all of  
on through act and word; ev - 'ry per - son lost and  
though our steps may be; one with you in joy and  
lives bey - ond our death, hold us close through each to -



his - t'ry, still you rise with ev - 'ry morn, still you  
bro - ken wears the bod - y of our Lord, wears the  
sor - row, we the riv - er, you the sea, we the  
mor - row, love as near as ev - 'ry breath, love as



rise with ev - 'ry morn.  
bod - y of our Lord.  
riv - er, you the sea.  
near as ev - 'ry breath.



Pastor: We will read the gospel canticle responsively.

**All: In the tender compassion of our God  
the dawn from on high shall break upon us.**

Pastor: Blessed are you, Lord, the God of Israel,  
you have come to your people and set them free.  
You have raised up for us a mighty Savior,  
born of the house of your servant David.

**Assembly: In the tender compassion of our God  
the dawn from on high shall break upon us.**

Pastor: Through your holy prophets,  
you promised of old to save us from our enemies,  
from the hands of all who hate us,  
to show mercy to our forebears,  
and to remember your holy covenant.  
This was the oath you swore to our father Abraham:  
to set us free from the hands of our enemies,  
free to worship you without fear,  
holy and righteous before you, all the days of our life.

**Assembly: In the tender compassion of our God  
the dawn from on high shall break upon us.**

Pastor: And you, child, shall be called the prophet of the Most High,  
for you will go before the Lord to prepare the way,  
to give God's people knowledge of salvation  
by the forgiveness of their sins.

**Assembly: In the tender compassion of our God  
the dawn from on high shall break upon us,**

Pastor: to shine on those who dwell in darkness and the shadow of death,  
and to guide our feet into the way of peace.

**Assembly: In the tender compassion of our God  
the dawn from on high shall break upon us.**

## PRAYERS

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Pastor: The Lord be with you.  
**Assembly: And also with you.**  
Pastor: Let us pray.

*A brief silence for prayer follows each petition.*

Pastor: Mighty God of mercy, we thank you for the resurrection dawn, bringing the glory of our risen Lord who makes every day new.

Especially we thank you—  
for the sustaining goodness of your creation . . .

for the new creation in Christ and all gifts of healing and forgiveness . . .

for the gifts of relationship with others . . .

for the communion of faith in your church . . .

for what else does the church of God give thanks:

*Please speak aloud, pray silently, or type in the chat the other things for which you are thankful....*

Pastor: Merciful God of might, renew this weary world, heal the hurts of all your children, and bring about your peace for all in Christ Jesus, the living Lord.

Especially we pray—  
for those who govern nations of the world . . .

for the people in countries ravaged by strife or warfare . . .

for all who work for peace and international harmony . . .

for all who strive to save the earth from carelessness and destruction . . .

for the church of Jesus Christ in every land . . .

*Please speak aloud, pray silently, or type in the chat the other things, people and situations about which you are concerned.*

Pastor: O God, you have called your servants to ventures of which we cannot see the ending, by paths as yet untrodden, through perils unknown. Give us faith to go out with good courage, not knowing where we go, but only that your hand is leading us and your love supporting us; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**Assembly: Amen.**

## **LORD'S PRAYER**

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Pastor:       Gathered together as God's people, let us pray as Jesus taught us.

**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.**

## **BLESSING**

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Pastor:       Let us bless the Lord.

**Assembly: Thanks be to God.**

Pastor:       Almighty God, the Father, † the Son, and the Holy Spirit, bless and preserve us.

**Assembly: Amen.**

## **SENDING HYMN**

ELW#742

*What a Friend We Have in Jesus*

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1 What a friend we have in Je - sus, all our sins and griefs to bear!  
 2 Have we tri - als and temp-ta - tions? Is there trou-ble an - y-where?  
 3 Are we weak and heav-y - lad - en, cum-bered with a load of care?

What a priv - i - lege to car - ry ev - 'ry-thing to God in prayer!  
 We should nev - er be dis - cour - aged— take it to the Lord in prayer.  
 Pre - cious Sav - ior, still our ref - uge— take it to the Lord in prayer.

Oh, what peace we of - ten for - feit; oh, what need-less pain we bear—  
 Can we find a friend so faith - ful who will all our sor - rows share?  
 Do your friends de - spise, for - sake you? Take it to the Lord in prayer.

all be - cause we do not car - ry ev - 'ry-thing to God in prayer!  
 Je - sus knows our ev - 'ry weak - ness— take it to the Lord in prayer.  
 In his arms he'll take and shield you; you will find a so - lace there.

**POSTLUDE**