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March 22nd, 2026 9:30am

Fifth Sunday in Lent



A Lutheran Mass - Setting by Thomas Mosbo
Please leave your offering in the plate at the door
You may stand at times marked with an asterisk (*)

Opening

Prelude and Contemplation

Tena Rackow

Welcome and Announcements

Confession and Forgiveness

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

C: Amen.

P: Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hidden: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

C: Amen.

P: If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. But if we confess our sins, God who is faithful and just will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

Silence for reflection

P: Gracious God,

C: have mercy on us. In your compassion forgive us our sins, known and unknown, things done and left undone. Uphold us by your Spirit so that we may live and serve you in newness of life, to the honor and glory of your holy name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

P: Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord ✠ Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life.

C: Amen.

* Hymn *Restore in Us, O God* **ELW # 328**

* Greeting *ELW page 138*

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.

* Kyrie *Lord, Have Mercy*

P: Kyrie eleison. **C: Lord, have mercy.**

P: Christe eleison. **C: Christ, have mercy.**

P: Kyrie eleison. **C: Lord, have mercy.**

* Prayer of the Day

P: Let us pray.

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.

C: Amen.

Readings

First Reading: *Ezekiel 37:1-14*

L: A reading from the prophet Ezekiel.

37 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. 2 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. 3 And he said to me, "Son of man, can these bones live?" And I answered, "O Lord GOD, you know." 4 Then he said to me, "Prophesy over these bones, and say to them, O dry bones, hear the word of the LORD. 5 Thus says the Lord GOD to these bones: Behold, I will cause breath to enter you, and you shall live. 6 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."

7 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. 8 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. 9 Then he said to me, "Prophesy to the breath; prophesy, 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." 10 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.

11 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.'

[12] 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. [13] And you shall know that I am the LORD, when I open your graves, and raise you from your graves, O my people. [14] 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." *[ESV]*

L: The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

Psalm: *130*

L: Let us read responsively Psalm 130.

130 Out of the depths I cry to you, O LORD!

[2] O Lord, hear my voice! Let your ears be attentive
to the voice of my pleas for mercy!

[3] If you, O LORD, should mark iniquities,
O Lord, who could stand?

[4] But with you there is forgiveness,
that you may be feared.

[5] I wait for the LORD, my soul waits,
and in his word I hope;

[6] my soul waits for the Lord
more than watchmen for the morning,
more than watchmen for the morning.

[7] O Israel, hope in the LORD!
For with the LORD there is steadfast love,
and with him is plentiful redemption.

[8] And he will redeem Israel
from all his iniquities. *[ESV]*

Second Reading: *Romans 8:6-11*

L: A reading from Paul's letter to the Romans.

6 For to set the mind on the flesh is death, but to set the mind on the
Spirit is life and peace. 7 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. 8 Those
who are in the flesh cannot please God.

9 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. 10 But if Christ is in you, although the body is dead
because of sin, the Spirit is life because of righteousness. 11 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. *[ESV]*

L: The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

* Gospel Acclamation

C: Return to the Lord, your God,
for he is gracious and merciful,
slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love,
and abounding in steadfast love.

* Gospel: *John 11:1-45*

P: The Holy Gospel according to John.

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

11 Now a certain man was ill, Lazarus of Bethany, the village of Mary
and her sister Martha. 2 It was Mary who anointed the Lord with oint-
ment and wiped his feet with her hair, whose brother Lazarus was ill. 3
So the sisters sent to him, saying, "Lord, he whom you love is ill."

4 But when Jesus heard it he said, “This illness does not lead to death.
It is for the glory of God, so that the Son of God may be glorified
through it.”
5 Now Jesus loved Martha and her sister and Lazarus. 6 So, when he
heard that Lazarus was ill, he stayed two days longer in the place
where he was. 7 Then after this he said to the disciples, “Let us go to
Judea again.” 8 The disciples said to him, “Rabbi, the Jews were just
now seeking to stone you, and are you going there again?” 9 Jesus an-
swered, “Are there not twelve hours in the day? If anyone walks in the
day, he does not stumble, because he sees the light of this world. 10 But
if anyone walks in the night, he stumbles, because the light is not in
him.” 11 After saying these things, he said to them, “Our friend Lazarus
has fallen asleep, but I go to awaken him.” 12 The disciples said to him,
“Lord, if he has fallen asleep, he will recover.” 13 Now Jesus had spoken
of his death, but they thought that he meant taking rest in sleep. 14 Then
Jesus told them plainly, “Lazarus has died, 15 and for your sake I am
glad that I was not there, so that you may believe. But let us go to him.”
16 So Thomas, called the Twin, said to his fellow disciples, “Let us also
go, that we may die with him.”
17 Now when Jesus came, he found that Lazarus had already been in
the tomb four days. 18 Bethany was near Jerusalem, about two miles
off, 19 and many of the Jews had come to Martha and Mary to console
them concerning their brother. 20 So when Martha heard that Jesus was
coming, she went and met him, but Mary remained seated in the
house. 21 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
from 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 resur-
rection on the last day.” 25 Jesus said to her, “I am the resurrection and
the life. Whoever believes in me, though he die, yet shall he live, 26 and
everyone who 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 coming into the world.”
[28] When she had said this, she went and called her sister Mary, saying in private, “The Teacher is here and is calling for you.” [29] And when she heard it, she rose quickly and went to him. [30] Now Jesus had not yet come into the village, but was still in the place where Martha had met him. [31] When the Jews who were with her in the house, consoling her, saw Mary rise quickly and go out, they followed her, supposing that she was going to the tomb to weep there. [32] Now when Mary came to where Jesus was and saw him, she fell at his feet, saying to him, “Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died.” [33] When Jesus saw her weeping, and the Jews who had come with her also weeping, he was deeply moved in his spirit and greatly troubled. [34] And he said, “Where have you laid him?” They said to him, “Lord, come and see.” [35] Jesus wept. [36] So the Jews said, “See how he loved him!” [37] But some of them said, “Could not he who opened the eyes of the blind man also have kept this man from dying?”
[38] Then Jesus, deeply moved again, 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 the dead man, said to him, “Lord, by this time there will be an odor, for he has been dead four days.” [40] Jesus said to her, “Did I not tell you that if you believed you would see the glory of God?” [41] So they took away the stone. And Jesus lifted up his eyes and said, “Father, I thank you that you have heard me. [42] 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.” [43] When he had said these things, he cried out with a loud voice, “Lazarus, come out.” [44] 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.”
[45] Many of the Jews therefore, who had come with Mary and had seen what he did, believed in him. *[ESV, modified]*

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

Reflection

Sermon Pastor Thomas Mosbo

*** Hymn** ***What Wondrous Love Is This*** **ELW # 666**

*** Nicene Creed** *ELW page 104*

P: With the whole church, let us confess our faith.

**C: We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God, begotten, not made,
of one Being with the Father,
through whom all things were made.**

**For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven,
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary
and became truly human.
For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered death and was buried.**

**On the third day he rose again
in accordance with the scriptures;
he ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.**

**He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father,
who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified,
who has spoken through the prophets.**

**We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church.
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.
We look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

Choir Anthem *No Rose Bloomed in Gethsemane*

We lift our prayers for

Lynn Lyvers, Jerry, Denny Bergmann, Rene', Paul Fahr, Gary Hudik, Virgil Martin, Caroline Jam, Darlene Aurand, Cyndy Schumacher, Virgil Gordon, Jerry Martin, Donna Christen, Richard Frietag, Waylon Andrews, Connor Stadermann, Ryse Stone, Nicole, John, Chuck, Joyce, Terri, Tina, Julie, Jamie, Crystal, Katie, Christian, Anna, Abby, Karla, Jacob and his family, Richard Gordon, Kathy, Charlie, Brad, Sue, Emma, Cindy, Lamar Hail, Connie, Pam, Caroline, Tina D., Jim DeMontigny Jr., Linda Kruger-Kleckler, Norman, Vivian, Tina Cheeney, Brenda, Kara Allen, Christine Beyer, Bob Schulz, Kenny Frie, Steve Rothschadl, Gary L. Hartwig, Josh, Hannah, Ray Phillips, Susan, Allison Biddick, Brad Rackow, Kim Choin, Jeannie, Dianne, Nancy, Pat McCluskey, Jim Briggs, Sandi, Tina, Jim, Ronald Schrader and Christine S.

Prayer

Prayers of Intercession *ELW page 143*

L: Reconciled by God's mercy and sustained by God's presence, let us pray for the world and its needs :

Please respond to each petition with the following:

L: … Hear us, O God.
C: Your mercy is great.

P: Receive our prayers, O God, through Jesus Christ, our strength and salvation.
C: Amen.

Lord's Prayer *ELW page 145*

P: Let us pray with confidence in the words our Savior gave us:

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.

Blessing *ELW page 146*

P: The Lord bless you and keep you,
The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you,
The Lord look upon you with favor and give you peace,
In the name of the Father, ☩ and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit..

C: Amen.

* Hymn *Oh, For a Thousand Tongues to Sing* **ELW # 886**

* Dismissal *ELW page 146*

P: Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

Postlude Tena Rackow

Attendance March 8th

In-person 30, Online - 62



Join us each Wednesday

At Evangelical Free Church of Lena during Lent at 1 p.m. in

Fellowship Hall as we celebrate with music!

March 25th Ray Nicholas

April 1st Will Mueller

Service will be 45-60 minutes long.

Friendship Club

April 9th 12:30pm potluck

Entertainment by

Tyger Johnson-One Man Band

Good Shepherd Council Meeting

Thursday, April 9th at 6:30pm

Northern Illinois WELCA

Storytelling with Jen Miller.

Saturday, April 11th 9:3am-12:30pm

First Lutheran Church,

324 N. Third St.

DeKalb, IL

Hannah Circle

Will not hold April meeting.

Good Shepherd will be at the

Le-Win Food Pantry

Saturday, April 25th, 8:30am-11:30am

WELCA

Spring Retreat

Saturday, April 25th

9:00am-3:00pm

LOMC Oregon, IL.

Men's Group

Saturday, April 25th, 4:30pm



Worry,
Is a conversation with
yourself
About things you
cannot change.

Prayer,
Is a conversation you

Holy Week and Easter Schedule 2026

- 29 March, 9:30 am - *Palm Sunday / Sunday of the Passion* - Sunday worship with procession of palms and a reading of the Passion according to Matthew
- 2 April, 7:00 pm - *Maundy Thursday* - Communion service
- 3 April, 7:00 pm - *Good Friday* - Tenebrae service
- 5 April, 7:00 am - *Easter Morning* - Sunrise service
- 5 April, 9:30 am - *Easter Day* - Festive celebration with Holy Communion



Easter Breakfast

The Good Shepherd will be serving Easter Breakfast in Fellowship Hall.

Menu includes: Egg Casserole, Cinnamon Rolls, Coffee, Juice and Milk.

Sign up sheet for food donations by entrance to Fellowship Hall.

A freewill donation would be welcome to cover expenses for ham, cheese and other needed supplies would be appreciated. Anything donated above expenses would be donated to the church.

Easter Breakfast Reservation Form

Please fill out this reservation form and drop if off at the church office.

Name:_____

Phone:_____

Number of people attending_____