FIFTH SUNDAY IN LENT—March 29, 2020
TRADITIONAL WORSHIP SERVICE
Saturday 5pm / Sunday 8am, 11am / Monday 6:30pm

HYMN
“Christ, the Life of All the Living”
1 Christ, the life of all the living, Christ, the death of death, our foe,
Who, Thyself for me once giving To the darkest depths of woe:
Through Thy sufferings, death, and merit I eternal life inherit.
Thousand, thousand thanks shall be, Dearest Jesus, unto Thee.

2 Thou, ah! Thou, hast taken on Thee Bonds and stripes, a cruel rod;
Pain and scorn were heaped upon Thee, O Thou sinless Son of God!
Thus didst Thou my soul deliver From the bonds of sin forever.
Thousand, thousand thanks shall be, Dearest Jesus, unto Thee.

6 Thou hast suffered great affliction And hast borne it patiently,
Even death by crucifixion, Fully to atone for me;
Thou didst choose to be tormented That my doom should be prevented.
Thousand, thousand thanks shall be, Dearest Jesus, unto Thee.

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INVOCATION
Pastor: We gather today celebrating life: Life created by the Father;
People: life restored by Jesus Christ, the life of all the living, who is the resurrection and the life;
Pastor: life sanctified by the living breath of the Holy Spirit. In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.
People: Amen.

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION
Pastor: If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.
People: But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.
Pastor: Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.
People: Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. We have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved You with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways to the glory of Your holy name. Amen.

Pastor: Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

People: Amen.

HYMN “Christ, the Life of All the Living”
7 Then, for all that wrought my pardon, For Thy sorrows deep and sore,
For Thine anguish in the Garden, I will thank Thee evermore,
Thank Thee for Thy groaning, sighing, For Thy bleeding and Thy dying,
For that last triumphant cry, And shall praise Thee, Lord, on high.

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SALUTATION
Pastor: The Lord be with you.
People: And also with you.

PRAYER OF THE DAY
Pastor: Let us pray.

Almighty God, in whom is life now and forever, through Your Son’s suffering and death You have given us victory over all we ever need fear in sin, eternal death, and the power of the devil. Breathe into our bones and our souls Your life-giving Word, that we rejoice in Your forgiveness and serve You and others in love and faithfulness; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

People: Amen.

OLD TESTAMENT READING
Ezekiel 37:1–14 The valley of dry bones
The hand of the L ORD was upon me, and he brought me out in the Spirit of the L ORD 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 G OD, you know.” 4 Then he said to me, “Prophesy over these bones, and say to them, O dry bones, hear the word of the L ORD. 5 Thus says the Lord G OD 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 L ORD.”
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 G OD: 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 G OD: 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 L ORD, 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 L ORD; I have spoken, and I will do it, declares the L ORD.”

Pastor: This is the Word of the Lord.
People: Thanks be to God.

VERSE
People: I am the resurrection and the life. Whoever believes in Me, though he die, yet shall he live.

HOLY GOSPEL
Pastor: The Holy Gospel according to Saint John, the eleventh chapter.
People: (sung) Glory to You, O Lord.

John 11:17–45 Jesus is the resurrection and the life.

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, 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 resurrection 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, 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.”

Pastor: This is the Gospel of the Lord.
People: (sung) Praise to You, O Christ.

CHILDREN’S MESSAGE

HYMN OF THE DAY

“Jesus Christ, My Sure Defense”

1 Jesus Christ, my sure defense And my Savior, now is living! Knowing this, my confidence Rests upon the hope here given, Though the night of death be fraught Still with many an anxious thought.

2 Jesus, my Redeemer, lives; Likewise I to life shall waken. He will bring me where He is; Shall my courage then be shaken? Shall I fear, or could the Head Rise and leave His members dead?

3 No, too closely I am bound By my hope to Christ forever; Faith’s strong hand the Rock has found, Grasped it, and will leave it never; Even death now cannot part From its Lord the trusting heart.

6 Then take comfort and rejoice, For His members Christ will cherish. Fear not, they will hear His voice; Dying, they will never perish; For the very grave is stirred When the trumpet’s blast is heard.

8 O, then, draw away your hearts From all pleasures base and hollow; Strive to share what He imparts While you here His footsteps follow. As you now still wait to rise, Fix your hearts beyond the skies! Text: Public domain

SERMON “Our Hope is Never Lost” by Pastor Anderson, based on today’s readings.
NICENE CREED
I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth and of all things visible and invisible. And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of His Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God, begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father, by whom all things were made; who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary and was made man; and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate. He suffered and was buried. And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures and ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of the Father. And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead, whose kingdom will have no end.

And I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified, who spoke by the prophets. And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church, I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins, and I look for the resurrection of the dead and the life T of the world to come. Amen.

ANNOUNCEMENTS/OFFERING

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH
Pastor: The resurrection to eternal life has come to the world in Christ Jesus. Let us pray for the deliverance of all who belong to Christ by faith and for all for whom He died and rose again. O God, as You created everything out of nothing by Your mighty Word, so You have brought resurrection and eternal life to light by the mighty command of Your Son, Jesus, who went through death and emerged victorious over death. Receive our praise and thanks for Your gift of eternal life. Help us to live as Your resurrection people, bringing the might of Your Word to all. Lord, in Your mercy,

People: hear our prayer.

Pastor: As our Lenten season soon transitions to Holy Week, help us continue to recognize our sin, our need for repentance, and our dependence on our Savior. Help us to continually put to death those things of the flesh that lead us astray, that we be fed and led by Your life-giving Spirit. Lord, in Your mercy,

People: hear our prayer.

Pastor: Inspire and bless all called to preach Your Word and administer Your Holy Sacraments with resurrection power, that they do not grow weary but grow in compassion and perseverance. Lord, in Your mercy,

People: hear our prayer.

Pastor: Comfort and heal all those who are sick or infirm, disabled, or troubled, especially…. Breathe Your life-giving Spirit into all in need, that hope, comfort, and peace in You may be theirs. Remind us that our ultimate healing is in the resurrection of the dead and the life everlasting. Lord, in Your mercy,

People: hear our prayer.

(Special petitions are offered. After each special petition, the pastor says, “Lord, in Your mercy,” and the congregation responds with, “hear our prayer.”)

Pastor: Into Your hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in Your mercy O Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

People: 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.

BENEDICTION
Pastor: 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. (Numbers 6:24–26)
People: Amen.

CLOSED HYMN “My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less” LSB 575
1 My hope is built on nothing less Than Jesus' blood and righteousness;
No merit of my own I claim But wholly lean on Jesus' name. Refrain
Refrain On Christ, the solid rock, I stand; All other ground is sinking sand.
2 When darkness veils His lovely face, I rest on His unchanging grace;
In ev'ry high and stormy gale My anchor holds within the veil. Refrain
3 His oath, His covenant and blood Support me in the raging flood;
When ev'ry earthly prop gives way, He then is all my hope and stay. Refrain
4 When He shall come with trumpet sound, Oh, may I then in Him be found,
Clothed in His righteousness alone, Redeemed to stand before His throne! Refrain

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CONTEMPORARY WORSHIP SERVICE
Sunday 9:30am

PRESERVICE MUSIC “Great Are You Lord”
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INVOCATION
OPENING SONG “In Christ Alone”
CONFESSION
WORD OF FORGIVENESS
SONG OF PRAISE “Mighty to Save”
CHILDREN’S MESSAGE
WORD OF GOD John 11:17–45
Jesus is the resurrection and the life. (See screen or p.2)

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OFFERING & ANNOUNCEMENTS
PRAYERS
LORD’S PRAYER
WORD OF GOD Ezekiel 37:1–14
The valley of dry bones (See screen or p.2)
SERMON “Our Hope is Never Lost” by Pastor Anderson
BLESSING
CLOSED SONG “Living Hope”
Ways To Give At St. Paul

Mail/Drop-Off: You can mail or drop-off your Offerings at St. Paul. Our address is: 701 Washington Street, Grafton, WI 53024. Our Office hours are Monday—Friday, 8am to 4pm

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Prayer Requests

If you or a member will be hospitalized, please let the Pastors know. Due to HIPAA Laws we are unable to receive information from hospitals.

Convalescing at Home: Carol Babicky

Hospitalized: Nancy Senn

Strength and Healing: Donald DeBroux; Glenn Dohrmann; Rolland Kegley;
Paul Klotka (son of Randy & Lois Klotka); Phil Monson; Nancy (friend of Hannah Johnson); Jean Rogahn; Lori Stauske

Long-term Illness/Treatment: Baby Gage and Barrett (neighbors of Connie and Marv Borchardt);
Beth Bichanich (cousin of Linda Alexander); Marco Bichanich (uncle of Linda Alexander);
Charlene Castle (sister of Jody Reiter); Mitch Dickison (son-in-law of Mark & Karen Brueggemann); Michelle Guddeck;
Donna Gunderson (sister of Pam Beverung and Dennis Eernisse); Franklin Klug; Holden Luckjohn; Larry Luckjohn;
Linda Luckjohn; Eli Luckjohn; Tim Mentzel; Tim Nennig; Tom Reinsch (friend of Dave and Leslie Scherzer);
Danielle Schaal (great-niece of Dottie Andrews); Donna Schmidt (relative of David & Doris Schmidt);
Terry Sindic (cousin of Dave Scherzer); Marilyn Worthing (sister of Diane Kuczynski);
Jim & Betty Wyatt (parents of Kim Edgar); Walt Zautcke (brother-in-law of Keith & Gail Goetter);
Debbie Ziemann (daughter-in-law of Gordon & Mary Ann Ziemann);
Jenny Zoromski (daughter of Steve and Kathy Mierow)

Anniversary: Larry and Linda Luckjohn, March 29

Other: Matthew Bramstedt Deployed to Kuwait in April

Please Note: If you would like to add a prayer to the list, the deadline to call the office with these requests is Tuesdays at 1pm. Any requests received after 1pm will be announced during church. If you have a Prayer Request listed above, please notify the church office at (262.377.4659 x332) with any updates. At the end of each month, any requests that we do not receive an update on is removed. Deadline: Tuesday, March 31.

Gifts and Memorials

Memorials have been given to the glory of God to the Women’s Guild and the St. Paul Sharing Shelf in memory of Phil Yakel.

Memorials have been given to the glory of God to St. Paul Quilter’s in memory of Norma Groth.