

Fifth Sunday in Lent

March 22nd, 2026

"We are rooted in God's love, united in connecting people to Jesus"

PRELUDE MUSIC

WELCOME and INVOCATION

OPENING PRAISE: "Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing" (686)

ANNOUNCEMENTS

LENTEN HYMN: "Glory Be to Jesus" (433)

CONFESSION OF SINS AND ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

P: Beloved in the Lord, let us now take a moment to confess our sins to God our Father.

C: Heavenly Father, I confess all my sins to You, the sins that I know of and I acknowledge that there are others that are unknown to me. Your Word teaches that I will be held accountable for my sins. But, Your Word also teaches me about Jesus and that He is the Savior of the world. Lord, I ask that You forgive me of my sins, that my sins not stay with me. "God, have mercy on me, a sinner."

P: Friends of God, heaven rejoices when we acknowledge our sins for God desires to shower His mercy and love upon us. Know, therefore, that your sins, your known and unknown sins, are removed from you as far as the east is from the west (Psalm 103.12). The words I speak, I now speak for God: You are forgiven of your sins! They are no longer with you!

C: Amen! Thanks be to God!

KYRIE PRAYER (Spoken)

P: In peace let us pray to the Lord.

C: Lord, have mercy.

P: For the peace from above and for our salvation let us pray to the Lord.

C: Lord, have mercy.

P: For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God, and for the unity of all let us pray to the Lord.

C: Lord, have mercy.

P: For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise let us pray to the Lord.

C: Lord, have mercy.

P: Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.

C: Amen

PRAYER FOR THE DAY

P: The peace of the Lord be with you.

C: And also with you!

P: Let us pray together:

C: Almighty God, when the ground beneath us shifts and our hearts are troubled, keep us from placing our hope in the fragile things of this world. Strengthen our faith to trust in Your Son, Jesus Christ, who is the resurrection and the life, that we may stand firm upon Him, the solid Rock; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever, Amen!

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE (10:30)

TODAY'S SCRIPTURE READINGS

Our Psalm is **Psalm 130**. This Psalm reminds us that our ultimate hope is in the Lord. Let us put our hope in the Lord for with Him there is fullness of love and faithfulness!

Our New Testament reading for today is **Romans 8.1-11**. In this section of Romans, Paul proclaims the freedom and new life that belong to those who are in Christ Jesus through the work of the Holy Spirit.

Our Gospel reading is **John 11.17-53**. Jesus raised Lazarus from the grave. Notice how Martha proclaimed faith that Lazarus would rise from the dead.

Please stand out of respect for the Lord Jesus

L: These are the Words of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God!

WE CONFESS OUR CHRISTIAN FAITH

Nicene Creed (Screens)

SERMON HYMN: "My Hope is Built on Nothing Less" (575)

SERMON: John 11.17-53

THE OFFERTORY and THANKOFFERING

PRAYERS & THE LORD'S PRAYER

Congregational response to each prayer: **"Hear our prayer"**

SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

P: Lift up your hearts.

C: We lift them to the Lord.

P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C: It is right to give Him thanks and praise.

P: It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should . . . evermore
praising You and singing:

SANCTUS (p. 161)

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

WORDS OF INSTITUTION & DISTRIBUTION SONGS (10:30):

“O Living Bread from Heaven” (642); “I Come, O Savior, to Thy Table”
(618); “Let Us Break Bread Together” (Screens)

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AFFIRMATION OF HOPE

P: To you, O God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, be all honor and glory, in
Your holy Church forever and ever. Amen!

**C (Loudly): CHRIST HAS COME! CHRIST IS RISEN! CHRIST SHALL
COME AGAIN**

THE BENEDICTION

C: Amen!

CLOSING HYMN: “Let Us Ever Walk with Jesus” (685)

Pastor: We have gathered this morning to worship the Lord, to be renewed
and strengthened in God’s love and the forgiveness of sins. As we go, let
us remember who we are and what we do:

**C: “We are rooted in God’s love, united in connecting people to
Jesus.”**

Pastor: You are dearly loved and treasured by God, planted and growing
in God’s love. As God’s beloved children, go in peace! Love one another!
Be a blessing! Share the faith! Serve the Lord with gladness!

C: Thanks be to God!

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