

Old Testament

Ezekiel 37:1-14

¹The 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. ²And he led me around among them, and behold, there were very many on the surface of the valley, and behold, they were very dry. ³And he said to me, "Son of man, can these bones live?" And I answered, "O Lord GOD, you know." ⁴Then he said to me, "Prophecy over these bones, and say to them, O dry bones, hear the word of the LORD. ⁵Thus says the Lord GOD to these bones: Behold, I will cause breath to enter you, and you shall live. ⁶And 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."

⁷So 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. ⁸And 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. ⁹Then he said to me, "Prophecy to the breath; prophecy, 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." ¹⁰So I prophesied as he commanded me, and the breath came into them, and they lived and stood on their feet, an exceedingly great army.

¹¹Then 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 clean cut off.' ¹²Therefore prophecy, 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. ¹³And you shall know that I am the LORD, when I open your graves, and raise you from your graves, O my people. ¹⁴And 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."

Epistle

Romans 8:1-11

¹There is therefore now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus. ²For the law of the Spirit of life has set you free in Christ Jesus from the law of sin and death. ³For God has done what the law, weakened by the flesh, could not do. By sending his own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh and for sin, he condemned sin in the flesh, ⁴in order that the righteous requirement of the law might be fulfilled in us, who walk not according to the flesh but according to the Spirit. ⁵For those who live according to the flesh set their minds on the things of the flesh, but those who live according to the Spirit set their minds on the things of the Spirit. ⁶To set the mind on the flesh is death, but to set the mind on the Spirit is life and peace. ⁷For the mind that is set on the flesh is hostile to God, for it does not submit to God's law; indeed, it cannot. ⁸Those who are in the flesh cannot please God.

⁹You, however, are not in the flesh but in the Spirit, in fact the Spirit of God dwells in you. Anyone who does not have the Spirit of Christ does not belong to him. ¹⁰But if Christ is in you, although the body is dead because of sin, the Spirit is life because of righteousness. ¹¹If 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.

Holy Gospel

John 11:1-45

¹Now a certain man was ill, Lazarus of Bethany, the village of Mary and her sister Martha. ²It was Mary who anointed the Lord with ointment and wiped his feet with her hair, whose brother Lazarus was ill. ³So the sisters sent to him, saying, "Lord, he whom you love is ill." ⁴But 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."

⁵Now Jesus loved Martha and her sister and Lazarus. ⁶So, when he heard that Lazarus was ill, he stayed two days longer in the place where he was. ⁷Then after this he said to the disciples, "Let us go to Judea again." ⁸The disciples said to him, "Rabbi, the Jews were just now seeking to stone you, and are you going there again?" ⁹Jesus answered, "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. ¹⁰But if anyone walks in the night, he stumbles, because the light is not in him." ¹¹After saying these things, he said to them, "Our friend Lazarus has fallen asleep, but I go to awaken him." ¹²The disciples said to him, "Lord, if he has fallen asleep, he will recover." ¹³Now Jesus had spoken of his death, but they thought that he meant taking rest in sleep. ¹⁴Then Jesus told them plainly, "Lazarus has died, ¹⁵and for your sake I am glad that I was not there, so that you may believe. But let us go to him." ¹⁶So Thomas, called the Twin, said to his fellow disciples, "Let us also go, that we may die with him."

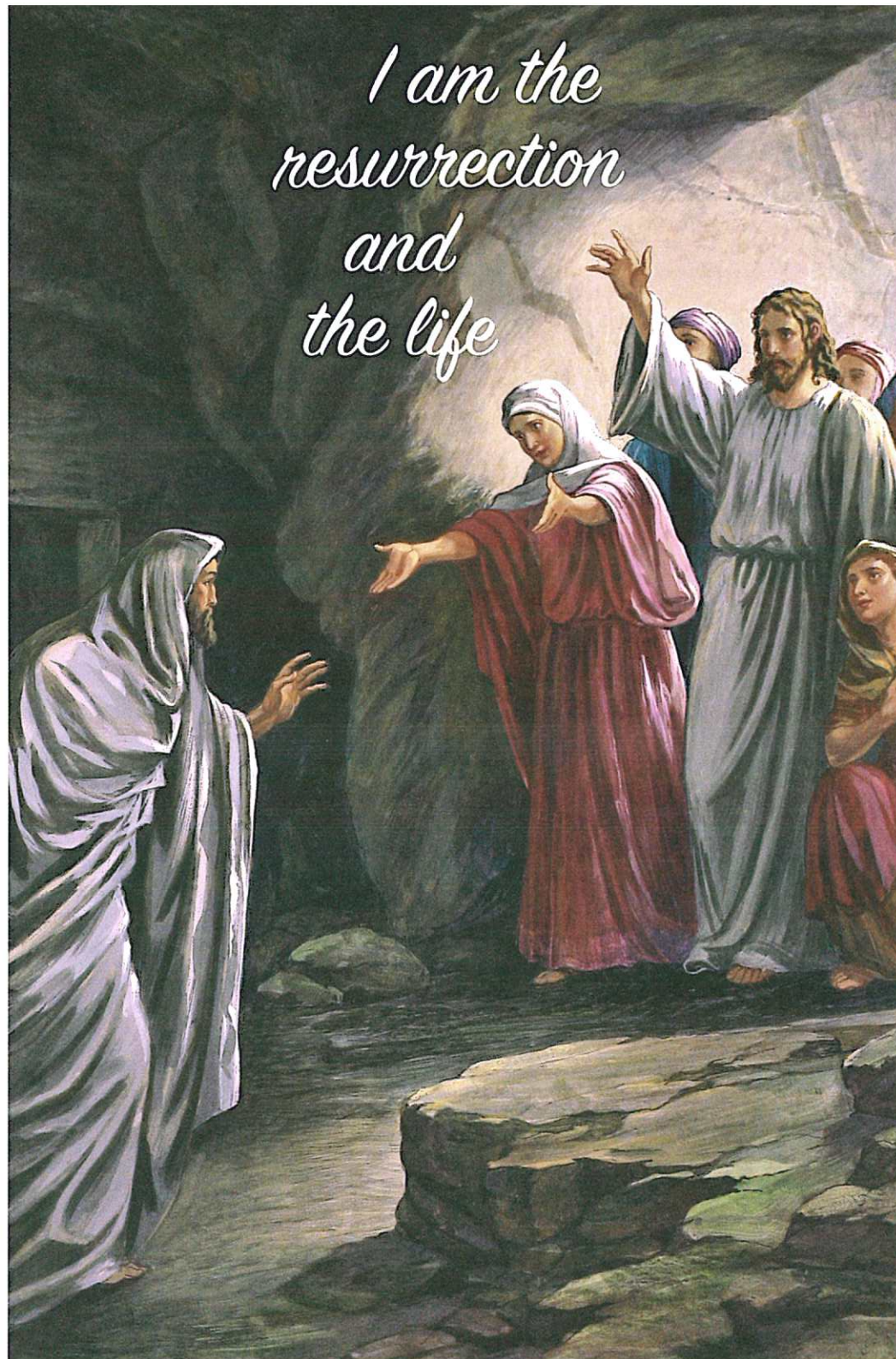
¹⁷Now when Jesus came, he found that Lazarus had already been in the tomb four days. ¹⁸Bethany was near Jerusalem, about two miles off, ¹⁹and many of the Jews had come to Martha and Mary to console them concerning their brother. ²⁰So when Martha heard that Jesus was coming, she went and met him, but Mary remained seated in the house. ²¹Martha said to Jesus, "Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died. ²²But even now I know that whatever you ask from God, God will give you." ²³Jesus said to her, "Your brother will rise again." ²⁴Martha said to him, "I know that he will rise again in the resurrection on the last day." ²⁵Jesus said to her, "I am the resurrection and the life. Whoever believes in me, though he die, yet shall he live, ²⁶and everyone who lives and believes in me shall never die. Do you believe this?" ²⁷She said to him, "Yes, Lord, I believe that you are the Christ, the Son of God, who is coming into the world."

²⁸When she had said this, she went and called her sister Mary, saying in private, "The Teacher is here and is calling for you." ²⁹And when she heard it, she rose quickly and went to him. ³⁰Now Jesus had not yet come into the village, but was still in the place where Martha had met him. ³¹When 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. ³²Now 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." ³³When Jesus saw her weeping, and the Jews who had come with her also weeping, he was deeply moved in his spirit and greatly troubled. ³⁴And he said, "Where have you laid him?" They said to him, "Lord, come and see." ³⁵Jesus wept. ³⁶So the Jews said, "See how he loved him!" ³⁷But some of them said, "Could not he who opened the eyes of the blind man also have kept this man from dying?"

³⁸Then Jesus, deeply moved again, came to the tomb. It was a cave, and a stone lay against it. ³⁹Jesus 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." ⁴⁰Jesus said to her, "Did I not tell you that if you believed you would see the glory of God?" ⁴¹So they took away the stone. And Jesus lifted up his eyes and said, "Father, I thank you that you have heard me. ⁴²I 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." ⁴³When he had said these things, he cried out with a loud voice, "Lazarus, come out." ⁴⁴The 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."

⁴⁵Many of the Jews therefore, who had come with Mary and had seen what he did, believed in him.

*I am the
resurrection
and
the life*



About the Cover: Jesus has promised life and salvation to all who believe in Him, and all who believe in Him will never die. Jesus means they will not experience eternal death, or separation from God the Father. Jesus then reveals His glory by raising Lazarus from the dead. We believe in Jesus and His promises to us. Through faith, even though we die a physical death, we live with Him for all eternity!



FIFTH SUNDAY IN LENT

April 2, 2017

Sharing, Believing, Living, Caring

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Liturgy: Divine Service Setting One p. 151

Hymns: 609 vs. 1-2, 4-6, 422, 611, 570, 620, 430, 924

Sermon: "Just As I Am, Without One Plea" John 6:37b

Holy Communion: Members of the Lutheran Church Missouri Synod are invited to receive the Lord's Supper. Non-members are requested to speak with Pastor before worship.

THE MEASURE OF OUR LOVE

Attendance 3/22 (Wed.): 80 Offering: \$1,191.25

Attendance 3/26 (Sun): 99 Comm.: 85 Offering: \$2,275.00

S.S. - 16 Staff - 6 B.C. - 8

Budget Needs: \$3,330.00

KINGDOM WORK THIS WEEK

WEDS (4/05) 3:30-4:30 p.m. Confirmation (8th grade only)

5:45-6:45 p.m. Lenten Meal

7:00 p.m. Lenten Worship

8:00 p.m. Stewardship/Evangelism Meeting

SUN (4/09) 8:00 a.m. S.S/B.C.

9:00 a.m. Worship

All Grades Sing

10:00 a.m. Choir Practice

1:00 p.m. Jim Hendricks @ EPAC

6:30 p.m. Farm & Home 4H

IN OUR PRAYERS we remember Alice Koerth who is recovering from knee-replacement surgery; Bryan & Jeannine Krepline and family upon the death of their son, Nathan; Ken Eichhorst as his health continues to fail.

TODAY'S BULLETINS are sponsored by Gary & Linda Streck.

HELPED NEEDED after church next Sunday to move things out of the way for carpet cleaning. The Board of Trustees would appreciate a helping hand.

JIM HENDRICKS CONCERT sponsored by the Bd. of Stewardship/Evangelism is next Sunday, April 9 at 1 p.m. at the EPAC. The concert is free. Invite your friends.

JOIN US "AT THE CROSSROADS" on Wednesday as Jesus nears the time when He must die for our sins. When the time comes, He obeys His Father's will. When we come to the crossroads of obedience, may we be ready to follow God's plan for us wholeheartedly.

EASTER BREAKFAST: Please sign up on the bulletin board for food donations as well as if you plan to attend. Breakfast will be served between the Easter services April 16th from 8:00-9:00 a.m.

LENTEN FISH FRY will be Friday, April 14th from 4-7:00 p.m. The youth are looking for volunteers to help fry fish, provide desserts, and help serve. Please sign up on the bulletin board. If you are planning to attend or order fish, there is an additional sign-up sheet so the youth group can estimate the amount of food needed.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL - June 7-9 - 9-11:30 a.m. - Register your children. Volunteer to help. Go to www.vbsmate.com/stbartholomewbrillionwi or find the link on the church website. Register today!

BASKETS OF PROMISE - Palm Sunday will be the last collection date for LWR's Baskets of Promise. We will be collecting Bars *of Soap*. Please bring your donations to worship next Sunday.

LENTEN MEALS: Last Lenten meal is Wednesday, April 5 from 5:45-6:45 p.m. Sign-up sheet is posted on the bulletin board. *Menu - Apr. 5: Steak Sandwiches, Beans, Potato Salad, Dessert, & Beverage.*

EASTER & CONFIRMATION CARDS are available in the card room.

OUR STEWARDSHIP LIFE

Romans 8:1 "there is therefore now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus." This is the joy of the Gospel! There is no condemnation for us before the throne of God, because in His love He has promised salvation for us in Christ. We have been set free. We are His children once again, and coheirs with Christ of all the blessings of heaven. If this does not make us thankful, nothing will!

SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSON: Today, the Sunday school lesson studied was "Peter Denies Jesus." Though we, like Peter, deny Jesus and His gifts, Jesus cannot deny us, because we are part of Him, baptized members of His own Body. Instead, He forgives us and welcomes us back. Consider asking, "How does Peter's denial affect him? In what ways does God forgive us and welcome us back?"