



“After He said this, He shouted with a loud voice,
‘Lazarus, come out!’”

John 11:43

ZION EV. LUTHERAN CHURCH, MONROE, MI

(Wisconsin Evangelical Lutheran Synod)

IN JESUS' NAME WE WELCOME YOU!

Fifth Sunday in Lent

March 26, 2023

WELCOME TO ZION. It is our hope and prayer that the message you hear today from God's Word will strengthen your faith and fill your heart with the peace only God can give and the joy we have in believing that JESUS CHRIST is our Savior from sin.

WORSHIP FOCUS: Issues of death and life are presented to us as we prepare to enter Holy Week on Palm Sunday. In Christ, through the working of the Spirit in the Word and sacraments, we are rescued from spiritual death and are given new life.

LITURGY: Service of Morning Praise

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OPENING HYMN: CW 606

"For Me to Live Is Jesus"

DEATH AND BURIAL

606

For Me to Live Is Jesus



1 For me to live is Je - sus; To
2 For Christ, my Lord and broth - er, I
3 My woes are near - ly o - ver Though
4 In my last hour, oh, grant me A
5 A - men! For Christ my Sav - ior Will



die is gain for me. So, when my Sav - ior
leave this world so dim And glad - ly seek an -
long and dark the road; My sin his mer - its
slum - ber soft and still, No doubts to vex or
grant this un - to me. Your Spir - it lead me



pleas - es, I meet death will - ing - ly.
oth - er, Where I shall be with him.
cov - er, And I have peace with God.
haunt me, Safe an - chored in your will.
ev - er That I fare hap - pi - ly.

Text: *Ein schön geistlich Gesangbuch*, Jena, 1609, st. 1-4, abr.; unknown, st. 5; tr. Catherine Winkworth, 1827-78, st. 1-4, alt.; unknown, st. 5, alt.

Tune: CHRISTUS, DER IST MEIN LEBEN (76 76) Melchior Vulpius, c. 1570-1615, alt.

STAND

M: O Lord, o - pen my lips.

C: And my mouth shall de - clare your praise.

M: Has - ten to save me, O God.

C: O Lord, come quick - ly to help me.

- M:** (Advent) Behold the _____ King comes: let us wor - ship him.
 (Christmas) Unto us the _____ Christ is born: let us wor - ship him.
 (Epiphany) The glory of Christ _____ is re - vealed: let us wor - ship him.
 (Lent) Behold the _____ Lamb of God: let us wor - ship him.
 (Easter) The Lord is _____ ris - en: let us wor - ship him.
 (Pentecost) The Spirit of the Lord _____ fills the world: let us wor - ship him.
 (General) Praise be to God, the Father,
 the Son, and the Holy _____ Spir - it: let us wor - ship him.

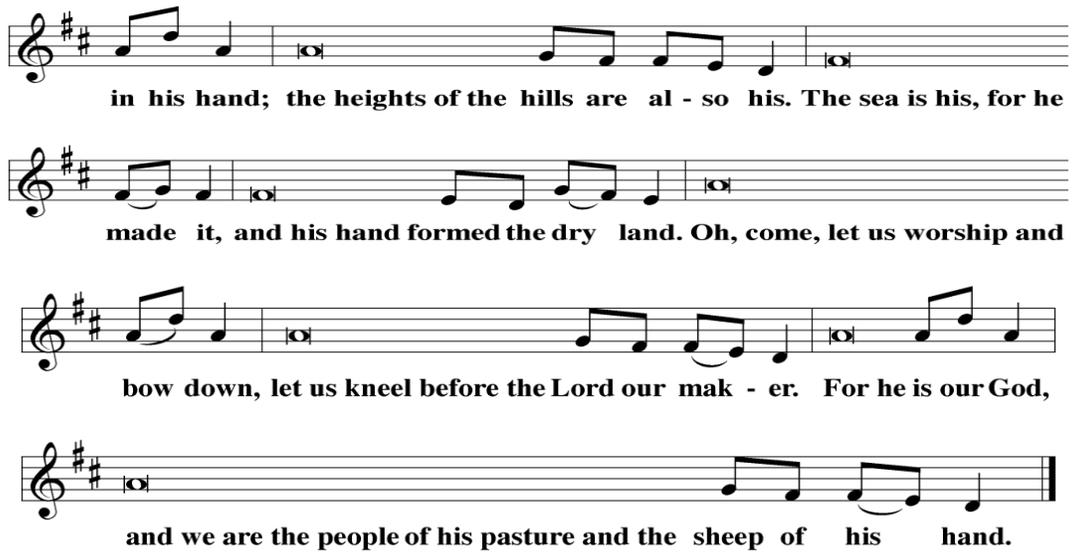
BE SEATED

C: Oh, come, let us sing to the Lord, let us make a joyful noise to the rock of

our sal - va - tion. Let us come into his presence with thanks - giv - ing,

let us make a joyful noise to him with songs of praise. For the Lord is a

great God and a great king a - bove all gods. The deep places of the earth are



in his hand; the heights of the hills are al - so his. The sea is his, for he
made it, and his hand formed the dry land. Oh, come, let us worship and
bow down, let us kneel before the Lord our mak - er. For he is our God,
and we are the people of his pasture and the sheep of his hand.

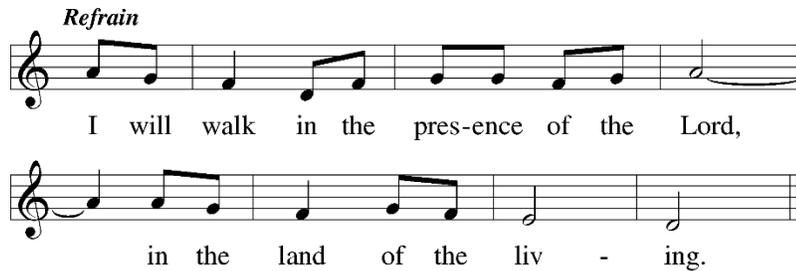
THE WORD

First Lesson

Ezekiel 37:1-14

37 The hand of the LORD was upon me. He brought me out by the Spirit of the LORD and set me down in the middle of a valley, which was full of bones. ²He had me pass through them and go all over among them. There were very many on the valley floor, and they were very dry. ³He said to me, “Son of man, can these dry bones live?” I answered, “LORD God, you know.” ⁴Then he said to me, “Prophesy to these bones and say to them, ‘Dry bones, hear the word of the LORD.’” ⁵This is what the LORD God says to these bones. I am about to make breath enter you so that you will live. ⁶I will attach tendons to you. I will put flesh back on you. I will cover you with skin and put breath in you, and you will live. Then you will know that I am the LORD. ⁷So I prophesied as I had been commanded, and as I was prophesying there was a noise, a rattling, as the bones came together, one bone connecting to another. ⁸As I watched, tendons were attached to them, then flesh grew over them, and skin covered them. But there was no breath in them. ⁹Then he said to me, “Prophesy to the wind.^[c] Prophesy, son of man, and say to the wind that this is what the LORD God says. From the four winds, come, O wind, and breathe into these slain so that they may live.” ¹⁰So I prophesied as he commanded me. Breath entered them, and they came back to life. They stood on their feet, a very, very large army. ¹¹Then he said to me, “Son of man, these bones are the whole house of Israel. They are saying, ‘Our bones are dried up. Our hope is lost. We have been completely cut off.’” ¹²Therefore, prophesy and say to them that this is what the LORD God says. My people, I am going to open your graves and raise you up from your graves and bring you back to the soil of Israel. ¹³Then you will know that I am the LORD, when I open your graves and raise you up from your graves, O my people. ¹⁴I will put my Spirit in you, and you will live. I will settle you on your own land, and you will know that I, the LORD, have spoken, and I have done it, declares the LORD.” (EHV)

Refrain



I will walk in the pres-ence of the Lord,
in the land of the liv - ing.

Psalm tone

I love the LORD, for he heard my voice;*

he heard my cry for mercy.

Because he turned his ear to me,*
I will call on him as long as I live.

The LORD is gracious and righteous;*
when I was in great need, he saved me.

Refrain

For you, O LORD, have delivered my soul from death,*
my eyes from tears, my feet from stumbling.

How can I repay the LORD*
for all his goodness to me?

I will lift up the cup of salvation*
and call on the name of the LORD.

**Glory be 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.**

Refrain

¹¹ And if the Spirit of the one who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, the one who raised Christ from the dead will also make your mortal bodies alive through his Spirit, who is dwelling in you. ¹² So then, brothers, we do not owe it to the sinful flesh to live in harmony with it. ¹³ For if you live in harmony with the sinful flesh, you are going to die. But if by the Spirit you put to death the actions of the body, you will live. ¹⁴ Indeed, those who are led by the Spirit of God are sons of God. ¹⁵ For you did not receive a spirit of slavery so that you are afraid again, but you received the Spirit of adoption by whom we call out, “*Abba, Father!*” ¹⁶ The Spirit himself joins our spirit in testifying that we are God’s children. ¹⁷ Now if we are children, we are also heirs—heirs of God and fellow heirs with Christ, since we suffer with him, so that we may also be glorified with him. ¹⁸ For I conclude that our sufferings at the present time are not worth comparing with the glory that is going to be revealed to us. ¹⁹ In fact, creation is waiting with eager longing for the sons of God to be revealed. (EHV)

HYMN: CW 110

“My Song Is Love Unknown”

LENT

110

My Song Is Love Unknown



1 My song is love un - known, My Sav - ior’s love to
 2 He came from his blest throne Sal - va - tion to be -
 3 Some - times they strew his way And his sweet prais - es
 4 Why? What has my Lord done? What makes this rage and
 5 They rise and needs will have My dear Lord made a -



me, Love to the love - less shown That they might
 stow, But such dis - dain! So few The longed - for
 sing, Re - sound - ing all the day Ho - san - nas
 spite? He made the lame to run; He gave the
 way. A mur - der - er they save; The Prince of



love - ly be. Oh, who am I That for my
 Christ would know! But oh, my friend, My friend in -
 to their King. Then “Cru - ci - fy!” Is all their
 blind their sight. Sweet in - ju - ries! Yet they at
 life they slay. Yet cheer - ful he To suff’r - ing



sake My Lord should take Frail flesh and die?
 deed, Who at my need His life did spend!
 breath, And for his death They thirst and cry.
 these Them - selves dis - please And ’gainst him rise.
 goes That he his foes From death might free.

6 In life no house, no home
My Lord on earth might have;
In death no friendly tomb
But what a stranger gave.
What may I say?
Heav'n was his home
But mine the tomb
Wherein he lay.

7 Here might I stay and sing;
No story so divine,
Never was love, dear King,
Never was grief like thine.
This is my friend,
In whose sweet praise
I all my days
Could gladly spend!

Text: Samuel Crossman, c. 1624–83, alt.

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Sermon Text and Theme:

John 11:1-45

11 Now a certain man named Lazarus was sick. He was from Bethany, the village of Mary and her sister Martha. ²This Mary, whose brother Lazarus was sick, was the same Mary who anointed the Lord with perfume and wiped his feet with her hair. ³So the sisters sent a message to Jesus, saying, “Lord, the one you love is sick!” ⁴When Jesus heard it, he said, “This sickness is not going to result in death, but it is for the glory of God, so that the Son of God may be glorified through it.” ⁵Jesus loved Martha and her sister and Lazarus. ⁶Yet when he heard that Lazarus was sick, he stayed in the place where he was two more days. ⁷Then afterwards he said to his disciples, “Let’s go back to Judea.” ⁸The disciples said to him, “Rabbi, recently the Jews were trying to stone you. And you are going back there again?” ⁹Jesus answered, “Are there not twelve hours of daylight? If anyone walks around during the day, he does not stumble because he sees this world’s light. ¹⁰But if anyone walks around at night, he stumbles because there is no light on him.” ¹¹He said this and then told them, “Our friend Lazarus has fallen asleep, but I am going there to wake him up.” ¹²Then the disciples said, “Lord, if he has fallen asleep, he will get well.” ¹³Jesus had been speaking about his death, but they thought he was merely talking about ordinary sleep. ¹⁴So Jesus told them plainly, “Lazarus is dead. ¹⁵And I am glad for your sake that I was not there, so that you may believe. But let us go to him.” ¹⁶Then Thomas (called the Twin) said to his fellow disciples, “Let’s go too, so that we may die with him.” ¹⁷When Jesus arrived, he found that Lazarus had already been in the tomb for four days. ¹⁸Bethany was near Jerusalem, about two miles away. ¹⁹Many Jews had come to Martha and Mary to comfort them concerning their brother. ²⁰When Martha heard that Jesus was coming, she went to meet him, while Mary was sitting 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 replied, “I know that he will rise in the resurrection on the Last Day.” ²⁵Jesus said to her, “I am the resurrection and the life. Whoever believes in me will live, even if he dies. ²⁶And whoever lives and believes in me will never perish. Do you believe this?” ²⁷“Yes, Lord,” she told him. “I believe that you are the Christ, the Son of God, who was to come into the world.” ²⁸After she said this, Martha went back to call her sister Mary. She whispered, “The Teacher is here and is calling for you.” ²⁹When Mary heard this, she got up quickly and went to him. ³⁰Now Jesus had not yet gone into the village, but was still where Martha met him. ³¹The Jews who were with Mary in the

The glorious company of apostles praise you. The noble fellowship of

proph-ets praise you. The white-robed army of martyrs praise you.

Throughout the world the ho - ly Church ac - claims you:

Father of majesty unbounded, your glorious, true, and on - ly Son,

and the Holy Spirit, ad - vo - cate and guide. You, Christ, are the King of

glo - ry, the eternal Son of the Fa - ther. When you became man to

set us free, you humbled yourself to be born of a vir-gin. You overcame the

sting of death and opened the kingdom of heaven to all be-liev - ers.

You sit at the right hand of God in the glory of the Fa - ther.

We believe that you will come to be our judge.

Come then, Lord, and help your peo - ple, bought with the price of

your own blood, and bring us with your saints to glory ev - er - last - ing.

INTERCESSORY PRAYERS

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH:

CW 125

P: Heavenly Father, you loved the world and gave your Son to liberate us from sin and death by his obedient death on the cross.

C: We confess that without your love we are lost.

P: Lord of the Church, we thank you for the treasure of the gospel. By your Spirit, keep our eyes fixed on Jesus, the author and perfecter of our faith.

C: Strengthen our determination to do what pleases you, no matter what the danger or the cost.

P: Let us pray for those who carry a cross in the name of Christ and face ridicule and persecution for the sake of the kingdom: missionaries and chaplains, young people who stand up for what is right in the face of pressure to do what is wrong, and all who pay a high price for their faith and their values as Christians.

C: By your Spirit, O Lord, grant them patience and endurance.

P: Let us pray for those who carry heavy burdens in life: the sick and the chronically ill, the depressed and the lonely, those torn by conflict in personal relationships, those victimized by war and injustice, and all who face the terrors of life with a heavy heart.

C: Grant them peace, O Lord, and in your mercy, be their guardian and friend, their comfort and hope.

P: Let us pray for those who care for others: pastors and counselors; physicians and nurses; social workers and caring friends; all who feed the hungry, comfort the hurting, and stand beside the dying.

C: Strengthen them in their work, O Lord, and do not let them become weary in doing good.

Special prayers and intercessions may follow.

P: Hear us, Lord, as we bring you our private petitions.

Silent prayer.

P: Help us run with perseverance the race marked out for us. Keep us faithful even to the point of death, that we may receive the crown of life, through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

C: Amen.

Prayer of the Day

P: Eternal God and Father, help us to remember Jesus, who obeyed your will and bore the cross for our salvation that through his anguish, pain, and death we may receive forgiveness of sins and inherit eternal life; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

LORD, HAVE MERCY

Kyrie



M: In the morning, O Lord, I call to you; be merciful to me and hear my prayer.



C: Lord, have mer - cy. Christ, have mer - cy. Lord, have mer - cy.

LORD'S PRAYER

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.



M: Let us praise the Lord.



C: Thanks be to God.

BLESSING



M: The grace of our Lord + Je - sus Christ and the love of God



and the fellowship of the Holy Spir - it be with you all.



C: A - men.

DEATH AND BURIAL

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How Blest Are They



1 How blest are they who trust in Christ When we
2 In rip - ened age, their har - vest reaped, Or gone
3 In Christ, who tast - ed death for us, We rise



and those we love must part. We yield them up, for
from us in youth or prime, In Christ they have e -
a - bove our nat - ural grief And wit - ness to a



go we must, But do not lose them from our heart.
ter - nal life, Re - leased from all the bonds of time.
strick - en world The strength and splen - dor of be - lief.

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Tune: WINCHESTER NEW (LM) *Musicalisch Hand-Buch der Geistlichen Melodien*, Hamburg, 1690, alt.



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MOTHER/DAUGHTER TEA: TODAY, MARCH 26 FROM 2-4:00 P.M. Mothers, daughters, and all other ladies welcome to join us for entertainment, fellowship, treats and tea. Suggested donation \$5 per person. Please see either foyer for additional information and for envelopes to reserve your spot.

Easter Activities for the Family:

JOURNEY TO THE CROSS: Saturday, April 1st, from 10:00 a.m. – noon at Zion Lutheran Church. This is an interactive journey to walk the path that Jesus walked. It is a great learning experience. We need some great volunteers to make that *Journey* as meaningful as possible, and we're hoping that you will help. We still need help with supplies to make the stations more realistic and we also need help with volunteers. We will provide you with the training and resources you need to succeed as a *Journey* volunteer. There are descriptions for both in the back of the sanctuary. Please take time to pray for our *Journey to the Cross* and for all our volunteers. Thank you for considering this request and for praying about it.

EASTER EGG HUNT: Saturday, April 8, starting at 10:00 a.m., St. Paul's will host an Easter event for all families. The program will provide a pastor's devotion, songs, and movement, craft, brunch, and coffee, and of course an outdoor Egg Hunt (weather permitting). For more information or to volunteer for this event, contact Pastor Nate Fager 734-790-1294.

HELPING OUR CHURCH FAMILY:

Zion's Meal Train

*There are times in our lives when friends and family ask, "What can I do to help out?"
The answer is usually to help them with a meal.*

Friends in Faith is starting a "Zion's Meal Train". The meal train will be open to all male and female members of the Congregation interested in providing meals for fellow members in need. We are organizing an opportunity to donate meals for situations including surgeries/recovery, unexpected hospital stays, loss, birth of a child, etc. We will be utilizing the official Meal Train website (www.MealTrain.com) to stay organized. When many friends provide support through a meal, Meal Train keeps schedules, as well as provides locations and dietary restrictions. If you are interested in volunteering to prepare an occasional meal as needed, please provide a phone number and email address on the signup sheet in either foyer. Please contact Melissa Freiny with any questions at 734-652-1638.

PLAYGROUP AT ST. PAUL'S LUTHERAN CHURCH: Come join parents and littles, children kindergarten or younger and their parents, to come have fun. They are meeting on Monday mornings from 8:30 until 10:00 a.m. at St. Paul's Lutheran Church on Albain Rd. Join for snacks, play and Christian fellowship. Contact Chelsea Kowalski at 507-766-5679 for any questions.

NEW BIC STARTED – Pastor Ulrich started a new Bible Information Class on **Sunday, March 12** from 11:30 a.m. – 1:30 p.m. There are eight lessons for 2 hours. If you are interested contact Pastor Ulrich (734) 735-3226. They will cover basic teachings of Christian doctrine. Upon completion of class, a student would be eligible to become a communicant member. The schedule is as follows:

March 12, BIC #1
March 19, BIC #2
March 26, BIC #3
April 2, BIC #4
NO CLASS – Easter April 9
April 16, BIC #5
April 23, BIC #6
NO CLASS – Voter Meeting April 30
May 7, BIC #7
May 14, BIC #8

If you are already a communicant member of Zion and would like to attend BIC to refresh your knowledge and understanding, you are welcome to attend. Again, please call Pastor Ulrich.

THANK YOU.

SPRING IS COMING WHICH MEANS ZION RUMMAGE SALE IS COMING:

Mark your calendars for Friday, June 2 and Saturday, June 3. We are happy to take gently used items for the sale but please hold onto them until the End of May. Zion School needs to use the gym for school activities and we don't have a lot of room to store items. Thank you in advance for your support.

ZION VERSES ST. STEPHEN, ADRIAN CHALLENGE: Zion is competing against St. Stephen, Adrian on who can get the most Killarney Camp Boosters. Zion has had the most boosters for the last 5 years with 30 Boosters and 13 Lifetime Boosters. Yearly dues are \$40.00 and Lifetime membership is \$400.00. Sherry Fuerstenberg will be in the West Foyer with her table for the next two weeks if you would like to purchase a membership. She can also answer any questions you may have about the camp. Also, MARK YOUR CALENDAR the Zion Annual Killarney Camp-out is scheduled for Friday- Sunday, August 4-6th.

COMING UP AT ZION

Sunday 9:00 a.m. Worship Service
 10:15 a.m. Sunday School, Youth Group, and Adult Bible Class
 11:30 a.m. – 1:30 p.m. BIC #3
 2:00 p.m. Mother/Daughter Tea

Tuesday 10:00 a.m. Adult Bible Class
 5:00 p.m. Trustees Meeting

Wednesday Lenten Supper – Ham Sandwiches
 7:00 p.m. Lenten Worship Service #6

Saturday 10:00 a.m.-noon Journey To The Cross

Sunday 9:00 a.m. Worship Service
 10:15 a.m. Sunday School, Youth Group, and Adult Bible Class
 11:30 a.m. – 1:30 p.m. BIC #4

MARCH VOLUNTEERS

	March 1 & 5	March 12	March 15 & 19	March 26
ALTAR GUILD		Kathy	Vanisacker	
LIVE STREAM HELPERS	Steve Sordahl	Rob Krueger	Erich Freiny	Miller Sordahl
USHERS	<u>March 1</u> Rich Heusman Jeff Heusman Jake Burke Juergan Koenig Matt McCormick <u>March 5</u> Russ Vitale Keith McBee Mark Kipf	<u>March 12</u> Rob Krueger Ralph Naveaux Ray Chandonnet Erich Freiny	<u>March 15</u> Rob Krueger Ralph Naveaux Ray Chandonnet Erich Freiny <u>March 19</u> Tony Affholter Mark Fuerstenberg Ray Palmatier Jeff Douglas	<u>Feb. 26</u> Joe Koch Dave Bengé Joe Schmeling
COMMUNION HELPERS	<u>March 1</u> Jeremy Robinson <u>March 5</u> Alan Bober		<u>March 15</u> Ken Vagt <u>March 19</u> Mark Kipf	

PRE-CALL MEETING – THURSDAY, APRIL 13, 2023 @ 7:00 p.m.

District President Pastor Snowden Sims will be @ Zion, Thursday, April 13 @ 7:00 p.m. to lead a PRE-CALL Meeting assessing Zion’s profile and needs for a Senior Pastor. It is an OPEN FORUM – style meeting in which all members of Zion are eligible and invited to attend. After this meeting Pastor Sims will put together a call list for a Senior Pastor in which the voting member of Zion will prayerfully deliberate and then call a Senior Pastor.