



And he said to me, “Son of man, can these bones live?” And I answered, “O Lord God, you know.”

THE FIFTH SUNDAY IN LENT

MARCH 26, 2023

11:00AM

Concordia Lutheran Church, Conover, NC

The Lord's Supper is celebrated at this congregation with confidence in the Words of our Lord Jesus, who gives not only bread and wine but his true body and blood to eat and to drink for the forgiveness of sins and to strengthen our union with him and with one another. Those who eat and drink our Lord's body and blood unworthily do so to their great harm (1Cor 11:27-29). Reception of Holy Communion here at Concordia is a public confession of the faith which is confessed at this altar. Those who are not yet baptized, instructed, in doubt, or who hold a confession differing from that of this congregation and The Lutheran Church— Missouri Synod, and yet desire to receive the sacrament, are asked first to speak with the pastor or an elder.

PRELUDE

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

We stand.

OPENING HYMN “Christ, the Life of All the Living” 420
St. 1-2, 5-7

INVOCATION

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

C Amen.

OPENING SENTENCES *Psalm 36:5, 7–9*

P Your steadfast love, O LORD, extends to the heavens,

C Your faithfulness to the clouds.

P How precious is Your steadfast love, O God!

C The children of mankind take refuge in the shadow of Your wings.

P They feast on the abundance of Your house,

C and You give them drink from the river of Your delights.

P For with You is the fountain of life;

C in Your light do we see light.

CONFESSION & ABSOLUTION

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, Your Son, our Lord.

C Amen.

P Humble yourselves before God, confess your sins to Him, and implore His forgiveness.

C Almighty God, merciful Father, we acknowledge our sinful nature and repent of our sins—those of which we are not aware and those we know full well. We do not love You and other people as we ought. We are often careless with Your creation and heedless in choosing the proper priorities of our lives. Yet it is our intent to say and do that which honors You. For the sake of Jesus grant us Your forgiveness so that, as Your redeemed people, we may be fit places for the indwelling of the Holy Spirit and may serve You in time and in eternity.

P God be gracious to you and strengthen your faith. In the stead and by the command of our Lord Jesus Christ, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the T Son and of the Holy Spirit. Now may the God of peace Himself sanctify you completely, and may your whole spirit, soul, and body be kept blameless at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. He who calls you is faithful; He will surely do it. Go in peace.

C Amen.

SALUTATION & PRAYER OF THE DAY

P The Lord be with you.

C And also with you.

P Let us pray,

Almighty God, by Your great goodness mercifully look upon
Your people that we may be governed and preserved evermore
in body and soul; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord,
who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God,
now and forever.

C **Amen.**

We sit.

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Ezekiel 37:1–14

Pew Bible pg. 918

ANTHEM

“Psalm 130”

Paul Manz

EPISTLE LESSON

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Romans 8:1–11

Pew Bible pg. 1200

We stand.

VERSE FOR LENT



Re - turn to the Lord, your God, for He is gra-cious and
mer - ci - ful, slow to an - ger, and a-bound-ing in
stead-fast love, and a - bound - ing in stead - fast love.

HOLY GOSPEL

John 11:17–27, 38–53

Pew Bible pg. 1142

℟ The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the 11th chapter.

℟ Glory to You, O Lord.

After the Gospel is read:

℟ This is the Gospel of the Lord.

℟ Praise to You, O Christ.

We sit.

HYMN OF THE DAY “My Song Is Love Unknown” 430

St. 4 – treble voices, St. 6 – low voices

SERMON

“Dead On Your Feet”

Pastor Michael Geml

We stand.

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PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

PREFACE

℟ The Lord be with you.

2 Timothy 4:22

℟ And also with you.

℟ Lift up your hearts.

Colossians 3:1

℟ We lift them to the Lord.

℟ Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

Psalms 136

℟ It is right to give Him thanks and praise.

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

P Blessed are You, O Lord our God, King of all creation, for all You have done for Your people in Jesus Christ, our Lord. We thank You for bringing life out of death through the sacrifice of our Lord to pay the price of our sins. Accept our humble thanks here offered and grant that all who partake of Christ's holy body and blood this day be filled with Your heavenly peace and joy. By the working of the Spirit, keep us sanctified in body, soul, and spirit. Give us hearts to rejoice in the fellowship of Your Table and finally may we be granted our places with all Your saints in glory. This we ask through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

PROCLAMATION OF CHRIST *1 Corinthians 11:26; Revelation 22:20*

P As often as we eat this bread and drink this cup, we proclaim the Lord's death until He comes.

C Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.

P O Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, in giving us Your body and blood to eat and to drink, You lead us to remember and confess Your holy cross and passion, Your blessed death, Your rest in the tomb, Your resurrection from the dead, Your ascension into heaven, and Your coming for the final judgment. So remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray:

LORD'S PRAYER

PAX DOMINI

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C And also with you.

SHARING OF THE PEACE

We sit.

DISTRIBUTION HYMNS

“Beneath the Cross of Jesus”



1 Be-neath the cross of Je - sus I long to take my stand;
2 Up - on the cross of Je - sus, My eye at times can see
3 I take, O cross, your shad - ow For my a - bid - ing place;



The shad - ow of a might - y rock With - in a wea - ry land,
The ver - y dy - ing form of one Who suf - fered there for me.
I ask no oth - er sun - shine than The sun - shine of His face;



A home with - in a wil - der - ness, A rest up - on the way,
And from my con - trite heart, with tears, Two won - ders I con - fess:
Con - tent to let the world go by, To know no gain nor loss,



From the burn - ing of the noon - tide heat And bur - dens of the day.
The won - der of His glo - rious love And my un - wor - thi - ness.
My sin - ful self my on - ly shame, My glo - ry all, the cross.

“My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less” 575

We stand.

DISMISSAL

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

BENEDICTION

CLOSING HYMN “In the Cross of Christ I Glory” 427

POSTLUDE