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FIFTH SUNDAY IN LENT

“Signs Of The Times”

Whoever you are...
Wherever you are in your JOURNEY OF FAITH...
YOU are WELCOME here!

WE GATHER IN THE PRESENCE OF GOD

Welcome and Introduction of Today's Theme

Pastor H: The story of the raising of Lazarus from the dead in the Gospel of John is a prelude to the Resurrection of Jesus himself. An event which changed human history, and our world. The story of Lazarus' resurrection is ours, too. Like Lazarus, we are bound by the death-dealing powers which surround us - such as narrow-mindedness, long-held grudges, broken relationships, and the inability to see life's possibilities. Today's Gospel offers us hope, it calls on us to untie one another, to free one another, and to journey together unfettered, knowing that in freedom, God walks with us. Jesus did not say that the person who believes in him "will" have eternal life. He says that the person who believes in him "has" eternal life. Like Lazarus in this Gospel, we are called to make the passage from death to new life. May we have the courage this Lent to die to sin so that we may enter more fully into the new life of the Resurrection.

Opening Prayer

Pastor A: Lord God, in a universe that seems so immense it is easy to feel insignificant as we stand here today. Yet we know that we are precious in your sight - unique individuals loved and blessed in so many ways. We stand in awe of the one who has created all things and dedicate this time and all our days to your service. Almighty God: at your command the blind see, the lame walk, the dead are raised to new life. Speak to us now through your Word and Holy Spirit that we may be raised to new life in Jesus and serve you with joy all our days. Amen.



WE ARE RENEWED IN GOD'S GRACE

Pastor H: Let's now confess our sin before God who is faithful and just. Heavenly Father, we lower our heads before you and we confess that we have too often forgotten that we are yours. Sometimes we carry on our lives as if there was no God and we fall short of being a credible witness to You. For these things we ask your forgiveness and we also ask for your strength. Gracious God, our sins are too heavy to carry, too real to hide, and too deep to undo. Forgive what our lips tremble to name, what our hearts can no longer bear, and what has become for us a consuming fire of judgment. Set us free from a past that we cannot change; open to us a future in which we can be changed; and grant us grace to grow more and more in your likeness and image, through Jesus, the light of the world. Amen.

Pastor A: The Lord is compassionate and gracious, slow to anger and abounding in loving-kindness. For as high as the heavens are above the earth, so great is His love toward those who fear Him. As far as the east is from the west, He removed our transgressions from us. Amen.

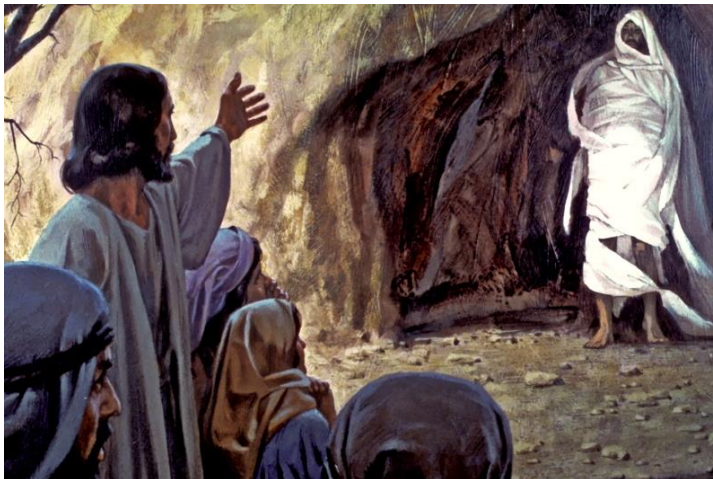
GOD SPEAKS THROUGH HIS WORD

Gospel Reading: John 11:1-45

Pastor: This is the Gospel of our Lord.

All: Praise to You, O Christ.

Message: "Signs of the Times" – Pastor Ricky Adams



WE BRING OUR PRAISES, PRAYERS AND GIFTS

Pastor H: **Apostles' Creed –**

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.

He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the virgin Mary.

He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried.

He descended to the dead.

On the third day he rose again.

He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

He will come again to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church,

the communion of the saints, the forgiveness of sins,

the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

Pastor H: **The Prayers**

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 H: We end our service, leaving in peace, and may the peace of God, which shines brightly and vanquishes our darkness, always be with you. Go, knowing that God is your rock and your refuge. You are not alone. God is always with you.

Pastor A: Stay well – stay healthy-practice social distancing and shelter in place, but most importantly know that you are loved by God, always.

The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make His face shine upon you and be gracious to you. The Lord look upon you with His favor and grant you His everlasting peace. Amen

Information About Peace Lutheran Church - If you desire to know more about Peace Lutheran Church such as teachings; affiliations, membership or other questions, please feel free to contact Pastor Adams.

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Thank You! – Thank you to Pastor Tom Hurley for his technical assistance and preparation to stream these joint worship services!

Birthdays - Blessings to those who have celebrated birthdays since our “shelter in place” has begun:

March 16 - Jerry Locey

March 17 - Mark Schneeberger

March 22 - Vicki McGowan

Worship Services – Until further notice, all worship services will be streamed live at:

www.facebook.com/lcsr

Or available directly from our website (www.plcmarin.org) on Monday without any need to go to Facebook. It will be ready to play on the front page. Just click.

We will have more information concerning Holy Week and Easter next week.

Weekly Devotional Helps

March 29 – April 4, 2020

Morning Prayer

I thank You, my heavenly Father, through Jesus Christ, Your dear Son, that You have kept me this night from all harm and danger; and I pray that You would keep me this day also from sin and every evil, that all my doings and life may please You. For into Your hands I commend myself, my body and soul, and all things. Let Your holy angel be with me, that the evil foe may have no power over me. Amen.

Evening Prayer

I thank You, my heavenly Father, through Jesus Christ, Your dear Son, that You have graciously kept me this day; and I pray that You would forgive me all my sins where I have done wrong, and graciously keep me this night. For into Your hands I commend myself, my body and soul, and all things. Let Your holy angel be with me, that the evil foe may have no power over me. Amen.

Prayer For The Sick

By your power, great God, our Lord Jesus healed the sick and gave new hope to the hopeless. Though we cannot command or possess your power, we pray for those who want to be healed. Mend their wounds, soothe fevered brows, and make broken people whole again. Help us to welcome every healing as a sign that, though death is against us, you are for us, and have promised renewed and risen life in Jesus Christ the Lord. Amen.

Scripture Readings Through The Week

Monday – March 30

Psalm 143
1 Kings 17:17-24
Acts 20:7-12

Tuesday – March 31

Psalm 143
2 Kings 4:18-37
Ephesians 2:1-10

Wednesday – April 1

Psalm 143
Jeremiah 32:1-9, 36-41
Matthew 22:23-33

Thursday – April 2

Psalm 31:9-16
1 Samuel 16:11-13
Philippians 1:1-11

Friday – April 3

Psalm 31:9-16

Job 13:13-19

Philippians 1:21-30

Saturday – April 4

Psalm 31:9-16

Lamentations 3:55-66

Mark 10:32-34

Scripture Readings For Next Sunday**Sunday Of The Passion****Is. 50:4–9a****Psalm 31:9-16****Phil. 2:5–11****John 12:20–43****Commemorations**

March 29 - Hans Nielsen Hauge, renewer of the church, died 1824: Hauge was a layperson who wished to revitalize the church in Norway. As a result of a mystical experience, he felt called to preach. Many professionals in the church feared his motives and influence, and he was imprisoned for leading unauthorized gatherings.

March 31 - John Donne, poet, died 1631: After finishing his education at Oxford University, Donne seemed headed for a career in the English public service. But a series of circumstances led him into the ordained ministry. He is well known as a writer of both secular and sacred poetry.

April 4 - Benedict the African, confessor, died 1589:

Born a slave on the island of Sicily, Benedict lived as a hermit until the pope ordered all hermits to attach themselves to a monastery, at which time Benedict joined the Franciscans. Though illiterate, he was highly respected as a confessor and later superior of his community.

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