

*The
Season
of
Lent*



FIFTH SUNDAY IN LENT

WELCOME TO WORSHIP

March 22, 2026

THANK YOU for joining us in God's house today! We cordially ask that our Guests sign one of the guestbooks located at either the front or back entryways, or fill out a "Let's Get Acquainted" card located in the hymnal pew rack and place it in the collection plate.

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YOUNG FAMILIES / TODDLER BAGS – We are **GLAD YOU BROUGHT YOUR CHILDREN** to our worship service. Jesus said: *"Let the little children come to me and do not hinder them, for the kingdom of God belongs to such as these."* We know that having little children in church can be a challenge, but **DO NOT WORRY** about it. Many of your fellow worshippers have been in your shoes and are just happy you brought your children with you. For your convenience, we have reserved the back rows of seating for parents with small children. These areas provide more flexibility for your family, as well as, easy access to move downstairs if necessary. A closed-circuit TV system allows families to continue participating in the service while downstairs. Pre-school **toddler bags** and **children's bulletins** are available for their enjoyment. Ask an usher for one to use during the service and please return the toddler bag afterwards.

518 Christ Be My Leader

CW 518



1 Christ be my lead - er by night as by day;
2 Christ be my teach - er in age as in youth,
3 Christ be my Sav - ior in calm as in strife;



safe through the dark - ness, for he is the way. —
drift - ing or doubt - ing, for he is the truth. —
death can - not hold me, for he is the life. Nor



Glad - ly I fol - low, my fu - ture his care, —
Grant me to trust him; though shift - ing as sand, —
dark - ness nor doubt - ing nor sin and its stain can



dark - ness is day - light when Je - sus is there.
doubt can - not daunt me; in Je - sus I stand.
touch my sal - va - tion: with Je - sus I reign.

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Please stand if you are able

Invocation

In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

Confession

If we claim to be without sin, we deceive ourselves and the truth is not in us.
**If we confess our sins, God is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins
and purify us from all unrighteousness.**

Let us confess our sins to the Lord.

Holy God, gracious Father,

I am sinful by nature and have sinned against you in my thoughts, words, and actions.

I have not loved you with my whole heart; I have not loved others as I should.

I deserve your punishment both now and forever.

But Jesus, my Savior, paid for my sins with his innocent suffering and death.

Trusting in him, I pray: God, have mercy on me, a sinner.

Our gracious Father in heaven has been merciful to us. He sent his only Son, Jesus Christ, who gave his life as the atoning sacrifice for the sins of the whole world. Therefore, as a called servant of Christ and by his authority, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

Lord, Have Mercy

In peace let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.

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



Lord, have mer - cy.

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.



Lord, have mer - cy.

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



Lord, have mer - cy.

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



A - men.

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Prayer of the Day

Let us pray.

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 the forgiveness of sins, victory over the grave, and finally 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.

Amen.

Please be seated

First Reading

2 Kings 4:17–37

¹⁷But the woman conceived, and she gave birth to a son at that same time of year, just as Elisha said to her.

¹⁸The boy grew up, and one day he went out to his father, who was with the reapers. ¹⁹Then he said to his father, “My head! My head!”

His father said to his servant, “Carry him to his mother.” ²⁰So he picked him up and carried him to his mother, and the boy sat on her lap until noon. Then he died.

²¹Then she went up and laid him on the bed of the man of God. She shut the door behind her and went out. ²²Then she called to her husband and said, “Send one of the servants to me with one of the donkeys, so that I can run to the man of God and come back.”

²³He said, “Why are you going to him today? It's not the new moon, and it's not the Sabbath.”

But she said, “It's all right.”

²⁴Then she saddled the donkey and said to her servant, “Lead the way. Don't slow down for me unless I tell you.”

²⁵So she went to the man of God at Mount Carmel.

When the man of God saw her from a distance, he said to his servant Gehazi, “Look! That's the woman from Shunem! ²⁶Now run to meet her and say, ‘Are you all right? Is your husband all right? Is your son all right?’”

She answered, “We're all right.”

²⁷Then she came to the man of God at the mountain, and she grasped his feet. Gehazi stepped forward to push her away, but the man of God said, “Leave her alone, for her soul is in distress, but the LORD has hidden it from me. He has not told me.”

²⁸Then she said, “Did I ask my lord for a son? Didn't I say, ‘Don't give me false hope?’”

²⁹Then Elisha said to Gehazi, “Hike up your garments for travel, and take my staff in your hand and go! If you meet someone, do not greet him, and if someone greets you, do not answer. Put my staff on the boy's face.”

³⁰But the boy's mother said, “As surely as the LORD lives and your soul lives, I will not leave you.” So he got up and followed her. ³¹Gehazi went ahead of them and put the staff on the boy's face. But there was no sound, and there was no response. So he went back to Elisha and told him, “The boy did not wake up.”

³²When Elisha came to the house, there the boy was—dead, lying on his bed. ³³So he went in and he shut the door behind the two of them. Then he prayed to the LORD. ³⁴He got up and lay down on top of the boy. He put his mouth to the boy's mouth, his eyes to the boy's eyes, his palms to the boy's palms. Then he bent down over him, and the boy's flesh became warm. ³⁵He went back into the house and paced back and forth. Then he went up and bent down over him, and the boy sneezed seven times. Then the boy opened his eyes.

³⁶Then Elisha called Gehazi and said, “Call the woman of Shunem!” So he called her, and she came in. He said, “Pick up your son.” ³⁷So she came in and fell at Elisha's feet and bowed down to the ground. Then she picked up her son and went out.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Choir

“Stay with Us”

Stay with us, Lord Jesus, stay with us.
Stay with us; it soon is evening.
Stay with us, Lord Jesus, stay with us;
It soon is evening and night is falling.

Stay with us, Lord Jesus, stay with us.
Stay with us; it soon is evening.
Stay with us, Lord Jesus, stay with us;
It soon is evening and night is falling.

The darkness deepens; with us abide.
The darkness deepens; with us abide.
In life and death, with us abide.
In life and death, O Lord, with us abide.

Stay with us, Lord Jesus, stay with us.
Stay with us; it soon is evening.
Stay with us, Lord Jesus, stay with us;
It soon is evening, and night is falling.

Second Reading

Romans 8:11–19

¹¹And 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.

¹²So then, brothers, we do not owe it to the sinful flesh to live in harmony with it. ¹³For 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.

¹⁴Indeed, those who are led by the Spirit of God are sons of God. ¹⁵For 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!” ¹⁶The Spirit himself joins our spirit in testifying that we are God’s children.

¹⁷Now 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.

¹⁸For I conclude that our sufferings at the present time are not worth comparing with the glory that is going to be revealed to us. ¹⁹In fact, creation is waiting with eager longing for the sons of God to be revealed.

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Please stand if you are able

Gospel Acclamation

John 11:25

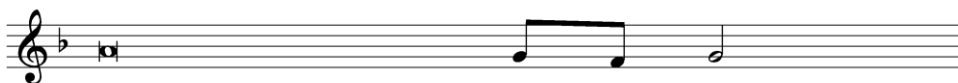


Refrain



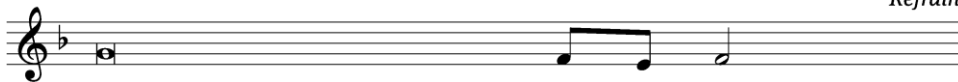
Glo - ry, praise, and hon - or to you, Lord Je - sus Christ.

Tone



I am the resurrection and the life.

Refrain



Those who believe in me will live, even though they die.

Gospel

John 11:17–27,38–45

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.”

³⁸Jesus was deeply moved again as he came to the tomb. It was a cave, and a stone was lying against it. ³⁹“Take away the stone,” he said.

Martha, the dead man's sister, told him, “Lord, by this time there will be an odor, because it has been four days.”

⁴⁰Jesus said to her, “Did I not tell you that if you believe, you will see the glory of God?” ⁴¹So they took away the stone.

Jesus looked up and said, “Father, I thank you that you heard me. ⁴²I knew that you always hear me, but I said this for the benefit of the crowd standing here, so that they may believe that you sent me.” ⁴³After he said this, he shouted with a loud voice, “Lazarus, come out!”

⁴⁴The man who had died came out with his feet and his hands bound with strips of linen and his face wrapped with a cloth. Jesus told them, “Loose him and let him go.”

⁴⁵Therefore many of the Jews who came to Mary and saw what Jesus did believed in him.

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise be to you, O Christ!

Please be seated

571 O God, O Lord of Heaven and Earth

CW 571



1 O God, O Lord of heav'n and earth, your liv - ing
 2 In blind re - volt we would not see that reb - el
 3 You came in - to our hall of death, O Christ, to
 4 O Spir - it, who did once re - store the church that



fin - ger nev - er wrote that life should be an aim - less
 wills wrought death and night. We seized and used in fear and
 breathe our poi - soned air, to drink for us the deep de -
 it might yet re - call the one who brings good news to



mote, a death - ward drift from fu - tile birth.
 spite your won - drous gift of lib - er - ty.
 spair that stran - gled our re - luc - tant breath.
 all: breathe on your clo - ven church once more



Your Word meant life tri - um - phant hurled in splen - dor
 We walled us in this house of doom, where death had
 How beau - ti - ful the feet that trod the road to
 that in these gray and lat - ter days there may be



through your bro - ken world; ere light a - woke and life be -
 roy - al scope and room, un - til your ser - vant, Prince of
 bring good news from God! How beau - ti - ful the feet that
 those whose life is praise, each life a high dox - ol - o -



gan, you made for us a ho - ly plan.
 Peace, broke down its walls for our re - lease.
 bring good ti - dings of our sav - ing King!
 gy un - to the ho - ly Trin - i - ty.

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Sermon

Romans 8:11-19

“Members of God’s Family Are Secure”

Please stand, if you are able

The Apostles’ Creed

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

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended into hell. The third day he rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty. From there he will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

Prayer of the Church

Please be seated.

819 If God Himself Be for Me

CW 819



1 If God him - self be for me, I may a host de - fy;
2 This I be - lieve, yea rath - er, of this I make my boast,
3 I build on this foun - da - tion, that Je - sus and his blood
4 He can - celed my of - fens - es, de - liv - ered me from death;



for when I pray, be - fore me my foes, con - found - ed, fly.
that God is my dear Fa - ther, the friend who loves me most,
a - lone are my sal - va - tion, my true, e - ter - nal good.
he is the Lord who cleans - es my soul from sin through faith.



If Christ, my head and mas - ter, be - friend me from a - bove,
and that, what - e'er be - tide me, my Sav - ior is at hand
With - out him all that pleas - es is val - ue - less on earth;
In him I can be cheer - ful, cou - ra - geous on my way;



what foe or what dis - as - ter can drive me from his love?
thro' storm - y seas to guide me and bring me safe to land.
the gifts I have from Je - sus a - lone have price - less worth.
in him I am not fear - ful of God's great Judg - ment Day.

5 Now no one can condemn me
or set my hope aside;
now hell no more can claim me,
its fury I deride.
No sentence now reproves me,
no guilt destroys my peace,
for Christ, my Savior, loves me
and shields me with his grace.

- 6 No danger, thirst, or hunger,
no pain or poverty,
no earthly tyrant's anger
shall ever vanquish me.
Though earth should break asunder,
you are my Savior true;
no fire or sword or thunder
shall sever me from you.
- 7 My heart for joy is springing
and can no more be sad;
my soul is filled with singing,
sees only sunshine glad.
The sun that cheers my spirit
is Jesus Christ, my King;
the heav'n I shall inherit
makes me rejoice and sing.

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Please stand, if you are able

Prayer

Blessed Lord, you have given us your Holy Scriptures for our learning. May we so hear them, read, learn, and take them to heart that, being strengthened and comforted by your holy Word, we may cling to the blessed hope of everlasting life; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

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.

Blessing

The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you.

The Lord look on you with favor and give you peace.

Amen.

Please be seated

566 Father, God of Grace, You Knew Us

CW 566



- 1 Fa - ther, God of grace, you knew us, chose us, named us
- 2 We, your crea - tures, sinned a - gainst you, and our guilt was
- 3 Coun - sel - or, you bring as prom - ised from the Fa - ther
- 4 Lord, your change-less Word has fed us, span-ning time, tran-
- 5 For - ward lead us; Christ, we fol - low, drawn by Word and



as your own, through e - ter - nal a - ges plan - ning
crim - son red. Son of God, you came in - car - nate,
and the Son right - eous - ness ful - filled, ac - com - plished,
scend - ing space. Wa - ter, bread, and wine sus - tained us
prom - ise true: "To all na - tions preach the gos - pel;



to re - deem us in your Son. Praise the Fa - ther,
crushed the craft - y ser - pent's head, died our death, now
free for - give - ness, heav - en won. Praise the Spir - it!
when the dark - ness hid your face. Keep us with you,
I am ev - er - more with you." Keep us faith - ful!



God who loved us ere cre - a - tion was be - gun!
live tri - um - phant: praise the first - born from the dead!
He as - sures us our sal - va - tion's work is done!
faith - ful Shep - herd, by your sav - ing means of grace!
Then, Lord Je - sus, quick - ly come; make all things new!

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