

Clairemont
Lutheran Church
Iglesia Luterana

Fifth Sunday in Lent ~ March 22, 2026

Prelude *Prelude* – Cesar Franck

Charles F. von Gunten

Welcome

Mission Statement

C: Our mission is to welcome everyone, celebrate God’s grace, and grow together as one church expressed in two languages.

Call to Worship

P: From the depths, we cry to the Lord.

C: We wait for the Lord, trusting in his mercy and hope.

P: God speaks life into dry bones and breathes into weary hearts.

C: We come, longing for the Spirit who gives life.

P: Christ calls the dead to rise and the grieving to hope.

C: Let us worship the God who brings life out of death.

Gathering Hymn *Oh For a Thousand Tongues to Sing* ELW 886 (vs. 1-4) *(please stand)*

Greeting of Peace

P: God has received us, pardoned us and loved us; let us forgive each other in love and share the peace of Christ. Peace be with you.

C: And also with you.

All may greet one another in the name of the Lord.

Please remain standing after returning to your seat.

Hymn of Praise *What a Fellowship, What a Joy Divine* - ELW 774 (vs. 1 & 3)

The Greeting

P: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C: And also with you.

Prayer of The Day

P: Let us pray.

C: Almighty God, your Son came into the world to free us all from sin and death. Breathe upon us the power of your Spirit, that we may be raised to new life in Christ and serve you in righteousness all our days, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

(please be seated)

Kids Time. Pastor Manuel Borbón

First reading: Ezekiel 37:1-14

The hand of the Lord came upon me, and he brought me out by the spirit of the Lord and set me down in the middle of a valley; it was full of bones. He led me all around them; there were very many lying in the valley, and they were very dry. He said to me, "Mortal, can these bones live?" I answered, "O Lord God, you know." Then he said to me, "Prophecy to these bones and say to them: O dry bones, hear the word of the Lord. Thus says the Lord God to these bones: I will cause breath to enter you, and you shall live. I will lay sinews on 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."

So I prophesied as I had been commanded, and as I prophesied, suddenly there was a noise, a rattling, and the bones came together, bone to its bone. I looked, and there were sinews on them, and flesh had come upon them, and skin had covered them, but there was no breath in them. Then he said to me, "Prophecy to the breath, prophesy, mortal, and say to the breath: Thus says the Lord God: Come from the four winds, O breath, and breathe upon these slain, that they may live." I prophesied as he commanded me, and the breath came into them, and they lived and stood on their feet, a vast multitude.

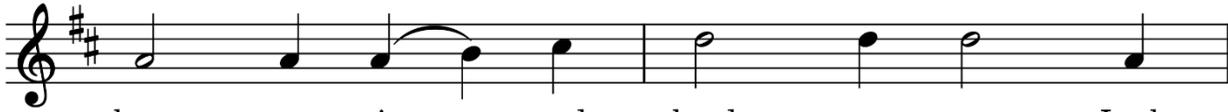
Then he said to me, "Mortal, these bones are the whole house of Israel. They say, 'Our bones are dried up, and our hope is lost; we are cut off completely.' Therefore prophesy and say to them: Thus says the Lord God: I am going to open your graves and bring you up from your graves, O my people, and I will bring you back to the land of Israel. And you shall know that I am the Lord when I open your graves and bring you up from your graves, O my people. I will put my spirit within you, and you shall live, and I will place you on your own soil; then you shall know that I, the Lord, have spoken and will act, says the Lord."

Word of God, word of life. **Congregation: Thanks be to God.**

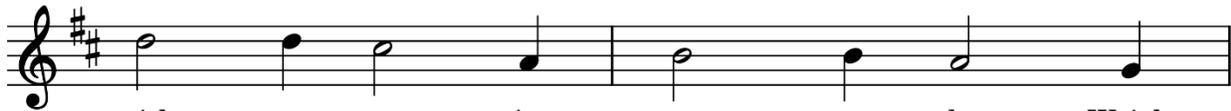
Psalm 130 – ELW 399



1 Out of the depths I call to you, Lord,
 2 For if you note each sin - ful deed, Lord,
 3 More cer - tain - ly than watch - men wait To
 4 O Is - ra'el, wait u - pon the Lord; Mer -



hear my voice and heed my prayer; Look
 who could stand when you ap - peared? But
 see the day - light first ap - pear Does
 cy is al - ways found with him, And



with com - pas - sion on my plea, Weigh
 with you is for - give - ness found And,
 my soul wait u - pon the Lord; I
 free - dom, too, a - bounds in God Who



my pe - ti - tion, Lord, with care.
 there - fore, Lord, you shall be feared.
 wait in trust and ho - ly fear.
 frees his peo - ple from their sin.

Second reading: Romans 8:6-11

To set the mind on the flesh is death, but to set the mind on the Spirit is life and peace. For this reason the mind that is set on the flesh is hostile to God; it does not submit to God's law — indeed, it cannot, and those who are in the flesh cannot please God. But you are not in the flesh; you are in the Spirit, since the Spirit of God dwells in you. Anyone who does not have the Spirit of Christ does not belong to him. But if Christ is in you, then the body is dead because of sin, but the Spirit is life because of righteousness. If the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, he who raised Christ Jesus from the dead will give life to your mortal bodies also through his Spirit that dwells in you. Word of God, word of life.

Congregation: Thanks be to God.

Lesson Song *Alleluia* ELW p. 151 (setting 4) *(please stand)*

Gospel: John 11:1-45

Response after the announcement: Glory to you, O Lord

Now a certain man was ill, Lazarus of Bethany, the village of Mary and her sister Martha. Mary was the one who anointed the Lord with perfume and wiped his feet with her hair; her brother Lazarus was ill. So the sisters sent a message to Jesus, "Lord, he whom you love is ill." But when Jesus heard it, he said, "This illness does not lead to death; rather, it is for God's glory, so that the Son of God may be glorified through it." Accordingly, though Jesus loved Martha and her sister and Lazarus, after having heard that Lazarus was ill, he stayed two days longer in the place where he was.

Then after this he said to the disciples, "Let us go to Judea again." The disciples said to him, "Rabbi, the Jews were just now trying to stone you, and are you going there again?" Jesus answered, "Are there not twelve hours of daylight? Those who walk during the day do not stumble because they see the light of this world. But those who walk at night stumble because the light is not in them." After saying this, he told them, "Our friend Lazarus has fallen asleep, but I am going there to awaken him." The disciples said to him, "Lord, if he has fallen asleep, he will be all right." Jesus, however, had been speaking about his death, but they thought that he was referring merely to sleep. Then Jesus told them plainly, "Lazarus is dead. For your sake I am glad I was not there, so that you may believe. But let us go to him." Thomas, who was called the Twin, said to his fellow disciples, "Let us also go, that we may die with him."

When Jesus arrived, he found that Lazarus had already been in the tomb four days. Now Bethany was near Jerusalem, some two miles away, and many of the Jews had come to Martha and Mary to console them about their brother. When Martha heard that Jesus was coming, she went and met him, while Mary stayed at home. Martha said to Jesus, "Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died. But even now I know that God will give you whatever you ask of him." Jesus said to her, "Your brother will rise again." Martha said to him, "I know that he will rise again in the resurrection on the last day." Jesus said to her, "I am the resurrection and the life. Those who believe in me, even though they die, will live, and everyone who lives and believes in me will never die. Do you believe this?" She said to him, "Yes, Lord, I believe that you are the Messiah, the Son of God, the one coming into the world."

When she had said this, she went back and called her sister Mary and told her privately, "The Teacher is here and is calling for you." And when she heard it, she got up quickly and went to him. Now Jesus had not yet come to the village but was still at the place where Martha had met him. The Jews who were with her in the house consoling her saw Mary get up quickly and go

out. They followed her because they thought that she was going to the tomb to weep there. When Mary came where Jesus was and saw him, she knelt at his feet and said to him, "Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died." When Jesus saw her weeping and the Jews who came with her also weeping, he was greatly disturbed in spirit and deeply moved. He said, "Where have you laid him?" They said to him, "Lord, come and see." Jesus began to weep. So the Jews said, "See how he loved him!" But some of them said, "Could not he who opened the eyes of the blind man have kept this man from dying?"

Then Jesus, again greatly disturbed, came to the tomb. It was a cave, and a stone was lying against it. Jesus said, "Take away the stone." Martha, the sister of the dead man, said to him, "Lord, already there is a stench because he has been dead four days." Jesus said to her, "Did I not tell you that if you believed you would see the glory of God?" So they took away the stone. And Jesus looked upward and said, "Father, I thank you for having heard me. I knew that you always hear me, but I have said this for the sake of the crowd standing here, so that they may believe that you sent me." When he had said this, he cried with a loud voice, "Lazarus, come out!" The dead man came out, his hands and feet bound with strips of cloth and his face wrapped in a cloth. Jesus said to them, "Unbind him, and let him go."

Many of the Jews, therefore, who had come with Mary and had seen what Jesus did believed in him. P: The Gospel of the Lord C: **Praise to you, O Christ.**

Sermon Pastor Manuel Borbón *(please be seated)*

Hymn of the Day *Precious Lord, Take My Hand - ELW 773 (vs.1-3) (please stand)*

Statement of Faith:

We believe in one God, who is Creator, maker of all we see and all we don't see. Who is Ruler of the universe: Source of all creation!

We believe in one God, who is Jesus Christ, God from God, Light from Light, true God and true human. He is one with the Creator; the Word made flesh, our Messiah: Savior of all creation!

We believe in one God, who is Holy Spirit, Breath of God moving among us. Who is one with the Creator; one with the Christ; our Comforter and our Guide: Mentor of all creation! Amen.

Prayers of the People

P: Reconciled by God's mercy and sustained by God's presence, let us pray for the world and its needs.

After each portion of the prayers

P: Hear us, O God. C: **Your mercy is great.**

P: Receive our prayers, O God, through Jesus Christ, our strength and salvation. C: **Amen.**

Anthem *Our Friend Jesus* – B. J. Robinson

Sanctuary Choir

Offering

The Offering Prayer *(please stand)*

P: Let us pray.

C: O God, maker of heaven and earth, your steadfast love embraces all creation. You send rain and sunshine to nourish the earth and bring forth its bounty. Through these gifts of bread and wine, draw us into the death and life of your Son, who calls us to bear witness to his saving work. We ask this in Jesus' name. Amen.

Words of institution

Lord's Prayer

P: Lord, teach us to pray:

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins, as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial, and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and forever. Amen.

Invitation to Communion *(please be seated)*

Communion Song *Here Is Bread* ELW 483 (v. 1)

The Communion of Christ's People

Communion Voluntary *Quinquagesima* – Dom Paul Benoit Charles F. von Gunten

Blessing after Communion

P: May the body and blood of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.

C: Amen.

Post-communion Song *Here Is Bread* - ELW 483 (v. 3)

Prayer after Communion

P: God of our salvation,

C: we give you thanks for this meal that restores our souls, reconciles us to you, and strengthens us for the journey. Through the body and blood of your Son, may we become Christ's body in the world, bearing witness to your love for all creation, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

Next week's lessons and Gospel: Gospel Matthew 26:14-27:66 Passion reading

CCSA - During Lent we will donate food items to CCSA: one-pound bags of beans and rice and boxes of macaroni and cheese. Donations can be dropped off in the Fellowship Hall at the designated box. Thank you for your support.

Charles' Music Notes: The choir anthem, *Our Friend Jesus*, was written by B. J. Robinson, a local musician and composer. The piece was commissioned by Capella Gloriana, a local choral group in which our music director, Katy Lundeen, sings. See if you can count the number of different familiar hymn tunes that are sequentially introduced in ever more complex combinations. Mr. Robinson will be appearing as a soloist as part of our Good Friday Tenebrae service — feel free to ask him about his inspiration for composing the piece.

If you know of a member that can't make it to church and would like to receive Holy Communion, please contact Kathy Reed. 619-847-8289 sdkathy123@yahoo.com

Please RSVP if you plan to attend Emilie's birthday celebration on March 28th at 2:00 PM in the Fellowship Hall. 🎉 The sign up sheet is in the Narthex.

On **March 29th, Palm Sunday**, Pat and I will be celebrating our **60th wedding anniversary**.

After the **9:30 service**, we will be hosting a **luncheon in the Fellowship Hall**. **Pastor Elena and Jorge** will be preparing the meal for us. If you plan to attend, please **sign up on the sheet in the narthex**. Your RSVP will help us know how much food to prepare. We would love to celebrate this special day with you!

Clairemont Lutheran Church Youth Choir Fundraiser
**Free Luncheon and Opportunity Drawing
for Easter Baskets!!**
Sunday, March 29th 2026
Drawing will be held at 1:00pm
You do not need to be present to win!



Suggested donation \$1 per ticket
Write name and phone number on one half and keep the other half
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Stay Connected

Monday March 23

5:30-6:30pm Glee Choir, 6:30-7:30pm Esperanza Youth Choir, 7:30-9pm Sanctuary Choir

Tuesday March 24

6:30pm Handbell rehearsal,

Wednesday March 25

6pm Potluck, 7pm Holden Evening Prayer in English and Spanish

Thursday March 26

8:00am Sandwich Ministry

5:30pm Youth Group

Friday March 27

8am-12pm Food Distribution

LENTEN SERVICES

WEDNESDAYS IN LENT

March 18 – March 25

6:00pm Potluck soup dinner

7:00pm Holden Evening Prayer service in English

7:00pm Worship service in Spanish

PALM SUNDAY

March 29

9:30am Worship service in English

11:30am Worship service in Spanish

MAUNDY THURSDAY

April 02

7:00pm Bilingual Worship service

GOOD FRIDAY

April 3

12:00pm Worship service in English

5:00pm Worship Service in Spanish

7:00 pm Worship service in English

EASTER SUNDAY

April 5

9:30am Worship service in English

11:30am Worship service in Spanish



Easter Flowers & Music Dedication Form

Please return the completed form with dedication to the church office by Sunday, March 29.

PLEASE PRINT CLEARLY

- Flower are \$20.00.
- Gifts of music of any amount are welcome.
- Whatever is needed.

Donated by: _____

In Memory of: _____

In Honor of: _____

In Celebration of: _____

Enclosed is my check for \$ _____

Payable to: Clairemont Lutheran Church
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Flowers may be picked up in the office starting April 7th.