

5TH SUNDAY IN LENT
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WORSHIP SCHEDULE

Sundays 8:00 a.m. & 10:45 a.m. and Wednesdays 6:30 p.m.

Holy Communion: 1st, 3rd, 5th Sundays

Becky Lanzito & Karen Leicht - Organists, Ann Souza - Music Director,

Mandi Stilson – Choir/New Music Accompanist

WELCOME TO OUR VISITORS

We are pleased you chose to be with us in worship today, and pray the Lord blesses you as he has blessed us with your presence. Our goal is to help people find the right place for them to hear God's word and serve His mission. We'd love to support you in that spiritual journey. Please take a moment to complete an attendance card and place it in the Offering plate or give to an usher. This card will help us connect with you.

HOLY COMMUNION

The Lord's Supper is celebrated according to the Lutheran Confessions based on the teaching Jesus gave his disciples and us that he is truly present in this meal. Confident that our sins are forgiven, we experience our oneness with him and each other as he gathers us at his table. His true body and blood, given and shed for us, we share in this meal as he invites in Matthew 26:26-28, "Take and eat; this is My Body ... This is My Blood..." Baptized Christians sharing these beliefs are invited to receive Communion. All others are invited to the altar rail for a blessing. Wine can be taken by common chalice, individual cup, or by dipping your wafer into the chalice. Please address questions to the Elders or the Pastor. ***Non-alcoholic wine is in purple-colored cups.***

NURSERY

We have two rooms available for your use. When the service is in the sanctuary, the nursery is down the hall just past the restrooms. If the service is held in the gym, the nursery is in the youth room at the far end of the gym.

SERVING TODAY

8:00 a.m.

<i>Elder:</i>	<i>Mike Bandman</i>
<i>Comm/Asst. Elder:</i>	<i>Tom Pipia</i>
<i>Acolytes:</i>	<i>Sam Squires</i>
<i>Ushers:</i>	<i>Don Heidlauf, OPEN, OPEN</i>
<i>Lay Readers:</i>	<i>Ted Tatgenhorst, Margie Tatgenhorst</i>
<i>Greeters:</i>	<i>Tera Redman Family, Bill & Eileen Smith</i>
<i>Fellowship:</i>	<i>Gifford & Frendreis families</i>
<i>April Altar Guild:</i>	<i>Shari Hoppe</i>
<i>April Counters:</i>	<i>Margie Tatgenhorst</i>

10:45 a.m.

<i>Bob Souza</i>
<i>Jack Warneke</i>
<i>Hunter Kregel, Jake Kruse</i>
<i>Lance Rasmussen, OPEN</i>
<i>Bob Souza, Pat Rasmussen</i>
<i>Nuechterlein Family, Nick & Jenny Witter</i>
<i>Becky Anderson</i>
<i>Carol Cook</i>

TODAY'S FLOWERS ARE PROVIDED BY:

Samantha and Clint McDonald in celebration of their wedding anniversary and
the Gifford family in celebration of Randy's 60th birthday.

NEHEMIAH SERVICE

Worship in a traditional order that uses portions of the book of Nehemiah.

Opening Hymn

Jesus, Refuge of the Weary

LSB 423



1 Je - sus, ref - uge of the wea - ry, Blest Re - deem - er,
2 Do we pass that cross un - heed - ing, Breath - ing no re -
3 Je - sus, may our hearts be burn - ing With more fer - vent



whom we love, Foun - tain in life's des - ert drea - ry, Sav - ior
pen - tant vow, Though we see You wound - ed, bleed - ing, See Your
love for You; May our eyes be ev - er turn - ing To be -



from the world a - bove: Of - ten have Your eyes, of - fend - ed,
thorn - en - cir - cled brow? Yet Your sin - less death has brought us
hold Your cross a - new Till in glo - ry, part - ed nev - er



Gazed up - on the sin - ner's fall; Yet up - on the
Life e - ter - nal, peace, and rest; On - ly what Your
From the bless - ed Sav - ior's side, Grav - en in our



cross ex - tend - ed, You have borne the pain of all.
grace has taught us Calms the sin - ner's deep dis - tress.
hearts for - ev - er, Dwell the cross, the Cru - ci - fied.

Invocation (Based on selections from Nehemiah 8)

P: In the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit. **C: Amen.**

P: All the people gathered into the square.

And they told Ezra the scribe,

**C: *Bring the Book of the Law of Moses,
Bring the Word of the Lord to us.***

P: And Ezra opened the book in the sight of all the people, and as he opened it all the people stood. Ezra blessed the Lord, the great God, and all the people answered, **C: Amen, Amen.**

P: They lifted up their hands.

They bowed their heads and worshiped the Lord.

This day is holy to our Lord.

C: *The joy of the Lord is our strength. Amen.*

Confession and Absolution (Based on selections from Nehemiah 1)

P: O Lord God of heaven, the great and awesome God who keeps covenant and steadfast love with those who love Him and keep His commandments,

C: *let Your ear be attentive and Your eyes open, to hear the prayer of Your servants that we now pray before You day and night, confessing the sins we have committed against You. We have acted very corruptly against You and have not kept the commandments, the statutes, and the rules that You commanded.*

P: Lord, remember the word that You gave to Your servant Moses, “If you are unfaithful, I will scatter you among the peoples.”

C: *But Lord also remember that You promised: “If you return to Me, even though you are outcasts, I will gather you and bring you to the place that I have chosen, to make My Name dwell there.”*

P: God has indeed heard your prayers and remembers His promise to gather you again to Himself, so that you may dwell with Him for eternity. By His Holy Spirit, you are the Lord’s servants and His people, whom God has redeemed by His great power and by His strong hand, by the death and resurrection of His Son, our Lord, Jesus Christ. Your sins are forgiven in the Name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. **C: Amen! Thanks be to God!**

Prayer of the Day

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.**

Anthem

Ezekiel cried: Them dry bones.
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Now hear the word of the Lord.

Well, your toe bone connected to your foot bone,
your foot bone connected to your heel bone,
your heel bone connected to your ankle bone,
your ankle bone connected to your leg bone,
your leg bone connected to your knee bone,
your knee bone connected to your thigh bone,
your thigh bone connected to your hip bone,
your hip bone connected to your back bone,
your back bone connected to your shoulder bone,
your shoulder bone connected to your neck bone,
your neck bone connected to your head bone,
now hear the word of the Lord.

Them bones, them bones gonna walk around,
them bones, them bones gonna walk around.
them bones, them bones gonna walk around,
now hear the word of the Lord.

“Dry Bones”

Disconnect them bones, them dry bones,
disconnect them bones, them dry bones,
disconnect them bones, them dry bones,
now hear the word of the Lord.

Well, your head bone connected from your neck bone,
your neck bone connected from your shoulder bone,
your shoulder bone connected from your back bone,
your back bone connected from your hip bone,
your hip bone connected from your thigh bone,
your thigh bone connected from your knee bone,
your knee bone connected from your leg bone,
your leg bone connected from your ankle bone,
your ankle bone connected from your heel bone,
your heel bone connected from your foot bone,
your foot bone connected from your toe bone,
now hear the word of the Lord.

Them bones, them bones, them dry bones,
them bones, them bones, them dry bones,
them bones, them bones, them dry bones,
now hear the word of the Lord.

Adult Choir

Old Testament Reading

Ezekiel 37:1–14 (ESV)

[The prophet Ezekiel said]: ¹The hand of the LORD was upon me, and he brought me out in the Spirit of the LORD and set me down in the middle of the valley; it was full of bones. ²And he led me around among them, and behold, there were very many on the surface of the valley, and behold, they were very dry. ³And he said to me, “Son of man, can these bones live?” And I answered, “O Lord GOD, you know.” ⁴Then he said to me, “Prophesy over these bones, and say to them, O dry bones, hear the word of the LORD. ⁵Thus says the Lord GOD to these bones: Behold, I will cause breath to enter you, and you shall live. ⁶And I will lay sinews upon 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.”

⁷So I prophesied as I was commanded. And as I prophesied, there was a sound, and behold, a rattling, and the bones came together, bone to its bone. ⁸And I looked, and behold, there were sinews on them, and flesh had come upon them, and skin had covered them. But there was no breath in them. ⁹Then he said to me, “Prophesy to the breath; prophesy, son of man, and say to the breath, Thus says the Lord GOD: Come from the four winds, O breath, and breathe on these slain, that they may live.” ¹⁰So I

prophesied as he commanded me, and the breath came into them, and they lived and stood on their feet, an exceedingly great army.

¹¹Then he said to me, “Son of man, these bones are the whole house of Israel. Behold, they say, ‘Our bones are dried up, and our hope is lost; we are clean cut off.’ ¹²Therefore prophesy, and say to them, Thus says the Lord GOD: Behold, I will open your graves and raise you from your graves, O my people. And I will bring you into the land of Israel. ¹³And you shall know that I am the LORD, when I open your graves, and raise you from your graves, O my people. ¹⁴And I will put my Spirit within you, and you shall live, and I will place you in your own land. Then you shall know that I am the LORD; I have spoken, and I will do it, declares the LORD.”

L: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

Song of Praise

Come Alive (Dry Bones)

VERSE 1

1. Through the eyes _ of man _ it seems _ there's so _ much we _ have lost. _ As
we look down _ the road _ where all _ the prod - i - gals _ have walked _ and
one by one _ the en - e - my _ has whis - pered lies _ and led _ them off _ as slaves. _

VERSE 2 & 3

2. But we know _ that You _ are God, _ Yours _ is the vic - to - ry. _
3. God of end - less mer - cy, God _ of _ un - re - lent - ing love; _
We know there _ is more _ to come, _ that we _ may not _ yet see, _ so
Res - cue ev - 'ry daugh - ter, bring _ us back _ the way - ward sons _ and
with the faith _ You've giv - en us, _ we step _ in - to _ the val - ley un - a - fraid. _
by Your spir - it breathe _ up - on _ them. Show _ the world _ that You _ a - lone _ can save, _

CHORUS



— You a - lone _ can save. — We call out to dry _ bones, "Come a - live,



come a - live." — We call out to dead _ hearts, "Come a - live,



come a - live." — Up out of the ash - es let _ us see — an ar - my _ rise. —



1. We call out to dry _ bones, "Come a - live." —

Go to Verse 3



2. We call out to dry _ bones, "Come a - live." —

So

BRIDGE



So breathe, _ oh breath _ of God, _ now _ breathe, _ oh breath _ of God. _



Breathe, _ oh breath _ of God, _ now _ breathe. _

Repeat Chorus once more

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Holy Gospel

John 11:1–45 (ESV)

¹Now a certain man was ill, Lazarus of Bethany, the village of Mary and her sister Martha. ²It was Mary who anointed the Lord with ointment and wiped his feet with her hair, whose brother Lazarus was ill. ³So the sisters sent to him, saying, “Lord, he whom you love is ill.” ⁴But when Jesus heard it he said, “This illness does not lead to death. It is for the glory of God, so that the Son of God may be glorified through it.”

⁵Now Jesus loved Martha and her sister and Lazarus. ⁶So, when he heard that Lazarus was ill, he stayed two days longer in the place where he was. ⁷Then after this he said to the disciples, “Let us go to Judea again.” ⁸The disciples said to him, “Rabbi, the Jews were just now seeking to stone you, and are you going there again?” ⁹Jesus answered, “Are there not twelve hours in the day? If anyone walks in the day, he does not stumble, because he sees the light of this world. ¹⁰But if anyone walks in the night, he stumbles, because the light is not in him.” ¹¹After saying these things, he said to them, “Our friend Lazarus has fallen asleep, but I go to awaken him.” ¹²The disciples said to him, “Lord, if he has fallen asleep, he will recover.” ¹³Now Jesus had spoken of his death, but they thought that he meant taking rest in sleep. ¹⁴Then Jesus told them plainly, “Lazarus has died, ¹⁵and for your sake I am glad that I was not there, so that you may believe. But let us go to him.” ¹⁶So Thomas, called the Twin, said to his fellow disciples, “Let us also go, that we may die with him.”

¹⁷Now when Jesus came, he found that Lazarus had already been in the tomb four days. ¹⁸Bethany was near Jerusalem, about two miles off, ¹⁹and many of the Jews had come to Martha and Mary to console them concerning their brother. ²⁰So when Martha heard that Jesus was coming, she went and met him, but Mary remained seated 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 said to him, “I know that he will rise again in the resurrection on the last day.” ²⁵Jesus said to her, “I am the resurrection and the life. Whoever believes in me, though he die, yet shall he live, ²⁶and everyone who lives and believes in me shall never die. Do you believe this?” ²⁷She said to him, “Yes, Lord; I believe that you are the Christ, the Son of God, who is coming into the world.”

²⁸When she had said this, she went and called her sister Mary, saying in private, “The Teacher is here and is calling for you.” ²⁹And when she heard it, she rose quickly and went to him. ³⁰Now Jesus had not yet come into the village, but was still in the place where Martha had met him. ³¹When the Jews who were with her in the house, consoling her, saw Mary rise quickly and go out, they followed her, supposing that

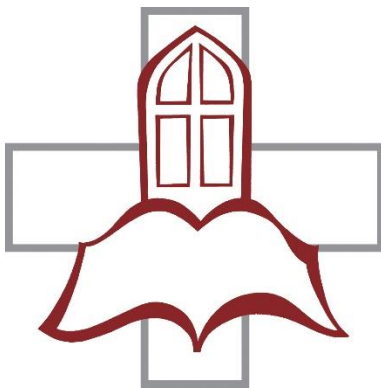
she was going to the tomb to weep there. ³²Now when Mary came to where Jesus was and saw him, she fell at his feet, saying to him, “Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died.” ³³When Jesus saw her weeping, and the Jews who had come with her also weeping, he was deeply moved in his spirit and greatly troubled. ³⁴And he said, “Where have you laid him?” They said to him, “Lord, come and see.” ³⁵Jesus wept. ³⁶So the Jews said, “See how he loved him!” ³⁷But some of them said, “Could not he who opened the eyes of the blind man also have kept this man from dying?”

³⁸Then Jesus, deeply moved again, came to the tomb. It was a cave, and a stone lay against it. ³⁹Jesus said, “Take away the stone.” Martha, the sister of the dead man, said to him, “Lord, by this time there will be an odor, for he has been dead four days.” ⁴⁰Jesus said to her, “Did I not tell you that if you believed you would see the glory of God?” ⁴¹So they took away the stone. And Jesus lifted up his eyes and said, “Father, I thank you that you have heard me. ⁴²I knew that you always hear me, but I said this on account of the people standing around, that they may believe that you sent me.” ⁴³When he had said these things, he cried out with a loud voice, “Lazarus, come out.” ⁴⁴The man who had died came out, his hands and feet bound with linen strips, and his face wrapped with a cloth. Jesus said to them, “Unbind him, and let him go.”

⁴⁵Many of the Jews therefore, who had come with Mary and had seen what he did, believed in him.

P: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.



Hymn of the Day *O Christ, Who Shared Our Mortal Life* LSB 552, sts. 1,9-10; tune: 577



1 O Christ, who shared our mor - tal life And
 2 Two weep - ing sis - ters, worn by grief And
 3 When, Lord, You met them as they mourned, You
 4 "I am the Lord of life and death!" You
 5 You walked the path to Laz' - rus' tomb, You
 6 We know our years on earth are few, That



end - ed death's long reign, Who healed the sick and
 mired in depths of gloom, Stood watch - ing where their
 wept com - pas - sion's tear. But Mar - tha, sore with
 an - swered Mar - tha's cry, "And all who hear and
 called him forth by name, And liv - ing, lov - ing
 death is al - ways near. Come now to us, O



raised the dead And bore our grief and pain.
 broth - er lay With - in a rock-sealed tomb.
 sor - row, said, "He'd lived had You been here!"
 trust My Word Shall live, al- though they die!"
 once a - gain, From death to life he came!
 Lord of Life; Bring hope that con - quers fear!

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Sermon *"Jesus Didn't Stop with Getting Lazarus' Bones a-Moving"*

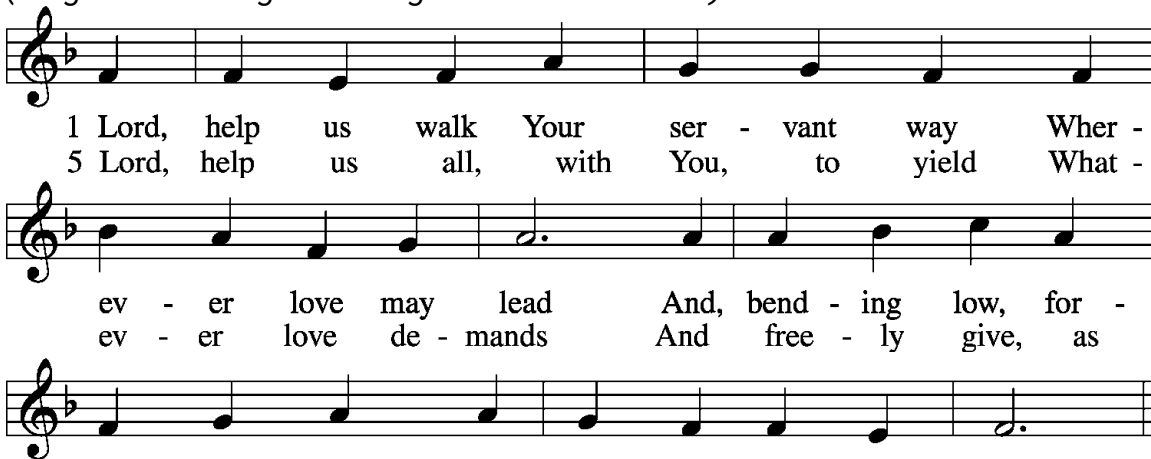
Offering & Prayer Requests

In addition to the prayer requests already received, Pastor will pause here to see if there are additional requests. Prayers can be thanksgivings, joy, requests for yourself, or requests for others.

Offertory *Lord, Help Us Walk Your Servant Way*

LSB 857, st. 1; st. 2 from 787

(Sung as the offerings are brought forward to the altar)



1 Lord, help us walk Your ser - vant way Wher -
5 Lord, help us all, with You, to yield What -
ev - er love may lead And, bend - ing low, for -
ev - er love de - mands And free - ly give, as
get - ting self, Each serve the oth - er's need.
You have giv'n, With o - pen hearts and hands.

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Prayers

The Lord's Supper: What We Believe

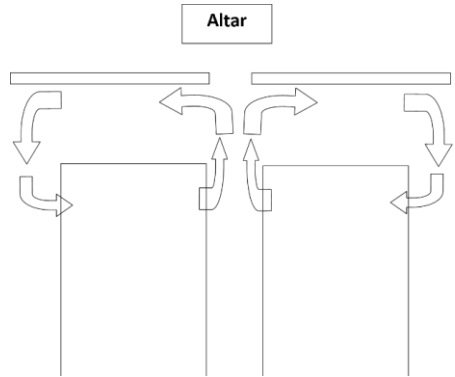
All Christians who are baptized and have been instructed
are invited to receive Communion with us
if you believe as we do—that the bread is the body of Christ,
and the wine is the blood of Christ,
truly present for us for the forgiveness of our sins.

If this is a new teaching to you, or if this is different than you believe,
we ask that you wait to commune until we've had a further chance to talk. We invite
those who are not communing to come to the rail, cross your arms, and receive a blessing
from the Lord.



Communion Distribution

- Pastor distributes the bread, and the Elders distribute the wine—with individual cups or common cup. The individual trays also contain alcohol-removed wine in the center of each tray in the purple cups.
- Each side will be ushered from the center aisle to the communion rail, row by row, starting with the front.
- Go to the rail on your side of the sanctuary, filling in starting with the outside wall towards the center.
- Once you have received the elements, you may remain at the rail for prayer and leave at your own pace.
- Return to your seat using the outside aisle.
- Use the distribution time to prepare yourself for communion, sing the hymns as prayers to God, and maintain this as meditative time.



Preparation for the Lord's Supper

P: The Lord be with you.

C: ***And also with you.***

P: Lift up your hearts.

C: ***We lift them to the Lord.***

P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C: ***It is right to give Him thanks and praise.***

Prayer of Thanksgiving

P: Blessed are You, Lord of heaven and earth, for You have had mercy on those whom You created and sent Your only-begotten Son into our flesh to bear our sin and be our Savior. With repentant joy we receive the salvation accomplished for us by the all-availing sacrifice of His body and His blood on the cross. Gathered in the name and the remembrance of Jesus, we beg You, O Lord, to forgive, renew, and strengthen us with Your Word and Spirit. Grant us faithfully to eat His body and drink His blood as He bids us do in His own testament. Gather us together, we pray, from the ends of the earth to celebrate with all the faithful the marriage feast of the Lamb in His kingdom, which has no end. Graciously receive our prayers; deliver and preserve us. To You alone, O Father, be all glory, honor, and worship, with the Son and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **C: Amen.**

The Lord's Prayer

P: Lord, remember us in Your kingdom, and teach us to pray:

All: *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.*

Words of Institution

Pax Domini (The Peace of the Lord)

P: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C: *And also with you.*

(We greet one another in peace saying "God's peace" or "The Lord be with you.")

First Distribution Hymn

Beautiful Savior

LSB 537



1 Beau - ti - ful Sav - ior, King of cre - a - tion, Son of
2 Fair are the mead - ows, Fair are the wood - lands, Robed in
3 Fair is the sun - shine, Fair is the moon - light, Bright the
4 Beau - ti - ful Sav - ior, Lord of the na - tions, Son of

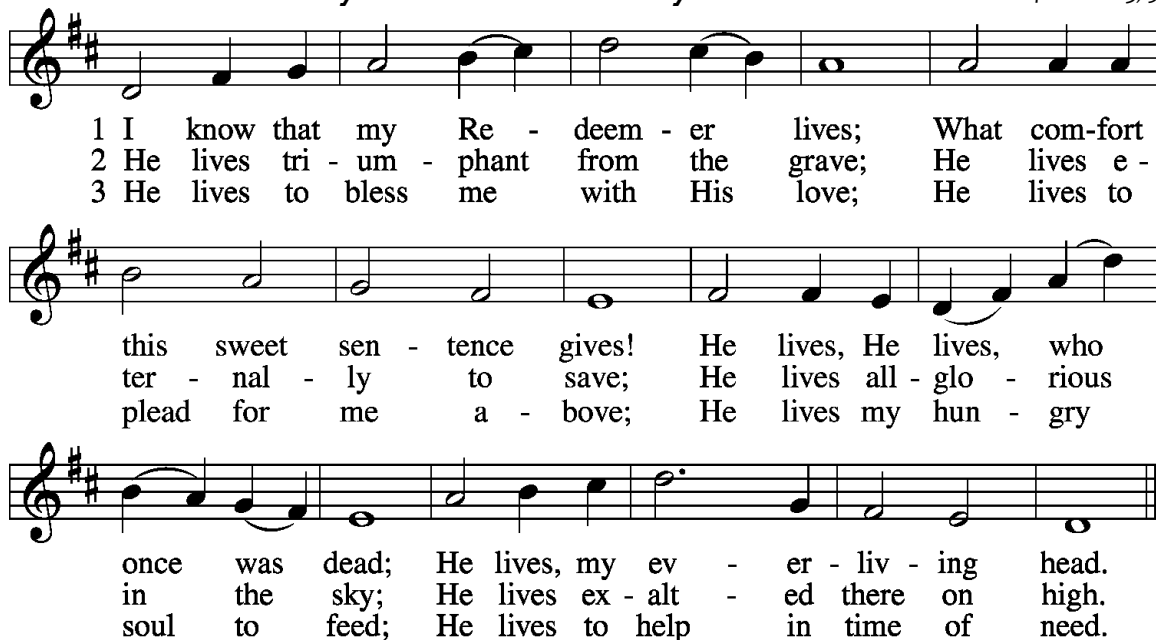


God and Son of Man! Tru - ly I'd love Thee, Tru - ly I'd
flow'rs of bloom - ing spring; Je - sus is fair - er, Je - sus is
spar - kling stars on high; Je - sus shines bright - er, Je - sus shines
God and Son of Man! Glo - ry and hon - or, Praise, ad - o -



serve Thee, Light of my soul, my joy, my crown.
pur - er, He makes our sor - r'wing spir - it sing.
pur - er Than all the an - gels in the sky.
ra - tion Now and for - ev - er - more be Thine!

Second Distribution Hymn ***I Know That My Redeemer Lives*** LSB 461 sts. 1-3, 5



1 I know that my Re - deem - er lives; What com-fort
2 He lives tri - um - phant from the grave; He lives e -
3 He lives to bless me with His love; He lives to

this sweet sen - tence gives! He lives, He lives, who
ter - nal - ly to save; He lives all - glo - rious
plead for me a - bove; He lives my hun - gry

once was dead; He lives, my ev - er - liv - ing head.
in the sky; He lives ex - alt - ed there on high.
soul to feed; He lives to help in time of need.

- 5 He lives to silence all my fears;
He lives to wipe away my tears;
He lives to calm my troubled heart;
He lives all blessings to impart.

Common Dismissal

P: Now may this true body and true blood of our Lord...

C: **Amen.**

Post-Communion Prayer

P: Gracious God, our heavenly Father, You have given us a foretaste of the feast to come in the Holy Supper of Your Son's body and blood. Keep us strong in the true faith throughout our days of pilgrimage that, on the day of His coming, we may, together with all Your saints, celebrate the marriage feast of the Lamb in His kingdom which has no end; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: **Amen.**

Benedicamus Domino (“Let us bless, the Lord”) & Benediction (Blessing)

P: Rise up and bless the Lord your God **(Based on Nehemiah 9:5 & Psalm 126:3,6)**
from everlasting to everlasting.

**C: *Blessed be Your glorious name, O Lord;
Your Name is exalted above all blessing and praise.***

P: The Lord has done great things for us;
Those who come before the Lord weeping
shall now go with shouts of joy,
because of the Lord’s great mercy, love, and strength.
In the Name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. **C: *Amen.***

Closing Hymn

I Know That My Redeemer Lives

LSB 461 sts. 7–8

7 He lives and grants me daily breath;
He lives, and I shall conquer death;
He lives my mansion to prepare;
He lives to bring me safely there.

8 He lives, all glory to His name!
He lives, my Jesus, still the same;
Oh, the sweet joy this sentence gives:
I know that my Redeemer lives!

Announcements

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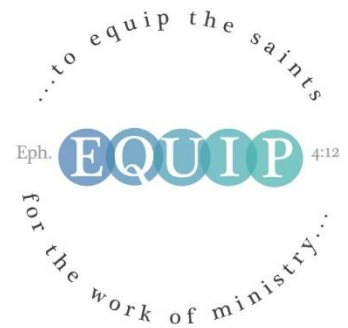
Welcome, Caitlin Amick

Caitlin is one of our candidates for the Equipping Coordinator position. She is visiting Bethel this weekend for an in-person interview.

Caitlin will be graduating this spring from Concordia University in Mequon, WI with a degree in Lay Ministry.

Caitlin completed her Internship in ministry at Brookfield Lutheran Church in Brookfield, WI.

Caitlin calls Mt. Horeb, Wisconsin her home.



Position Title:

Equipping Coordinator

Full time position for

a called Commission Minister (Non-Ordained) worker

(for example, Dir. Of Christian Educ, Dir. Of Christian Outreach, Lay Minister, etc.).

Purpose

To coach, train, equip, and encourage people in missional living and for multiplying the ministry and leadership of the gathering of believers at Bethel. Biblically speaking: “To equip the saints for the work of ministry, for building up the body of Christ” (Ephesians 4:12).

Responsibilities

- **Discovery of gifts**
- **Provide opportunities for Bethel people to be equipped for missional living and ministry that align with the spiritual direction and policies as defined by Church Leadership**
- **Build up ministry teams for various areas and tasks in the congregation that align with the spiritual direction and policies as defined by Church Leadership**
- **Organizing and communicate the equipping plan and results**