

St. Paul's Evangelical Lutheran Church

5th Sunday in Lent, March 29th, 2020

Congregation responses are in bold italic type.

+ Congregation stands

Welcome and announcements

+Confession and Forgiveness

Blessed be the holy Trinity, ☩ one God,
who is present, who gives life,
who calls into existence the things that do not exist.

Amen.

If you were to keep watch over sins, O Lord, who could stand?
Yet with you is forgiveness, and so we confess.

Silence is kept for reflection.

Gracious God,

have mercy on us.

***We confess that we have turned away from you,
knowingly and unknowingly.***

We have wandered from your resurrection life.

We have strayed from your love for all people.

Turn us back to you, O God.

***Give us new hearts and right spirits,
that we may find what is pleasing to you
and dwell in your house forever. Amen.***

Receive good news: God turns to you in love.

"I will put my spirit in you, and you shall live," says our God.

All your sin is forgiven in the name of ☩ Jesus Christ,
who is the free and abounding gift of God's grace for you.

Amen.

+Greeting

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

And also with you.

+Call to Worship

We gather to share in our love of God.

Lord, open our hearts and let us share your Good News.

We gather to share our witness to God's goodness.

Lord, let our lives bear witness through service to your people.

We gather to praise God whose love is eternal.

Lord, open our hearts today to sing your praises.

Amen

+Prayer of the Day

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.

Psalmody

Psalm 130

Out of the depths

I cry to you, O Lord;

O Lord, hear my voice!

Let your ears be attentive to the voice of my supplication.

If you were to keep watch over sins,

O Lord, who could stand?

Yet with you is forgiveness,

in order that you may be feared.

I wait for you, O Lord; my soul waits;

in your word is my hope.

My soul waits for the Lord more than those who keep watch for the morning,

more than those who keep watch for the morning.

O Israel, wait for the Lord, for with the Lord there is steadfast love;

with the Lord there is plenteous redemption.

For the Lord shall redeem Israel

from all their sins.

+Holy Gospel

Gospel: John 11:1-45

The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the 11th chapter.
Glory to you, O Lord.

(The Gospel is read...)

This is the gospel of the Lord.
Praise to you, O Christ.

Sermon

+ Apostles Creed

***I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.
I believe in Jesus Christ, God's 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 to the dead.*
On the third day he rose again;
he ascended into heaven,
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.
I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting.
Amen.***

+Prayers of Intercession

Written by the Rev. Nadia Bolz-Weber

God who made us all,
Our healers are exhausted, God. Give rest to those who care for the sick.
Our children are bored, God. Grant extra creativity to their caregivers.
Our friends are lonely, God. Help us to reach out.
Our pastors are doing the best they can, God. Help them to know it is enough.
Our workers are jobless, God. Grant us the collective will to take care of them.
Our fellow parents are losing their minds, God. Bring unexpected play and joy and dance parties to all in need.
Our grocery workers are absorbing everyones' anxiety, God. Protect them from us.
Our elderly are even more isolated God. Comfort them.
We haven't done this before and we are scared, God.
I don't even know what else to pray for.

Amen.

Now let us pray together the prayer Jesus taught us...

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

Now is the acceptable time.
Now is the day of salvation.
Holy God,
speaking, spoken, and inspiring,
✝ bless you, unbind you,
and send you in love and in peace.

Amen.

+Dismissal

Go in peace. Share the good news.
Thanks be to God.