

Lakeside Community Lutheran Church
28626 County Road H - Webster, WI 54893

Fifth Sunday in Lent
March 26, 2023

WELCOME TO LAKESIDE We extend a welcome to share our worship service. Offering envelopes may be placed in the offering basket in front of the font. Your donations are appreciated. Please pass and sign the attendance sheet in the pews. We invite you to join coffee and fellowship following the service.

GATHERING

GATHERING MUSIC

WELCOME and ANNOUNCEMENTS

CONFESSION and FORGIVENESS *Stand as you are able.*

Blessed be the holy Trinity, one God, who forgives all our sin, whose mercy endures forever. **Amen.**

Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

Silence is kept for reflection.

Gracious God,

have mercy on us. We confess that we have turned from you and given ourselves into the power of sin. We are truly sorry and humbly repent. In your compassion forgive us our sins, known and unknown, things we have done and things we have failed to do. Turn us again to you, and uphold us by your Spirit, so that we may live and serve you in newness of life through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

God, who is rich in mercy, loved us even when we were dead in sin and made us alive together with Christ. By grace you have been saved. In the name of Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven. Almighty God strengthen you with power through the Holy Spirit, that Christ may live in your hearts through faith. **Amen.**

GATHERING SONG *Jesus Is a Rock in a Weary Land* ELW 333

Last verse, stand as you are able.

Refrain

Jesus is a rock in a weary land, a weary land, a weary land;
my Jesus is a rock in a weary land, a shelter in a time of storm.

- 1 No one can do like Jesus, not a mumbling word he said;
he went walking down to Lazarus' grave, and he raised him from the dead.
Refrain
- 2 When Jesus was on earth, the flesh was very weak;
he took a towel and girded himself and he washed his disciples' feet.
Refrain
- 3 Yonder comes my Savior, him whom I love so well;
he has the palm of victory and the keys of death and hell.
Refrain

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.**

KYRIE

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In peace, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

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

Lord, have mercy.

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 mercy.

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

Lord, have mercy.

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

PRAYER OF THE DAY

SHARING OF THE PEACE

WORD

FIRST READING

Ezekiel 37:1-14

¹The 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. ²He led me all around them; there were very many lying in the valley, and they were very dry. ³He said to me, "Mortal, can these bones live?" I answered, "O Lord GOD, you know." ⁴Then he said to me, "Prophecy to these bones, and say to them: O dry bones, hear the word of the LORD. ⁵Thus says the Lord GOD to these bones: I will cause breath to enter you, and you shall live. ⁶I 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."

⁷So 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. ⁸I 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. ⁹Then 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.” ¹⁰I prophesied as he commanded me, and the breath came into them, and they lived, and stood on their feet, a vast multitude.

¹¹Then 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.’ ¹²Therefore 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. ¹³And you shall know that I am the LORD, when I open your graves, and bring you up from your graves, O my people. ¹⁴I 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.”
The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM Psalm 130

¹Out of the depths I cry to you, O LORD;
²**O LORD, hear my voice!**
Let your ears be attentive to the voice of my supplication.
³If you were to keep watch over sins, O LORD, who could stand?
⁴**Yet with you is forgiveness, in order that you may be feared.**
⁵I wait for you, O LORD; my soul waits; in your word is my hope.
⁶**My soul waits for the Lord more than those who keep watch for the morning, more than those who keep watch for the morning.**
⁷O Israel, wait for the LORD, for with the LORD there is steadfast love; with the LORD there is plenteous redemption.
⁸**For the LORD shall redeem Israel from all their sins.**

SECOND READING Romans 8:6-11

⁶To set the mind on the flesh is death, but to set the mind on the Spirit is life and peace. ⁷For 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, ⁸and those who are in the flesh cannot please God.
⁹But 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. ¹⁰But if Christ is in you, though the body is dead because of sin, the Spirit is life because of righteousness. ¹¹If the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, he who raised Christ from the dead will give life to your mortal bodies also through his Spirit that dwells in you.
The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION *Lord, Keep Us Steadfast in Your Word* ELW 517
Stand as you are able.

1 Lord, keep us steadfast in your word; curb those who by deceit or sword would wrest the kingdom from your Son and bring to naught all he has done.

GOSPEL John 11:1-45
The holy gospel according to John. **Glory to you, O Lord.**
The gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

SERMON New Life in Christ

HYMN OF THE DAY *Jesus Lives, My Sure Defense* ELW 621

- 1 Jesus lives, my sure defense and my everlasting Savior!
Knowing this, my confidence rests in hope and will not waver,
though the night of death be fraught still with many an anxious thought.
- 2 Jesus, my redeemer, lives; I too unto life shall waken.
Bright the hope this promise gives; shall my courage, then, be shaken?
Shall I fear then? Can the head rise and leave the members dead?
- 3 No, too closely am I bound unto him by hope forever;
faith's strong hand the rock has found, grasped it, and will leave it never;
even death now cannot part from its Lord the trusting heart.

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.

PRAYER SONG *Lord, Keep Us Steadfast in Your Word* ELW 517
2 Lord Jesus Christ, your pow’r make known, for you are Lord of lords alone;
defend your holy church, that we may sing your praise eternally.
3 O Comforter of priceless worth, send peace and unity on earth;
support us in our final strife and lead us out of death to life.

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

THANKSGIVING

OFFERING PRAYER LORD’S PRAYER

SENDING

SENDING SONG *Jesus Lives, My Sure Defense* ELW 621

- 4 I am flesh and must return unto dust, whence I am taken.
 But these eyes my Lord will know when from death I shall awaken,
 with my Savior to abide in his glory, at his side.
- 5 Then take comfort and rejoice, for his people Christ will cherish.
 Fear not, you will hear his voice; dying, you will never perish;
 for the very grave is stirred when the trumpet's blast is heard.
- 6 Here on earth, then, let your hearts rise from longings vain and hollow.
 Seek what Christ your Lord imparts while you in his footsteps follow.
 As you now still wait to rise, set your hearts beyond the skies!

BENEDICTION ELW inside back cover
May the Lord bless you, may the Lord keep you,
May the Lord lift up his face to shine on you.
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DISMISSAL
Go in peace. Proclaim the good news. **Thanks be to God.**

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PRAYER CONCERNS: Marylin Anderson, Anne Gelein, John Mueller, Tom Schneiberg, Faith Snyder, Mark Snyder, Barb Umholtz, Dorothy VanPykeren, Michael Warner. Those fighting addictions, people in crisis, deployed military and families, leaders, children, and Ukraine.

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Wanted: Compensated choir pianist, part-time compensated bookkeeper, volunteer newsletter editor, volunteer event coordinator. Contact office.

Orders are being taken for the annual Easter Flower Garden. Forms are available in the narthex and on the website.

TODAY’S MINISTRY PARTICIPANTS

Ushers	Joan & Bart Volkmann
Lector	Vern Umholtz
Fellowship Servers	Joan & Bart Volkmann, Jill Schroeder
Service Accompanist	Nikki Scheulke
Digital Video	Marshall Hoff
Recorder	Tom Schneiberg
Webmaster	Tom Schneiberg
Counters	Joan & Bart Volkmann
Office Administrator	Marsha Bruner
Ministers	All Members

THIS WEEK AT LAKESIDE

Tuesday	3/28	9am Mission Quilting 7pm AA/Alanon
Wednesday	3/29	10am Lenten Service 5:30pm Choir Rehearsal
Thursday	3/30	8am Men’s Breakfast Fellowship @ JoMama’s 9am Women’s Coffee Fellowship @ JoMama’s
Sunday	4/2	9am Sunday School and Confirmation 10am Worship Service – Palm Sunday

Symbols of the Faith to be Focus of Mid-week Lenten Services on Wednesdays at 10am. The mid-week Lenten services focus on The Windows at Lakeside in Stained Glass. Ash Wednesday focused on the cross. The five mid-week services focus on the Word, Trinity, Jesus, Holy Baptism, Holy Communion. Plan now to attend these services.

Choir Rehearsals Resume on March 29. Singers are invited to come for choir rehearsals on Wednesdays at 5:30pm beginning on March 29. The choir will resume singing at services of worship on Easter Sunday, April 9. Singers who can read music but cannot make it to the Wednesday rehearsals are invited to come to sing through the music on Sundays at 9:30am.

Sunday of the Passion/Palm Sunday on April 2. This day, we encounter the paradox that defines our faith: Jesus Christ is glorified king and humiliated servant. We too are full of paradox: like Peter, we fervently desire to follow Christ, but find ourselves afraid, denying God. We wave palms in celebration today as Christ comes into our midst, and we follow with trepidation as his path leads to death on the cross. Amid it all we are invited into this paradoxical promise of life through Christ’s broken body and outpoured love in a meal of bread and wine. We begin this week that stands at the center of the church year, anticipating the completion of God’s astounding work.
<https://members.sundaysandseasons.com/Home/Index/2023-4-2>

Maundy Thursday Service of Holy Communion on April 6 at 7pm

This evening our Lenten observance comes to an end, and we gather with Christians around the world to celebrate the Three Days of Jesus' death and resurrection. Tonight we remember Christ's last meal with his disciples, but the central focus is his commandment that we live out the promise embodied in this meal. As Jesus washed his disciples' feet, so we are called to give and receive love in humble service to one another. Formed into a new body in Christ through this holy meal, we are transformed by the mercy we have received and carry it into the world. Departing worship in solemn silence, we anticipate the coming days. <https://members.sundaysandseasons.com/Home/Index/2023-4-6>

Good Friday Service on April 7 at 7pm. Life and death stand side by side as we enter into Good Friday. In John's passion account, Jesus reveals the power and glory of God, even as he is put on trial and sentenced to death. Standing with the disciples at the foot of the cross, we pray for the whole world in the ancient bidding prayer, as Christ's death offers life to all. We gather in solemn devotion, but always with the promise that the tree around which we assemble is indeed a tree of life. <https://members.sundaysandseasons.com/Home/Index/2023-4-7>

Special Congregation Meeting on April 16. The Congregation Council at the March 14 meeting voted to call a special Congregation Meeting for Sunday, April 16 following the 10am service for the purpose of extending a letter of call to Pastor Tim Johnston. Show your interest in the future of this congregation with your attendance at this meeting.

Wanted: If anyone knows of anyone wishing to put their house up on the market this spring or early summer to help out our new pastor's house search, please contact Call Committee Chair Mick Peterson at 715-977-1916 or Marsha Bruner in the church office at 715-635-7791.

Celebrate the Resurrection of Our Lord on April 9. This is the day the Lord has made! Christ is risen, and through him all creation is made new! Indeed, "God shows no partiality" (Acts 10:34): Christ's resurrection truly brings life to everyone. We sing hymns of praise, gather around sacred words, and proclaim God's faithfulness, power, and love. With the women at the tomb, we are astonished, elated, and grateful. We depart with joy to proclaim the good news of God's endless love. <https://members.sundaysandseasons.com/Home/Index/2023-4-9>

Christ in Our Home devotionals for April, May, June now available.

**Thank you for your participation in and support
of the life and mission of this congregation.**

Hands of Risen Christ Sunday on April 16. "When it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and the doors of the house where the disciples had met were locked for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, 'Peace be with you.' After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side." (John 20:19-20) The worship service on the 2nd Sunday of Easter will focus on the hands of the risen Christ. Put your hands in the hands of the one who died and was raised for you!

Welcome Guest Preacher Mary Albing on April 23. Rev. Mary Albing will lead the service and deliver the sermon. She served Lutheran Church of Christ the Redeemer in Minneapolis 2003-2022. She graduated from Luther Seminary in St. Paul, MN with an MDiv in 1988 and a DMin in Biblical Preaching in 2013. She also served as a guest instructor in homiletics at the seminary. Give her a warm Lakeside welcome!

Memorial Service for Sigrid Erickson on April 29 at 11:30am. Her husband Pastor Clint Erickson served as an interim pastor at Lakeside in 1998.

Thanksgiving for Workers in the Church on April 30. On April 30, a Prayer of Thanksgiving for Workers in the Church will be included in the service of worship. By the will of God our workers are committed to the Lord and to us. God has worked mightily through them to bless us. We thank God for them. This thanksgiving coincides with National Volunteer Week during the third week in April, which is an opportunity to thank all the thousands of volunteers across the country who keep many organizations running, communities safe, and provide the services that otherwise would not exist without volunteers.

Vacation Bible School is planned for June 5-9. Registration forms are available in the narthex or you can print off from our website. Please contact Kayla Margl-Chastek should you like to volunteer or have questions at 715-416-0472 or kaychastek@gmail.com

Alms: Sell your possessions, and give alms. Make purses for yourselves that do not wear out, an unfailing treasure in heaven, where no thief comes near and no moth destroys (Luke 12:33). Alms are our compassionate, heartfelt response to the people Jesus mentioned in Matthew 25: those "least" of our sisters and brothers who are "less" than we in circumstance only and always our equal in their humanity. This is our most personal and spontaneous kind of giving in response to people in need. Think about the homeless man you see every day by the bus stop or the family in your congregation whose home was lost during a fire. Your outreach makes God's love for them feel very real and very immediate; your kindness reveals Christ's presence within them as well. BIBLICAL GIVING Biblical Advice for Cheerful Givers