



## Prayer of the Day

ELW Pg. 138-139

L The Lord be with you

C And also with you

L 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. C Amen

## 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. <sup>2</sup> He led me all around them; there were very many lying in the valley, and they were very dry. <sup>3</sup> He said to me, "Mortal, can these bones live?" I answered, "O Lord God, you know." <sup>4</sup> Then he said to me, "Prophesy to these bones and say to them: O dry bones, hear the word of the Lord. <sup>5</sup> Thus says the Lord God to these bones: I will cause breath to enter you, and you shall live. <sup>6</sup> 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." <sup>7</sup> 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. <sup>8</sup> 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. <sup>9</sup> Then he said to me, "Prophesy 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." <sup>10</sup> I prophesied as he commanded me, and the breath came into them, and they lived and stood on their feet, a vast multitude. <sup>11</sup> 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.' <sup>12</sup> 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. <sup>13</sup> And you shall know that I am the Lord when I open your graves and bring you up from your graves, O my people. <sup>14</sup> 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."

Holy Wisdom, Holy Word.

C Thanks be to God!

## Psalm 130 *chanted*

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

## **Second Reading: Romans 8:6-11**

<sup>6</sup>To set the mind on the flesh is death, but to set the mind on the Spirit is life and peace. <sup>7</sup>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, <sup>8</sup>and those who are in the flesh cannot please God.

<sup>9</sup>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. <sup>10</sup>But if Christ is in you, then the body is dead because of sin, but the Spirit is life because of righteousness. <sup>11</sup>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. Holy wisdom, holy word.

**C Thanks be to God**

**Please stand for the Gospel Acclamation**

**ELW Pg. 142**

**Return to the Lord, your God, who is gracious and merciful, slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love**

**Holy Gospel according to John in the 11<sup>th</sup> Chapter. C Glory to you, O Lord.**

<sup>1</sup>Now a certain man was ill, Lazarus of Bethany, the village of Mary and her sister Martha. <sup>2</sup>Mary was the one who anointed the Lord with perfume and wiped his feet with her hair; her brother Lazarus was ill. <sup>3</sup>So the sisters sent a message to Jesus, "Lord, he whom you love is ill." <sup>4</sup>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." <sup>5</sup>Accordingly, though Jesus loved Martha and her sister and Lazarus, <sup>6</sup>after having heard that Lazarus was ill, he stayed two days longer in the place where he was. <sup>7</sup>Then after this he said to the disciples, "Let us go to Judea again." <sup>8</sup>The disciples said to him, "Rabbi, the Jews were just now trying to stone you, and are you going there again?" <sup>9</sup>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. <sup>10</sup>But those who walk at night stumble because the light is not in them." <sup>11</sup>After saying this, he told them, "Our friend Lazarus has fallen asleep, but I am going there to awaken him." <sup>12</sup>The disciples said to him, "Lord, if he has fallen asleep, he will be all right." <sup>13</sup>Jesus, however, had been speaking about his death, but they thought that he was referring merely to sleep. <sup>14</sup>Then Jesus told them plainly, "Lazarus is dead. <sup>15</sup>For your sake I am glad I was not there, so that you may believe. But let us go to him." <sup>16</sup>Thomas, who was called the Twin, said to his fellow disciples, "Let us also go, that we may die with him." <sup>17</sup>When Jesus arrived, he found that Lazarus had already been in the tomb four days. <sup>18</sup>Now Bethany was near Jerusalem, some two miles away, <sup>19</sup>and many of the Jews had come to Martha and Mary to console them about their brother. <sup>20</sup>When Martha heard that Jesus was coming, she went and met him, while Mary stayed at home. <sup>21</sup>Martha said to Jesus, "Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died. <sup>22</sup>But even now I know that God will give you whatever you ask of him." <sup>23</sup>Jesus said to her, "Your brother will rise again." <sup>24</sup>Martha said to him, "I know that he will rise again in the resurrection on the last day." <sup>25</sup>Jesus said to her, "I am the resurrection and the life. Those who believe in me, even though they die, will live, <sup>26</sup>and everyone who lives and believes in me will never die. Do you believe this?" <sup>27</sup>She said to him, "Yes, Lord, I believe that you are the Messiah, the Son of God, the one coming into the world." <sup>28</sup>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." <sup>29</sup>And when she heard it, she got up quickly and went to him. <sup>30</sup>Now Jesus had not yet come to the village but was still at the place where Martha had met him. <sup>31</sup>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.<sup>32</sup> 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."<sup>33</sup> When Jesus saw her weeping and the Jews who came with her also weeping, he was greatly disturbed in spirit and deeply moved.<sup>34</sup> He said, "Where have you laid him?" They said to him, "Lord, come and see."<sup>35</sup> Jesus began to weep.<sup>36</sup> So the Jews said, "See how he loved him!"<sup>37</sup> But some of them said, "Could not he who opened the eyes of the blind man have kept this man from dying?"<sup>38</sup> Then Jesus, again greatly disturbed, came to the tomb. It was a cave, and a stone was lying against it.<sup>39</sup> 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."<sup>40</sup> Jesus said to her, "Did I not tell you that if you believed you would see the glory of God?"<sup>41</sup> So they took away the stone. And Jesus looked upward and said, "Father, I thank you for having heard me.<sup>42</sup> 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."<sup>43</sup> When he had said this, he cried with a loud voice, "Lazarus, come out!"<sup>44</sup> 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."<sup>45</sup> Many of the Jews, therefore, who had come with Mary and had seen what Jesus did believed in him. This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**C Praise to you, O Christ.**

**Sermon**

**Hymn of the Day**

**I Am the Bread of Life**

**ELW 485**

**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 the Church

L: To the one whose voice can call to us even in our graves, we lift our earnest prayers, Lord in your mercy, **People: Hear our prayer.**

AM: For the Church, the Body of Christ, that we may trust in Christ's promise of new life, and offer that promise to all who tremble in the face of death, Lord in your mercy, **People: Hear our prayer.**

AM: For the authorities of the world, especially those who too quickly use threats of death to retain their power, that they may use their offices to restrain evil, and protect the lives of all under their jurisdiction, Lord in your mercy, **People: Hear our prayer.**

AM: For our fragile blue orb, that where death and destruction threaten life itself, and create a sense of doom, that we, as agents of God's life-giving word may always act to restore, rebuild, and reclaim the good creation of God's handiwork, Lord in your mercy, **People: Hear our prayer.**

AM: For the vulnerable children of the world, that they may find in the Christian Gospel, and in the actions of Christian people, the hope for life, abundant and eternal, and protection from the forces of death, Lord in your mercy, **People: Hear our prayer.**

AM: For ourselves, that as God draws us from the limitations of our flesh to the holy manifestations of the new life in the Spirit, we may leave a legacy of generosity and gratitude for those who will take our places in years to come, Lord in your mercy, **People: Hear our prayer.**

L: For all this, and whatever else we need to rejoice in our new life in Christ, we offer our humble but confident prayers, Lord in your mercy, **People: Hear our prayer.**

## Peace

P The peace of Christ be with you always.

**C And also with you.**

*Please share a sign of God's peace.*

*The offering is received*

## **Anthem Take My Yoke Upon Your Words: J. Paul Williams Music: Douglas Nolan**

Take my yoke upon you, come and learn from me. Take my yoke upon you, I will give you peace. Are you weak and heavy laden, are you lonely and distressed? Come and bring your every longing, come and I will give you rest. O I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you, come and learn from me, take my yoke upon you, I will give you peace. Come and bring your sorrows, lay them at my feet. Bring to me your burdens, I will set you free. Take my yoke upon you, come and learn from me. Take my yoke upon you, I will give you peace. Take my yoke upon you. I will give you peace.

## Offertory Hymn

**ELW 188**

**Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me. Cast me not away from your presence, and take not your Holy Spirit from me. Restore unto me the joy of your salvation, and uphold me with your free Spirit.**

## Offertory Prayer

### Great Thanksgiving – page 144

L The Lord be with you.                   **C And also with you.**

L Lift up your hearts.                   **C We lift them to the Lord.**

L Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. **C It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

*The Proper Preface is chanted.*

L It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God, through our Savior Jesus Christ. You call your people to cleanse their hearts and prepare with joy for the paschal feast, that, renewed in the gift of baptism, we may come to the fullness of your grace. And so, with all the choirs of angels, with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

### **Sanctus Pg. 144**

**C Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of pow'r and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna. Hosanna. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.**

## The Great Thanksgiving

### LORD'S PRAYER

**C 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**

### Agnus Dei Pg. 146

**Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us. Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us. Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; grant us peace.**

**Communion is distributed.**

### Communion Music

## Post Communion Prayer

### Benediction

L The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord's face shine on you with grace and mercy. The Lord look upon you with favor and grant you peace C **Amen.**

### Closing Hymn

Jesus is a Rock in a Weary Land

ELW 333

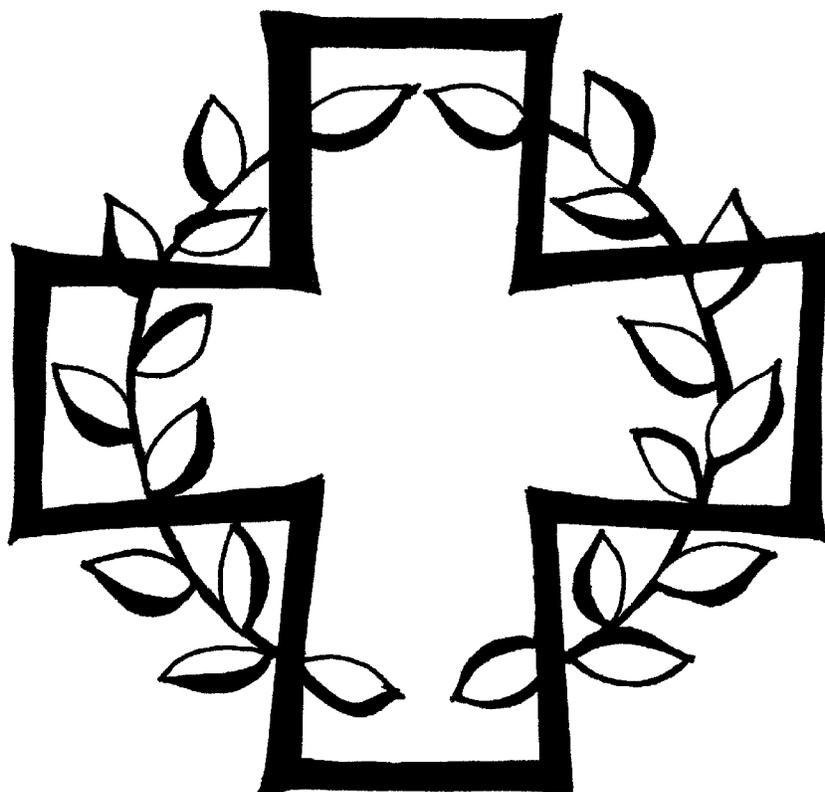
### Dismissal

AM Go now in peace, to love and serve the Lord and your neighbors.

C Thanks be to God

### Postlude

*Thank you for coming. May God's peace be yours today.*



## IN OUR THOUGHTS AND PRAYERS

The following is a listing of those who need your prayers. Our hope is that you will take this listing home with you and in your daily prayers remember those listed below. If you would like to add or subtract for this list, please write name(s) on the Prayer of Concerns form in the Narthex located on the stand up desk to the right of the exit doors or email the office. Thank you!

Joe Abbott  
Connie Aparo  
Charlie Blakeslee  
Kathy Ann Campbell  
Angelo & Nicole Capasso

Baerbel Roehl  
Patricia & Richard  
Sawitzke  
Jean Schlapfer

Carol Cianciolo  
Emily Decker  
J.J. Eby  
Judy Elliott  
Diane Engle

Sara Seelye  
Jan & Cindy Smith  
Paul Smith  
Sigrid Smitley  
Lori Sola  
Deb & Jon Sterling  
Tom Sterling Sr.

Jan Eucalitto  
Weston Faith  
Bruce & Liz Falls  
Bob Frantz  
Danise Hall  
Renate Higgins  
Kathleen Hilton  
Shannon Hilton

RuthAnn Stone  
Patricia Switzer  
Diane Tanner

Gloria Thibault  
Lucille Videtto  
Carol Vrlik

Glenn Hornfischer  
Rusty Judd  
Brian Kiernan  
Marge Kiernan  
Marilyn Killingbeck  
Edwin Leifert  
John Lewis

Eveyln Walters  
Sue Watkins  
Kim Weissman  
Bruce Yauney  
Clarence & Priscilla

David Little  
Rebecca Little  
Kari Machowski  
Audrey Marquard  
Abigail Marine

Ed  
Jen O.  
Jaiden  
Steve  
Lou W.

Richard Marine  
Janis Martin  
Gil & Marilyn Martin  
Michael Meyers  
Brigitte Mueller

Todd  
Robert K.  
Terry  
Hagbard  
Peanut

Bob Murphy  
Barbara Nalette  
Karen Ness  
Tom O'Brien  
Karen Pagano  
Melissa Pilbin

Diane L.  
Holly L.  
Al & Mary  
Isaac

Lisa & Dennis Polzun  
Ed & Susan Regner

### **Our Nursing Home Members**

Dee Gammon  
Midge Rosenbeck  
Mae Fay  
Francine Ahrens  
Betty Hilton  
Walter Joray  
Daine Wright  
Eleanor Klonoski

### **Our Military Friends**

Lord Jesus, Savior of the World and King of Peace, watch over our sons and daughters in the service of their Country. Protect them from the physical and moral dangers. Keep them close to you and help them live the commandments. Lord, Jesus give them courage to serve their country with honor and dignity. Be with them when they are in danger; strengthen them when they face hardship.

Above all Lord, grant that when their service is finished that they may return to us, sound in mind, body and soul.  
Amen.

Tyler Quinn  
Eric Beyus  
Major Zachary Fulton  
Brandan Holbrook  
Jonathan Connell  
Tom Gregg, Jr.  
Eric Bremer  
Peter Hutchinson  
SPC Dominic Boscarino  
PVT Noah Braatz  
PVT 2 Christian Braatz  
Aiden Avenia USCG  
2nd Lt. Ben Speaker  
Pvt. Noah Roy

## Around the Church

Event	Date	Time
Women of the ELCA	3/23	7 pm
Special Congregational Meeting	3/30	6:30 pm

### Guest preacher

**Bishop Pipho will preach on Palm Sunday with a special coffee hour to follow.**

**Needed all volunteer helpers  
Maundy Thursday April 2, 7pm  
Good Friday April 3 7pm**

**Easter Egg hunt on Easter, April 5th  
After service**

### *Bible Study*

Tuesday via Zoom 6:00 pm

In person Bible Study Wednesdays  
10:00 am

### **Wednesdays**

Tai Chi 11:00 am  
Quilting Group 1:00 pm

### Offerings Summary:

<b>Needed Weekly</b>	<b>\$6,290</b>
<b>Received</b>	<b>\$2,674</b>
<b>Shortfall</b>	<b>(\$3,616)</b>
<b>YTD shortfall</b>	<b>(\$26,632)</b>

### Minimalist bulletin

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### Staff

**The Rev. Dr. G. Scott Cady**  
**Music Director Marcia Newcome**

## Around the Church

Scholarship forms in Narthex. Due by April 30. No late apps will be accepted.

Christmas Eve survey- CT Yankee Chorale rehearsals for their spring concert Tuesdays 7pm

Anyone wishing to be a Sunday helper next year please sign up sheet in narthex or contact me.

Those interested in becoming official members please fill out a form found on the table in the narthex.

### **St. Paul's Lutheran Church**

837 Charles St., Torrington 06790

### **The Fellowship Committee presents**



**Chicken Lombardy, Rice Pilaf, Veggies,  
Salad, Bread, Dessert**

**Saturday, April 18, 2026**

Fellowship – 5:15pm      Dinner – 6pm

Eat-In or Take Out

**\$16.00 – Adults    \$10.00 – Kids 5-10**

Food, Fellowship, Drawing, Fun!

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