

# THE FIFTH SUNDAY IN LENT

March 22<sup>nd</sup> Anno Domini (The Year of Our LORD)  
2026

## ✠ Preparation ✠

### Welcome and Connection Cards

*Stand*

### Opening Hymn - O Holy spirit, Enter In

*The sign of the cross ✠ may be made by all in remembrance of their Baptism.*

### Invocation

**P** In the Name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**C** Amen.

**P** If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.

**C** **But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.**

*Silence for reflection on God's Word and for self-examination.*

**P** Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.

**C** **Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. We have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved You**

**with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways to the glory of Your holy Name. Amen.**

**P** Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the Name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**C** Amen.

## ✠ SERVICE OF THE WORD ✠

**Introit** *Psalm 116:1-4, 8; antiphon: v. 15*

Precious in the sight of the LORD  
is the death of his saints.  
I love the LORD, because he has heard  
my voice and my pleas for mercy.  
Because he inclined his ear to me,  
therefore I will call on him as long as I live.  
The snares of death encompassed me; the pangs of  
Sheol laid hold on me;  
I suffered distress and anguish.  
Then I called on the Name of the LORD:  
“O LORD, I pray, deliver my soul!”

For you have delivered my soul from death,  
my eyes from tears, my feet from stumbling.

**Glory be to the Father and to the Son  
and to the Holy Spirit;  
as it was in the beginning,  
is now, and will be forever. Amen.**

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## Kyrie

- P** In peace let us pray to the LORD.  
**C** **LORD, have mercy.**  
**P** For the peace from above and for our salvation  
let us pray to the LORD.  
**C** **LORD, have mercy.**  
**P** 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.  
**C** **LORD, have mercy.**  
**P** For this holy house and for all who offer here  
their worship and praise let us pray to the  
LORD.  
**C** **LORD, have mercy.**  
**P** Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious  
LORD.  
**C** **Amen.**

## Salutation and Collect of the Day

- P** The LORD be with you.  
**C** **And also with you.**  
**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.**

*Sit*

## Old Testament Reading

*Ezekiel 37: 1 - 14*

*After the reading: LSB 152*

- L** This is the Word of the LORD.  
**C** **Thanks be to God.**

## Psalm

*Psalm 130; antiphon: v. 7*

## Epistle Reading

*Romans 8: 1 - 11*

*After the reading:*

- L** This is the Word of the LORD.  
**C** **Thanks be to God.**

*Stand*

## Verse for Lent



**C** Re - turn to the Lord, your God, for He is gra-cious and



mer - ci - ful, slow to an - ger, and a-bound-ing in



stead-fast love, and a - bound - ing in stead - fast love.

### Holy Gospel

*John 11: 1 - 45*

**P** The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the eleventh chapter.



**C** Glo - ry to You, O Lord.

*After the reading:*

**P** This is the Gospel of the LORD.

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

*Sit*

Hymn of the Day - "Breathe on Me Breath of God"

Sermon - "I Will Put My Spirit In You and You Will Live" *Ezekiel 37: 1 - 14*

### MEMORY VERSE:

*Ezekiel 37: 13*

"And you shall know that I am the Lord, when I open your graves, and raise you from your graves, O my people."

*Stand*

### Apostles' Creed

**All: I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth.**

**And in Jesus Christ, His 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 into hell.**

**The third day He rose again from the dead.**

**He ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty.**

**From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life † everlasting. Amen.**

### Prayer of the Church

*The congregation now greets one another in the Name of the LORD, saying, "Peace be with you," as a sign of reconciliation and of the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace (Matt. 5:22-24; Eph. 4:1-3).*

### Pax Domini

**P** The peace of the LORD be with you always.

**C** Amen.

*Sit*

### Offering and Offertory



**C** What shall I ren-der to the Lord for all His ben-e-fits to



me? I will of-fer the sac-ri-fice of thanks-giv-ing and will



call on the name of the Lord. I will take the cup of sal-



va-tion and will call on the name of the Lord. I will pay my



vows to the Lord now in the pres-ence of all His peo-ple, in the



courts of the Lord's house, in the midst of you, O Je-ru-sa-lem.

### Benediction



**P** The Lord bless you and keep you.  
The Lord make His face shine on you  
and be gracious to you.  
The Lord look upon you with favor and † give you peace.



**C** A - men.

*Sit*

### Announcements

*Children are invited to come forward and assist in leading the Closing Song with percussion instruments*

*Stand*

### Closing Hymn - Be Still My Soul