



MESSIAH LUTHERAN CHURCH

*The Lutheran Church-
Missouri Synod*

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8:00am, 10:45am

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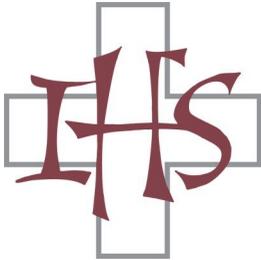
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*Whoever believes in Me,
though he die,
yet shall he live*

FOR OUR VISITORS....



Welcome! We encourage you to follow along with either the printed service, or with the hymnal. The page numbers for the hymnal are posted at the front of the sanctuary and on the next page. We realize it can take a while for newcomers to become familiar with our liturgy, so please feel free to ask someone near you for assistance—he or she would be happy to help.

We love children in our church! But if your little one gets fussy you may use the **cry room** that is located at the north end of the hallway behind the sanctuary on your right. You are able to see and hear the worship service from there. We also have "**Quiet Bags**" available for children to use during the service. Please ask an usher or elder if you need assistance. The Quiet Bags are returned after the service.

The Lord's Supper is celebrated in our services today. In this supper, our Lord Jesus Christ graciously feeds the humble sinner with His true body and blood for the forgiveness of sins. Scripture clearly teaches that anyone who eats and drinks the body and blood of Christ without discerning that body and blood receives a judgment rather than a blessing from God (1 Cor. 11:29). Therefore, out of a Christian concern for souls, we require a thorough instruction in the teachings of the Lutheran Church before participating in this Sacrament. Participation at the altar is also a testimony of unity of faith with all others who partake (1 Cor. 10:17). Since unity at the altar presupposes unity in doctrine and confession (Acts 2:42), we kindly request that **only those who are in confessional fellowship** with the Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod participate. This includes active members in good standing of all sister Missouri-Synod congregations.



We recognize that **Closed Communion** is a sensitive issue for many and have a brochure to explain it more thoroughly. It is available in the narthex or from an usher. If you have any questions or concerns, you are welcome to speak with our pastor. However, **we welcome** both children and adults who are not communicant members of the Lutheran Church to come to the altar during communion for a pastoral blessing. Please indicate the request for a blessing by crossing your arms over your chest.



Follow the QR code to visit our "**Virtual Guestbook**" and tell us about yourself and your visit with us.

This bulletin is available in large print upon request.

Divine Service—Setting Three—LSB 184

Hymns:
433, 552, 429

Hymns During Distribution:
430, 543

Sermon Title:
"Jesus Wept"

Scripture:
John 11:1-45

Prelude:

"Pastoral Song," by Jean Langlais

HERZLICH TUT MICH VERLANGEN ("O Sacred Head,
Now Wounded") - Dietrich Buxtehude

LORD OF LIFE ("O Christ, Whio Shared Our Mortal
Life") - Jacob B. Weber

Postlude:

"Toccata in D minor" - by Gordon Balch Nevin

Hymn of the Day, LSB 552— Stanzas 1, 9, 10,
and 4 (arranged as st. 1-4 in Service Bulletin)

Psalm 119—see center page of bulletin



Jesus Christ Is the Resurrection and the Life

The illness and death of Lazarus happened *"that the Son of God may be glorified through it"* (John 11:4). Jesus' miracle of raising Lazarus prompted His arrest and crucifixion, whereby He would die *"for the nation"* and gather *"into one the children of God who are scattered abroad"* (John 11:51-52). As He called Lazarus from the tomb and commanded others to *"unbind him, and let him go"* (John 11:44), Jesus also calls us and releases us from the bondage of sin and death. We would not *"submit to God's law,"* nor could we *"please God"* (Rom. 8:7-8), but *"he condemned sin"* in His own flesh so *"that the righteous requirement of the law might be fulfilled in us"* (Rom. 8:3-4). Now through the Gospel, *"the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead dwells"* in us (Rom. 8:11). His Word breathes His Spirit into our mortal flesh, animating us with His own life. As His ministers preach according to His divine command, the Lord Jesus calls us from the grave into the good land that He gives us (Ezek. 37:12, 14).

Serving in God's House Today

		8:00 a.m.	10:45 a.m.
Organist: Miguel Ruiz			
Altar Guild: Linda Beecroft Linda Phillips Brenda Thowe Laurie Ward	Head Elder:	Martin Littmann	Stephen Inglehart
	Head Usher:	Randy Burk	Marty Hobson
	Acolytes:	Jaxon Kirby	Dalton Jacobs
Counters: Laurie Ward	Crucifer/ Altar	Ethan Salgado	Nathan Munoz

Introit *Psalm 116:1-9; 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, deliv- | er my soul!”

Gracious is the LORD, and | righteous;*
our God is | merciful.

The LORD preserves the | simple;*
when I was brought low, he | saved me.
Return, O my soul, | to your rest;*
for the LORD has dealt bountifully | with
you.

**For you have delivered my | soul from
death,*
my eyes from tears, my feet from | stum-
bling.**

I will walk be- | fore the LORD*
in the land of the | living.

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

*Precious in the sight of the LORD
is the death of his saints.*

Collect of the Day

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.

Gradual: *sung by the Cantor* *Hebrews 12:2*

*O come, let us fix our eyes on Jesus,
the founder and perfecter of our faith,
who for the joy that was set before him
endured the cross, despising the shame,
and is seated at the right hand of the throne
of God.*



This morning we welcome **Blaine Shotts**
and **Steve Davis** into membership in the
8:00am service.

Please welcome them following the
service.

THIS WEEK AT MESSIAH

TODAY 03/22 - 8:00AM - DIVINE SERVICE—STREAMING LIVE
- 9:30AM - SUNDAY SCHOOL—STREAMING LIVE
- 10:45AM - DIVINE SERVICE

MONDAY 03/23 - 9:30AM - BRAILLE WORKSHOP

TUESDAY 03/24 - 9:30AM - JOY GROUP BIBLE STUDY
- 6:00PM - CONFIRMATION CLASS

WEDNESDAY 03/25 - 6:00PM - MIDWEEK LENTEN MEAL
- 7:00PM - MIDWEEK LENTEN SERVICE

THURSDAY 03/26 - 6:30PM - LADIES' BIBLE STUDY

FRIDAY 03/27

SATURDAY 03/28

EASTER BRUNCH

This year, the Elders will be hosting our Easter Brunch on Sunday, April 5, between services. They will provide sausage, bacon, and fruit, as well as juice, water, and coffee. They are also asking for the congregation to donate some food items.

Please visit <https://tinyurl.com/2ysynyr8> to sign up.

NOTE: If anyone has food allergies/sensitivities or particular needs such as Gluten, Egg, or Dairy free, please consider signing up to bring a dish that you can eat (and maybe share with others) and label it so we can place it on the kitchen counter.

Also, if you are attending the second service, if you can help with setting up the food to be ready to serve by 9:15, it would be greatly appreciated. Likewise, if you are attending the early service, if you can stay after breakfast to assist with clean-up, that also would be greatly appreciated.

EASTER EGG HUNT

The Easter Egg hunt is coming soon! We are collecting donations of plastic eggs and candy. If you would like to donate both, feel free to place the candy inside the eggs before bringing them. Please avoid chocolate candy, as it may melt before the eggs are collected. A donation tote is available for your items in the narthex. Thank you for contributing to Messiah's Easter celebration this year!

Midweek Lenten Services & Meals "The Twelve Apostles"

Evening Meal at 6pm, Vespers at 7pm:

March 25

James, Son of Alphaeus and Jude

(Meal hosted by Jonathan & Emily Griffith—Deli Sandwiches)

April 2: Maundy Thursday

Simon the Zealot and Judas Iscariot

(7pm Divine Service - No Meal)

THE HOUSEHOLD AT PRAYER

Make prayer a daily habit for your family. Do as much of this as is helpful. Gather together in one place. Set aside all distractions as best as you are able. Before or after meal works well. The most important part is reading the Bible.

1. The sign of the cross ✠ may be made by all in remembrance of their Baptism.
In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**
2. Sing or speak the hymn, introit, and/or psalm. Start with the first stanza.
3. Read aloud the appointed scripture for the day using the Daily Lectionary reading from LSB 299-304, or as found in the Treasury of Daily Prayer.
4. The Head of Household may give instruction/ ask questions on the scripture reading.
Ask basic questions: "What is this?" and "what did it say?", Q & A for Youth.
5. Recite or quiz one another on the weekly verse and Catechism passage .
6. Confess Apostles' Creed together.
7. Pray the Lord's Prayer and Collect of the Day. Also pray for others (see prayer list in bulletin).
Include prayers for family and friends, ourselves, upcoming events and plans.
8. Sing or say the following, then go joyfully to your work or to rest:
Let us || bless the Lord.
Thanks | be to God.

Scripture: Ephesians 2:8-9

For by grace you have been saved through faith. And this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God, not a result of works, so that no one may boast. For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand, that we should walk in them.

What is the Ninth Commandment?

You shall not covet your neighbor's house.

What does this mean?

We should fear and love God so that we do not scheme to get our neighbor's inheritance or house, or get it in a way which only appears right, but help and be of service to him in keeping it.

What is the Tenth Commandment?

You shall not covet your neighbor's wife, or his manservant or maidservant, his ox or donkey, or anything that belongs to your neighbor.

What does this mean?

We should fear and love God so that we do not entice or force away our neighbor's wife, workers, or animals, or turn them against him, but urge them to stay and do their duty.

READINGS:

Mon: Jesus Is Anointed at Bethany - John 12:1-11

Tue: Palm Sunday - John 12:12-26

Wed: Jesus Washes the Disciples' Feet - John 13:1-20

Th: A New Commandment Is Given - John 13:21-38

Fri: Old Testament Reading - Isaiah 50:4-9a

Sat: Epistle - Philippians 2:5-11

Sun: New Testament Reading - Matthew 26:1-27:66

HYMNS:

435 1, 4 "Come to Calvary's Holy Mountain"

442 1-3 "All Glory, Laud, and Honor"

423 1, 3 "Jesus, Refuge of the Weary"

Dear Messiah Church Family,

The season of Lent is upon us! As we prepare our hearts and minds to celebrate the Paschal Feast with joy, may God draw us ever deeper toward him in repentance and faith in Christ.

I wanted to share a few notes about the Lenten season this year at Messiah.

First of all, "Psalm 119". You might know that Psalm 119 is the longest chapter of the Bible. But perhaps you don't know that it is also an "acrostic". Each of the 22 sections is distinguished by a key word corresponding to a letter of the Hebrew alphabet. It would be sort of like if we had a song that went, "A is for apple, B is for bear... etc."

This Lent, we are endeavoring as a congregation to sing through all 22 sections of Psalm 119, two at a time, beginning with Ash Wednesday. We do this also with a refrain also drawn from the psalm, perhaps its most famous verse, ***"Your word is a lamp to my feet, and a light to my path..."***

Second, we are introducing a "new to us" service this year for Holy Week, although it is a very ancient order, the **"Easter Vigil"**.

In the past, Messiah has observed Holy Saturday with a "prayer vigil" which has its roots very roughly in the ancient "Easter Vigil". And while we will still have the sanctuary available for prayer throughout the day, there's no need to sign up for specific slots. In the past we've concluded the day with a service of "Corporate Confession and Absolution" which we will now integrate into the Maundy Thursday liturgy.

But what is new to us this year, the Easter Vigil, is traditionally the first service observing the resurrection of our Lord. The service begins at sunset (7:30pm) outside the building with a lit fire, and has many other meaningful features. While it is also a new service to me, personally, I know it is a favorite of many congregations that offer it. And it comes with the recommendation of the Lutheran Service Book - Altar Book, the companion to our hymnal, from which it is drawn.

For a fuller explanation of the traditional observance of the "Triduum", **please see Pastor Christiansen's recent article on the following page.**

Finally, we are still having an Easter Breakfast this year on Easter Sunday, but will keep the regular 8am and 10:45 service times. We've found there has been too much down time between services in recent years. Thanks to those who are already hard at work making preparations for this special day.

A blessed Lent, Holy Week and a joyous Easter to you all.

In Christ,

Pastor Chryst

Holy Week & The Triduum Sacrum

The Church views Maundy Thursday, Good Friday, and the Easter Vigil as *one continuous service*: **The Triduum Sacrum** ("The Sacred Three Days" in Latin). These three days are seen together as the three days of Jesus' death and resurrection, ending on the third day: the Resurrection of Our Lord!

Maundy Thursday is celebration of the Lord instituting His own Body and Blood under the bread and wine for Christians to eat and to drink for the forgiveness of their sins. The first word in "Maundy Thursday" should not be pronounced like "Monday Thursday" but is a reference to the Latin word *mandatum*: "command." Jesus' new commandment, "Take eat!", shows us that by receiving of the Lord's Body and Blood, all people will know who the Lord's disciples are (Matthew 26:26-29 & John 13:34-35). This is the institution of the divine service for the Church to celebrate for all time. Maundy Thursday ends with the stripping of the altar, just as Our Lord Jesus was stricken, smitten, and afflicted on the way to the cross.

Good Friday brings contemplative prayer and a restrained yet joyful focus on the crucifixion of Jesus: God offered Himself up as the once-for-all sacrifice, as fulfillment of the Old Testament priest and also sacrificial lamb. The **Tre Ore** is the chief reflection on the sufferings, wounds, cross, and death of Jesus Christ. It includes the Passion reading from St. John, the reproaches of Jesus against His people, and the veneration of the cross. The **Tenebrae** is a service done in darkness with only a few candles, and it is a targeted look at the seven last sayings of Jesus on the cross. The Tenebrae ends with the *strepitus*, the loud noise indicating the nails through Jesus' hands and feet into the cross and also indicating the closing of Christ into the tomb.

Easter Vigil is a beautiful confession and finish to the Triduum Service, often taking place late on Saturday night. Since God created the heavens and the earth, calling "evening and morning" as "the first day", the Church has observed that the day starts at sundown (i.e. evening, not morning). Thus, Christmas Eve is really the same day as Christmas Day. All Hallows Eve is the same as All Saints Day. The Maundy Thursday service is the same as the Good Friday Tre Ore (since the next day does not start until Good Friday at sundown). Likewise, Easter Vigil is the evening before Easter Sunday.

With the Easter texts and the Lord's crucifixion in view, the real height of the service is the Lord's Supper announced with the ancient versicle: "Alleluia! He is risen! He is risen indeed, Alleluia!" This is the place and time when the first proclamation of Christ's resurrection is given. The Service is comprised of six parts: (1) Service of Light, (2) Service of Readings, (3) Service of Holy Baptism, (4) Service of Prayer, (5) Service of the Word, and (6) Service of Holy Communion. While Maundy Thursday moves from light into darkness, and both Tre Ore and Tenebrae are done in darkness, the historical confession of the Vigil is a movement from darkness into light!

This year at Messiah, we will observe this three-day service beginning with Maundy Thursday, Good Friday (Tenebrae Vespers), and the Saturday Easter Vigil!

Please keep in your prayers...

We continue to pray for our members and loved ones battling cancer: John DiCesare, Tim Speight, Rob Bentley, Randy Gay, Denny Knutson, Joan Beach, Linda Pancake, Rick Swender, Wayne Kirkland, Ken & Carolyn Blume, Gaelina Strader, Sarah Jarrett, Mike Vandergriff, Rev. Ernie Bernet, Janie Peter, David Grissom.

...also those with other illnesses and trials: Bruce Lage, Marilyn Curry, Nikki McLeroy, Ashleigh Adams, Ron Busse, Marilyn Kivit, Brian Cade's mother, Abby Carpenter, Peggy Wahlstedt, Ron Klingbeil, Lief Stratmoen, Karen Shrum, Vicky Krolczyk, Matt Hinde, Lee Masoian, Alli Burk, Amy Lyon, the Lewis family, Chelsea Lage, Grant Smith, William Johnstone, Marlene Eaton, Kris Carter, Wes Liles, Mary Lowry, Patsy Smith, Shelby Renfro, Connie Worley Ramsey, Brooke Lage, The Lowry Family, Sandy McDougal, Jacob Brewer.

...and those who are unable to worship with us regularly: Susan Copen, Carolyn Blume, Don & Marilyn Curry, LaVina Goedecke, Ron and Barbara Busse, Ronald and Brenda Patterson, Marvin Wilken.

...all of our college students in and out of state: Ashley Brewer, Jacob Brewer, Colby Carter, Seminarian David Christensen, Maranda Crutchfield, Dorian Crutchfield, Paul Hedman, Ethan Johnson, Cole O'Dell, Ryan O'Dell, Clara O'Neil, Daniella Osorio, Helena Phillips, Aidan Richmond, Davis Richmond, Mia Salgado, Max Tonniges, Charlie Umayam, Audrey Weber, Emily Weber, Morgan Chryst, Matthew Palmer.

We remember all those serving our country, particularly our members and loved ones in the military: Carly Schwarzenburg, Jesus Aranda, Hannah Kajer, Nicolas Towers, Tony Bourassa, Tyler Burk, David Cantrell, Cassie Gessling, Joseph Kajer, Seth Kirch, Andrew Latham, Andrew Lowry, Hannah Pinkston, Brandon Towers, Frank Wilde, Chaplain Peter J. Williams.

We also pray for...

- Our Braille ministry, that the Word will continue to reach the blind or visually impaired around the world.
- Messiah's educational ministry, especially our Academy, Preschool, Sunday School, and our Catechumens.
- Fellow Messiah members, married couples and children, young couples, singles, Pastor Chryst, and Pastor Christiansen.
- The voters, church council, and leaders of Messiah Church and School as they deliberate on the work the Lord has given His people to do.
- Our brothers and sisters in Christ around the world being persecuted for their faith.
- The spread of the Gospel around our nation and world and the work of our missionaries and relief workers.
- Rev. Dr. Michael Paul and his work in Taiwan.
- The Swaddling Clothes ministry and those who come seeking assistance.
- Those studying at seminary, including David Christensen (4th Year), Tanner Sawall (4th Year), Abram Egger (1st Year), and Vicar Peter Williams, as they prepare to serve in the Holy Ministry.
- Prayers for peace in the Middle East and Ukraine.

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MLCA is hiring teachers for the 2026-2027 school year. For more information, you may call the school office at 817.431.5486, or you may send your resume to schooloffice@mlcatexas.org.



There is still **one spot remaining** for the trip to Germany & Austria this May with Pastor Chryst and Pastor Randall Poppe from Grace Lutheran in Racine, WI! If you are interested or have any questions, please contact Pastor Chryst.

The registration form can be found at <https://tinyurl.com/sutr34ua>

The itinerary may be found at <https://tinyurl.com/bahsntwf>



A Life Thought in the Church Year for March 22 (Lent 5): Jesus is the “resurrection and the life” (John 11:25), the one true God who raises the

dead from their graves and gives them new life (Ezekiel 37:5-6). Everything Jesus has said and done testifies that He gives, sustains, and loves life. It is inconceivable to think that Jesus, who raised Lazarus from the tomb and who died to “give life to our mortal bodies” (Romans 8:11), would approve of the murder of any innocent person, regardless of their size or condition.



Romans 8:1 - “There is therefore now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus.” This is the joy of the

Gospel! There is no condemnation for us before the throne of God because in His love He has provided salvation for us in Christ. We have been set free. We are His children once again, and co-heirs with Christ of all the blessings of heaven. If this does not make us thankful, nothing will!



EQUIPPING THE PRIESTHOOD OF ALL BELIEVERS... Issues, Etc.

is a podcast and radio talk show produced by Lutheran Public Radio in Collinsville, IL and hosted by LCMS Pastor Todd Wilken. Recent topics include: Speaking Truth to Power; The 98th Academy Awards; Leisure & Love of Neighbor; Philippians 4:8: “Think on These Things;” Reaching Out to Gen Z Women and more. You can listen on-demand at issuesetc.org, Amazon Alexa, Google Home, Apple HomePod, TuneIn, the LPR mobile app and a podcast provider.



WORSHIP ATTENDANCE: Last Sunday: 8:00am: **125** 10:45am: **103** Total: **228**
 Sunday School: **120** **OFFERINGS FOR THE WEEK: \$ 7,367.30** (includes online giving to Gen. Fund)

WEEKLY OFFERINGS NEEDED TO FUND THE CURRENT YEAR BUDGET: **\$ 19,549.00**

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About the Cover

Jesus delivered words of life to Martha in the midst of her brother's death. By His Word, He then raised Lazarus from the dead. Jesus gives life in the midst of death because He is the resurrection and the life. Through His death on the cross, He has brought us life by atoning for all of our sins. Although death is still the reality on this side of Jesus' return, our life by faith continues with Him after death, and we will be raised on the Last Day, just as He rose from the dead.

FIFTH SUNDAY IN LENT

Old Testament Reading: Ezekiel 37:1-14

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, "Prophecy 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, "Prophecy 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."

Epistle: Romans 8:1-11

¹There is therefore now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus. ²For the law of the Spirit of life has set you free in Christ Jesus from the law of sin and death. ³For God has done what the law, weakened by the flesh, could not do. By sending his own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh and for sin, he condemned sin in the flesh, ⁴in order that the righteous requirement of the law might be fulfilled in us, who walk not according to the flesh but according to the Spirit. ⁵For those who live according to the flesh set their minds on the things of the flesh, but those who live according to the Spirit set their minds on the things of the Spirit. ⁶To set the mind on the flesh is death, but to set the mind on the Spirit is life and peace. ⁷For the mind that is set on the flesh is hostile to God, for it does not submit to God's law; indeed, it cannot. ⁸Those who are in the flesh cannot please God.

⁹You, however, are not in the flesh but in the Spirit, if in fact 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, although 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 Jesus from the dead will also give life to your mortal bodies through his Spirit who dwells in you.

Holy Gospel: John 11:1-45

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.