

Prelude

Greeting/Announcements

Hymn ... “O Christ, Our King, Creator, Lord” (Tune: #352) .. LBW #101

Brief Order for Confession and Forgiveness ..... LBW pg. 77

Kyrie ..... LBW pg. 78

Hymn of Praise ..... “Glory Be to Jesus” (sts. 1-3,6) ..... LBW #95

Prayer of the Day

**Heavenly Father, you sent your Son into this world to bring salvation and life to all who believe. May your Holy Spirit breathe life into the spiritual death that haunts our lives so that we may follow and serve you in newness of life; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

First Reading ..... Ezekiel 37:1-14

L: The Word of the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

Second Reading ..... Romans 8:1-11

L: The Word of the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

Faith Seeds ..... Niki Pokornowski

Faith Seeds is a time for children of all ages to come forward for a lesson geared to them.

The Gospel Acclamation for Lent ..... LBW pg. 83

**“Return to the Lord, your God, for he is gracious and merciful, slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love.”**

The Announcement of the Gospel ..... “Glory to You, O Lord”

Gospel ..... John 11:1-53

Response after the Gospel ..... “Praise to You, O Christ”

Sermon ... “Miraculous Life and Certain Death” .... Pastor Scott Grorud

*The Drama of the Gospel in Seven Scenes*

Hymn ..... “My Song Is Love Unknown” (sts. 1,4,5,7) ..... LBW #94

Apostles’ Creed

**I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended into hell. On the third day he rose again. He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again 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.**

Offering/Special Music .. “I Walked Today Where Jesus Walked” ....

Faith Singers

Offertory Response

**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 to me the joy of your salvation,  
and uphold me with your free Spirit.**

Prayers of the Church

The Lord’s Prayer

**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

Closing Hymn ..... “In the Cross of Christ I Glory” ..... LBW #104

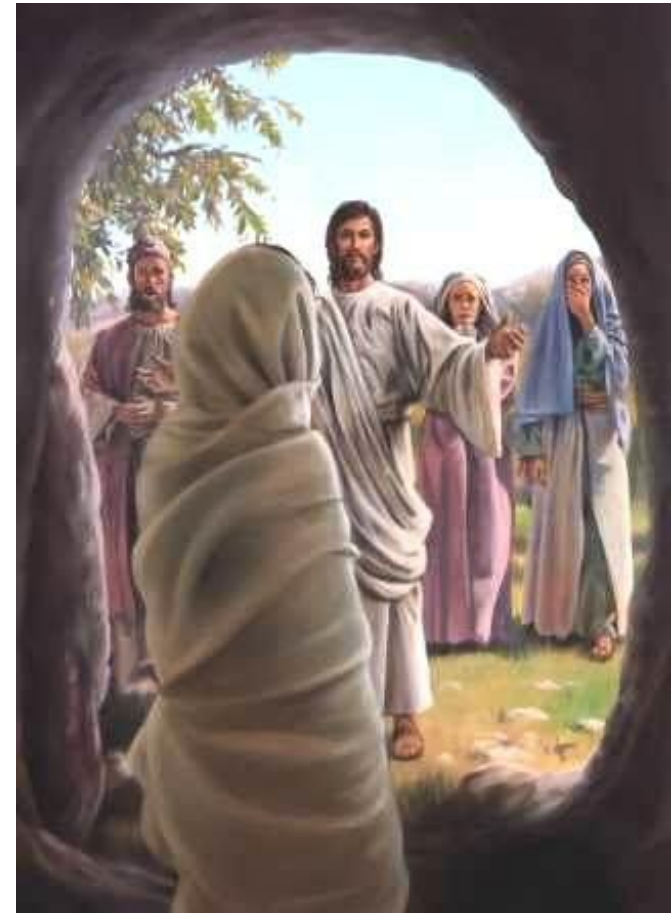
# Faith Lutheran Church (LCMC)

Hutchinson, Minnesota  
8:00 a.m. First Word Service  
March 26, 2023  
Fifth Sunday in Lent

## *What Does This Mean?"*

Questions about Today's Worship Theme:  
John 11:1-53

- † Do you think it was right for Jesus to wait until Lazarus died only to restore him to life?
- † How might Martha and Mary have felt toward Jesus when he finally arrived?
- † Why was Jesus so "greatly disturbed" by Lazarus' death?
- † What rich and bitter irony filled Caiaphas' confident words?



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*Jesus looked upward and said, "Father, I thank you for having heard me. 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." When he had said this, he cried with a loud voice, "Lazarus, come out!" John 11:41b-43*

