

### **Old Testament Reading – Ezekiel 37:1-14**

The 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. <sup>2</sup> And he led me around among them, and behold, there were very many on the surface of the valley, and behold, they were very dry. <sup>3</sup> And he said to me, "Son of man, can these bones live?" And I answered, "O Lord GOD, you know." <sup>4</sup> Then he said to me, "Prophecy over 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: Behold, I will cause breath to enter you, and you shall live. <sup>6</sup> And 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." <sup>7</sup> So 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. <sup>8</sup> And 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. <sup>9</sup> Then he said to me, "Prophecy to the breath; prophecy, 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." <sup>10</sup> So I prophesied as he commanded me, and the breath came into them, and they lived and stood on their feet, an exceedingly great army. <sup>11</sup> Then 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 indeed cut off.' <sup>12</sup> Therefore prophecy, 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. <sup>13</sup> And you shall know that I am the LORD, when I open your graves, and raise you from your graves, O my people. <sup>14</sup> And 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."

### **The Epistle - Romans 8:1-11**

There is therefore now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus. <sup>2</sup> For the law of the Spirit of life has set you free in Christ Jesus from the law of sin and death. <sup>3</sup> For 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, <sup>4</sup> in 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. <sup>5</sup> For 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. <sup>6</sup> For 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 the mind that is set on the flesh is hostile to God, for it does not submit to God's law; indeed, it cannot. <sup>8</sup> Those who are in the flesh cannot please God. <sup>9</sup> You, 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. <sup>10</sup> But if Christ is in you, although the body is dead because of sin, 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 also give life to your mortal bodies through his Spirit who dwells in you.

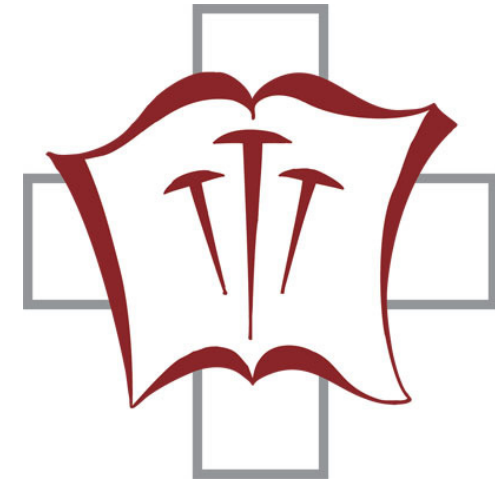
### **Holy Gospel – John 11:17-27, 38-53**

<sup>17</sup> Now when Jesus came, he found that Lazarus had already been in the tomb four days. <sup>18</sup> Bethany was near Jerusalem, about two miles off, <sup>19</sup> and many of the Jews had come to Martha and Mary to console them concerning their brother. <sup>20</sup> So when Martha heard that Jesus was coming, she went and met him, but Mary remained seated in the house. <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 whatever you ask from God, God will give you." <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. Whoever believes in me, though he die, yet shall he live, <sup>26</sup> and everyone who lives and believes in me shall never die. Do you believe this?" <sup>27</sup> She said to him, "Yes, Lord; I believe that you are the Christ, the Son of God, who is coming into the world." <sup>38</sup> Then Jesus, deeply moved again, came to the tomb. It was a cave, and a stone lay against it. <sup>39</sup> Jesus 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." <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 lifted up his eyes and said, "Father, I thank you that you have heard me. <sup>42</sup> I 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." <sup>43</sup> When he had said these things, he cried out with a loud voice, "Lazarus, come out." <sup>44</sup> The 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." <sup>45</sup> Many of the Jews therefore, who had come with Mary and had seen what he did, believed in him, <sup>46</sup> but some of them went to the Pharisees and told them what Jesus had done. <sup>47</sup> So the chief priests and the Pharisees gathered the council and said, "What are we to do? For this man performs many signs. <sup>48</sup> If we let him go on like this, everyone will believe in him, and the Romans will come and take away both our place and our nation." <sup>49</sup> But one of them, Caiaphas, who was high priest that year, said to them, "You know nothing at all. <sup>50</sup> Nor do you understand that it is better for you that one man should die for the people, not that the whole nation should perish." <sup>51</sup> He did not say this of his own accord, but being high priest that year he prophesied that Jesus would die for the nation, <sup>52</sup> and not for the nation only, but also to gather into one the children of God who are scattered abroad. <sup>53</sup> So from that day on they made plans to put him to death.

## **HOLY CROSS LUTHERAN CHURCH** **Cole Camp, Missouri**

*The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod*

*The Fifth Sunday in Lent*  
April 2, 2017



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**COMMUNION TODAY:** If anyone has difficulty going to the altar to receive communion, please let an usher know, and pastor will come to your pew to commune you individually.

**THOSE USING THE MEANS OF GRACE LAST SUNDAY:**

Worship Service: 90; Holy Communion: 51; Visitors: 3;  
Bible Class: 10; Sunday School: 13.

**CHURCH CALENDAR FOR THE WEEK of April 2 – April 9**

TODAY: HOLY COMMUNION

Choir practice immediately after the service today  
Installation of Pastor Gregory Truwe, 4:00 p.m. at Trinity  
CCRM Easter Cantata Practice at Trinity, 6:30 p.m.  
CCRM High School Youth Gathering, 7:00 p.m. at Trinity

WED.: LSA Chapel Service at Trinity, 8:05 a.m. (All are invited!)

Lenten Supper at St. John's, 5:30 p.m. (serving breakfast for supper)  
CCRM Mid-Week Lenten Service by Pastor Hertwig at St. John's, 7:00 p.m.  
Dual Parish choir practice following the Lenten Service at St. John's

THUR.: Men's Bible Study at Classic, 7:00 a.m.

Women's Bible Study at Trinity, 9:30 a.m.

Holy Cross Anniversary Committee meeting, 7:30 p.m. at the church

SAT.: Saturday evening worship with Holy Communion at Trinity, 6:30 p.m.

NEXT SUN.: Worship Service with Holy Communion at St. John's, 8:00 a.m.

Quarterly Voters' Assembly at St. John's, 9:00 a.m.

Sunday School and Bible Class at Holy Cross, 9:30 a.m.

Worship Service at Holy Cross, 10:30 a.m.

CCRM Easter Cantata Practice at Trinity, 6:30 p.m.

CCRM Junior Youth Gathering at Trinity, 6:30 p.m.

**GREETERS:** April – Rusty Harms.

**HOLY CROSS ACOLYTES:** Apr 2—Morgan Mummert; Apr 9—Brooklyn Cross; Apr 16—Gage Cross; Apr 23—Jenna Harms; Apr 30—Tyler Hickman.

**COMMUNION ASSISTANTS:** April 2 – Marvin Dieckman and Randy Meyer;  
Easter Sunday, April 16 – Randy Meyer and Randy Harms.

**REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS:** Matthew Kurz; Barbara Meyer at Boone Hospital, Florine Hobein who has returned to Ambrose, Lora Harms, members and loved ones in nursing homes or restricted to their homes, including, Helen Harms, Wilbert Meyer.

**INSTALLATION SERVICE TODAY:** The Rev. Gregory Truwe will be installed as senior pastor at Trinity Lutheran Church in Cole Camp, MO today at 4:00 p.m. Please pray for Pastor Truwe and the congregation as he begins his ministry at Trinity.

**GARDEN OF MEMORIES** to remember and honor our loved ones with Easter lilies is being offered for Easter Sunday. Last Sunday you should have received an order form to place your order for Easter lilies. The cost is \$8 per plant. Please give your completed form, along with payment to Carolyn Dieckman by next Sunday, April 9<sup>th</sup>. Thank you!

**PARENTS OF 5TH & 6TH GRADE STUDENTS,** Pastor Hergwig would like to visit with you and to meet with him after the worship service next Sunday, April 9. Our conversation will center around first communion and confirmation.

**CHOIR PRACTICE** today and after Lenten Service at St. John's on Wednesday evening.

**"BEHOLD MY SERVANT":** CCRM Wednesday evening Lenten service will be at St. John's on April 5, beginning at 7PM with Rev. **Hertwig** leading the worship. You are also invited to come for supper, beginning at 5:30 p.m. in the church basement where the **Ladies' Aid** will be serving **breakfast for supper**, with a free-will offering. This Lenten season our Regional Ministry is supporting two local ministries: (1) "Faith and Campus Mission Ministry" of Knob Noster – This mission exists to proclaim Christ and guide students at Warrensburg Lutheran Campus Ministry through life as Christians and to minister and proclaim Jesus to the armed forces at Whiteman Air Force Base and (2) "Well of Hope Maternity House" of Clinton - This home houses young pregnant Moms. This love offering is received through our door offering and loose collection plate money. **HOLY CROSS ANNIVERSARY COMMITTEE** will meet on Thursday evening, April 6, beginning at 7:30 p.m. at the church.

**HOLY WEEK:** Maundy Thursday Service with Holy Communion will be at St. John's on Thursday, April 13 beginning at 7PM. The Good Friday Tennebrae Service will be held at Holy Cross on April 14 at **7:30PM** (please note the time) Our Dual Parish Easter Sunday Service will be held at Holy Cross with the Sunday School Children singing praises during the worship service at 9:00 a.m. Holy Communion will also be celebrated. Other Holy Week and Easter Services being offered by our Cole Camp Regional Ministry sister churches can be seen on the April Regional Ministry calendar handed out last Sunday.

**GOOD FRIDAY:** This year the CCRM will again hold a Tre Ore, or three hour devotion on Good Friday during the hours that our Lord hung in darkness on the Cross. From noon until three, we will gather at Trinity to meditate on our Lord's Passion guided by Holy Scripture, pray, and sing. There will be time for silent meditation and guided reading of Scripture. Bibles will be provided for those who do not have one with them. Come join us.

**THIS IS THE NIGHT:** One of the most ancient and, traditionally, the most important service of the whole Christian year is the Easter Vigil. It was celebrated in many churches of the Reformation, though various historical developments led to it's decline. In the last century, however, it has seen a wonderful revival and has been a standard part of our last two hymnals. Come join us for this glorious celebration of the Resurrection on Holy Saturday, April 15, at 8:00 in the evening at Trinity, Cole Camp.

**THE LUTHERAN SCHOOL** is looking for a head cook/hot lunch manager for the 2017 - 2018 school year. LSA is also looking for a teacher for the 5 - 8 grades and possibly a lower grade teacher or teacher's aid. Please contact Mr. Andersen @ 660-668-4614.

**EASTER CANTATA:** On Sunday, April 23rd, beginning at 7:00 p.m. at Trinity Lutheran Church in Cole Camp, the Cole Camp Community Choir will perform a dramatic choral experience for Easter entitled, "We Were There" by Peter Choplin. This event is being sponsored by the Cole Camp Regional Ministry and YOU are invited to attend this deeply moving musical experience. You will witness the tragedy of the cross through costumed characters as they tell us their story. Please gather and experience the cross with them as we find our Lord, who experienced all our sorrows and suffering, but offers us the miracle of hope and life through His victory over death and the grave.

**GARAGE SALE** sponsored by Birthright of Pettis County will be held Friday, April 7<sup>th</sup> from 8:30AM-6PM and Saturday, April 8<sup>th</sup> 8:30AM-1PM. It will be held at Our Savior Lutheran Church, 3700 W Broadway in Sedalia. Please support a worthwhile cause!

**Today's Service**  
**Divine Service Setting One**

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**Hymn of Invocation: 419**

"Savior, When in Dust to Thee"

**The Introit**

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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Is the death of His saints.

**Hymn of the Day: 579**

"The Law of God Is Good and Wise"

**The Readings:**

Ezekiel 37:1-14

Romans 8:1-11

John 11:17-27, 38-53

**The Sermon**

Theme: "Learning Laws"

Text: Romans 8:2

**Communion Distribution Hymns**

**623– "Lord Jesus Christ,  
We Humbly Pray"**

**430 – "My Song Is Love Unknown"**

**Closing Hymn: 692**

"Praise to You and Adoration"