

# ALL SAINTS LUTHERAN CHURCH

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**THE 5<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY OF LENT**

Drive-in Worship Bulletin

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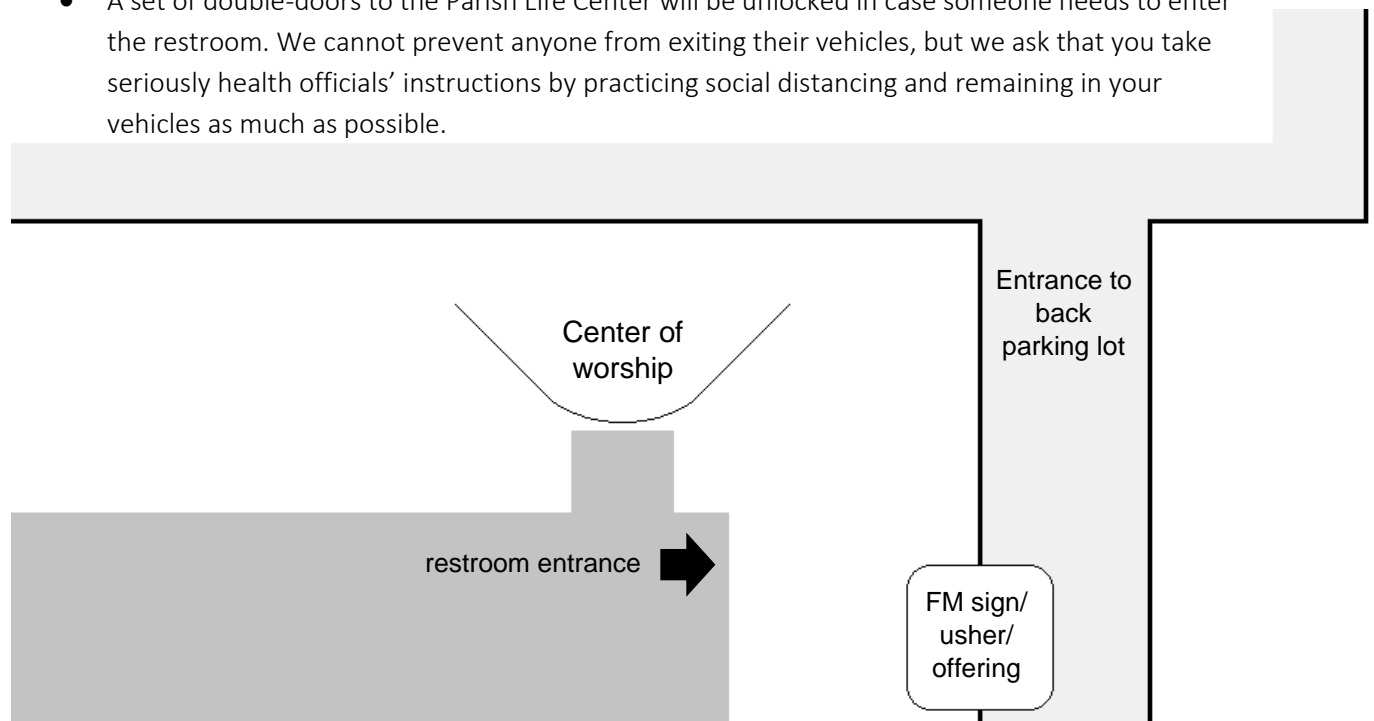
Welcome to All Saints! We warmly greet you in the name of Christ and give thanks for your participation in worship with us.

This global rally to diminish the impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic is many things: unique, strange, and scary to say the least. Yet it is also a time that is pauseful, reflective, and humbling. As we practice social distancing, we are afforded the opportunity to think of the many ways that we are meant to be in relationship with one another and with God.

We hope this “drive-in worship” – whether practiced in the parking lot or viewed through the internet – will allow you to experience relationship with God and others while also taking the recommended measures to prevent the transmission of COVID-19 to one another.

For those attending drive-in worship in their vehicles, a few notes for you:

- Please attempt to print this bulletin at your home. That will limit the amount of direct distribution.
- Note which FM frequency you need to tune your car stereo. A sign will be posted with the frequency as you enter the parking area.
- An offering box will be available as you enter the parking area.
- Park in the back parking lot, facing the church building.
- A set of double-doors to the Parish Life Center will be unlocked in case someone needs to enter the restroom. We cannot prevent anyone from exiting their vehicles, but we ask that you take seriously health officials’ instructions by practicing social distancing and remaining in your vehicles as much as possible.



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## + GATHERING+

*The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God.*

### PRELUDES

*Take 'Em Away*

*Lead Me, Lord*

*Wicked Path of Sin*

*The Trees Will Clap Their Hands*

*Ever Walk With Me, Lord*

*The Lord's Prayer*

*Sometimes I Feel Like a Motherless Child*

*Farther Along*

Old Crow Medicine Show

Brooklyn Tabernacle Choir

Redeye Ramblers

Sufjan Stevens

Peter Mayer

Lenoir-Rhyne University A Cappella Choir

Odetta

Josh Garrels

### WELCOME

### SABBATH MEDITATION

*Be still, know that I am God*

*Be still, know that I am*

*Be still, know that I*

*Be still, know that*

*Be still, know*

*Be still*

*Be*

Meditative practice based on Psalm 46:10

### CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Blessed be the holy Trinity, + one God,  
who is present, who gives life,  
who calls into existence the things that do not exist.

**Amen.**

O Lord, if you were to keep watch over sins, who could stand?  
Yet with you is forgiveness, and so we confess.

*We practice a moment of silence for reflection and self-examination.*

Gracious God,  
 have mercy on us.  
 We confess that we have turned away from you,  
 knowingly and unknowingly.  
 We have wandered from your resurrection life.  
 We have strayed from your love for all people.  
 We have deviated from your care for all creation.  
 Turn us back to you, O God.  
 Give us new hearts and right spirits, that we may find  
 what is pleasing to you and dwell in your house forever. Amen.

Receive good news: God turns to you in love.  
 "I will put my spirit in you, and you shall live," says our God.  
 All your sin is forgiven in the name of + Jesus Christ,  
 who is the free and abounding gift of God's grace for you.  
 Amen.

**GATHERING HYMN**      *My Life Flows On in Endless Song*



1 My life flows on in end-less song; a - bove earth's lam-en - ta - tion,  
 2 Through all the tu - mult and the strife, I hear that mu-sic ring - ing.  
 3 What though my joys and com-forts die? The Lord my Sav-ior liv - eth.  
 4 The peace of Christ makes fresh my heart, a foun - tain ev - er spring-ing!



I catch the sweet, though far-off hymn that hails a new cre - a - tion.  
 It finds an ech - o in my soul. How can I keep from sing-ing?  
 What though the dark - ness gath-er round? Songs in the night he giv - eth.  
 All things are mine since I am his! How can I keep from sing-ing?

*Refrain*



No storm can shake my in-most calm while to that Rock I'm cling-ing.



Since Christ is Lord of heav-en and earth,how can I keep from sing-ing?

Text: Robert Lowry, 1826–1899  
 Music: HOW CAN I KEEP FROM SINGING, Robert Lowry, alt.

## GREETING

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God,  
and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

**And also with you. *[flash headlights]***

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray.

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.

**Amen.**

## +WORD+

*God speaks to us in scripture reading, preaching, and song.*

### FIRST READING: EZEKIEL 37:1-14

<sup>1</sup>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.”

The word of the Lord

**Thanks be to God. *[flash headlights]***

## GOSPEL: JOHN 11:1-6, 17-45

The holy gospel according to John.

**Glory to you, O Lord. *[flash headlights]***

<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>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.

The gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, O Christ. *[flash headlights]***

# SERMON

## HYMN OF THE DAY

*Jesus Is a Rock in a Weary Land*



Je - sus is a rock in a wea - ry land, a wea - ry land, a



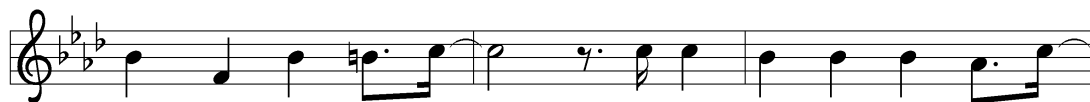
wea - ry land; my Je - sus is a rock in a



wea - ry land, a shel - ter in the time of storm.



1 No one can do like Je - sus, not a  
2 When Je - sus was on earth, . . . . . the . .  
3 Yon - der comes my Sav - ior, him . .



mum-bling word he said; he went walk - ing down to Laz -  
flesh was ver - y weak; . . he took a towel and gird -  
whom I love so well; . . he has the palm of vic -



- a - rus' grave, and he raised him from the dead.  
ed him - self and he washed his dis - ci - ples' feet.  
- to - ry and the keys of death and hell.

Text: African American spiritual  
Music: WEARY LAND, African American spiritual

## CREED

With the whole church, let us confess our faith.

**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 INTERCESSION

Turning our hearts to God who is gracious and merciful, we pray for the church, the world, and all who are in need.

God of peace, it is good for us to gather in community as your beloved. We treasure your presence with us in word, song and prayer. Be with us in these days when our worship is expressed in strange and different ways. When we must be isolated for reasons of safety, we trust that you surround us with your sheltering wings. Encourage us in this anxious time, and build up the Body of Christ wherever and however it is finding ways to stay connected. Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

God of peace, we pray for our nation and the world as we face uncertainties around this coronavirus. Protect the most vulnerable among us, especially all who are currently sick or in isolation. Grant wisdom, patience, and protection to health care workers, especially as their work caring for others puts them at increased risk. Guide us as we consider how best to proceed as families, congregations, workplaces, and communities. Give us courage to face these days not with fear but with compassion, concern, and acts of service. Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

God of peace, come quickly to all who need your presence this day, especially those living or working in: hospitals, nursing homes, testing sites, schools, grocery stores, food service, cleaning services, transportation, local, state, and national governments. Be with all who call upon your name, including those we name before you now... Give to all calm and guidance amidst uncertainties, especially to those caring for children or elders, as well as facing financial uncertainties. Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**



According to your steadfast love, O God, hear these and all our prayers through Christ our Lord.

**Amen.**

## **PEACE**

The peace of Christ be with you always.

**And also with you. [*flash headlights*]**

*The people may greet one another with signs of Christ's peace: waves, shouts of "Peace be with you," horn honks, etc.*

## **+THANKSGIVING+**

*We give thanks to God.*

## **THANKSGIVING FOR THE WORD**

Let us pray.

O God of justice and love, we give thanks to you that you illumine our way through life with the words of your Son. Give us the light we need, awaken us to the needs of others, and at the end bring all the world to your feast; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory forever.

**Amen.**

## **LORD'S PRAYER**

Lord, remember us in your kingdom and teach us to pray.

**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.**

## **+SENDING+**

*God blesses us and sends us in mission to the world.*

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

## **BLESSING**

Now is the acceptable time. Now is the day of salvation. Holy God, speaking, spoken, and inspiring, + bless you, unbind you, and send you in love and in peace.

**Amen.**

## SENDING HYMN

*What Wondrous Love Is This*



1 What won-drous love is this, O my soul, O my soul! What  
2 When I was sink - ing down, sink-ing down, sink-ing down, when  
3 To God and to the Lamb I will sing, I will sing; to  
4 And when from death I'm free, I'll sing on, I'll sing on; and



won - drous love is this, O my soul! What won-drous love is this  
I was sink - ing down, sink-ing down, when I was sink - ing down  
God and to the Lamb I will sing; to God and to the Lamb,  
when from death I'm free, I'll sing on; and when from death I'm free,



that caused the Lord of bliss to bear the dread-ful curse for my  
be - neath God's righ-teous frown, Christ laid a - side his crown for my  
who is the great I AM, while mil - lions join the theme, I will  
I'll sing God's love for me, and through e - ter - ni - ty I'll sing



soul, for my soul, to bear the dread-ful curse for my soul?  
soul, for my soul, Christ laid a - side his crown for my soul.  
sing, I will sing, while mil - lions join the theme, I will sing.  
on, I'll sing on; and through e - ter - ni - ty I'll sing on.

Text: North American folk hymn, 19th cent., alt.

Music: WONDROUS LOVE, W. Walker, *Southern Harmony*, 1835

## DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Remember the poor.

**Thanks be to God. *[flash headlights]***

## POSTLUDE

*The Man Comes Around*

Johnny Cash

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