

### Church Calendar this week

#### **Sunday, March 22**

8:45 am Little Bethany Worship  
9:00 am Coffee Hour (NL)  
9:00 am Sunday School (NL)  
10:00 am New Life Worship

#### **Monday, March 23**

9:00 am Tai Ji Quan

#### **Tuesday, March 24**

*No activities*

#### **Wednesday, March 25**

5:15 pm Confirmation  
5:45 pm Lenten Supper and Worship

#### **Thursday, March 26**

9:00 am Tai Ji Quan

#### **Friday, March 27**

*No activities*

#### **Saturday, March 28**

*No activities*

#### **Sunday, March 29**

8:45 am Little Bethany Worship  
9:00 am Coffee Hour (NL)  
9:00 am Sunday School (NL)  
10:00 am New Life Worship

### Thank you to:

*Organist:*

Joyce Peterson

*Reader:*

Brooklyn Heier

*Sound System:*

Stephanie Curtis

### CHILDRENS SERMON

#### SERMON

HYMN OF THE DAY—WOV #734 "*Softly and Tenderly*"

#### OFFERING

#### OFFERATORY PRAYER

**Nourishing God, you are water in the wilderness and streams in the desert. Please satisfy our parched places, that we may rejoice and be for the world signs of your kingdom come. Amen.**

#### 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 catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and life everlasting. Amen.**

#### THE PRAYERS

#### 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.**

#### THE BENEDICTION

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. **Amen.**

SENDING HYMN—WOV #771 "*Great Is Thy Faithfulness*"

Go in peace. Serve the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

## Fifth Sunday of Lent

22 March 2026

#### PRELUDE

#### ANNOUNCEMENTS

#### BRIEF ORDER FOR CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Wise and powerful God, **you have given us your light and truth to guide us through confusion, yet we have relied instead on our human wisdom and have lost our way. You offer to share our burdens and give us our strength, yet we trust in our own efforts and find ourselves exhausted. Bring us back into your presence, O God; overcome our separation from one another and from you. By your Word and Spirit, fill us with the gifts that equip us to meet life's demands, that we may be your people in the world and live in the confidence and joy of Jesus Christ.**

God's steadfast love, grace, and forgiveness abound. Trust God, live generously, know peace, fulfillment, and joy.

**Amen.**

OPENING HYMN—WOV #767 "*All Things Bright and Beautiful*"

#### PRAYER OF THE DAY

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.**

#### 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, "Prophecy 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, "Prophecy 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



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#### Publication Deadlines:

Sunday announcements - Tuesday A.M.,

Newsletter - 19th of the month

*In today's gospel Jesus reveals his power over death by raising Lazarus from the dead. The prophet Ezekiel prophesies God breathing new life into dry bones. To those in exile or living in the shadows of death, these stories proclaim God's promise of resurrection. In baptism we die with Christ that we might also be raised with him to new life. At the Easter Vigil we will welcome the newly baptized as we remember God's unfailing promise in our baptism.*

