

***Dialogue**

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

P: Lift up your hearts.

C: We lift them to the Lord.

P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Preface

*🎵 “Holy, Holy, Holy”

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Words of Institution**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.

🎵 Communion Song: “Lamb of God”

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Communion Distribution**Post Communion Prayer**

P: We thank you, living God, for the body and blood of your Son, which sustains us in the wilderness and the garden alike. As Christ has loved us in this feast, so send us to love Christ in our neighbors. In Jesus’ name we pray.

C: Amen.

Blessing

P: 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.

C: Amen.

Dismissal

P: Go in peace. Share the good news.

C: Thanks be to God.

🎵 Hymn: “Blessed Assurance”

ELW# 638



Decorah Lutheran Church

9:00 Worship

March 29, 2020

Fifth Sunday in Lent

Season Color: Purple—Repentance & Solemnity

Welcome and Announcements

Confession and Forgiveness

P: In the name of the Father, and of the ✝ Son, and of the Holy Spirit.
C: Amen.

P: Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.
Silence is kept for reflection.

P: Most merciful God,
C: we confess that we are captive to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name. Amen.

P: In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us, and for his sake God forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained minister of the church of Christ, and by his authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the father, and of the ✝ Son, and of the Holy Spirit.
C: Amen.

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Prayer of the Day
P: Let us pray,
C: 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.

Children’s Message

Lesson: Ezekiel 37:1-14
1The 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. 2He led me all around them; there were very many lying in the valley, and they were very dry. 3He said to me, “Mortal, can these bones live?” I answered, “O Lord God, you know.” 4Then he said to me, “Prophesy to these bones, and say to them: O dry bones, hear the word of the Lord. 5Thus says the Lord God to these bones: I will cause breath to enter you, and you shall live. 6I 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.” 7So 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. 8I 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. 9Then 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.” 10I prophesied as he commanded me, and the breath came into them, and they lived, and stood on their feet, a vast multitude. 11Then 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.’ 12Therefore 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. 13And you shall know that I am the Lord, when I open your graves, and bring you up from your graves, O my people. 14I 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.”

Lesson: Romans 8:6-11

6To set the mind on the flesh is death, but to set the mind on the Spirit is life and peace. 7For this reason the mind that is set on the flesh is hostile to God; it does not submit to God’s law—indeed it cannot, 8and those who are in the flesh cannot please God. 9But you are not in the flesh; you are in the Spirit, since 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, though 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 from the dead will give life to your mortal bodies also through his Spirit that dwells in you.

Gospel Acclamation: “Let Your Steadfast Love...”	p. 103
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Gospel: John 11:1-45
P: The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the eleventh chapter.
C: Glory to you, O Lord.
1Now a certain man was ill, Lazarus of Bethany, the village of Mary and her sister Martha.
P: The Gospel of the Lord.
C: Praise to you, O Christ.

Sermon	Pastor Daryl Thompson
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🎵Hymn of the Day: “Beneath the Cross of Jesus”	ELW# 338
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Apostle’s 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 the life everlasting. Amen.

*Prayers of Intercession

Happy Birthday to Our Members

03/29 – Steve Aswegan, Dan Fretheim, Kelly Gates, Kayla Knapp, Jeff Luzum, Jason Maret, Logan Monteith, Esther Peterson, Gerry Weiand

03/30 – Sarah Andersen, Jacob Hrdlicka, Thomas Locke, Al Vik

03/31 – Bernard Christen, Christopher Severson, Karen Stock

04/1 – Kathy Belz-Olson, Jenna Bremer, Barbara Johnson, Joy Wohlfeil

04/2 – Sean Gilbertson, Linda Isenberger, Jackson Rolfs, Eugene Sande, Renae Wilson

04/3 – June Holm (97), 2479 River Rd., Room 706, Decorah; Mitchell Emerson; Austin Leiran; Jayden Lundtvedt; Hailey Spilde; Trevor Telsrow

04/4 – Tim Kuennen, Beth McDonough, James Mincks

04/5 – Darlene Strinmoen (94), 702 Maiden Ln., Apt. 2, Decorah; Dustin Cary; Roman Falck; Viset Hovden; Lillian Olson; Ambria Pipho; Quinn Thompson; Jolayne Winkie

Readings for Apr. 5—Palm Sunday.
Lesson: Philippians 2:5-11. Gospel:
Matthew 21:1-11. Color: Scarlet.

Weekly Calendar

Sunday Mar. 29, 2020

9:00 AM Worship Stream

Monday Mar. 30, 2020

Tuesday Mar. 31, 2020

9:00 AM Staff Meeting

Wednesday Apr. 1, 2020

6:00 PM Wednesday Online Program

6:30 PM Channels 15 & 79.2 Broadcast

Thursday Apr. 2, 2020

Friday Apr. 3, 2020

Sunday Apr. 5, 2020

9:00 AM Worship Stream

Office Manager: Jenna Iverson | Coordinator of Education & Volunteer: Pat Gjere | Youth Director: Jeff Rodman | Treasurer: Mary Fitch | Organist: Daryl Hansmeier | Custodian: Darron Sander | AV Technicians: Paul Oftedahl, Dennis Peterson | Chancel Choir Director: Susanne Twedt | Adult Choir Director: Kurt DeVore

Take Home Announcements

Opportunities, Announcement & Happenings

At the March 1 special congregational meeting a motion to extend a formal Call to Pastor Peter R. Kowitz was unanimously approved! The pastoral compensation package also carried and was but a single vote shy of unanimous approval! Pastor Kowitz has verbally accepted the Call and has announced this to his congregation at United Lutheran Church in Proctor, MN. Upon formal (written) acceptance, he will be on staff starting April 1. Let's welcome him to our DLC family!

Thank you to Pastor Daryl Thompson for preaching today & to Steve Vanden Brink for assisting with liturgy.

Luce-Bergeson College Scholarship forms are due to the church office by April 15. Forms can be found on the DLC website. EWALU Campership Scholarship forms can also be found on the website.

If you know someone who has been hospitalized or dealing with a loss of a loved one and would like to have them added to the prayer list, please contact the church. We will have them on the list for a couple weeks, or longer if there are extenuating circumstances.

Contact the office during normal office hours by calling or emailing. Our staff will be working, but we need to keep them safe.

Announcements for the bulletin must be submitted to the church office by 12pm the Tuesday prior to the service.

Lent Offering: there is a designated fund for Lenten offering (Aase Haugen). If you would like your offering to go to the Lent fund, versus General offering please make sure that is made clear on your offering.

Do Day Quilters: We will not be meeting as a group during the month of April. No sessions on April 6th or the 20th. If you would like to sew tops from home, we can provide you with squares and/or scrapes. Contact Carol at: 630-319-5246, stodca01@luther.edu or Jane at 563-380-9680, hildebja@luther.edu. Stay safe!

The Decorah Community Food Pantry remains upon during this time of crisis with clients receiving pre-selected bags of food. All of the older volunteers have been replaced with younger ones and a temporary director has been hired. This adds to operational costs. The need to stay open is clear because just during the week of March 16th the Pantry served 109 clients with 296 family members and 16 of these were new clients. The numbers are growing as more and more people are laid off. If you can help financially, please send a check to PO Box 26, Decorah or donate through decorahpantry.org

In keeping with current recommendations from the Center for Disease Control, Decorah Lutheran will cancel church services and all activities through April 12.

Live streaming of Decorah Lutheran Church's Sunday Worship (closed) service at 9:00am will begin March 22 and continue through April 12. You may view live worship or later re-play of worship using the connection on the Decorah Lutheran website (go to decorahlutheran.org to the bottom of the Home Screen and click the red YouTube icon), and you may also view delayed broadcast of the service on Mediacom channels 15 and 79.2 on Wednesdays at 6:30pm. All previous services can be found on the "Listen" tab also.

We will use our current Rick Warren study "40 Days in the Word" videos on Wednesday evenings in place of a Lenten worship service. Tune in at 6:00pm. (Go to decorahlutheran.org to the bottom of the Home Screen and click the red YouTube icon, will be separate icon from above paragraph).

Message from Rev. Daniel Rift: Early Tuesday morning, a powerful tornado ripped through Nashville and other parts of Tennessee, leaving destruction in its wake. At least 24 people have been killed, homes and other buildings have been destroyed, and thousands of people are without electricity. The worship space for St. John's Lutheran Church of Nashville, an ELCA congregation, was crushed by the tornado. I'm writing to ask that you give today to help people whose lives have been impacted by this devastating tornado. You can help provide hope and practical support to survivors. Lutheran Disaster Response is working with those in the impacted area — including the ELCA Southeastern Synod, Inspiritus and local congregations — to respond with immediate relief. Given the extent of the destruction, recovery is expected to take years. We plan to accompany the synod and Inspiritus to address survivors' needs over the long haul. To donate you can give a check to DLC with the memo "Southeastern Synod Disaster Response" to the DLC office.

-PRAYER LIST-

Please keep the following Individuals and their families in your thoughts and prayers: **Lewis Lechtenberg, Penny Bockman, Bradley Loftsgard, Lois Matter, Gretchen DeVore, Barb Post, Ben Steines, Sharon Storlie, Ron Stoskopf, Diane Long, Hanna Langholz & Jolayne Winkie**

Please call to request a visit by Pastor if you have a family member hospitalized. You may make prayer requests to the Prayer Chain by calling the Church office at 382-3601 or by contacting Lilly Womeldorf at elwomel@gmail.com or 382-5967.