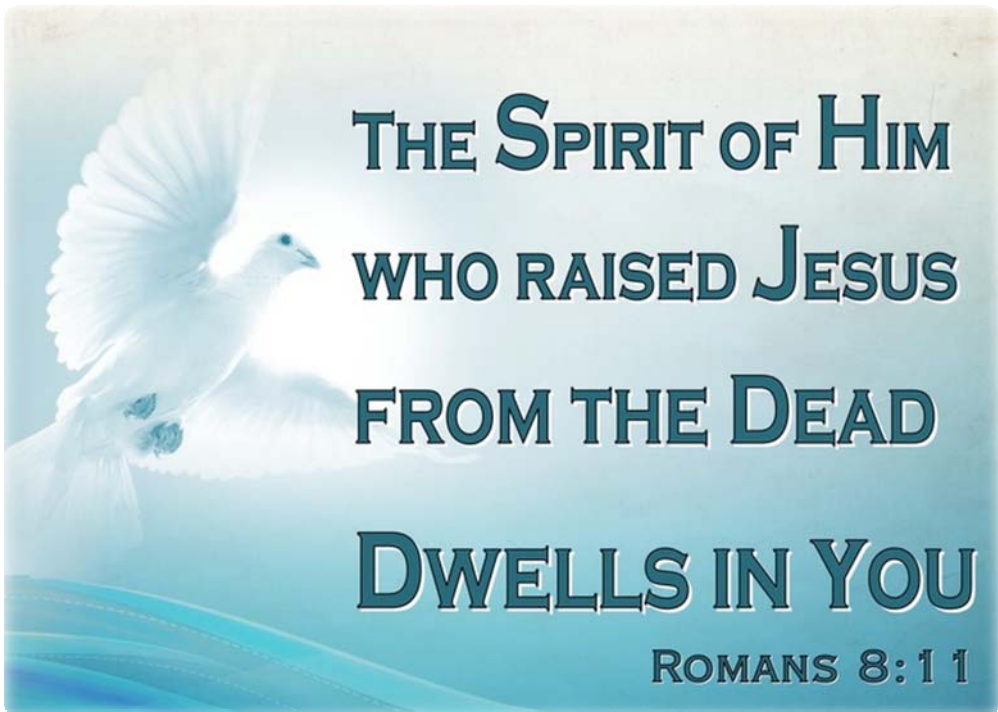


Fifth Sunday in Lent

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WORSHIP NOTES Sometimes we need to step back to see something – away from our involvement, our emotions, our nearness to a person or thing that concerns us. In today’s sermon we will do that, looking through yet another lens from the Apostle Paul as he directs us to a “drive through” testing station in Romans 8. In this case, you DO WANT TO TEST POSITIVE, because it reminds you that beyond all suffering there is powerful proof of his love.

PRAYER OF THE DAY Gracious God, you have taken away our sin and set us on a course to everlasting life with you. Direct our minds and hearts with your Word and the Holy Spirit so that we renounce our sinful nature and live out your will in love, through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

GUESTS Welcome to our guests who are joining us online today!



OPENING HYMN “Hail, O Once-Despised Jesus” (See page 6) CW, #351:1,2 & 4

ORDER OF WORSHIP CW, p. 38

- P: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you.
- C: **And also with you.**

CONFESSION OF SINS

- P: We have come into the presence of God, who created us to love and serve him as his dear children. But we have disobeyed him and deserve only his wrath and punishment. Therefore, let us confess our sins to him and plead for his mercy.
- C: **Merciful Father in heaven, I am altogether sinful from birth. In countless ways I have sinned against you and do not deserve to be called your child. But trusting in Jesus, my Savior, I pray: Have mercy on me according to your unfailing love. Cleanse me from my sin, and take away my guilt.**
- P: God, our heavenly Father, has forgiven all your sins. By the perfect life and innocent death of our Lord Jesus Christ, he has removed your guilt forever. You are his own dear child. May God give you strength to live according to his will.
- C: **Amen.**

SECOND LESSON

Romans 8:11-19

The Apostle Paul contrasts life according to the sinful nature with life lived in accordance with the Holy Spirit. Enemies of God or children of God? Slavery to urges or freedom to love? Think about it.

And if the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead is living in you, he who raised Christ from the dead will also give life to your mortal bodies through his Spirit, who lives in you. Therefore, brothers, we have an obligation—but it is not to the sinful nature, to live according to it. For if you live according to the sinful nature, you will die; but if by the Spirit you put to death the misdeeds of the body, you will live, because those who are led by the Spirit of God are sons of God. For you did not receive a spirit that makes you a slave again to fear, but you received the Spirit of sonship. And by him we cry, “Abba, Father.” The Spirit himself testifies with our spirit that we are God’s children. Now if we are children, then we are heirs—heirs of God and co-heirs with Christ, if indeed we share in his sufferings in order that we may also share in his glory. I consider that our present sufferings are not worth comparing with the glory that will be revealed in us. The creation waits in eager expectation for the sons of God to be revealed.

VERSE OF THE DAY & RESPONSE

Pastor: I am afraid that just as Eve was deceived by the serpent’s cunning, your minds may somehow be led astray from your sincere and pure devotion to Christ. (2 Corinthians 11:3)

ALL: **Lord God, do not let us fall prey to the lies of the devil or be led astray so that we sin against you.**

GOSPEL

John 11:17-27 & 38-45

Raising Lazarus demonstrated Jesus’ power over death and sealed the resolve of the Sanhedrin to kill him. That miracle confirmed the faith of Lazarus’ family and teaches Christians to look forward to the day that the Savior returns to raise us to everlasting life.

On his arrival, Jesus found that Lazarus had already been in the tomb for four days. Bethany was less than two miles from Jerusalem, and many Jews had come to Martha and Mary to comfort them in the loss of their brother. When Martha heard that Jesus was coming, she went out to meet him, but Mary stayed at home. “Lord,” Martha said to Jesus, “if you had been here, my brother would not have died. But I know that even now God will give you whatever you ask.” Jesus said to her, “Your brother will rise again.” Martha answered, “I know he will rise again in the resurrection at the last day.” Jesus said to her, “I am the resurrection and the life. He who believes in me will live, even though he dies; and whoever lives and believes in me will never die. Do you believe this?”

“Yes, Lord,” she told him, “I believe that you are the Christ, the Son of God, who was to come into the world.” Jesus, once more deeply moved, came to the tomb. It was a cave with a stone laid across the entrance. “Take away the stone,” he said. “But, Lord,” said Martha, the sister of the dead man, “by this time there is a bad odor, for he has been there four days.” Then Jesus said, “Did I not tell you that if you believed, you would see the glory of God?” So they took away the stone. Then Jesus looked up and said, “Father, I thank you that you have heard me. I knew that you always hear me, but I said this for the benefit of the people standing here, that they may believe that you sent me.”

When he had said this, Jesus called in a loud voice, “Lazarus, come out!” The dead man came out, his hands and feet wrapped with strips of linen, and a cloth around his face. Jesus said to them, “Take off the grave clothes and let him go.” Therefore many of the Jews who had come to visit Mary, and had seen what Jesus did, put their faith in him.

SERMON Romans 8:11-19 **“How to Test Positive for Life”**

APOSTLES' CREED

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

I believe in Jesus Christ, his 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 into hell. The third day he rose again from the dead.

He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty.

From there he will come 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

Please see the CoVid-19 letter (email / website) or call the church office at 262-377-6363 for information about how you can continue to support God's work through our ministry at Our Savior.

SPECIAL PRAYERS & 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

CLOSING WITH HIS BLESSING

P: The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you. The Lord look on you with favor and give you peace.

C: _____ **AMEN.**

CLOSING HYMN “With Broken Heart and Contrite Sigh” (See Page 7) CW, #303:1, 4-5

SILENT PRAYER & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Our Savior Ev. Lutheran
03-29-20 Lent 5

Sermon Outline
Romans 8:11-19

Intro: Given the fear of a pandemic all around us, how do we know that we will, in fact, be raised from the dead? Paul gives us a new way to capture confidence in an uncertain world.

How to Test Positive for Life

1. Here’s the PROOF – the Spirit of God lives in us.

- 1.1 Awesome! But how do we know if we have the Spirit?
- 1.2 Run away from the bad things my body wants me to do?
- 1.3 This can’t be the certainty because there is no hope in me.

App: When I get all caught up in doing I can’t be seeing or believing in Jesus. The Spirit draws the good works out of us by giving us faith.

2. PROOF POSITIVE – the way we live shows that the Spirit is right.

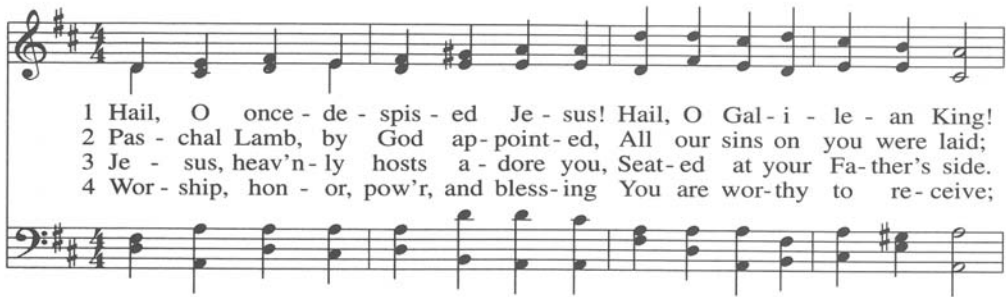
- 2.1 It’s not until we comprehend GRACE that we get what we don’t deserve.
- 2.2 Remember what Grace is: **God’s Riches At Christ’s Expense.**
- 2.3 Grace is the defining element of our Christian faith.

App: There is a kind of “dangerous element about the true presentation of the doctrine of salvation.” This grace is offered to the ungodly, the unbelieving, the skeptic, the mocker.

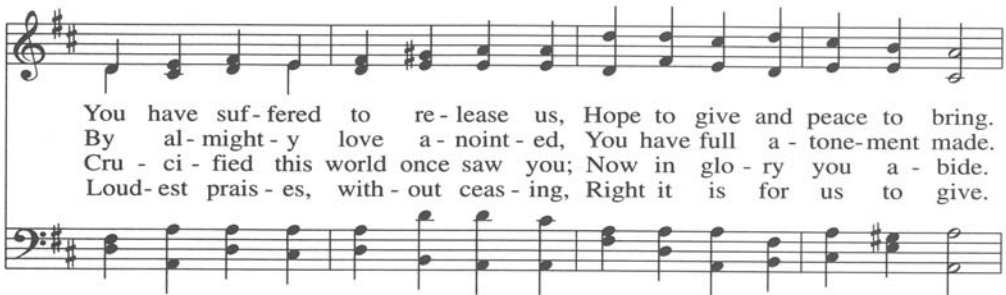
Conclusion: Among those who crucified Jesus was the Roman commander (centurion). No one could have been more insulated from the Gospel than he, yet as he saw Jesus die, he got grace.

Hail, O Once-Despised Jesus

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1 Hail, O once - de - spis - ed Je - sus! Hail, O Gal - i - le - an King!
 2 Pas - chal Lamb, by God ap - point - ed, All our sins on you were laid;
 3 Je - sus, heav'n - ly hosts a - dore you, Seat - ed at your Fa - ther's side.
 4 Wor - ship, hon - or, pow'r, and bless - ing You are wor - thy to re - ceive;



You have suf - fered to re - lease us, Hope to give and peace to bring.
 By al - might - y love a - noint - ed, You have full a - tone - ment made.
 Cru - ci - fied this world once saw you; Now in glo - ry you a - bide.
 Loud - est prais - es, with - out ceas - ing, Right it is for us to give.



Hail, O u - ni - ver - sal Sav - ior, Bear - er of our sin and shame;
 Ev - 'ry sin has been for - giv - en Through the pow - er of your blood;
 There for sin - ners you are plead - ing, And our place you now pre - pare,
 Help, O bright an - gel - ic spir - its, All your no - blest an - thems raise;



By your mer - its we find fa - vor; Life is giv - en through your name.
 O - pen is the gate of heav - en; We are rec - on - ciled to God.
 Ev - er for us in - ter - ced - ing Till in glo - ry we ap - pear.
 Help to sing our Sav - ior's mer - its; Help to chant Im - man - uel's praise.

303 With Broken Heart and Contrite Sigh

1 With bro - ken heart and con - trite sigh, A trem - bling
 2 I smite up - on my trou - bled breast, With deep and
 3 Far off I stand with tear - ful eyes Nor dare up -
 4 No gifts, no deeds that I have done Can for a

sin - ner, Lord, I cry. Your par - d'ning grace is
 con - scious guilt op - pressed, Christ and his cross my
 lift them to the skies, But you can all my
 sin - gle sin a - tone. To Cal - va - ry a -

rich and free — O God, be mer - ci - ful to me!
 on - ly plea — O God, be mer - ci - ful to me!
 an - guish see — O God, be mer - ci - ful to me!
 lone I flee — O God, be mer - ci - ful to me!

5 And when, redeemed from sin and hell,
 With all the ransomed souls I dwell,
 My joyous song shall ever be:
 God has been merciful to me!

THIS WEEK AT OUR SAVIOR

Sunday (3/22) 9:30 AM Worship Service (Live Stream)
Thursday 3:30 PM Lent Worship Service (Podcast)
Sunday (3/29) 9:30 AM Worship Service (Live Stream)

Next Week's Readings

First Lesson	Zechariah 9:9-10
Second Lesson	Philippians 2:5-11
Gospel	Matthew 21:1-11
Psalm	Psalm 24

Check out our podcast at <http://oursavior.podbean.com/>
Live Stream at 9:30am at
<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC5OXIX9adFfQ6f3RQC8V17g>.

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THIS WEEK'S WORSHIP SERVICE

A GLORY TO BE REVEALED
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