

## Fifth Sunday in Lent~ March 29, 2020



**THEME:** Our Lord rescues us from death and gives us new life.

**HYMN 398:** *“Lord, We Confess Our Numerous Faults”*

**SERVICE OF THE WORD** – Page 38

**PRAYER OF THE DAY:** Eternal God and Father, help us to remember Jesus, who obeyed your will and bore the cross for our salvation that through his anguish, pain, and death we may receive forgiveness of sins and inherit eternal life; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**AMEN** (spoken)

**LESSON:** Romans 8:11-19 (EHV)

*The close connection between the life of the believer and the life of Christ is emphasized by Paul. Our life in Christ brings both blessing and obligation: blessing in the status of sonship established by the Spirit; obligation in living as befits those led by the Spirit as the sons of God.*

8:11 And if the Spirit of the one who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, the one who raised Christ from the dead will also make your mortal bodies alive through his Spirit, who is dwelling in you. So then, brothers, we do not owe it to the sinful flesh to live in harmony with it. For if you live in harmony with the sinful flesh, you are going to die. But if by the Spirit you put to death the actions of the body, you will live. Indeed, those who are led by the Spirit of God are sons of God. For you did not receive a spirit of slavery so that you are afraid again, but you received the Spirit of adoption by whom we call out, “Abba, Father!” The Spirit himself joins our spirit in testifying that we are God’s children. Now if we are children, we are also heirs—heirs of God and fellow heirs with Christ, since we suffer with him, so that we may also be glorified with him. For I conclude that our sufferings at the present time are not worth comparing with the glory that is going to be revealed to us. In fact, creation is waiting with eager longing for the sons of God to be revealed.

**PSALM OF THE DAY:** Psalm 116 (p.107) (spoken responsively / sing the refrains)  
The Church praises God, who has delivered her from death.

**HYMN 120:** *“What Wondrous Love Is This”*

**SERMON TEXT:** John 11:17-27, 38-45

11:17 When Jesus arrived, he found that Lazarus had already been in the tomb for four days. 18 Bethany was near Jerusalem, about two miles away. 19 Many Jews had come to Martha and Mary to comfort them concerning their brother. 20 When Martha heard that Jesus was coming, she went to meet him, while Mary was sitting in the house. 21 Martha said to Jesus, “Lord, if you



had been here, my brother would not have died. 22 But even now I know that whatever you ask from God, God will give you.” 23 Jesus said to her, “Your brother will rise again.” 24 Martha replied, “I know that he will rise in the resurrection on the Last Day.” 25 Jesus said to her, “I am the resurrection and the life. Whoever believes in me will live, even if he dies. 26 And whoever lives and believes in me will never perish. Do you believe this?” 27 “Yes, Lord,” she told him. “I believe that you are the Christ, the Son of God, who was to come into the world.”

38 Jesus was deeply moved again as he came to the tomb. It was a cave, and a stone was lying against it. 39 “Take away the stone,” he said. Martha, the dead man’s sister, told him, “Lord, by this time there will be an odor, because it has been four days.” 40 Jesus said to her, “Did I not tell you that if you believe, you will see the glory of God?” 41 So they took away the stone. Jesus looked up and said, “Father, I thank you that you heard me. 42 I knew that you always hear me, but I said this for the benefit of the crowd standing here, so that they may believe that you sent me.” 43 After he said this, he shouted with a loud voice, “Lazarus, come out!” 44 The man who had died came out with his feet and his hands bound with strips of linen and his face wrapped with a cloth. Jesus told them, “Loose him and let him go.” 45 Therefore many of the Jews who came to Mary and saw what Jesus did believed in him.

**SERMON THEME: Life Is Full of Challenges – What Do You Believe?**

- 1. Challenge #1 – That Jesus has power over death**
- 2. Challenge #2 – That Jesus IS the resurrection and the life**

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**HYMN 608:** *“I Fall Asleep in Jesus’ Wounds”*

**PRAYER**

**AMEN** (spoken)

**BLESSING**

**TRIPLE AMEN** (sung)

**ANNOUNCEMENTS & DISMISSAL**



## March 29, 2020 Announcements

**Wednesday Worship:** Our last Mid-week Lenten Worship is only offered as a sign-up of 10 members maximum for three mini-services at 10:00 a.m. OR 4:00 p.m. OR 5:00 p.m. YOU MUST SIGN-UP TO ATTEND. We cannot have more than 10 people here at a time. Please do not arrive more than 10 minutes before Worship is scheduled to begin. Please leave church immediately after Worship has concluded and take your Worship bulletin with you. Kindly park in our parking lot. We are trying to use the back door of church only.


To sign-up for Worship: Sign-up sheet is on the table in the Fellowship Hall or call (920) 233-1379. (There are several pencils to use to sign-up. Please feel free to use a pencil and take it with you.) *We intend to hold to this worship process unless our Government changes rules and/or guidelines for gatherings.*

**Sunday Worship:** Sunday Worship is only offered as a sign-up of 10 members maximum for three mini-services at 8:00 a.m. OR 9:00 a.m. OR 10:00 a.m. YOU MUST SIGN-UP TO ATTEND. We cannot have more than 10 people here at a time. Please do not arrive more than 10 minutes before Worship is scheduled to begin. Please leave church immediately after Worship has concluded and take your Worship bulletin with you. Kindly park in our parking lot. We are trying to use the back door of church only.

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**Easter Flowers:** Lily Sign-up sheet is below our bulletin board in the Fellowship Hall. Due to our ever-changing world, the only available plants to sponsor are Lilies (\$12). We needed to pre-order 15 plants quite some time ago. Please consider purchasing a plant to cover the expenses. Thank you.

**Immanuel Military Members:** All active or retired personnel please provide your service information to the church office or email to [pastorseelman@hotmail.com](mailto:pastorseelman@hotmail.com). Provide name, branch, rank and dates of service. We would like to publish a complete listing for our Memorial Day Service. Thank you!

OUR STEWARDSHIP OF GIFTS		Office Hours this week:	
Budgeted Need per week	\$3,120.00	Tuesday, Wednesday & Thursday 8:00 a.m. - Noon	
Budgeted Rec'd 03-22 & 03-25	\$1,390.00		
Budgeted Need to date	\$37,440.00	<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>10: 00 a.m. Mid-Week Lent Service (10)</b>
Budgeted Rec'd to date	\$40,098.25	<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>4:00 p.m. Mid-Week Lent Service (10)</b>
		<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>5:00 p.m. Mid-Week Lent Service (10)</b>
		<b>Palm Sunday</b>	<b>8:00 a.m. Worship Service (10)</b>
Worship Attendance 03-22-20	25	<b>Palm Sunday</b>	<b>9:00 a.m. Worship Service (10)</b>
Worship Attendance 03-25-20	14	<b>Palm Sunday</b>	<b>10:00 a.m. Worship Service (10)</b>



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