

Apostle's 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 Hear us, O God. Your mercy is great.
Lord's Prayer

Offering

Lent Offertory Prayer

God our provider, you have not fed us with bread alone, but with words of grace and life. Bless us and these your gifts, which we receive from your bounty, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

SENDING

Benediction

Sending Song *"In The Cross of Christ I Glory"* #324

Dismissal

Postlude

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Welcome to Worship at Zion Lutheran Church, Kulm, ND



Third Sunday in Lent
March 22, 2026 9:00 am

Introduction

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.

GATHERING

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

Confession and Forgiveness

(L) Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God, who forgives all our sin, whose mercy endures forever. Amen.

Let us confess our sin before God, who removes our guilt and blots out all offenses.

Silence is kept for reflection.

(L) Gracious God,

(All) have mercy on us according to your steadfast love.

(L) For seeking worldly delights that deceive us and dishonor you:
Gracious God,

(All) have mercy on us according to your steadfast love.

(L) For desiring self-reliance instead of hungering for your word:
Gracious God,

(All) have mercy on us according to your steadfast love.

(L) For failing to recognize your coming reign,
and for hindering the work of the Spirit: Gracious God,

(All) have mercy on us according to your steadfast love.

(L) For drawing from the well of self-serving ambition,
and for disdain the living water Christ offers: Gracious God,

(All) have mercy on us according to your steadfast love.

(L) For disregarding voices from the margin,
and for distrusting signs of your healing and hope in the world:
Gracious God,

(All) have mercy on us according to your steadfast love.

(L) For dwelling in tombs of self-pity and discontent,
and for disregarding Christ's call to come forth to life:
Gracious God,

(All) have mercy on us according to your steadfast love.

(L) God's steadfast love, grace, and forgiveness abound.
Through faith, the free gift of God,
you have been clothed in the righteousness of Christ.

In the name of † Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven.

The Spirit of the One who raised Christ from the dead dwells in you, pours God's love into your hearts, and gives you life and peace. **(All) Amen.**

Gathering Song "Oh, For A Thousand Tongues to Sing" # 886

Greeting

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

C: And also with you.

Kyrie

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Lent Hymn

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"Jesus Keep Me Near the Cross"

Fifth Sunday in Lent 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.

WORD

Scripture Readings and Psalm

Ezekiel 37:1-14 *The dry bones of Israel brought to life*

Psalm 130

I wait for you, O LORD; in your word is my hope. (*Ps. 130:5*)

Romans 8:6-11 *Life in the Spirit*

John 11:1-45 *Baptismal image: the raising of Lazarus*

Gospel Acclamation

"Return to the Lord"

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"Return to the Lord, your God, for he is gracious and merciful, slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love, and abounding in steadfast love."

Sermon

Rev. Linda J. Schauer

Hymn of the Day

"What Wonderful Love is This"

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