

WELCOME

Lutheran Church of the Good Shepherd + St. Mark's Episcopal Church

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9 to 12

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Our **Purpose** is to speak God's word in Jesus Christ, as we welcome all to worship and praise.

Our **Guiding Principles:**

- Jesus is Lord and Savior • Everyone is a Minister • We Invite All to Join Us in Worship and Praise • Celebrate Joy in Worship • Deepening our Faith Strengthens Spiritual Belief
- Being God's Messengers in our Community and the World

March 22, 2026 Fifth Sunday in Lent



SERVICE OF THE WORD
CHERYL NOBLE & MARILYN HART LEADERS
VERN NELSON GOSPEL & SERMON

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Today** It is nice to see our devotion sheets being used each week. We only print 5 copies and people are taking them home. Each Sunday there will be a packet of devotions for that week. Those will be on the table with the bulletins for you to take if you would like one for home. If there aren't enough copies Kathy or Marilyn will be glad to make you a packet for the week.
- Thank You** We want to say a very big thank you to Cheryl Noble for helping out with our worship of Holden Evening Prayer. Your help these 5 Sundays has been so very much appreciated. Thank you so much Cheryl.
- Symbolic Easter Lilies** We are now accepting donations for Symbolic Easter Lilies for our cross. Any donation is appreciated and will go to MountainStar Relief Nursery. It's been a whole year since our last donation. **Come to the little table set up in the narthex to purchase a tag for thanksgiving or in memory of a loved one.**
- Saturday, March 28** The church will be closed for a wedding on March 28th. They will decorate, have the service and then the reception.
- Prayers for the World** Every Tuesday at 12:20 pm the Madras United Methodist Church will have a service of Prayers for the World. All are welcome!
- Coffee Hour** There is a new sign up sheet for March Coffee Hour. There are 5 Sundays in March with the last Sunday being Palm Sunday with Potluck. There is a sign up sheet available so please take a minute and add your name and what you will bring. This is to help us know what needs to be added to the potluck. **Please take the time to sign up for a Sunday and the Potluck.**
- Our Website** We have been having a great deal of trouble with our website. Kathy has been working very hard to get it back up. The site hasn't made it easy with their security issues. So, this is a work in progress. Thanks to Teresa Jackson for coming down and helping with this. So, no website for the time being.
- Food Ministries** Madras Community Food Pantry is located on the Culver Hwy They are now providing an evening distribution for working families.
- White Communication** Grab a card from the pew pocket. Please place your completed card in offering. **Side One: Everyone** please complete attendance information. **Side Two:** Members list volunteer hours. All are welcome to leave messages.

This week's Events.....

- Today:** 10:30 Fifth Sunday of Lent -Holden Evening Prayer
1 to 3 Iglesia Worship
- Tues.,** 12:20 pm Prayers for the World at MUMC
- Wednesday** 4 to 5:30 Girl Scouts
- Friday** 7:30 pm to 9:30 pm Prayer Vigil after service choir practice
- Saturday** 4 pm Welcome Home Veterans Dinner and auction
- Sunday** 10:30 am Palm Sunday Worship plus potluck
1 to 3 Iglesia Worship

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. At the Easter Vigil we will welcome the newly baptized as we remember God's unfailing promise in our baptism.

WELCOME

Marilyn Hart

RINGING OF THE BELL

Dennis Buslach

Assembly please stand.

OPENING PRAYER

together

Almighty God, **Your love never fails, and You can turn the shadow of death into daybreak. Help us to receive Your word with believing hearts, so that, confident in Your promises, we may have hope and be lifted out of sorrow into the joy and peace of Your presence through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, Amen.**

1. SERVICE OF LIGHT – IN THE PAMPHLET

Procession

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Evening Hymn

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Evening Thanksgiving

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2. PSALMODY, READING AND CANTICLES

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Silence for meditation

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FIRST READING: EZEKIEL 37:1-14

Wanda Buslach

Ezekiel's vision of the valley of dry bones is a promise that Israel as a nation, though dead in exile, will live again in their land through God's life-giving spirit. Three times Israel is assured that through this vision they will know that "I am the Lord."

¹ The hand of the Lord came upon me, and brought me out by the spirit of the Lord and set me down in the middle of a valley; it was full of bones. ² The Lord led me all around them; there were very many lying in the valley, and they were very dry. ³ The Lord said to me, "Mortal, can these bones live?" I answered, "O Lord God, you know." ⁴ Then the Lord said to me, "Prophecy to these bones, and say to them: O dry bones, hear the word of the Lord. ⁵ Thus says the Lord God to these bones: I will cause breath to enter you, and you shall live. ⁶ 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."

⁷ 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. ⁸ 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. ⁹ Then the Lord 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." ¹⁰ I prophesied as the Lord commanded me, and the breath came into them, and they lived, and stood on their feet, a vast multitude.

¹¹ Then the Lord 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.’ ¹² Therefore 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. ¹³ And you shall know that I am the Lord, when I open your graves, and bring you up from your graves, O my people. ¹⁴ I 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.
the Light shines in the darkness. **And the darkness has not overcome it.**

PSALM: PSALM 130

Wanda Buslach

Congregation will response in the BOLD

¹ Out of the depths

I cry to You, O Lord;

² **O Lord, hear my voice!**

Let Your ears be attentive to the voice of my supplication.

³ If You were to keep watch over sins,

O Lord, who could stand?

⁴ **Yet with You is forgiveness,
in order that You may be feared.**

⁵ I wait for You, O Lord; my soul waits;

in Your word is my hope.

⁶ **My soul waits for the Lord more than those who keep watch for the morning,
more than those who keep watch for the morning.**

⁷ O Israel, wait for the Lord, for with the Lord there is steadfast love;

with the Lord there is plenteous redemption.

⁸ **For the Lord shall redeem Israel
from all their sins.**

SECOND READING: ROMANS 8:6-11

Wanda Buslach

For Paul, Christian spirituality entails living in the reality of the Holy Spirit. The driving force behind our actions and values is not our sinful desire for self-satisfaction but the very Spirit by which God raised Jesus from the dead and will also raise us from the dead.

⁶ To set the mind on the flesh is death, but to set the mind on the Spirit is life and peace. ⁷ For 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, ⁸ and those who are in the flesh cannot please God.

⁹ But 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 Christ. ¹⁰ But if Christ is in you, though the body is dead because of sin, the Spirit is life because of righteousness. ¹¹ If the Spirit of the one who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, the one who raised Christ from the dead will give life to your mortal bodies also through this Spirit dwelling in you.

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Assembly please stand for the Gospel

GOSPEL: JOHN 11: 1-45

Vern Nelson

Jesus is moved to sorrow when his friend Lazarus falls ill and dies. Then, in a dramatic scene, he calls his friend out of the tomb and restores him to life.

¹ Now a certain man was ill, Lazarus of Bethany, the village of Mary and her sister Martha. ² Mary was the one who anointed the Lord with perfume and wiped his feet with her hair; her brother Lazarus was ill. ³ So the sisters sent a message to Jesus, "Lord, he whom you love is ill." ⁴ But when Jesus heard it, he said, "This illness does not lead to death; rather it is for God's glory, so that the Son of God may be glorified through it." ⁵ Accordingly, though Jesus loved Martha and her sister and Lazarus, ⁶ after having heard that Lazarus was ill, he stayed two days longer in the place where he was.

⁷ Then after this he said to the disciples, "Let us go to Judea again." ⁸ The disciples said to him, "Rabbi, the Judeans were just now trying to stone you, and are you going there again?" ⁹ Jesus answered, "Are there not twelve hours of daylight? Those who walk during the day do not stumble, because they see the light of this world. ¹⁰ But those who walk at night stumble, because the light is not in them." ¹¹ After saying this, he told them, "Our friend Lazarus has fallen asleep, but I am going there to awaken him." ¹² The disciples said to him, "Lord, if he has fallen asleep, he will be all right." ¹³ Jesus, however, had been speaking about his death, but they thought that he was referring merely to sleep. ¹⁴ Then Jesus told them plainly, "Lazarus is dead. ¹⁵ For your sake I am glad I was not there, so that you may believe. But let us go to him." ¹⁶ Thomas, who was called the Twin, said to the other disciples, "Let us also go, that we may die with him."

¹⁷ When Jesus arrived, he found that Lazarus had already been in the tomb four days. ¹⁸ Now Bethany was near Jerusalem, some two miles away, ¹⁹ and many of the Judeans had come to Martha and Mary to console them about their brother. ²⁰ When Martha heard that Jesus was coming, she went and met him, while Mary stayed at home. 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 of God, God will give you." ²³ Jesus said to her, "Your brother will rise again." ²⁴ Martha said to him, "I know that he will rise again in the resurrection on the last day." ²⁵ Jesus said to her, "I am the resurrection and the life. Those who believe in me, even though they die, will live, ²⁶ and everyone who lives and believes in me will never die. Do you believe this?" ²⁷ She said to him, "Yes, Lord, I believe that you are the Messiah, the Son of God, the one coming into the world."

²⁸ When she had said this, she went back and called her sister Mary, and told her privately, "The Teacher is here and is calling for you." ²⁹ And when Mary heard it, she got up quickly and went to him. ³⁰ Now Jesus had not yet come to the village, but was still at the place where Martha had met him. ³¹ The Judeans who were with her in the house, consoling her, saw Mary get up quickly and go out. They followed her because they thought that she was going to the tomb to weep there. ³² When Mary came where Jesus was and saw him, she knelt at his feet and said to him, "Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died." ³³ When Jesus saw her weeping, and the Judeans who came with her also weeping, he was greatly disturbed in spirit and deeply moved. ³⁴ He said, "Where have you laid him?" They said to him, "Lord, come and see." ³⁵ Jesus began to weep. ³⁶ So the Judeans said, "See how he loved him!" ³⁷ But some of them said, "Could not the one who opened the eyes of the blind man have kept this man from dying?"

³⁸ Then Jesus, again greatly disturbed, came to the tomb. It was a cave, and a stone was lying against it. ³⁹ Jesus said, "Take away the stone." Martha, the sister of the dead man, said to him, "Lord, already there is a stench because he has been dead four days." ⁴⁰ Jesus said to her, "Did I not tell you that if you believed, you would see the glory of God?" ⁴¹ So they took away the stone. And Jesus looked upward and said, "Father, I thank you for having heard me. ⁴² I knew that you always hear me, but I have said this for the sake of the crowd standing here, so that they may believe that you sent me." ⁴³ When Jesus had said this, he cried with a loud voice, "Lazarus, come out!" ⁴⁴ The dead man came out, his hands and feet bound with strips of cloth, and his face wrapped in a cloth. Jesus said to them, "Unbind him, and let him go."

⁴⁵ Many of the Judeans therefore, who had come with Mary and had seen what Jesus did, believed in him.

The gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON

Vernon Nelson

SHARING THE PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you always.

And also with you.

Let us share the peace with each other.

THE ANNUNCIATION

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THE MAGNIFICAT

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OFFERING

OFFERING SONG: We Give Thee but Thine Own

ELW#686

Assembly please stand.

OFFERING PRAYER

**O God, maker of heaven and earth,
Your steadfast love embraces all
creation.**

**You send rain and sunshine to
nourish the earth**

and bring forth its bounty.

**Through these gifts of bread and
wine,**

**draw us into the death and life of
Your Son,**

**who calls us to bear witness to his
saving work.**

We ask this in Jesus' name. Amen

LITANY AND PRAYERS

Intercessions
Closing Prayers

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THANKSGIVING

BIRTHDAY:

ANNIVERSARY:

BAPTISMAL ANNIVERSARY: Wanda Buslach 3/24

Final Blessing

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BLESSING

Go in Peace, remember the Living Water of Christ.

Thanks be to God

PLEASE LEAVE YOUR PAMPHLET ON THE TABLE WITH THE BULLETINS AS YOU LEAVE THE CHURCH. We are missing about 10 pamphlets

Year to date: 2026

Non Designated Offering Needed: \$13,398.00

Non-Designated Offering Received: \$14,577.94

Difference: **Plus: \$1,179.94**

Last Week:

Non Designated Offering Needed: \$1,218.00

Offering Received \$1,180

Difference: **plus \$38.00**

Attendance: 17 in church 7 FB = 24

Iglesia in church: 46

REMEMBER IN OUR PRAYERS THOSE THAT ARE HURTING AND HEALING INCLUDING VICTOR, TONY, KATIE, LORA AND BABY WALTER, DOTTIE, DOTHEA, HECTOR, OLIVIA, SHARON, DALE, LINDA & DAVE P., DIXIE, MARCIA, RICK, ROYCE, RITA, MARILYN & RUSTIE.

Date Serving	March 22	March 29	Easter April 5
Clergy	Service of the Word Leader Cheryl Noble Sermon Vern Nelson	Palm Sunday Pastor Charles Bade	Pastor Bade
Ushers	Rich Lohman Dana Lundy	Dana Lundy Bentley Lundy	Rich Lohman Dana Lundy
Acolyte	Bentley Lundy	Bentley Lundy	Bentley Lundy
Greeter	Marilyn Hart	Marilou Bade	
Lector	Wanda Buslach	Vern Nelson	
Welcome Bell	Dennis Buslach	Bentley Lundy	
Communion Prep.	XXXX	Bev Haworth	
Communion Assist	XXXX	Bev Haworth Janice Ortman	
Counter	Kathy Evans Dana Lundy	Colleen Fletcher Carl Lindgren	
Coffee Hour	Pastor Bade & Marilou	Palm Sunday Potluck	
Music/FB	Kathy Evans	Colleen Fletcher	
Flowers	Lent no flowers	Palms	