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*These are written so that you may come to believe that Jesus is the Messiah,
the Son of God, and that through believing you may have life in His name. ~ John 20:31*

THE DEATH OF LAZARUS

Text: John 11:1-57

Key Verses: “Jesus said . . . ‘I am the resurrection and the life. Those who believe in me, even though they die, will live, and everyone who lives and believes in me will never die. . .’” John 11:25-26 and “Jesus wept.” John 11:35

Biblical Background: At the conclusion of his public ministry, Jesus raised Lazarus from the dead. The report of this miracle reached Jewish authorities in Jerusalem. This is the last of Jesus’ signs and happens only in the Gospel of John. In Jerusalem during his public ministry, Jesus taught that he is the way to salvation.

Sermon Reflections

Text Messages

for personal and small group reflection

What would you expect Jesus to do when he heard that Lazarus (to whom he was very close) was sick?

Have you ever felt that Jesus was slow in responding to you? What happened?

Do you think that either Mary or Martha believed that Jesus could raise Lazarus? Why?

Why does Jesus weep? What does that teach us about Jesus?

Has God ever worked a miracle in your life? If so, have you told other people about it?

Do you think God could use your experience to bring others to a belief in Jesus?

What did the religious leaders see as the main problem with Jesus (verse 48)?

Faith Spark

Why do you think Jesus raised Lazarus from the dead? What was the message?

To read for February 11/12—John 12:1-50

Read the text. As you read, jot down any questions or comments you have.

What do you wonder about? What catches your eye?

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Lord of Life Lutheran Church exists to proclaim the saving grace of Jesus Christ and for its faith community to witness and serve God gratefully in daily life.

Welcome to Lord of Life!

We are glad you are here! If you would like to make Lord of Life your church home, please contact Lori Schwartz at loris@lordoflife.org or 763.420.5015.

Jr. High Recharge goes tubing at Elm Creek Park on Sunday, Jan. 29 from 7-8:45 pm. Cost is \$10. Be sure to download a waiver and permission slip at lordoflife.org/jrhighrecharge.

Are you dealing with something you wish you didn't have to deal with? Celebrate Recovery, a faith-based support group focusing on the 12 steps, is offered Tuesdays from 6-8:30 pm.

Are you a teen who feels stuck in life or trapped by hurts, habits and hang-ups? Be a part of *the landing* each Tuesday (*please note new day*) from 6:30-8:30 pm. Get support and learn skills to be who God created you to be. Questions? Please call Don C. at 763.245.4064 or Carly S. at 763.286.2342. You are not alone.

Jr. High and Sr. High Ski Retreat parent meetings are both Wednesday, Feb. 1 at 7:30 pm.

Service Opportunities

Help prepare and serve a meal at Hope Lodge on an upcoming date—Jan. 30 or Feb. 13. Carpool from Lord of Life. This is a great small group service opportunity! Contact Paula Thomas at pkthomas5@hotmail.com.

Sort and pack food at Emergency Foodshelf Network on Monday, Feb. 6 from 4-7 pm. Come for as long as you are able. This is a great service opportunity for C³ groups! Learn more and sign up at lordoflife.org/efn.

Children Youth and Family Ministry prep team meets Tuesday, Feb. 7 at 9:30 am to help prepare projects for CYF Ministry. Childcare is provided. Contact Pennie Soppeland at pennies@lordoflife.org to volunteer.

Volunteers are needed to pick up four boxes of sandwiches for 363 Hunger Ministry from Midway Cold Storage and bring them to Sabathani Food Shelf every Wednesday morning and help distribute sandwiches. Please contact Kari Warnke at kawarnke1@gmail.com to sign up.

A driver is needed to bring an older member to church on occasional Sundays for the 9:45 am service and also to occasional OWLs events. Location is off of Hemlock by Perkins. Please contact Michelle Welinski at michellew@lordoflife.org if you are able to help.

Adult Confirmation

Sundays at 11 am, February 5 through March 18

This class, led by Pastor Karen, is an opportunity to learn what it means to be a Lutheran and then make a public affirmation of faith on Saturday, Mar. 24 at 7 pm. Find details and sign up at lordoflife.org/adultconfirmation.

OWLs Valentine's Party is Thursday, Feb. 2 at 12 noon. Theme is "Love Stories to Warm Hearts" with International Storyteller Pati Kachel. Freewill donation for lunch. Ask for the OWLs binder in the church Office to sign up. All Older Wiser Lutherans are invited to attend.

Care Ministers supervision meeting is Thursday, Feb. 2 at 7 pm. If you or someone you know is interested in being paired with a Care Minister, please contact Michelle Welinski at michellew@lordoflife.org.

Souper Bowl of Caring will collect cans of soup for CROSS, our local food shelf, Feb. 4-12. Our goal this year is 700 cans of soup! Bring your donations to the display at the end of the hallway. Learn more at lordoflife.org/souperbowlofcaring.

Inspired Images scrapbooking and stamping ministry meets Saturday, Feb. 4 from 9 am-12 noon to work on service projects for various ministries. Learn more at lordoflife.org/inspiredimages.

Women's Cancer Support Group—Join Beth Kanthak as she speaks about how to center yourself in Christ to meet your physical, inner spiritual and emotional needs. Beth is a licensed wellness coach and member of Lord of Life's Care Ministry Team. The second part of the series is Monday, Feb. 6, at 7 pm in the Maple Grove Byerly's Community Room. Contact Jessica Nord at 612.590.4422.

Prayer Shawl Ministry teaching retreat is Saturday, Feb. 11 from 9 am-12 noon. If you would like to learn how to knit or crochet prayer shawls, this retreat is for you! Yarn will be provided but please bring your own hook (K-N) or needles (10-13). To RSVP, contact Janet Seim at rajeseim@aol.com.

Growing Families of Faith hits the slopes at Wild Mountain on Saturday, Feb. 25. Come as early as you choose and leave when you need. Gather at 11:30 am in the chalet for a family meal. Cost is \$40 per adult, \$36 per child under 18. Rental is \$20. Learn more and register at lordoflife.org/gff.

Spiritual Mentoring information meeting is Sunday, Feb. 5, 10-10:55 am. Questions? Contact Jan Sower at 763.421.1524, jansower@aol.com or Pastor David Lippitt at 763.420.5015 x122, davidl@lordoflife.org.

Visit lordoflife.org for more information.

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