



St Michael's

LUTHERAN CHURCH

Reflection Questions for March 29, 2020

In the sermon, Pastor Brad mentions The Rev. Dr. David Lose's movement of this biblical story of Lazarus—there is heartbreak, there is miracle (or sign of God's presence), there is an invitation to the community to continue the healing.

- What moments in your life have you experienced heartbreak or anguish?
- In the midst of the heartbreak, how has God shown up?
- What role has community played in continuing to bring hope and healing to others?

Pastor Brad mentions the GRID, or the HIV/AIDS, pandemic he recalled seeing on the news as a 3rd grader—and how this news was both devastating, but also connected him to seeing people who were “like him” and a sense of a bigger community. During these current days of the COVID-19 pandemic, how are you experiencing both the tender places of loss and mortality, alongside a sense of connection to community?

The story of Lazarus is the seventh sign Jesus performs in the Gospel of John, before Jesus moves toward Jerusalem, foreshadowing the promise of life over death. As people of faith, how can we proclaim and embody this witness during these days?