



Fifth Sunday in Lent

April 3, 2022

Evangelical Lutheran Worship

Setting 8



### Prayer Requests

*Congregation participation in **bold print**.*

*Please stand as you are able.*

**GATHERING-** The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God.

### CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Blessed be the ✝ holy Trinity,  
the one who fashions us,  
the one who heals us,  
the one who reforms us again and again.

**Amen.**

Let us confess our sin, calling for God's transforming power  
*Silence is kept for reflection.*

Source of all life,

**we confess that we have not allowed your grace to set us free. We fear that we are not good enough. We hear your word of love freely given to us, yet we expect others to earn it. We turn the church inward, rather than moving it outward. Forgive us. Stir us. Reform us to be a church powered by love, willing to speak for what is right, act for what is just, and seek the healing of your whole creation.**

**Amen.**

God hears our cry and sends the Spirit to change us and to empower our lives in the world.

Our sins are forgiven, ✝ God's love is unconditional, and we are raised up as God's people who will always be made new, in the name of Jesus Christ.

**Amen.**

## GREETING

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

## CANTICLE OF PRAISE

"Kyrie"

ELW pg. 184

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray.

Creator God, you prepare a new way in the wilderness, and your grace waters our desert. Open our hearts to be transformed by the new thing you are doing, that our lives may proclaim the extravagance of your love given to all through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**Amen.**

*Please be seated.*

**WORD-** God speaks to us in scripture reading, preaching, and song

## FIRST READING: Isaiah 43:16-21

*The prophet declares that long ago God performed mighty deeds and delivered Israel from Egyptian bondage through the waters of the sea. Now, God is about to do a new thing, bringing the exiles out of Babylon and through the wilderness in a new Exodus.*

- <sup>16</sup>Thus says the LORD, who makes a way in the sea, a path in the mighty waters,  
<sup>17</sup>who brings out chariot and horse, army and warrior; they lie down, they cannot rise, they are extinguished, quenched like a wick:  
<sup>18</sup>Do not remember the former things, or consider the things of old.  
<sup>19</sup>I am about to do a new thing; now it springs forth, do you not perceive it? I will make a way in the wilderness and rivers in the desert.  
<sup>20</sup>The wild animals will honor me, the jackals and the ostriches; for I give water in the wilderness, rivers in the desert, to give drink to my chosen people,  
<sup>21</sup>the people whom I formed for myself so that they might declare my praise.

The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

## PSALM 126

- <sup>1</sup>When the LORD restored the fortunes of Zion, then were we like those who dream.  
<sup>2</sup>**Then was our mouth filled with laughter, and our tongue with shouts of joy. Then they said among the nations, "The LORD has done great things for them."**  
<sup>3</sup>The LORD has done great things for us, and we are glad indeed.  
<sup>4</sup>**Restore our fortunes, O LORD, like the watercourses of the Negeb.**  
<sup>5</sup>Those who sowed with tears will reap with songs of joy.  
<sup>6</sup>**Those who go out weeping, carrying the seed, will come again with joy, shouldering their sheaves.**

**SECOND READING: Philippians 3:4b-14**

*Writing to Christians in Philippi, Paul admits that his heritage and reputation could give him more reason than most people to place confidence in his spiritual pedigree. But the overwhelming grace of God in Jesus calls Paul to a new set of values.*

[Paul writes:] <sup>4b</sup>If anyone else has reason to be confident in the flesh, I have more: <sup>5</sup>circumcised on the eighth day, a member of the people of Israel, of the tribe of Benjamin, a Hebrew born of Hebrews; as to the law, a Pharisee; <sup>6</sup>as to zeal, a persecutor of the church; as to righteousness under the law, blameless.

<sup>7</sup>Yet whatever gains I had, these I have come to regard as loss because of Christ. <sup>8</sup>More than that, I regard everything as loss because of the surpassing value of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord. For his sake I have suffered the loss of all things, and I regard them as rubbish, in order that I may gain Christ <sup>9</sup>and be found in him, not having a righteousness of my own that comes from the law, but one that comes through faith in Christ, the righteousness from God based on faith. <sup>10</sup>I want to know Christ and the power of his resurrection and the sharing of his sufferings by becoming like him in his death, <sup>11</sup>if somehow I may attain the resurrection from the dead.

<sup>12</sup>Not that I have already obtained this or have already reached the goal; but I press on to make it my own, because Christ Jesus has made me his own. <sup>13</sup>Beloved, I do not consider that I have made it my own; but this one thing I do: forgetting what lies behind and straining forward to what lies ahead, <sup>14</sup>I press on toward the goal for the prize of the heavenly call of God in Christ Jesus.

The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**

“Let Your Steadfast Love”

ELW pg. 188

*Please stand as you are able*

**GOSPEL: John 12:1-8**

The holy gospel according to John.

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

*Judas willfully misinterprets as waste Mary’s extravagant act of anointing Jesus’ feet with costly perfume. Jesus recognizes that her lavish gift is both an expression of love and an anticipation of his burial.*

<sup>1</sup>Six days before the Passover Jesus came to Bethany, the home of Lazarus, whom he had raised from the dead. <sup>2</sup>There they gave a dinner for him. Martha served, and Lazarus was one of those at the table with him. <sup>3</sup>Mary took a pound of costly perfume made of pure nard, anointed Jesus’ feet, and wiped them with her hair. The house was filled with the fragrance of the perfume. <sup>4</sup>But Judas Iscariot, one of his disciples (the one who was about to betray him), said, <sup>5</sup>“Why was this perfume not sold for three hundred denarii and the money given to the poor?” <sup>6</sup>(He said this not because he cared about the poor, but because he was a thief; he kept the common purse and used to steal what was put into it.) <sup>7</sup>Jesus said, “Leave her alone. She bought it so that she might keep it for the day of my burial. <sup>8</sup>You always have the poor with you, but you do not always have me.”

The gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

*Please be seated.*

**SERMON**

**Deacon Kathy Sebree**

*Please stand as you are able*

**CREED**

With the whole church, let us confess our faith using the Apostles' Creed:

**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**

*After each petition, the Worship Assistant will say, "Merciful God," The congregation will respond, "receive our prayer".*

Drawn close to the heart of God, we offer these prayers for the church, the world, and all who are in need.

Accept the prayers we bring, O God, on behalf of a world in need, for the sake of Jesus Christ.

**Amen.**

**MEAL-** God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ.

**OFFERING****OFFERING SONG**

"Take My Life, That I May Be"

ELW Hymn 685

**OFFERING PRAYER**

Let us pray,

God of life,

**you give us these gifts of the earth, these resources of our life and our labor. Take them, offered in great thanksgiving, and use them to set a table that will heal the whole creation; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Light.**

**Amen.**

**Great Thanksgiving****DIALOGUE**

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.

**We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**It is right to give him thanks and praise.**

**WORDS OF INSTITUTION**

**LORD’S PRAYER**

Lord, remember us in your kingdom and teach us to pray:

**Our Father who art in heaven,  
hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come,  
thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.  
Give us today our daily bread;  
and forgive us our trespasses,  
as we forgive those who trespass against us;  
and lead us not into temptation  
but deliver us from evil.  
For thine is the kingdom, and the power,  
and the glory forever and ever. Amen.**

**INVITATION TO COMMUNION**

Come to the banquet, for all is now ready.

*Please be seated.*

*We believe that Christ is truly present in, with, and under the bread and wine. All those who are baptized and have received formal teaching about The Lord’s Supper are invited forward to commune. If you desire a blessing, come forward and keep hands folded together. Come forward at the direction of the usher. Pick up a clean cup from the right side of the altar, or if you prefer, you can receive a kit from the worship assistant. Please keep your mask on until they have moved to the next communicant.. The empty cups can be placed in the tray on the left side of the altar.*

**COMMUNION SONG**

“Lamb of God”

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**COMMUNION SONGS**

“Jesus, the Very Thought of You”  
“O God in Heaven”

ELW Hymn 754  
ELW Hymn 748

**POST-COMMUNION PRAYER**

Holy and compassionate God, in bread and wine you give us gifts that form us to be humble and courageous. May your words come to life in our serving and in our witness, that we might speak a living voice of healing and justice to all the world, through Jesus Christ, our rock and our redeemer.

**Amen**

**SENDING-** God blesses us and sends us in mission to the world.

**Announcements:**

- **Last Soup & Bread Supper on Wednesday followed by viewing of “The Chosen”, 5:30**
- **Spring Clean-up on Saturday with Scouts 9:00**
- **Indoor Spring Cleaning Tuesday—Thursday from 11-2**
- **Bricks For Kids will be using the Fellowship Hall Monday—Friday 10-12 and 1-4**
- **Reminder to turn in your Congregational Surveys**
- **Palm Sunday is the 10th, Ann Adams presiding**

**BLESSING**

God, creator of all things, speaking reformation into being;  
Jesus Christ, savior of the world, raising the dead;  
Holy Spirit, living voice, calling and enlightening the church:  
Almighty God, Father, ✝ Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you now and forever  
**Amen.**

**SENDING SONG**

“Beneath the Cross of Jesus”

ELW Hymn 338

**DISMISSAL**

Go in peace. You are the body of Christ.

**Thanks be to God.**

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