

3rd of Lent March 23, 2025

Prelude There is a Fountain Filled with Blood, arr. by John Innes c. 1981 by Fred Bock
Music Company in "Organ Hymns for Praise and Worship #4: Music for Lent/Easter"

Announcements

Confession & Absolution

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

L Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **C Amen.**

L Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another. Most merciful God,

All We confess that we are captive to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; We have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name. Amen.

Leader: In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us, and for his sake God Forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained minister of the church of Christ, and by his authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **C Amen.**

Children's Sermon

Opening Hymn In the Cross of Christ, I Glory ELW 324

Apostolic Greeting

L 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 Pg. 138-139

In peace, let us pray to the Lord. Lord, have mercy. For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord. Lord, have mercy. For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God, and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord. Lord, have mercy. For this holy house, and for all who offer here their worship and praise, let us pray to the Lord. Lord, have mercy. Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord. Amen.



Prayer of the Day

L The Lord be with you

C **And also with you**

L Eternal God, your kingdom has broken into our troubled world through the life, death, and resurrection of your Son. Help us to hear your word and obey it, and bring your saving love to fruition in our lives, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C **Amen**

First Reading: Isaiah 55: 1-9

¹ Ho, everyone who thirsts, come to the waters; and you that have no money, come, buy and eat! Come, buy wine and milk without money and without price.² Why do you spend your money for that which is not bread, and your labor for that which does not satisfy? Listen carefully to me, and eat what is good, and delight yourselves in rich food.³ Incline your ear, and come to me; listen, so that you may live. I will make with you an everlasting covenant, my steadfast, sure love for David.⁴ See, I made him a witness to the peoples, a leader and commander for the peoples.⁵ See, you shall call nations that you do not know, and nations that do not know you shall run to you, because of the LORD your God, the Holy One of Israel, for he has glorified you.⁶ Seek the LORD while he may be found, call upon him while he is near;⁷ let the wicked forsake their way, and the unrighteous their thoughts; let them return to the LORD, that he may have mercy on them, and to our God, for he will abundantly pardon.⁸ For my thoughts are not your thoughts, nor are your ways my ways, says the LORD.⁹ For as the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways and my thoughts than your thoughts. Holy Wisdom, Holy Word.

C **Thanks be to God!**

Psalm 63: 1-8 *chanted responsively*

¹ O God, you are my God; eager- | ly I seek you;
my soul thirsts for you, my flesh faints for you, as in a dry and weary land where
there | is no water.

² **Therefore I have gazed upon you in your | holy place,
that I might behold your power | and your glory.**

³ For your steadfast love is better than | life itself;
my lips shall | give you praise.

⁴ **So will I bless you as long | as I live
and lift up my hands | in your name.**

⁵ My spirit is content, as with the rich- | est of foods,
and my mouth praises you with | joyful lips,

⁶ **when I remember you up- | on my bed,
and meditate on you in | the night watches.**

⁷ For you have | been my helper,
and under the shadow of your wings I | will rejoice.

⁸ **My whole being | clings to you;
your right hand | holds me fast.**

Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 10: 1-13

¹ I do not want you to be unaware, brothers and sisters, that our ancestors were all under the cloud, and all passed through the sea, ² and all were baptized into Moses in the cloud and in the sea, ³ and all ate the same spiritual food, ⁴ and all drank the same spiritual drink. For they drank from the spiritual rock that followed them, and the rock was Christ. ⁵ Nevertheless, God was not pleased with most of them, and they were struck down in the wilderness. ⁶ Now these things occurred as examples for us, so that we might not desire evil as they did. ⁷ Do not become idolaters as some of them did; as it is written, “The people sat down to eat and drink, and they rose up to play.” ⁸ We must not indulge in sexual immorality as some of them did, and twenty-three thousand fell in a single day. ⁹ We must not put Christ to the test, as some of them did, and were destroyed by serpents. ¹⁰ And do not complain as some of them did, and were destroyed by the destroyer. ¹¹ These things happened to them to serve as an example, and they were written down to instruct us, on whom the ends of the ages have come. ¹² So if you think you are standing, watch out that you do not fall. ¹³ No testing has overtaken you that is not common to everyone. God is faithful, and he will not let you be tested beyond your strength, but with the testing he will also provide the way out so that you may be able to endure it. Holy Wisdom Holy Word.

C Thanks be to God

Please stand for the Gospel Acclamation

Pg. 142

C 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.

Holy Gospel according to Luke in the 13th Chapter. C Glory to you, O Lord.

¹ At that very time there were some present who told him about the Galileans whose blood Pilate had mingled with their sacrifices. ² [Jesus] asked them, “Do you think that because these Galileans suffered in this way they were worse sinners than all other Galileans?” ³ No, I tell you; but unless you repent, you will all perish as they did. ⁴ Or those eighteen who were killed when the tower of Siloam fell on them—do you think that they were worse offenders than all the others living in Jerusalem? ⁵ No, I tell you; but unless you repent, you will all perish just as they did.” ⁶ Then he told this parable: “A man had a fig tree planted in his vineyard; and he came looking for fruit on it and found none. ⁷ So he said to the gardener, ‘See here! For three years I have come looking for fruit on this fig tree, and still I find none. Cut it down! Why should it be wasting the soil?’ ⁸ He replied, ‘Sir, let it alone for one more year, until I dig around it and put manure on it. ⁹ If it bears fruit next year, well and good; but if not, you can cut it down.’” This is the Gospel of Our Lord.

C Praise to you, Christ.

Sermon

Hymn of the Day

O God, My Faithful God

ELW 806



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 the Church

L With hearts humbled by our sins and frailty, we are still bold to raise our prayers for all in any need. Let the people say "Speak, Lord, your servants are listening." **People: Speak, Lord, your servants are listening.**

AM For ourselves as Christ's people, we ask that we may live and speak the Gospel of grace to every soul in every time and place, we pray

C Speak, Lord, your servants are listening.

AM For our public servants, that all their words and deeds provide for the common good with dignity and honor, we pray

C Speak, Lord, your servants are listening.

AM For the world we inhabit and all our human family with whom we share it, that generations to come may be sustained by our careful choices, we pray,

C Speak, Lord, your servants are listening.

AM May we, with humble confidence, now raise our own prayers out loud or in silence.....
For these things we pray,

C Speak, Lord, your servants are listening.

AM Especially for the children of the world, the war-torn, the hungry, the homeless, the ill, the abandoned, the enslaved, and the terrorized, that they may find in God's people a haven of compassion, comfort, healing, and love, we pray,

C Speak, Lord, your servants are listening.

L And for any other needs, Lord, that you see that we have, we pray,

C Amen.

Sharing the Peace

P The peace of Christ be with you always.

C And also with you.

Please share a sign of God's peace.

The Offering is received and the table is prepared.

Anthem: Who Is He? Words: Nancy Price and Don Besig; Music: Don Besig

Who is he sitting at the table breaking bread with those he calls his friends? Who is he speaking words of comfort as his time among them nears the end? Who is he walking in the garden as he goes to face what is to come? Who is he praying in the moonlight: "Father now let your will be done?" Can he be a prophet? Can he be the Lord? He seems like such an ordinary man; is he something more? Who is he going up the hillside crowned with thorns and carrying a cross? Who is he taking on the burden? Why must he die? Why must he die to pay the cost? When we come to know him. When we can believe, we'll see he is no ordinary man. He has set us free. He is Lord, he is our Redeemer. Through his death he cleanses us from sin. He is Lord, Jesus Christ, our Savior. We will walk in faith. We will walk in faith and follow him.

The Offertory is sung

Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me. Cast me not away from your presence, and take not your Holy Spirit from me. Restore unto me the joy of your salvation, and uphold me with your free Spirit.

The Leader speaks an Offertory Prayer

The Great Thanksgiving –

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L The Lord be with you.

C And also with you.

L Lift up your hearts.

C We lift them to the Lord.

L Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C It is right to give our thanks and praise.

The Proper Preface is spoken

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God, through our Savior Jesus Christ. You call your people to cleanse their hearts and prepare with joy for the paschal feast, that, renewed in the gift of baptism, we may come to the fullness of your grace. And so, with all the choirs of angels, with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

Sanctus

Pg. 144

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of pow'r and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna. Hosanna. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest

Leader continues with the Great Thanksgiving.



LORD'S PRAYER

C 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 this day 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

The Agnus Dei

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Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.
Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.
Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; grant us peace, grant us peace,
Lamb of God.

All are welcome to the table of the Lord.

Communion is distributed.

Communion Soul, Adorn Yourself with Gladness, arr. by Edwin T. Childs c. 2011 by
Augsburg Fortress in "Communion Hymns for Organ Volume 1"

Post Communion Prayer

Benediction spoken

The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord's face shine on you with grace and
mercy. The Lord look upon you with favor and grant you peace **C Amen.**

Closing Hymn

Lord, Dismiss Us with Your Blessing

ELW 545

Dismissal

AM Go now in peace, to love, and serve the Lord and your neighbors.

C Thanks be to God

Postlude In the Cross I Glory, arr. by Ellen Jane Lorenz c. 1945 by Lorenz Publishing
Co. in the February 1945 issue of "The Organ Portfolio"

Please allow a time of reflective silence during the postlude.

IN OUR THOUGHTS AND PRAYERS

The following is a listing of those who need your prayers. Our hope is that you will take this listing home with you and in your daily prayers remember those listed below.

Kay Ackley
Francine Ahrens
Ben, Sheryl & Nik Ahrens
Peggy Ali
Joyce Almsted
Connie Aparo
Phil Bascetta
Eli Boda
Kathleen Bowler
Cherie Brown
Sharon Cable
Nancy Campbell
Carol Cianciolo
Cheryl Corey
Emma Cortina
Leif Dallaire
Emily Decker
Linda Dellano
Carla Derrickson
Sigrid Devita
Irene Douglas
Judy Elliott
Mark Ebbeskotte
Jan Eucalitto
Pamela Ewing
Jennifer Ezzo
Bruce & Liz Falls
Eric Fernandez
Ashley Friday
Rosemarie Foth
John Fox
Joan Gerard
Danise Hall
Jack & Barbara Heintz
Brayden Herzberg
Kathleen Hilton
Shannon Hilton
Jake Hoadley
Sven Holmgren
Erma Horn
Amy Rose Jensen
Ann Jones
Eunice Jones
Lynn Killingbeck
Marilyn Killingbeck
Maria Koskovich

Jason Lashbrook
John Lewis
David Little
Rebecca Little
Kari Machowski
Mary Ellen Mackinnon
Jerry MacManus
Audrey & Ernie Marquard
Abigail Marine
Eric Marine
Richard Marine
Janis Martin
Gil & Marilyn Martin
Gladys Medina
Michael Meyers
Kate Merrow
Colin Moore
Brigitte Mueller
Dennis Nalette
Karen Ness
Greg O'Brien
Tom O'Brien
Lea Orriola & family
Russell Palmer
Maria Payne
Bill Pierson
Jackie Quinn Wassik
Caroline Quintal
Ed & Susan Regner
Jonathan Richard
Louise Roche
Holly Schaff
Judy Schaller
Rosemary & Otto Schibi
Denae Seelye
Patricia Weingart Seymour
Rob Simon
Matt Simpson
Christopher Slate
Dana Steele
Sigrid Smitley
Paul Smith
Jennifer Stella
Deb & Jon Sterling

RuthAnn Stone
Diane Tanner
Gloria Thibault
Julia Thompson Carroll
Susan Tycienski
Chamo Vega
Renee Woodard
Clarence & Priscilla
Ed
Jen O.
Jaiden
Shirley
Steve
Lou W.
Steve
Todd
Robert K.
Terry
Joe
Rosie
Carol G.
Kristen & Jared
Vinny
Hagbard
Carolina
Robert P.
Peanut
Colleen
Ken
Jaxson

Our Nursing Home Members

Dee Gammon
Midge Rosenbeck
Calvin Bensch
Judy Schaller

Our Military Friends

Lord Jesus, Savior of the World and King of Peace, watch over our sons and daughters in the service of their Country. Protect them from the physical and moral dangers. Keep them close to you and help them live the commandments. Lord, Jesus give them courage to serve their country with honor and dignity. Be with them when they are in danger; strengthen them when they face hardship. Above all Lord, grant that when their service is finished that they may return to us, sound in mind, body and soul.

Amen.

Tyler Quinn
Eric Beyus
Major Zachary Fulton
Brandan Holbrook
Jonathan Connell
Tom Gregg, Jr.
Eric Bremer
Peter Hutchinson
S/W Anderson James Ernst
USCG
SPC Dominic Boscarino
PVT Noah Braatz
PVT 2 Christian Braatz

Around the Church	Date	Time
Motorcycle Planning Meeting	3/23	After service
Women of the ELCA	3/24	6:30 pm
Fellowship Dinner	3/29	5:15 pm
Maundy Thursday	4/17	7:00 pm
Good Friday	4/18	7:00 pm
Easter Sunrise Service at UCC Tarringford St.	4/20	6:00 am
Annual Meeting II Potluck Breakfast	5/8	8:00 am
Synod Assembly	5/30-31	

BIBLE STUDY Tuesdays 6 pm via Zoom and Wednesdays 10am

Tai Chi 11:00 am & Quilting Group 1:00 pm on Wednesdays

Lenten Potluck & Service Thursdays at 6pm during the Lenten Season

Palm Sunday looking for readers for the interactive Gospel reading.



**Offerings Summary:
 Needed Weekly \$4,561
 Actually Received \$
 Shortfall (\$)
 YTD Shortfall (\$)**

Minimalist bulletin

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St. Paul's Lutheran Church

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The Fellowship Committee presents



**Chicken Lombardy, Rice Pilaf, Veggies,
Salad, Bread, Dessert**

Saturday, March 29, 2025

Fellowship – 5:15pm

Dinner – 6pm

Eat-In or Take Out

\$15.00 – Adults \$9.00 – Kids 5-10

Food, Fellowship, Drawing, Fun!

Tickets available on Sundays after church
or @ Church Office info. 860-482-3555

ANNUAL MEETING



**Annual Meeting of the Congregation
Part II**

**Potluck Breakfast, Committee Fair &
Vote on the Constitution**

Sunday, May 4th 8:00 to 9:30 am

The meeting will take place in the Fellowship Hall with a **potluck breakfast at 8:00 am followed by the meeting. We urge all to attend to hear what are various ministries and committees have done in the past year and to vote on the updates to the constitution.**