

# 5<sup>th</sup> of Lent April 6, 2025

## Prelude

## 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

**Beneath the Cross of Jesus**

**ELW 338**

## 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 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.

C **Amen**

## First Reading: Isaiah 43:16-21

<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. Holy Wisdom, Holy Word. C **Thanks be to God!**

## Psalm 126 *spoken responsively*

<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

[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. Holy Wisdom Holy Word. C **Thanks be to God**

**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 John in the 12<sup>th</sup> Chapter. C Glory to you, O Lord.**

<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."

This is the Gospel of Our Lord.

**C Praise to you, Christ.**

**Sermon**

**Hymn of the Day**

**When I Survey the Wondrous Cross**

**ELW 803**

**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 As Jesus loved Mary who anointed him, and as she loved him, may that same spirit of affection fill our hearts as we lift one another in prayer. Especially today we pray for any who are in need of healing. May we Let the people say: "Speak, Lord, your servants are listening."

**People: Speak, Lord, your servants are listening.**

*The Leader and Assisting Minister read the first names from our prayer list.*

AM: For the church that we be healed of our doubts and divisions, we pray:

**People: Speak, Lord, your servants are listening.**

AM For the world, that all may be healed of hatred, violence and greed, we pray:

**People: Speak, Lord, your servants are listening.**

AM: For God's good creation, that it may be healed of the damage we have caused, we pray:

**People: Speak, Lord, your servants are listening.**

AM: For any needs we now lift in speech or silence before our merciful Lord,....we pray,

**People: Speak, Lord, your servants are listening.**

L: For all these, and all else you see that we need, we offer our heartfelt intercessions.

**People: 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.*

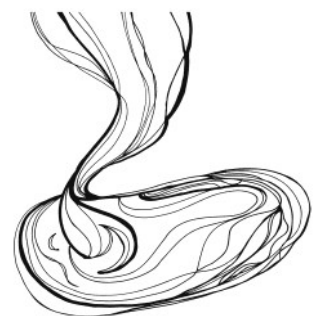
*The Offering is received and the table is prepared.*

*Anthem: Take My Yoke Upon You Words: J. Paul Williams; Music: Douglas Nolan*

Take my yoke upon you, come and learn from me. Take my yoke upon you, I will give you peace. Are you weak and heavy laden, are you lonely and distressed? Come and bring your every longing, I will give you rest. Oh I will give you rest.

Take my yoke upon you, come and learn from me. Take my yoke upon you, I will give you peace. Come and bring your sorrows, lay them at my feet. Bring to me your burdens, I will set you free.

Take my yoke upon you, come and learn from me. Take my yoke upon you, I will give you peace. Take my yoke upon you, I will give you peace



## **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 –**

**Pg. 144**

**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**

**Pg 146**

**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**

## **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**

**Christ, the Life of All the Living**

**ELW 339**

## **Dismissal**

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

**C** Thanks be to God

## **Postlude**

***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	Erma Horn	Patricia Weingart Seymour	Jaxson
Francine Ahrens	Amy Rose Jensen	Rob Simon	Gail
Ben, Sheryl & Nik Ahrens	Ann Jones	Matt Simpson	F.C.H.
Peggy Ali	Eunice Jones	Christopher Slate	
Joyce Almsted	Lynn Killingbeck	Dana Steele	<b>Friends and Family of</b>
Connie Aparo	Marilyn Killingbeck	Sigrid Smitley	<b>Greg O'Brien</b>
Bert Babcock	Maria Koskovich	Paul Smith	<b><u>Our Nursing Home</u></b>
Phil Bascetta	Jason Lashbrook	Jennifer Stella	<b><u>Members</u></b>
Eli Boda	John Lewis	Deb & Jon Sterling	Dee Gammon
Kathleen Bowler	David Little	RuthAnn Stone	Midge Rosenbeck
Cherie Brown	Rebecca Little	Diane Tanner	Calvin Bensch
Sharon Cable	Kari Machowski	Gloria Thibault	Judy Schaller
Nancy Campbell	Mary Ellen Mackinnon	Andy Thomas	<b><u>Our Military Friends</u></b>
Carol Cianciolo	Jerry MacManus	Julia Thompson Carroll	Lord Jesus, Savior of the
Cheryl Corey	Audrey & Ernie Marquard	Susan Tycienski	World and King of Peace,
Emma Cortina	Abigail Marine	Chamo Vega	watch over our sons and
Leif Dallaire	Eric Marine	Steve Warner	daughters in the service of
Emily Decker	Richard Marine	Renee Woodard	their Country. Protect them
Linda Dellano	Janis Martin	Clarence & Priscilla	from the physical and moral
Carla Derrickson	Gil & Marilyn Martin	Ed	dangers. Keep them close to
Sigrid Devita	Gladys Medina	Jen O.	you and help them live the
Irene Douglas	Michael Meyers	Jaiden	commandments. Lord, Jesus
Judy Elliott	Kate Merrow	Shirley	give them courage to serve
Mark Ebbeskotte	Colin Moore	Steve	their country with honor and
Jan Eucalitto	Brigitte Mueller	Lou W.	dignity. Be with them when
Pamela Ewing	Dennis Nalette	Steve	they are in danger; strengthen
Jennifer Ezzo	Karen Ness	Todd	them when they face
Bruce & Liz Falls	Tom O'Brien	Robert K.	hardship. Above all Lord,
Eric Fernandez	Lea Orriola & family	Terry	grant that when their service
Ashley Friday	Russell Palmer	Joe	is finished that they may
Rosemarie Foth	Maria Payne	Rosie	return to us, sound in mind,
John Fox	Bill Pierson	Carol G.	body and soul. Amen.
Joan Gerard	Jackie Quinn Wassik	Kristen & Jared	Tyler Quinn
Danise Hall	Caroline Quintal	Vinny	Eric Beyus
Jack & Barbara Heintz	Ed & Susan Regner	Hagbard	Major Zachary Fulton
Brayden Herzberg	Jonathan Richard	Carolina	Brandan Holbrook
Kathleen Hilton	Louise Roche	Robert P.	Jonathan Connell
Shannon Hilton	Holly Schaff	Peanut	Tom Gregg, Jr.
Jake Hoadley	Judy Schaller	Colleen	Eric Bremer
Sven Holmgren	Rosemary & Otto Schibi	Ken	Peter Hutchinson
	Denae Seelye		S/W Anderson James Ernst
			USCG
			SPC Dominic Boscarino
			PVT Noah Braatz
			PVT 2 Christian Braatz

Around the Church	Date	Time
Empty Bowls Fundraiser	4/3	5:00 pm
Blood Drive- Visit Red Cross website to schedule	4/8	1 pm
Finance Meeting	4/9	6:00 pm
Property Meeting	4/9	7:00 pm
Hilltop Art Show	4/11	5:30 pm
Council	4/14	7:00 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	

Motorcycle show and blessing planning meetings weekly after worship

CT Yankee Chorale rehearsal this coming Tues, Apr 1 and each Tues following, 7pm

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

**Palm Sunday looking for readers for the interactive Gospel reading.  
Easter Egg Hunt after Easter service.**

**New members being accepted on April 27.**



## **Minimalist bulletin**

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### **Offerings Summary:**

**Needed Weekly \$4,561**

**Actually Received \$2,191**

**Shortfall (\$2,371)**

**YTD Shortfall (\$16,610)**



# ANNUAL MEETING



**Annual Meeting of the Congregation  
Part II**

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

**Sunday, May 4<sup>th</sup> 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.**