

Announcements

- **Worship Schedule:** Worship will be indoors every Sunday at 9:00am. We ask that you please wear a mask and continue to sign in.
- **April Needs:** Please visit the usher table to sign up for the April discipleship - lector, vocal leading, ushering and running the sound system!
- **Bible Study** will NOT meet today. April dates: TBD and announced soon.

Holy Week Schedule

Palm Sunday, April 10th at 9am
Maundy Thursday, March 14th at 7pm
Good Friday, March 15th at 7pm
Easter Sunday, March 17th at 9am

PRAYERCARE Helen Swanson, the family of Ann Rue, the family of Kurt Kowarsch, the family of Joe Mallery, Dan Petersen, the family of Cheryl Slattengren, Marcielle Rogers, Cleo Stomberg Michelle Lynch, the family of Brian Maloney, Leo Nelson, Nancy Mallery, the family of Dale Stomberg, the family of Lowell Nelson, Yutaro Nakanishi, the family of Anne Lindgren, the family of John Solheim, Donna Lindgren, Don & Verna Grover, Vicki Ford, Dave Danberg, Caroline Greene, Nia Glynn, Sandy McElratha and Ron Hackmann.

Sunday, April 3, 2022
Pastor Dwight Rudquist

Music: Toni Brekke
Usher: Miriam Flysjo
Lector: Don Hansen
Vocals: Becky Hulden



Sunday, April 3, 2022

Fifth Sunday in Lent

Bolded words: Congregation
Non-bolded words: Pastor

PRELUDE

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

CONFESSION & FORGIVENESS

In the name of God, who makes a way in the wilderness, walks with us, and guides us in our pilgrimage. **Amen.**

Holy One, **we confess that we have wandered far from you: we have not trusted your promises, we have ignored your prophets in our own day, we have squandered our inheritance of grace, we have failed to recognize you in our midst. Have mercy on us! Forgive us and turn us again to you. Teach us to follow in your ways, assure us again of your love, and help us to love our neighbor. Amen.**

Beloved in Christ, the Word draws near to you, and all who call out to God shall be saved. In Jesus, God comes to you again and again and gathers you under wings of love. In Jesus' name, your sins are forgiven. God journeys with you and teaches you how to live in love. **Amen.**

OPENING HYMN: Christ, the Life of All the Living **ELW #339**

PRAYER OF THE DAY

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.

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.**

POST COMMUNION BLESSING & PRAYER

The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you and keep you in his grace.

Amen.

Blessed Jesus, in this rich meal of grace, you have fed us with your body, the bread of life. Now send us forth to bear your life-giving hope to a world in need. **Amen.**

BENEDICTION

You are children of God, anointed with the oil of gladness and strengthened for the journey.

Almighty God, motherly, majestic, and mighty, bless you this day and always. **Amen.**

CLOSING HYMN: Beneath the Cross of Jesus **ELW #338**

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Jesus meets you on the way.

Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

GREAT THANKSGIVING

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 our thanks and praise.

It is indeed right, ... join in their unending hymn:

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

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us:

**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.**

DISTRIBUTION OF ELEMENTS

COMMUNION HYMN: O God in Heaven

ELW #748

SCRIPTURE READINGS

FIRST READING: Isaiah 43:16-21

Thus says the LORD, who makes a way in the sea, a path in the mighty waters, who brings out chariot and horse, army and warrior; they lie down, they cannot rise, they are extinguished, quenched like a wick: Do not remember the former things, or consider the things of old. 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. 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, the people whom I formed for myself so that they might declare my praise.

Word of God, word of life.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM 126

When the LORD restored the fortunes of Zion,
we were like those who dream.
Then our mouth was filled with laughter,
and our tongue with shouts of joy;
then it was said among the nations,
"The LORD has done great things for them."
The LORD has done great things for us,
and we rejoiced.

Restore our fortunes, O LORD,
like the watercourses in the Negeb.
May those who sow in tears
reap with shouts of joy.
Those who go out weeping,
bearing the seed for sowing,
shall come home with shouts of joy,
carrying their sheaves.

Word of God, word of life.

Thanks be to God.

SECOND READING: Philippians 3:4-14

Though I could have confidence in my own effort if anyone could. Indeed, if others have reason for confidence in their own efforts, I have even more!

I was circumcised when I was eight days old. I am a pure-blooded citizen of Israel and a member of the tribe of Benjamin—a real Hebrew if there ever was one! I was a member of the Pharisees, who demand the strictest obedience to the Jewish law. I was so zealous that I harshly persecuted the church. And as for righteousness, I obeyed the law without fault.

I once thought these things were valuable, but now I consider them worthless because of what Christ has done. Yes, everything else is worthless when compared with the infinite value of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord. For his sake I have discarded everything else, counting it all as garbage, so that I could gain Christ and become one with him. I no longer count on my own righteousness through obeying the law; rather, I become righteous through faith in Christ. For God's way of making us right with himself depends on faith. I want to know Christ and experience the mighty power that raised him from the dead. I want to suffer with him, sharing in his death, so that one way or another I will experience the resurrection from the dead!

I don't mean to say that I have already achieved these things or that I have already reached perfection. But I press on to possess that perfection for which Christ Jesus first possessed me. No, dear brothers and sisters, I have not achieved it, but I focus on this one thing: Forgetting the past and looking forward to what lies ahead, I press on to reach the end of the race and receive the heavenly prize for which God, through Christ Jesus, is calling us.

Word of God, word of life.

Thanks be to God.

THE GOSPEL: John 12:1-8

The Holy Gospel according to St. John the 12th Chapter.

Glory to you, O Lord.

Six days before the Passover Jesus came to Bethany, the home of Lazarus, whom he had raised from the dead. There they gave a dinner for him. Martha served, and Lazarus was one of those at the table with him. 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. But Judas Iscariot, one of his disciples (the one who was about to betray him), said, "Why was this perfume not sold for three hundred denarii and the money given to the poor?" (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.) Jesus said, "Leave her alone. She bought it so that she might keep it for the day of my burial. You always have the poor with you, but you do not always have me."

The gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

MESSAGE: Pastor Dwight Rudquist

HYMN OF THE DAY: Jesus, Keep Me Near the Cross

ELW #335

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

P: Merciful God.

C: Receive our prayer.