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The Fifth Sunday *in* Lent
10:30 am

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THE FIFTH SUNDAY IN LENT

Holy Communion • ELW Setting Five • 10:30

GATHERING – “The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God.”

PRELUDE – “Lenten Journey”

M. R. Tucker

Handbell Choir

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The assembly rises in body or spirit with the ministers.

GATHERING HYMN

ELW 326

Bless Now, O God, the Journey

1 Bless now, O God, the jour - ney that all your peo - ple make,
2 Bless so - journ-ers and pil - grims who share this wind-ing way;
3 Di - vine e - ter - nal lov - er, you meet us on the road.

the path through noise and si - lence, the way of give and take.
your hope burns through the ter - rors, your love sus-tains the day.
We wait for lands of prom - ise where milk and hon - ey flow,

The trail is found in des - ert and winds the moun - tain round,
We yearn for ho - ly free - dom while of - ten we are bound;
but wait - ing not for plac - es, you meet us all a - round.

then leads be - side still wa - ters, the road where faith is found.
to - geth - er we are seek - ing the road where faith is found.
Our cov - e - nant is writ - ten on roads, as faith is found.

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GREETING

- P** The love of God poured into our hearts, the saving grace of Jesus Christ, and the abundant life of the Holy Spirit be with you all.
- C** And also with you.

COLLECT FOR PURITY

- P** Let us pray. 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 Savior and Lord.
- C** Amen.

KYRIE

In peace, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mer - cy.

For the peace from a - bove, and for our sal - va - tion, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mer - cy.

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 mer - cy.

For this ho - ly house, and for all who of - fer here their wor-ship and praise,

let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mer - cy.

Help, save, comfort, and de - fend us, gra - cious Lord.

A - men.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P 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.

C Amen.

Please be seated.

A MESSAGE FOR THE YOUNG AND YOUNG-AT-HEART

WORD

God speaks to us in Scripture reading, preaching and song.

FIRST READING: Isaiah 43:16-21

¹⁶Thus says the Lord, who makes a way in the sea, a path in the mighty waters, ¹⁷who brings out chariot and horse, army and warrior; they lie down; they cannot rise; they are extinguished, quenched like a wick: ¹⁸Do not remember the former things or consider the things of old. ¹⁹I 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. ²⁰The 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, ²¹the people whom I formed for myself so that they might declare my praise.

☐ May God add a blessing to the reading of the Word.

PSALM: Psalm 126 (Read responsively.)

¹**When the LORD restored the fortunes of Zion,
then were we like those who dream.**

²Then 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."

³**The LORD has done great things for us,
and we are glad indeed.**

⁴Restore our fortunes, O LORD,
like the watercourses of the Negeb.

⁵**Those who sowed with tears
will reap with songs of joy.**

⁶Those who go out weeping, carrying the seed,
will come again with joy, shouldering their sheaves.

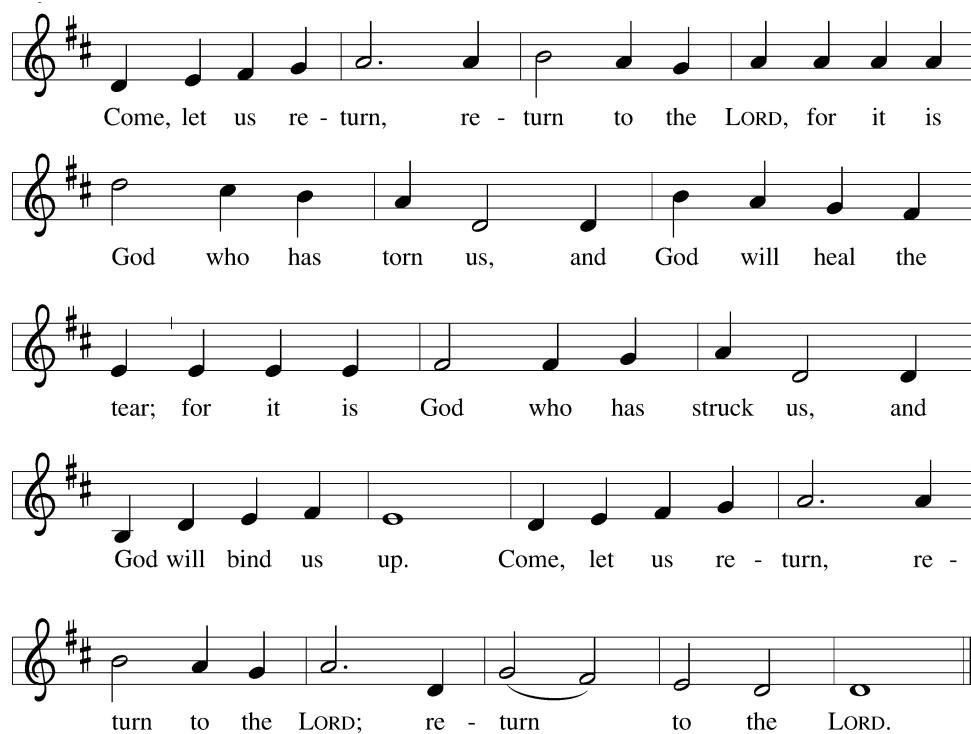
SECOND READING: Philippians 3:4b-14

Paul writes: ^{4b}If anyone else has reason to be confident in the flesh, I have more: ⁵circumcised 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; ⁶as to zeal, a persecutor of the church; as to righteousness under the law, blameless. ⁷Yet whatever gains I had, these I have come to regard as loss because of Christ. ⁸More 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 ⁹and 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. ¹⁰I want to know Christ and the power of his resurrection and the sharing of his sufferings by becoming like him in his death, ¹¹if somehow I may attain the resurrection from the dead. ¹²Not that I have already obtained this or have already reached the goal, but I press on to lay hold of that for which Christ has laid hold of me. ¹³Beloved, I do not consider that I have laid hold of it, but one thing I have laid hold of: forgetting what lies behind and straining forward to what lies ahead, ¹⁴I press on toward the goal, toward the prize of the heavenly call of God in Christ Jesus.

☐ May God add a blessing to the reading of the Word.

Please rise in body or spirit to greet the Gospel

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



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GOSPEL: John 12:1-8

P The Holy Gospel according to John.

G Glory to you, O Lord.

¹Six days before the Passover Jesus came to Bethany, the home of Lazarus, whom he had raised from the dead. ²There they gave a dinner for Jesus. Martha served, and Lazarus was one of those reclining with him. ³Mary 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. ⁴But Judas Iscariot, one of his disciples (the one who was about to betray him), said, ⁵"Why was this perfume not sold for three hundred denarii and the money given to the poor?" ⁶(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.) ⁷Jesus said, "Leave her alone. She bought it so that she might keep it for the day of my burial. ⁸You always have the poor with you, but you do not always have me."

P The Gospel of the Lord.

G Praise to you, O Christ.

Please be seated.

SERMON

Pastor Jay

Please stand to proclaim the Word of God in song.

Holy Woman, Graceful Giver: John 12



1 Ho - ly wom - an, grace - ful giv - er, proph - et,
 2 How the fra - grance filled the dwell - ing! How the
 3 Lov - ing - ly Christ stilled the scoff - er who would
 4 Though dis - dained or though con - test - ed, acts of



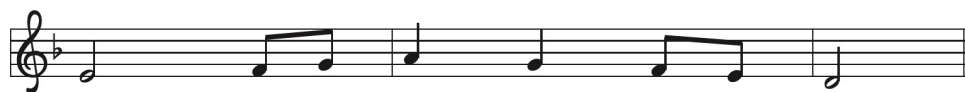
ser - vant, and be - liev - er, Mar - y with the oint - ment
 act of beau - ty well - ing blest all those with - in the
 grasp - ing guard the cof - fer, point - ing to a hid - den
 love are nev - er wast - ed: beau - ty is a face of



jar, sought by Christ, by scorn un - daunt - ed, knelt in
 place! How the act of pure de - vo - tion, whis - p'ring
 trove: not all trea - sures gain and pro - fit, feed the
 God. Grace - ful Mar - y, by your giv - ing, you have



love, his feet a - noint - ed for his com - ing bur - ial
 of his com - ing pas - sion, blest the heart of Christ with
 poor, and feed the spir - it acts of beau - ty, acts of
 shown a way of liv - ing: acts of beau - ty, love, and



hour, for his com - ing bur - ial hour.
 grace, blest the heart of Christ with grace!
 love, acts of beau - ty, acts of love.
 good, acts of beau - ty, love, and good.

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 Music: ALABASTER JAR, Anne Krentz Organ, b. 1960
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Please kneel or sit – as is comfortable.

CONFESSION

P Siblings in Christ, in our Lenten journey...

If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves...

Let us then, confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

Please remain kneeling or sitting—as is comfortable. Silence is kept for self-examination and reflection.

P Most merciful God,

C 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.**

P Almighty God have mercy on us, forgive us our sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, and by the power of the Holy Spirit bring us to everlasting life.

C Amen.

Please remain kneeling or sitting—as is comfortable—for the Prayers.

THE PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

A Trusting in the promises of baptism, the mercy and grace of God, let us pray for the Church, those in need, and all of God's good creation.

A Let us pray for the Church; for deacons, pastors, and bishops; for all who look to the new thing being done through the people of God.

Here you may pray silently or aloud for the Church of Jesus Christ in every place.

A Let us pray for God's good creation; for those in the wake of earthquakes in Myanmar and Thailand; for all who bring help and healing in the wake of natural disaster; for those who work for clean water and fresh air for all.

Here you may pray silently or aloud for the needs of creation.

A Let us pray for the nations; for those who rule, govern, and lead; for those who run for public office; for air traffic controllers; for all places that know war and strife especially Ukraine and Russia, Gaza and Israel, the Sudan, Haiti; for those who provide a social net to support the hungry and underhoused, especially those we help: Bethany Outreach, Bethesda Services, Holy Trinity Soup and Pasta Kitchen, Second Harvest.

Here you may pray silently or aloud for the nations of the world.

A Let us pray for those in need; for immigrants and refugees in the Erie community and those who assist them in their need; for the underhoused and underemployed; the sick; those who bear another's burdens; those who will die today.

Here you may pray silently or aloud for the sick, suffering, and those in need.

A Let us pray for those preparing for baptism; for those who seek after the mysteries of God; those who prepare for ministry in the Church.

Here you may pray silently or aloud for those in their catechetical journeys.

A Let us pray in thanksgiving for those who have gone before in the way of the cross; for Dietrich, Mikael, Charlotte, Bill, Bob, Roger and Sharon; those whose faith inspires our own; those whose faith was known only to God.

Here you may give thanks silently or aloud for our beloved dead.

A Keep us, O God, in the promises of baptism. Hear our prayer and come quickly to our aid, until we are gathered around the Feast of the Lamb, in whose mercy and grace we trust.

C Amen.

Please be seated.

MEAL

God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ.

THE OFFERING IS RECEIVED



An offering is received for the ministry of the church. Our offering at Luther Memorial supports our ministry locally, as well as that of the Northwestern Pennsylvania Synod and the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America. You may make your checks payable to Luther Memorial Church. Additionally, you may visit <https://bit.ly/LMCDonate> or scan the QR Code and scroll to the bottom of the page to give electronically.

ANTHEM – "Ave Verum"

W. A. Mozart

Handbell Choir

Please stand in body or spirit.

OFFERTORY

Come to the Table

ELW 481

A musical score for a handbell choir, consisting of five systems of two staves each (treble and bass clef). The music is in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The lyrics are written below the staves.

Come to the ta - ble of mer - cy, pre - pared with the wine and the bread.

All who are hun - gry and thirst - y, come, and your souls will be fed.

Come at the Lord's in - vi - ta - tion; re - ceive from his nail - scarred hand.

Eat of the bread of sal - va - tion; drink of the blood of the Lamb.

Text: Claire Cloninger, b. 1942

Music: COME TO THE TABLE, Martin J. Nystrom, b. 1956

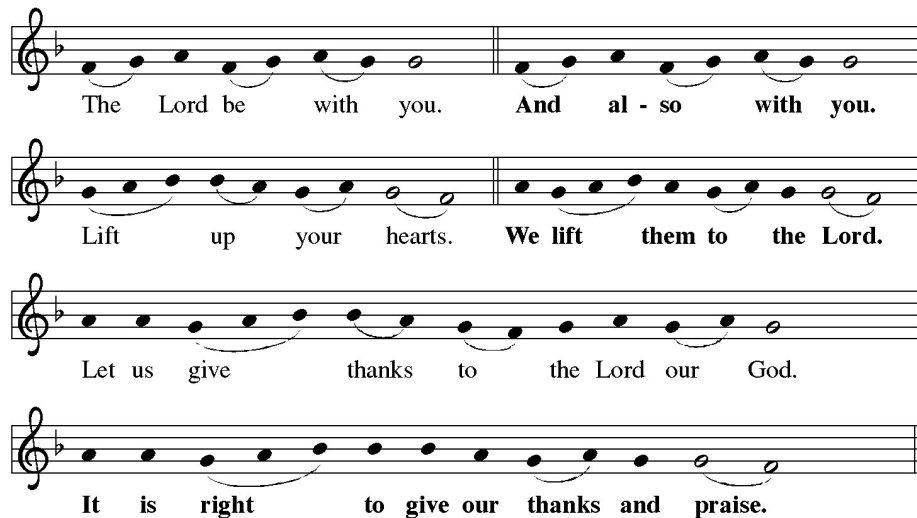
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OFFERTORY PRAYER

A Let us pray. Gracious Provider, you set your immense treasures among us, opening your heart to the world. As we prepare to feast on your bountiful love, deepen our commitment to sharing those treasures with others, through our Savior, Jesus Christ.

C Amen.

GREAT THANKSGIVING DIALOG



The Lord be with you. And al - so with you.

Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.

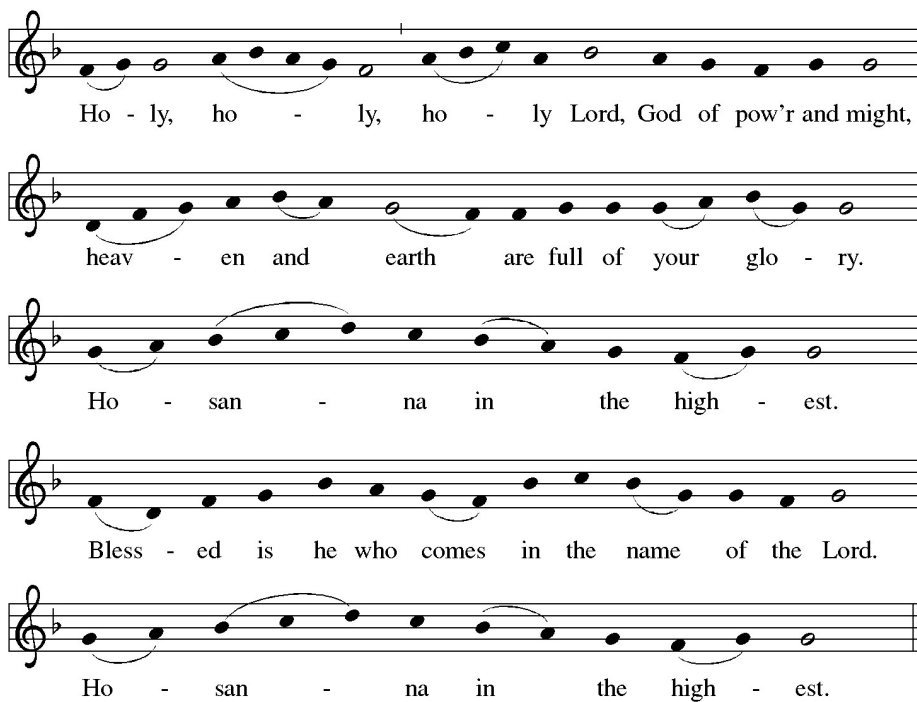
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

PREFACE

P It is indeed right, our duty, and our joy... we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

SANCTUS



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might,

heav - en and earth are full of your glo - ry.

Ho - san - na in the high - est.

Bless - ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Ho - san - na in the high - est.

EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER

- P** O God, Creator of our wilderness world, Savior of the lost, and Comforter of the sick and suffering, we give you thanks for your everlasting might; we glorify you for your covenant of mercy.
- P** For forty days you cleansed the earth with the waters of the flood. For forty days you illumined Moses with the words of your law. For forty years you fed your people with manna from heaven.
- P** You became truly human in Jesus our brother. For forty days, with fasting and prayer, he renounced the power of the devil.

*On the night before he died he took bread, and gave thanks,
broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying:
Take and eat; this is my body, given for you.
Do this for the remembrance of me.*

*Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks,
and gave it for all to drink, saying:
This cup is the new covenant in my blood,
shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin.
Do this for the remembrance of me.*

P We extol his life:

C Amen.

P We lament his death:

C Amen.

P We celebrate his resurrection:

C Amen.

P Transform us, O God, + with your lively Spirit. Make this food into manna for our journey, the body and blood of your Son. Grant us with the Ninevites forty days of repentance. Teach us your words of wisdom and justice. Renew the whole earth with baptismal grace. At the last, lead all your pilgrim people through our deserts to your Easter garden.

P To you, O God, Creator, Savior, Comforter, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, be our worship and praise, adoration and thanksgiving, now and forever.

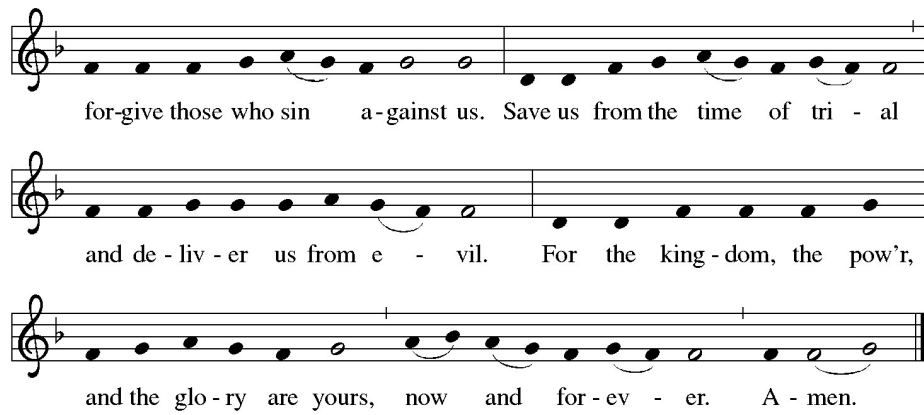
C Amen.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

P Lord, remember us in your sovereignty and teach us to pray.



C Our Fa - ther in heav - en, hal - lowed be your name,
your king - dom come, your will be done, on earth as in heav - en.
Give us to - day our dai - ly bread. For - give us our sins as we



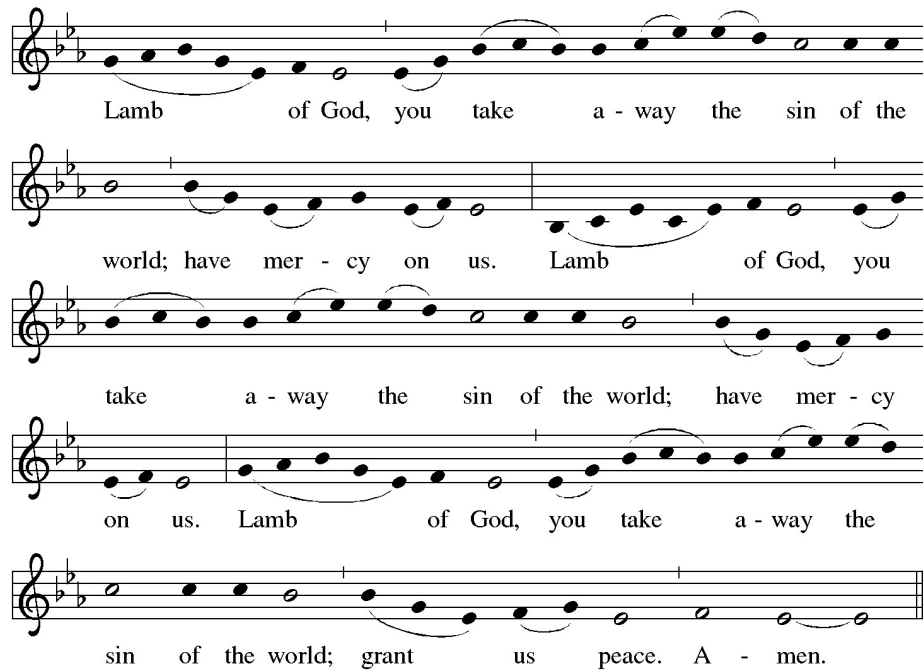
THE PEACE

The presiding minister and assembly exchange a greeting of reconciliation and peace.

☐ The peace of Christ be with you always.

☑ And also with you.

AGNUS DEI



INVITATION TO COMMUNION

☐ Here is the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world. Happy are we, called to the supper.

☑ Lord, I am not worthy to receive you,
but only say the word, and I shall be healed.

☐ Those communing at home: take, eat, drink: the body and blood of Christ for you.

Please be seated and remain seated until the blessing.

THE COMMUNION

*This is Christ's Table and all Christians are welcome to the feast!
We believe that this is the Body and Blood of Christ for you.*

Please come forward from both sides by the center aisle.

Take a small empty cup from the trays at the head of the center aisle.

White grape juice is in pre-filled cups for those who cannot have alcoholized wine.

Gluten-free wafers are available for those who need them; please let the pastor know.

Receive the bread in your open palm, then hold your cup steady for the assisting minister to fill.

As you return by the side aisles, please place your empty cup in the tray.

*All are invited to the meal. If you would like to participate but not to receive the bread and wine,
please cross your arms in front of you for a blessing from the pastor.*

*As you return to your seat,
you may visit either the Columbarium or the Luther Chapel
and receive anointing for healing.*

SONGS DURING THE COMMUNION

ELW 802

Let Us Ever Walk with Jesus

1 Let us ev - er walk with Je - sus, fol - low his ex - am - ple pure,
2 Let us suf - fer here with Je - sus, and with pa - tience bear our cross.
3 Let us glad - ly die with Je - sus. Since by death he con - quered death,
4 Let us al - so live with Je - sus. He has ris - en from the dead

through a world that would de - ceive us and to sin our spir - its lure.
Joy will fol - low all our sad - ness; where he is there is no loss.
he will free us from de - struc - tion, give to us im - mor - tal breath.
that to life we may a - wak - en. Je - sus, you are now our head,

On - ward in his foot - steps tread - ing, trav - 'lers here, our home a - bove,
Though to - day we sow no laugh - ter, we shall reap ce - les - tial joy;
Let us mor - ti - fy all pas - sion that would lead us in - to sin;
we are your own liv - ing mem - bers; where you live, there we shall be

full of faith and hope and love, let us do our Sav - ior's bid - ding.
 all dis - com - forts that an - noy shall give way to mirth here - af - ter.
 and the grave that shuts us in shall but prove the gate of heav - en.
 in your pres - ence con - stant - ly, liv - ing there with you for - ev - er.

Faith - ful Lord, with me a - bide; I shall fol - low where you guide.
 Je - sus, here I share your woe; help me there your joy to know.
 Je - sus, here with you I die, there to live with you on high.
 Je - sus, let me faith - ful be; life e - ter - nal grant to me.

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As the Sun with Longer Journey

ELW 329

1 As the sun with long - er jour - ney melts the win - ter's snow and ice,
 2 Through the days of wait - ing, watch - ing, in the des - ert of our sin,
 3 Praise be giv - en to the mak - er of the sea - sons' year - ly round:

with its slow - ly grow - ing ra - diance warms the seed be - neath the earth,
 search - ing on the far ho - ri - zon for a sign of cloud or wind,
 Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Spir - it—Source, Sus - tain - er, Lord of life,

may the sun of Christ's up - ris - ing gent - ly bring our hearts to life.
 we a - wait the heal - ing wa - ters of our Sav - ior's vic - to - ry.
 as the ev - er turn - ing a - ges roll to their e - ter - nal rest.

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Please rise in body or spirit.

SENDING

God blesses us and sends us in mission to the world.

TABLE BLESSING

☐ Elijah got up and ate and drank; then he went in the strength of that food forty days and forty nights. Having been strengthened by this food and drink—our Savior Jesus Christ—let us continue on our Lenten journey.

☑ Amen. We go.

POSTLUDE – Let us Ever Walk with Jesus

P. Manz

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— SERVING TODAY —

PRESIDING MINISTER – Pastor Jay Mitchell

ACOLYTE – Jessica Copfer

ASSISTING MINISTER – Linda Swanson

COMMUNION ASSISTANT – Stan Rose

LECTOR – Karen Lundwall

USHERS – Diane & Bob Banks, Jackie Lupo, Carl Moore

ALTAR GUILD – Jessica Copfer, Mary Daniels

VIDEO STREAMING – John Bartlett



Altar flowers are given to the Glory of God and in memory of Charlotte Chaffee by her loving family.

Front altar flowers are given to the Glory of God and in loving memory of my husband, Bill, and my brother, Bob Halttunen, by Janet Kent.

Our love and sympathy is with the family and friends of Roger Sturtevant who died Saturday, March 29, 2025.

Our love and sympathy is with the family and friends of Sharon McGhee, Marilyn Rositer's daughter, who died Saturday, March 29, 2025.

Today's Events

Adult Forum will gather in the library at 9:30am.

Greeting cards can be found in the information rack located near the parlor area. A large variety of cards that will fit every occasion are available. Youth are offering these cards for \$1 each or 6 for \$5. Proceeds will benefit our youth.

Worship Matters

Holy Woman, Graceful Giver is a relatively new hymn to our use. It is from the hymnal supplement *All Creation Sings*. This hymn was written by Susan Paolo Cherwien who was a prolific Luther hymnwriter of the 20th and 21st century. The music is composed by Anne Krentz Organ who, like Cherwien as a hymnwriter, has provided many compositions to the music of the Lutheran Church and beyond in the late 20th and early 21st century.

The original version of this hymn was written and composed based on the telling of the unnamed woman who anoints Jesus as told in the gospel of Mark. This gospel text was used at the ELCA Churchwide Assembly in 2019 for the celebration of the 50th anniversary of the ordination of women, the 40th anniversary of the ordination of women of African descent, and the 10th anniversary of the ordination of openly LGBTQIA+ persons in the ELCA.

After its creation and use, the creators chose to create a second version of the hymn for this morning's John text of the anointing of Jesus by Mary. This is the version we use this morning.

Lent Opportunities

Lent with Dietrich has been the series for our midweek gatherings this year. Our final gathering will be Wednesday, April 9:

- Our afternoon gathering: 12:05 Worship followed by 12:30 Luncheon followed by 1:00pm Learning.
- Our evening gathering using the same material as in the afternoon: 6:00pm Worship followed by 6:30pm Learning. You are welcome to bring your own supper for the evening.

Additionally, **Lent with Dietrich Devotional Books** are available on all Welcome Tables. These daily devotions (except for Sundays) can serve as a great way to begin or end your day in prayer, Scripture, and reflection. And remember: we crafted this resource together!

Lenten Luncheons have been offered on Wednesdays in Lent; March 12 – April 9 at 12:30pm in fellowship hall. We invite you to enjoy a home-cooked meal for only \$10. The main dish for our last luncheon on April 9 will be macaroni & cheese.

Thirty Minutes with God is offered on Thursdays, March 13 – April 10, at 12:00pm in the Luther Chapel. These spoken services are a brief rite of Holy Communion with a reading, reflection, and the Sacrament.

Christian Education

First Holy Communion will be offered on Sunday, May 4 during the 10:30am service. In preparation for First Communion two Saturday morning sessions will be held on April 26 and May 3 from 9:00am – 12:00 noon, including snack time. These 2 All-Family Workshops will be our preparation for the big celebration! Any family interested in First Communion should plan to attend both sessions. First Communion is open to all the baptized so any child and family are welcome if you're ready. However, families with children in grades 3-5 are strongly encouraged to participate if your child has not received First Communion yet. Please contact Pastor Jay or the church office if your family will be attending these sessions. Thank you.

Youth

LIA, Lutherans in Action, will meet Tuesday, April 8 from 5:30-7:00pm as they continue completing service projects. All youth in grades 5-12 are encouraged to join in.

Lutherlyn summer camp registration began February 1. Various camps are available throughout the summer for all ages. Information is located at the welcome table.

Faith Formation

Book Group, Paging Through with Pastor Jay, meets the second Monday of odd months at 6:00pm in the parlor. Our next gathering will be Monday, May 12 as we will begin the book *Hidden Inheritance: Family Secrets, Memory and Faith* by Heidi Neumark. Pastor Neumark will be joining us via Zoom for our gathering. The book may be purchased at local bookstores and on Amazon.

B.A.D. (Bible After Dark) will gather again on May 7 at Calamari's at 6:30pm and continue to meet the first Wednesday of each month. Join together with Lutherans from around Erie as we discuss the book Context by Josh Scott. Copies of the book may be purchased from the church office for \$12. Feel free to purchase an adult beverage as we chat.

Opportunities for Fellowship

A **bowling party** will be held honoring our **First Holy Communion students** on Sunday, April 27 at Westway Bowling Lanes, Girard, PA from 1:00 – 3:00pm. Please join us for this celebration. There will be no charge for our Holy Communion class. The cost of bowling is \$4.25/game for adults; shoes are free. Pizza and beverages are available at the alley.

CampBlast will be held at Camp Lutherlyn, Butler, Pa, on Saturday, May 10 from 11:00am – 4:30pm. Rain or shine, this is a day of fun for the entire family; archery, gaga ball, zipline, crafts, hiking, hay rides, kayaking, and so much more. The entire day is free. What a wonderful way to spend your day!

Come and join us for an escape from reality. Your cares will be left behind after a morning of laughter and conversation with the Magic Fingers Grace Group. Join us for knitting and crocheting the second and fourth Tuesdays of each month from 10:00am– 12:00 noon; April 8 and April 22. Please contact Norma, in the church office, or Jan MacInnes if you are in need of more yarn or have any questions.

Items to Note

In case of a pastoral emergency, please contact Pastor Jay either at the church (814-454-0106 x. 227) or, if not, on his personal phone (267-549-9858). If you are unable to reach him and need a response quickly, please contact our church office at 454-0106, ext. 221 during weekday business hours of 8:00am – 4:00pm to speak with Norma. Thank you.

– PRAYER LIST –

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS:			
Our Members:			
Marilyn Bohn & family	Ed Hokaj	Rose-Marie Rose	Ron King
Ann Flick	Pat Gilbert	Lois Fobes	Bea Leemhuis
Friends and Family:			
Grant, Alina, Charlie Jane McGrail	Jenn	Mary Lou	Norbert Ericson
Steve Sensor	Phil F.	Andrew Wachter	Dale Dannhaus
Carol Steffey & Marissa	Janine Frank	Casey Smith	Cheryl Atkinson
Michael & Paula Lombardozzi	Teddy & Rebecca	Jessica Reams	Curtis Krick
Karen Chilcote	Joey & family	Irene McCullough	Bev
Sullivan			
Grief:			
Roger Sturtevant family	Lucille Kraut family	Dave Cooney family	Ron Henry family
Sharon McGhee family			
Our Military Service Men & Women:			
Lt. Col. Matt Anderson	Michael Stickner	Andrew Watson	Alli Brown
Ben Dixon	Lt. Col. Mark Collins	Christopher Rose	

Readings and Commemorations This Week

April 6 – Albrecht Dürer, 1528, Matthias Grünewald, 1529, Lucas Cranach, 1553, artists – Isaiah 28:5-6; Psalm 96; Philippians 4:8-9; Matthew 13:44-52 -- *These great artists revealed through their work the mystery of salvation and the wonder of creation. Dürer's work reflected the apocalyptic spirit of his time. Though he remained a Roman Catholic, he was sympathetic to Martin Luther's reforming work. Grünewald's paintings are known for their dramatic forms, vivid colors, and depiction of light. Cranach's work includes many fine religious examples and several portraits of Martin Luther. Cranach was also widely known for his woodcuts.*

April 7 – Psalm 20; Exodus 40:1-15; Hebrews 10:19-25

April 8 – Psalm 20; Judges 9:7-15; I John 2:18-28

April 9 – Dietrich Bonhoeffer, theologian, martyr, 1945 – Proverbs 3:1-7; Psalm 119:89-96; Revelation 6:9-10; Matthew 13:47-52 -- *Bonhoeffer was a German theologian who wrote profoundly, yet in an accessible manner. In the Second World War, he became a leader of the Confessing Church in Germany that resisted the Nazi movement. Linked to a plot to kill Hitler, he was martyred by hanging shortly before the end of the war.*

April 10 – Mikael Agricola, Bishop of Turku, 1557 – Jeremiah 1:4-10; Psalm 46; I Corinthians 3:11-23; Mark 10:35-45 -- *Consecrated bishop of Turku, Finland, without the approval of the pope, Agricola began a reform along Lutheran lines. In only three years, he translated the New Testament and worship texts into Finnish, in the process establishing the rules of Finnish writing that are still used today.*

April 11 – Psalm 31:9-16; Isaiah 54:9-10; Hebrews 2:10-18

April 12 – Psalm 31:9-16; Leviticus 23:1-8; Luke 22:1-13

HOLY WEEK AND EASTER SERVICES

Palm Sunday of Our Lord's Passion ~ April 13

Festal Eucharist
with Palm Procession and Passion



8:15am Worship – *Main Church*
10:30am Worship – Palm Procession – *Main Church*
12:00pm Family Scavenger Hunt at Luther Memorial



Maundy Thursday ~ April 17
Solemn Eucharist of the Lord's Supper
with Footwashing and Stripping of the Altar

7:00pm Worship – *Main Church*

Good Friday ~ April 18

Stations of the Cross
with Organ Reflections



Beginning at 12:00 noon – *Main Church*

Good Friday ~ April 18

Liturgy of Our Lord's Passion
with Adoration of the Cross

7:00pm – *Main Church*



Holy Saturday ~ April 19
The Resurrection of Our Lord,
Easter Vigil
*with Recitation of Salvation History
and First Eucharist of the Resurrection*

7:00pm – *gathering in the Courtyard*

Easter Day ~ April 20

The Resurrection of Our Lord,
Easter Day
Festival Eucharist of the Resurrection

8:15am *Main Church*
10:30am *Main Church*



CALENDAR

MONDAY, APRIL 7	11:00am	Balance Class
TUESDAY, APRIL 8	10:00am	Magic Fingers Grace Group
	5:30pm	LIA / Youth
	6:00pm	Council
WEDNESDAY, APRIL 9	12:05pm	Lenten Worship
	12:35pm	Luncheon
	1:00pm	Learning Session
	2:30pm	Lego League
	6:00pm	Lenten Worship
	6:30pm	Learning Session
THURSDAY, APRIL 10	12:30pm	30 Minutes with God
	5:30pm	Handbells
	6:30pm	Choir
FRIDAY, APRIL 11	11:30am	LMA Dismissal
SATURDAY, APRIL 12	10:00am	Julia Hospice Meeting

SUNDAY, APRIL 13, 2025 PALM SUNDAY OF OUR LORD'S PASSION

Worship with us at 8:15am in Faith Chapel or 10:30am in the main church.

Second Sunday Soirée, hosted by Church Council, will be held in the parlor at 9:15am.

Family Scavenger Hunt will begin at 12:00 noon.

SUNDAY, APRIL 13, 2025		
ASSISTING IN WORSHIP		
Assisting Minister	8:15am	Mark Howell
	10:30am	Stan Rose
Communion Assistant (<i>1 needed</i>)	10:30am	Chloe Meucci
Lector	10:30am	
Altar Guild	8:15am	Donna Sedelmyer
	10:30am	Sharon Burke
Greeter	8:15am	Vicky Blasco
	10:30am	
Video Streaming	10:30am	Christy Adams
Counters	10:30am	Emma Chaffee, Mike Hedlund
Ushers (<i>4 needed</i>)	10:30am	Cathy Beck, Jane & Dave Kinzig, Carl Moore