

Welcome to
Luther Memorial Church
of the Erie Lutheran Parish



7 APRIL 2019
The Fifth Sunday in Lent

The Lord our God makes all things new. In the first reading God promises it. In the gospel Mary anticipates it, anointing Jesus' feet with costly perfume in preparation for the day of his burial. In the second reading we recall the transformation of Saul, the persecutor, into Paul, the apostle. In baptism, God's new person (you!) rises daily from the deadly mire of trespasses and sins.

THE REV. WILLIAM COLEMAN, *Pastor*

Pastors in Residence

Academy Administrator

- ▶ On this day, God comes among us, as we gather in worship:
- ▶ **to wait in silence for the Word, to sit at the Table of grace.**
- ▶ The Word of God comes, calling us into a life of service:
- ▶ **to bring hope to those who have none, to love all tossed aside by indifference.**
- ▶ Each day, in following our Lord the Holy Spirit will come:
- ▶ **so we might discover the gift of peace, and offer it to our broken world.**

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS 1 John 1:8-9
All may make the sign of the cross, the sign marked at baptism, as the presiding minister begins.

P Blessed be the holy Trinity, ☩ one God,
who shines in glory,
clothes us in compassion,
and bears gifts of mercy for all.

G **Amen.**

P If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves,
and the truth is not in us.
But if we confess our sins,
God who is faithful and just will forgive our sins
and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

Silence is kept for reflection.

P Most merciful God,
G **we confess that we are in bondage 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, in his mercy, has given his Son to die for us
and, for his sake, 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.

G **Amen.**



These stanzas are selected from a 20th century English poetic version of a monastic prayer found in 8th century manuscripts in Ireland. They are set to an Irish folk melody that has proved popular and easily sung despite its lack of repetition and its wide tonal range. The hymn is categorized as a breastplate, an invocation for protection from physical or spiritual harm.

ENTRANCE HYMN **WOV 776**

Be Thou My Vision



1 Be thou my vi - sion, O Lord of my heart;
2 Be thou my wis - dom, and thou my true word;
3 Rich - es I heed not, nor vain, emp - ty praise,
4 Light of my soul, af - ter vic - to - ry won,



naught be all else to me, save that thou art:
I ev - er with thee and thou with me, Lord.
thou mine in - her - i - tance, now and al - ways:
may I reach heav - en's joys, O heav - en's Sun!



thou my best thought by day and by night,
Thou my soul's shel - ter, thou my high tow'r,
thou, and thou on - ly, first in my heart,
Heart of my own heart, what - ev - er be - fall,




wak - ing or sleep - ing, thy pres - ence my light.
raise thou me heav'n - ward, O Pow'r of my pow'r.
great God of heav - en, my trea - sure thou art.
still be my vi - sion, O Rul - er of all.

Text: Irish 8th–10th cent.; tr. Mary E. Byrne, 1880–1931; vers. Eleanor H. Hull, 1860–1935, alt.
Music: SLANE, Irish tune


GREETING *2nd Corinthians 13:14*

- ☐ From our God who leads us by the Spirit in the wilderness:
Grace and abundant mercy be with you all.
- ☑ **And also with you.**


KYRIE *Luke 17:13*



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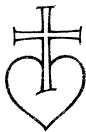
PRAYER OF THE DAY *Ruth 2:4*

- ☐ The Lord be with you.
- ☑ **And also with you.**
- ☐ 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.

CHILDREN’S SERMON AND DISMISSAL FOR CHILDREN’S CHURCH

*(Children 2 years old through sixth grade may join their teachers
at the pulpit doorway to exit for Children’s Church.)*



WORD – “God speaks to us in Scripture reading, preaching and song.”

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

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.

- ☐ The word of the Lord.
- ☑ **Thanks be to God.**



PSALM: Psalm 126

Refrain: (Sung once by the choir, then repeated by the congregation and sung where indicated by R.)



¹When 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.
³Then they said among the nations,
“The Lord has done great things for them.”
⁴The Lord has done great things for us,
and we are glad indeed. **R**

⁵Restore our fortunes O Lord,
like the watercourses of the Negev.
⁶Those who sowed with tears
will reap with songs of joy.
⁷Those who go out weeping carrying the seed,
will come again with joy, shouldering their sheaves. **R**

*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.*

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 make it my own, because Christ Jesus has made me his own. ¹³Beloved, 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, ¹⁴I press on toward the goal for the prize of the heavenly call of God in Christ Jesus.

L The word of the Lord. **G** Thanks be to God.

Please stand as you are able.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Refrain: The refrain is sung by all before and after the choral verse.



*Forgetting what lies behind and straining forward to what lies ahead,
I press on toward the goal for the prize of the heavenly call of God in Christ Jesus.
(Phil. 3:13-14)*

P The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the twelfth chapter.
G 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.*

GOSPEL: John 12:1-8

¹Six days before the Passover Jesus came into Bethany, the home of Lazarus, whom he had raised from the dead. ²There they gave a dinner for him. Martha served, and Lazarus was one of those at the table 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 would 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.”

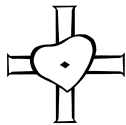
P The Gospel of the Lord.
G Praise to you, O Christ.

Please be seated.

SERMON

Pastor Coleman

Please stand as you are able.



The opening line here could equally well have been a courtier's lament for a secret affair,
but it soon becomes a path into a vivid and poignant reflection on Christ's Passion.
This 17th-century text is beautifully embraced by its sensitive and lyrical 20thcentury tune.

HYMN OF THE DAY

WOV 661

My Song Is Love Unknown



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All 7 Here might I stay and sing—
no story so divine!
Never was love, dear King,
never was grief like thine.
This is my friend, in whose sweet praise
I all my days could gladly spend!

Text: Samuel Crossman, c. 1624–1683
Music: LOVE UNKNOWN, John Ireland, 1879–1962

APOSTLES' CREED

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.**
I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.
**He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit
and born of the virgin Mary.**
**He suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried.**
He descended into hell. On the third day he rose again.
**He ascended into heaven,
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.**
He will come again 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.

Please be seated.

THE PRAYERS 1 Timothy 2:1

- A** Hearing the call to return to the Lord, let us join the whole people of God in prayer for all who cry out in pain and in hope.
- A brief silence.*
- A** Holy God, in times of both joy and sorrow you call us to worship you. Bless the work of musicians, altar guilds, readers, presiding and assisting ministers, and all who serve in worship. Sustain them with your Spirit as we journey toward Holy Week. Lord, hear us.
- C Lord, graciously hear us.**
- A** Creative God, you made every living creature and saw that it was good. Teach us to care for the world you have given us that you will one day redeem. Lord, hear us.
- C Lord, graciously hear us.**
- A** Loving God, hear our laments for those who struggle because they cannot access health care, especially children and the aging. Deliver your justice to them, that they may also receive healing. Lord, hear us.
- C Lord, graciously hear us.**
- A** Shepherd God, you tend your flock with mercy and love. Guide the outreach ministries of this congregation, especially the Bethany Outreach Center, and all who give to that ministry so generously. Strengthen our relationships in this community as we serve our neighbors in love. Lord, hear us.
- C Lord, graciously hear us.**
- A** Accompany those for whom death draws near. Bring us with all your saints to receive the abundance of heavenly glory through the covenant Christ sealed in his death and resurrection. We remember those who have died and gather with the Lord, especially Charlotte Chaffee and Bill Kent. Lord, hear us.
- C Lord, graciously hear us.**



A Our Lord Jesus healed many who were sick as a sign of the reign of God come near, and sent his disciples in this work of healing. Through prayer in Jesus’ name, and by the laying on of hands and anointing, the disciples witnessed the power and presence of God. In the name of Christ, the great healer and reconciler of the world, we now entrust to God all who are in need of healing and hope.

We pray especially for those names on our prayer list and those names we offer to you now……. We raise before you these names and trust them into the grace and love of Jesus Christ. May God ease their suffering and grant them health and salvation. Lord, hear us.

G Lord, graciously hear us.

BLESSING OF PRAYER SHAWLS, POCKET CROSSES AND PRAYER STONES

P Reveal your will as you receive our prayers, and conform our ways with your ways; through the saving work of Jesus Christ our Lord.

G Amen.

P The peace of the Lord be with you always. **G** And also with you. Romans 16:16

Please be seated.

MEAL – “God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ.”

THE OFFERING IS RECEIVED Psalm 116:12

An Individual Silent Prayer as We Prepare to Make our Offering:

“They devoted themselves to the apostles’ teaching and fellowship, to the breaking of bread and prayers. Awe came upon everyone, because many wonders and signs were being done by the apostles. All who believed were together and had all things in common; they would sell their possessions and goods and distribute the proceeds to all, as any had need.” Acts 2:42-45

ANTHEM – "Sing My Soul, His Wondrous Love"

Arlen Clarke

*Sing, my soul, his wondrous love, who from yon bright throne above,
ever watchful o'er our race, still to us extends his grace.*

*Heaven and earth by him were made; all is by his scepter swayed;
what are we that he should show so much love to us below?*

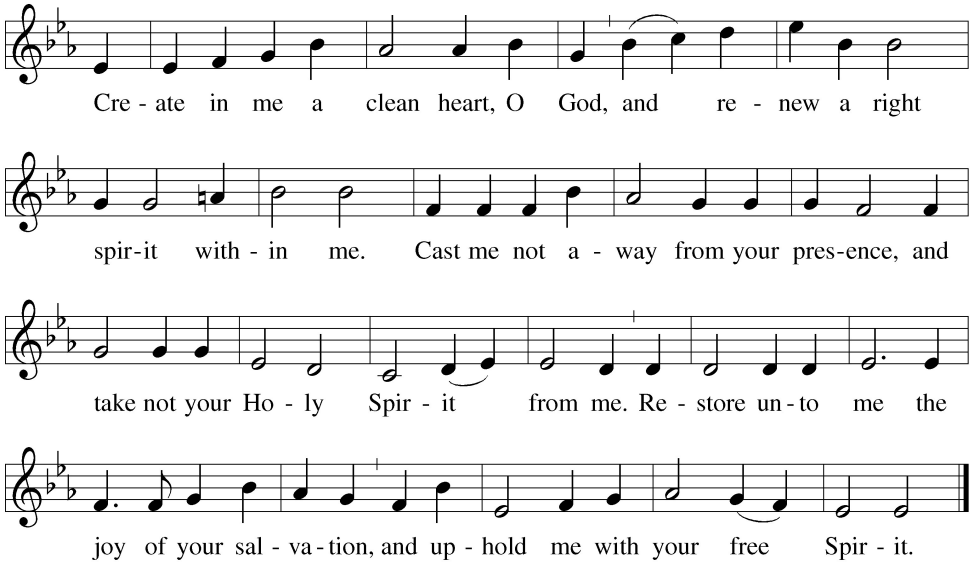
*God, the merciful and good, bought us with the Savior's blood,
and to make salvation sure, guides us by his Spirit pure.*

*Heaven and earth by him were made; all is by his scepter swayed;
what are we that he should show so much love to us below?*

*Sing my soul, adore his Name! Let his glory be thy theme:
praise him till he calls thee home; trust his love for all to come.*

Please stand.

OFFERTORY



Cre - ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re - new a right
spir-it with - in me. Cast me not a - way from your pres-ence, and
take not your Ho - ly Spir - it from me. Re - store un - to me the
joy of your sal - va - tion, and up - hold me with your free Spir - it.

Text: Psalm 51:10–12
Music: FRANCKE, J.A. Freylinghausen, 1670–1739

OFFERTORY PRAYER

A Generous God,
you feed us with the harvest of the land,
and you provide for our every need.
Receive our gifts of money, imagination, and labor,
and transform them into a feast that welcomes all,
in Jesus Christ, our host and our guest.

G Amen.

GREAT THANKSGIVING Matthew 21:9

P The Lord be with you. **G** And also with you.
P Lift up your hearts. **G** We lift them to the Lord.
P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. **G** It is right to give him thanks and praise.

P 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, O Lord, holy Father, through Christ our Lord. You bid your people to cleanse their hearts and prepare with joy for the paschal feast. Renew our zeal in faith and life, and bring us into the fullness of grace that belongs to the children of God. 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. ►

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow-er and might:
 heav'n 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, ho-san - na in the high - est.

EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER

Blessed are you,
 Lord of heaven and earth.
 In mercy for our fallen world
 you gave your only Son,
 that all those who believe in him
 should not perish,
 but have eternal life.
 We give you thanks
 for the salvation
 you have prepared
 for us through Jesus Christ.
 Send now your Holy Spirit
 into our hearts,
 that we may receive our Lord
 with a living faith
 as he comes to us in his holy supper.
 In the night in which he was betrayed,
 our Lord Jesus 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.

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. *Matthew 6:9*

AGNUS DEI

Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world;
 have mer - cy on us, have mer - cy on us.
 Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world;
 have mer - cy on us, have mer - cy on us.
 Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world;
 grant us peace, grant us peace.

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

All who thirst, all who hunger,
 come and be filled with the goodness of God.
 Amen.

The congregation is seated.

COMMUNION John 1:29

Today's service is a celebration of Holy Communion. We believe that Jesus Christ is truly present in the gifts of bread and wine, bringing forgiveness of sins and new life to all who receive this sacrament. All baptized Christians who come at our Lord's invitation are welcome at His table of grace.

Please come forward by the center aisle. The distribution of the elements is by the method of intinction (dipping). Receive the bread and dip it into the chalice (cup). Wine is in the metal chalice. Grape juice, for those who prefer it, is in the earthenware chalice. Return to your place by the side aisle.

If you are not going to receive Holy Communion, but would like to receive a blessing, please come forward with your arms crossed over your chest.


You may also receive the healing and peace of Jesus through a blessing and anointing with oil after receiving Holy Communion.

Text and tune of this much-translated hymn are the work of a Sister of Mercy who originally threw the tune away until questioned about it by a student. The author went on to a widely varied career in church music, education, and liturgical development.

HYMN FOR THE DISTRIBUTION


WOV 702

I Am the Bread of Life




1 "I am the Bread of life. You who
2 "The bread that . . . I will give is my
3 "Un - less . . . you . . . eat of the
4 "I am the res - ur - rec - tion, . . .
5 Yes, Lord,. . . I be - lieve that . . .

come to me shall not hun - ger, and who be -
flesh for the life of the world, . . . and if you
flesh of the Son of Man . . . and . . .
I . . . am the life. . . If you be -
you . . . are the Christ, . . . the . . .




lieve in me shall not thirst. No one can come to
eat . . . of this bread, and you shall . . live for -
drink . . . of his blood, die, . . . of his
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Son . . . of . . . God, who . . . has . . .




me un - less the Fa - ther beck - ons."
ev - er, . . . you shall live for - ev - er."
blood, you shall not have life with - in you."
die, . . . you shall live for - ev - er."
come in - to . . . the . . . world. . .

Refrain



"And I will raise you up, and I will raise you up,



and I will raise you up on the last day."

Text: John 6, adapt. Suzanne Toolan, SM, b. 1927
Music: BREAD OF LIFE, Suzanne Toolan, SM, b. 1927

Please stand as you are able.

BLESSING

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

Care Ministers please come forward to the altar during the singing of the Post-Communion Canticle.

Text for this hymn is based on Galatians 6:14 and is the work of one of the great English hymn-writers.
The composer developed the tune from the first Gregorian psalm tone.
It has been controversial among critics but popular with congregations.

POST-COMMUNION CANTICLE

ELW 803

When I Survey the Wondrous Cross

Musical notation for the hymn 'When I Survey the Wondrous Cross'. It consists of three staves of music in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The melody is simple and hymn-like, with lyrics written below each staff.

1 When I sur - vey the won - drous cross on which the
2 For - bid it, Lord, that I should boast save in the
3 See, from his head, his hands, his feet, sor - row and
4 Were the whole realm of na - ture mine, that were a

prince of glo - ry died, my rich - est gain I
death of Christ, my God; all the vain things that
love flow min - gled down. Did e'er such love and
pres - ent far too small; love so a - maz - ing,

count but loss and pour con - tempt on all my pride.
charm me most, I sac - ri - fice them to his blood.
sor - row meet, or thorns com - pose so rich a crown?
so di - vine, de - mands my soul, my life, my all.

Text: Isaac Watts, 1674–1748
Music: HAMBURG, Lowell Mason, 1792–1872

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

- A** Pour out upon us the spirit of your love,
O Lord, and unite the wills of those whom
you have fed with one heavenly food;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

G Amen.

SENDING – “God blesses us and sends us in mission to the world.”

SENDING OF COMMUNION CARE MINISTERS

- P** Eternal God,
whose glory is revealed in the crucified and risen Lord,
bless these your faithful servants who share your word and sacrament
with our sisters and brothers who are sick and homebound.
Hold them fast in their faithful and loving ministry.
In your love and care, nourish and strengthen those
to whom we bring this communion in the body and blood of your Son,
that we may all feast upon your abundant love made known in Jesus Christ our Lord.

G Amen.

BLESSING Numbers 6:24-26

- P** The Lord bless you and keep you.
The Lord make his face shine on you
and be gracious to you.
The Lord look upon you with favor
and \oplus give you peace.

G Amen.

DISMISSAL INTO THE WORLD FOR SERVICE Luke 7:50

- A** Go in peace. Your faith has healed you.

G Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE – "Introduction and Fugue No. 5 in A Minor"

John Nares (1715-1783)

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