

The Fifth Sunday in Lent

Sunday, March 17, 2024 – 8:00 and 10:45 AM

Thursday, March 21, 2024 – 6:30 PM

The Sacrament of Holy Communion is celebrated today. As a congregation of the Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod, we follow the historic Christian practice of closed communion. According to the words of St. Paul in 1 Corinthians 11, only those who share the same outward confession of faith join us at the altar. Members of other LC-MS congregations are welcome, but we ask that you please see the pastor before communing. If you arrive too late to do this before the service, please introduce yourself to the pastor after the service.

✠ *In Nomine Iesu* ✠

Opening Hymn

Lutheran Service Book 392
God Loves Me Dearly

Divine Service Setting Three

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Introit

Psalm 116:1-4, 8; antiphon: Psalm 43:1

Vindicate me, O God, and defend my cause against an ungodly | people,*
from the deceitful and unjust man de- | liver me!

I love the LORD, because | he has heard*
my voice and my pleas for | mercy.

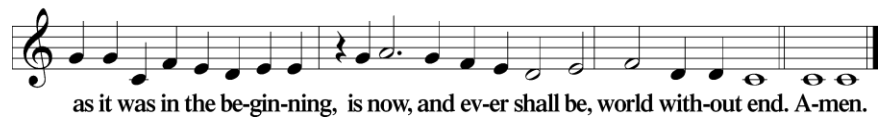
Because he inclined his | ear to me,*
therefore I will call on him as long | as I live.

The snares of death encompassed me; the pangs of Sheol laid | hold on me;*
I suffered distress and | anguish.

Then I called on the name | of the LORD:*

“O LORD, I pray, deliv- | er my soul!”

For you have delivered my | soul from death,*
my eyes from tears, my feet from | stumbling.



Vindicate me, O God, and defend my cause against an ungodly | people,*
from the deceitful and unjust man de- | liver me!

Kyrie

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Salutation and Collect

The Old Testament Reading

Jeremiah 31:31-34

³¹“Behold, the days are coming, declares the LORD, when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and the house of Judah, ³²not like the covenant that I made with their fathers on the day when I took them by the hand to bring them out of the land of Egypt, my covenant that they broke, though I was their husband, declares the LORD. ³³But this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, declares the LORD: I will put my law within them, and I will write it on their hearts. And I will be their God, and they shall be my people. ³⁴And no longer shall each one teach his neighbor and each his brother, saying, ‘Know the LORD,’ for they shall all know me, from the least of them to the greatest, declares the LORD. For I will forgive their iniquity, and I will remember their sin no more.”

P: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

The Epistle Reading

Hebrews 5:1-10

¹Every high priest chosen from among men is appointed to act on behalf of men in relation to God, to offer gifts and sacrifices for sins. ²He can deal gently with the ignorant and wayward, since he himself is beset with weakness. ³Because of this he is obligated to offer sacrifice for his own sins just as he does for those of the people. ⁴And no one takes this honor for himself, but only when called by God, just as Aaron was.

⁵So also Christ did not exalt himself to be made a high priest, but was appointed by him who said to him,

“You are my Son,
today I have begotten you”;

⁶as he says also in another place,

“You are a priest forever,
after the order of Melchizedek.”

⁷In the days of his flesh, Jesus offered up prayers and supplications, with loud cries and tears, to him who was able to save him from death, and he was heard because of his reverence. ⁸Although he was a son, he learned obedience through what he suffered. ⁹And being made perfect, he became the source of eternal salvation to all who obey him, ¹⁰being designated by God a high priest after the order of Melchizedek.

P: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

The Holy Gospel

Mark 10:(32-34)35-45

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark, the tenth chapter.



³²And they were on the road, going up to Jerusalem, and Jesus was walking ahead of them. And they were amazed, and those who followed were afraid. And taking the twelve again, he began to tell them what was to happen to him, ³³saying, “See, we are going up to Jerusalem, and the Son of Man will be delivered over to the chief priests and the scribes, and they will condemn him to death and deliver him over to the Gentiles. ³⁴And they will mock him and spit on him, and flog him and kill him. And after three days he will rise.”

³⁵And James and John, the sons of Zebedee, came up to him and said to him, “Teacher, we want you to do for us whatever we ask of you.” ³⁶And he said to them, “What do you want me to do for you?” ³⁷And they said to him, “Grant us to sit, one at your right hand and one at your left, in your glory.” ³⁸Jesus said to them, “You do not know what you are asking. Are you able to drink the cup that I drink, or to be baptized with the baptism with which I am baptized?” ³⁹And they said to him, “We are able.” And Jesus said to them, “The cup that I drink you will drink, and with the baptism with which I am baptized, you will be baptized, ⁴⁰but to sit at my right hand or at my left is not mine to grant, but it is for those for whom it has been prepared.” ⁴¹And when the ten heard it, they began to be indignant at James and John. ⁴²And Jesus called them to him and said to them, “You know that those who are considered rulers of the Gentiles lord it over them, and their great ones exercise authority over them. ⁴³But it shall not be so among you. But whoever would be great among you must be your servant, ⁴⁴and whoever would be first among you must be slave of all. ⁴⁵For even the Son of Man came not to be served but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many.”

P: This is the Gospel of the Lord.



The Nicene Creed

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Sermon Hymn

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My Song Is Love Unknown

Sermon

His Service: A Ransom for Many”

Mark 10:(32-34)35-45

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Distribution Hymns

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Nunc Dimittis

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Closing Hymn

LSB 756

Why Should Cross and Trial Grieve Me

✠ *Soli Deo Gloria* ✠

Visitors, we welcome you. Please sign the guest book and introduce yourself to the Pastor. Also complete a blue attendance card located in the pews and put an X in the () if you will be communing with us. We invite you to join us for Bible Study on Sundays at 9:30 a.m. in the school gym.

Special Services
Lenten and Holy Week

Lenten Vesper	Wednesday, March 20 (no meal) 4:00 p.m. and 6:30 p.m.
Palm Sunday Confirmation @ 10:45 service	Sunday, March 24 8:00 & 10:45 a.m.
Maundy Thursday	Thursday, March 28 4:00 & 6:30 p.m.
Good Friday	Friday, March 29 4:00 p.m. (<i>Passion account readings</i>) 6:30 p.m. (<i>Tenebrae-last 7 words of Christ readings</i>)
Easter	Sunday, March 31 8:00 & 10:00 a.m.



ANNOUNCEMENTS

Day	Date	Time	Attendance
Wednesday	3/6/24	4:00 p.m. 6:30 p.m.	58 22
Thursday	3/7/24	6:30 p.m.	24
Sunday	3/10/24	8:00 a.m. 10:45 a.m.	60 40

FLOWERS are given by the Gerloff family in memory of Michael Estes.

BULLETINS are given by Todd Pfander in memory of Clarence Laube.

WE PRAY for Joe Ananias (nephew of Lori Bolger), Michael Borchardt, Sr., Janet Brown, Melissa Brunner (daughter of Estes Grober and niece of the Gerloffs), Jennifer Chapel (niece of Linda Christian), Karen Christiansen, Kevin Coerper, Anna Rose Consigny, Sandy Damms, Harriet Davidson, Cheryl Fisher (sister of Lynn Hester), Daut Gaba, Gerald Garske, Carol Georgson, Glenn Georgson, Dale Grudzina (friend of the Wangs), Judy Hanson, Elaine Howe, Paul Howe, Michelle Johnson, Patricia Kattner (aunt of Amanda McGraw, sister of Pam Coerper), Marilyn Kolter, May Lindenberg, Barbara Linder, Rev. George Mrochen, Konnie Otto, Angeline Pence, Susan Sochowski (wife of Mark Sochowski), Sherri Syta, and Glen and Jeff Wolfersdorff (brothers of Donna Metzfeld).

SERVICE CHANGE In order to allow more opportunities for our parish family to intermingle, our Pastor and our Board of Elders have planned for a single Sunday Divine Service at 9:00 a.m. This will begin on Memorial Day weekend and end after Labor Day weekend. The Thursday 6:30 p.m. Divine Service will continue.

CALL ACCEPTED Mrs. Christina Scholz has accepted our Call to serve as a teacher at our school. Please continue with your prayers and support for the students, teachers and staff of our school.

SCHOOL/CHURCH OFFICE HOURS The *school office* will be closed during Spring Break beginning Monday, March 18 through Friday, March 22. The *church office* will have limited hours this week. In the event of an emergency, please contact Pastor Nuckols.

FESTIVAL CHOIR will rehearse every Sunday during Lent at 9:30 a.m. in the school music room as we prepare for Holy Week and Easter. Questions - please reach out to Stephen Johnson (sjohnson@ourfatherslutheran.org)

ML CONCERT The Symphonic Band of Martin Luther High School, led by Director Jessica Kindschi Walter, will be performing a concert on Sunday, March 24 at 2:00 p.m. at Martin Luther High School as part of their seven-day concert tour to Florida and Georgia. You are cordially invited to attend. A free-will offering will be received to help the students defray the cost of the tour.

ADULT BASKETBALL OPEN GYM Any adults interested in playing pick-up basketball are invited to attend open gyms on select Mondays in March, 7:30-9:00 p.m. High school students are also welcome. The next date is March 25. Contact Ben Janetzke with any questions. bjanetzke@ourfatherslutheran.org

EASTER EGG HUNT Bring your family out to the Our Father's Easter Egg Hunt on Saturday, March 30. Enjoy some beverages and snacks while you watch the 1 yr. olds through 4th graders hunt for their eggs. Details and a sign-up sheet are in the Narthex. The deadline to sign up is Tuesday, March 26.

THRIVENT MEMBERS This is a reminder to all church and school families who have Thrivent Financial Contracts that Thrivent Choice Dollars for 2023 must be directed by March 31, 2024. You need to log into your Thrivent account information to do this. You have many choices where your Choice Dollars can be given; but just as a reminder, you can designate these dollars to be given to Our Father's Lutheran Church or Our Father's Lutheran School. If you have any questions, please contact Linda Hojnacki at (414) 427-5949.

TROJAN HIGHLIGHT OF THE WEEK The Class of '24 organized and hosted the first ever "March Madness" event in the gym on Saturday. Attendees were invited to participate in various basketball-related events such as a 3-point shooting contest, a free throw shooting contest, and a half-court challenge. The main events were the basketball games. One game pitted the students against the staff, while the other game saw the students squaring off against the alumni. It was truly a fun event that also raised money for the class trip to Boston.

THIS WEEK AT A GLANCE

Sunday	3/17	DIVINE SERVICES Sunday School/Adult Bible Class Festival Choir Rehearsal	8:00 & 10:45 a.m. 9:30 a.m. 9:30 a.m.
Monday-Friday	3/18-3/22	No School – Spring Break	
Wednesday	3/20	NO CHAPEL SERVICE Morning Bible Study LENTEN VESPER SERVICE NO Light Meal	9:30 a.m. 4:00 & 6:30 p.m.
Thursday	3/21	DIVINE SERVICE	6:30 p.m.
Sunday	3/24	DIVINE SERVICES (Confirmation at late service) Sunday School/Adult Bible Class Festival Choir Rehearsal	8:00 & 10:45 a.m. 9:30 a.m. 9:30 a.m.



**THE CONGREGATION AT PRAYER
FOR THE WEEK OF
THE FIFTH SUNDAY IN LENT**

*“His Service: A Ransom for Many”
March 17 through March 23, 2024*

How should I pray for the preaching of the cross? Lord God, grant that Your holy Word might be preached in its truth and purity so that Christ crucified might be clearly proclaimed to all nations. Feed Your people upon the holy Sacraments that they may have the strength to bear all their crosses and finish the race set before them. Give to us the eyes of faith that see You in the midst of all our sorrows, instead of seeking You in glory and success. AMEN.

INVOCATION: In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. **AMEN.**

THE CREED

VERSE: Blessed rather are those who hear the word of God and keep it! **Luke 11:28**

COLLECT FOR THE WEEK: Almighty God, by Your great goodness mercifully look upon Your people that we may be governed and preserved evermore in body and soul; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **AMEN**

PSALM OF THE WEEK: 118:19-29

PSALMODY PRAYER: Grant that I shall not die but live, O Lord, and enter through faith in Him who is the Gate of all the righteous. Hosanna! Come and save us from Your house. **AMEN.**

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday	Matthew 27:45-66
Tuesday	John 12:1-11
Wednesday	John 12:12-26
Thursday	John 13:1-20
Friday	John 13:21-38
Saturday	John 12:20-43

CATECHISM FOR THE WEEK: Table of Duties

What the Hearers Owe Their Pastors

We ask you, brothers, to respect those who work hard among you, who are over you in the Lord and who admonish you. Hold them in the highest regard in love because of their work. Live in peace with each other.

1 Thessalonians 5:12-13

Obey your leaders and submit to their authority. They keep watch over you as men who must give an account. Obey them so that their work will be a joy, not a burden, for that would be of no advantage to you.

Hebrews 13:17

Luther, Large Catechism, Sacrament of the Altar (1528): You will certainly also, in addition to the flesh and the world, have the devil about you. Him you will not completely tread under foot because not even our Lord Christ could entirely avoid His temptations. Now, what is the devil? Nothing else than what the Scripture calls him, a liar and a murderer. He is a liar who seduces the heart away from God’s Word and blinds it so that you become insensitive to your need and unable to come to Christ. He is a murderer who begrudges you every hour of your life. If you could see how many of his knives, spears, and arrows are aimed at you every moment, you would be glad to come to the Sacrament as often as you can. The one reason why we go about so heedlessly in our false sense of security is that we do not admit or believe that we are living in the flesh, in the world, and in the devil’s domain. Here, therefore, is something for you to try; practice it well: Look down deep into yourself, look round about you a little, and simply hold to what Scripture says about it all. If after doing this you still feel no need of the Sacrament, then you have all the more reason to lay your trouble before both God and your brother. Seek the counsel of others, and let them pray for you, and be sure not to give up until the rocky crust of your heart is broken. The trouble you are in will then be laid open to view, and you will become aware that you have sunk twice as low as any other poor sinner and are in much greater

need than he of the Sacrament in order to overcome the misery which, unfortunately, you did not see. Be sure to do this. God may give you grace to become more sensitive to your need and hungrier for the Sacrament. You should do this especially because in his attempt to capture and ruin you, soul and body, the devil is pressuring and pursuing you so hard that you cannot be safe from him for a single hour. How much he would like to bring you into sudden misery and trouble when you least expect it! Let this serve as an exhortation not only for us older grown-ups but also for the young people who are to be brought up in Christian doctrine and its right understanding. It might help to make it easier to instill the Ten Commandments, the Creed, and the Lord's Prayer into the young, so that they would gladly and genuinely accept them and put them early into habitual use. For we are really at the point where we can do no more with older people in order to assure the perpetuation of these and similar teachings. All we can expect to do is to train the people who are to come after us and step into our office and work so that, in their turn, they will bring up their children well. In this way, God's Word and the Christian church will be preserved. Therefore, let every head of a family remember that God's injunction and command makes him responsible to teach his children, or to have them taught, what they know. Having been baptized and taken up into the Christian church, the young people should also enjoy this fellowship of the Sacrament so that they may become useful and of service to us. For surely they are all to help us to live lives of faith, love, and prayer, and to fight against the devil. (CPH, 1978, pp. 120-121)

PRAYER: Each day a different aspect of Christian life is covered.

Monday	Our Baptism, calling, and daily work
Tuesday	Deliverance from sin and temptation
Wednesday	Marriage, family, and schools
Thursday	The Lord's Supper, the Church, and Her Pastors
Friday	The Preaching of the Cross, the persecuted, and missions
Saturday	True repentance and restoration of the withering
Sunday	The Hope of the resurrection and faithfulness to the Word

THE LORD'S PRAYER

LUTHER'S MORNING PRAYER: I thank You, my heavenly Father, through Jesus Christ, Your dear Son, that You have kept me this night from all harm and danger; and I pray that You would keep me this day also from sin and every evil, that all my doings and life may please You. For into Your hands I commend myself, my body and soul, and all things. Let Your holy angel be with me that the Evil Foe may have no power over me. **AMEN.**

OR

LUTHER'S EVENING PRAYER: I thank You, my heavenly Father, through Jesus Christ, Your dear Son, that You have graciously kept me this day; and I pray that You would forgive me all my sins where I have done wrong, and graciously keep me this night. For into Your hands I commend myself, my body and soul, and all things. Let Your holy angel be with me, that the Evil Foe may have no power over me. **AMEN.**

HYMN OF THE WEEK: *LSB 451* "Stricken, Smitten, and Afflicted" (stanza 1)

**LOOKING FORWARD TO
THE WEEK OF
PALM SUNDAY**

March 24, 2024

“My Death Glorifies the Father”

HYMNS FOR NEXT SUNDAY: 442, 438, 444, 451, 429, 441

READINGS

Zechariah 9:9-12

Philippians 2:5-11

John 12:20-43

The Sunday of the Passion is a traditional festival that returned to the calendar with the publication of *Lutheran Worship*. Reading the Passion account for the first time on this Sunday sets Holy Week apart from the rest of Lent. In the early church the Passion account was read throughout the week, while the weeks before this were reserved for catechesis, the deepening of specific aspects of the faith. As people began to neglect the daily services the entire account was transferred to Sunday. Lutherans continued this practice and Bach wrote musical versions of the Passion narratives to be used for the Gospel reading on that Sunday. American Lutherans drifted away from this practice and began to read the Passion narrative in their devotional services of the Lenten season. The liturgy begins with the procession of the palms as a reminder of the historic entrance of Christ into Jerusalem. This Palm Sunday character brings the atmosphere of celebration, but the reading of the Passion reminds us that Christ comes to die. Only through the way of the cross and Passion, the way of death, can there be true resurrection. You have been called to walk in this way and the praises of this world mean nothing compared to the life offered to you in the body and soul by the One who has already won the victory. As you sing the words of Palm Sunday in the liturgy, you rejoice that your King comes to you in the humble elements of bread and wine to offer forgiveness of sins, life, and salvation.

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