

Fifth Sunday in Lent
April 6, 2025
8:30am & 11am Worship



Central Lutheran Church
1857 Potter Street
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CALL TO WORSHIP

The Carillon

PRELUDE (8:30) *Erbarm dich (Have Mercy on Me)* Bach
(11:00) Improvisation on the Vik/Spratlen Carillon Jack McGaughey

WELCOME

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS *(please stand as you are able)*

God of all mercy and consolation, come to the aid of your people, turning us from our sin to live for you alone. Give us the power of your Holy Spirit that we may confess our sin, receive your forgiveness, and grow into the fullness of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

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

Silence is kept for self-examination.

Most Merciful God,
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.

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 unto you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the ✠ Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

HYMN #927 Christ Is the Life



1 Christ is the life of all that is, God's pure cre - a - tive
 2 Christ is the death of all that is; a broad and beck - 'ning
 3 Christ is the death of all that is, a bright, con - sum - ing
 4 Christ is the life of all that is, Be - gin - ning and the



Word, whose pow'r be - yond and through all space the
 tomb, who wel - comes us from well - worn ways to
 fire, whose flames re - quire our pri - or self as
 End; cre - a - tive force, most peace - ful death, trans -



worlds to Be - ing stirred. Christ is the life be - yond all
 dark - ness of the womb. Christ is the death, the sink - ing
 kin - dling for the pyre. Christ is the death of dust - y
 form - ing burn - ing brand. Christ is the life, in whose wise



time, cre - a - tion's birth and breath, whose la - bor
 down past all de - sire and fear, whose prom - ise
 days of un - cre - a - tive strife, for out from
 love cre - a - tion lives and dies and thus for -

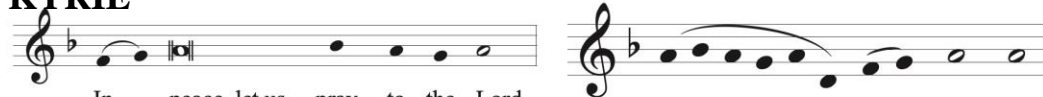


brings all things to be and brings all things to death.
 in the gen - tle dark bids new - ness to ap - pear.
 fire we tread up - on the thresh - old of new life.
 ev - er - more shall bless the Source, the liv - ing Christ.


GREETING

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.**

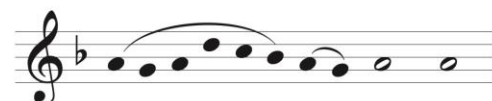
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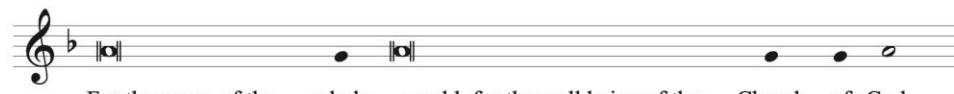
In peace, let us pray to the Lord. Lord, have mer - cy.



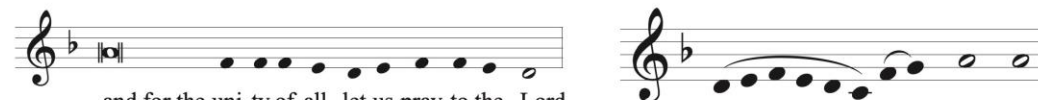
For the peace from a - bove, and for our sal - vation, let us pray to the Lord.




Lord, have mer - cy.



For the peace of the whole world, for the well being of the Church of God,



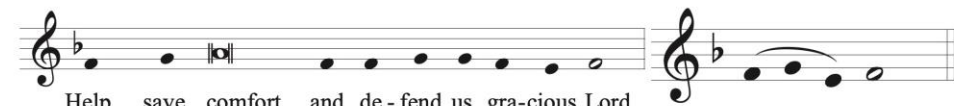
and for the uni-ty of all, let us pray to the Lord. Lord have mer-cy.



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.

The Canticle of Praise is omitted during Lent

PRAYER OF THE DAY

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)*

ANTHEM (8:30) *O Holy Jesus* - Jonathan Willcocks Chorale

FIRST READING Isaiah 43:16-21

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

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. The Word of Life. **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM 126



¹ When the Lord restored the for-¹

tunes of Zion, then were we like¹ those who dream.

² **Then was our mouth filled with laughter, and our tongue with¹ shouts of joy. Then they said among the nations, “The Lord has done great¹ things for them.”**

³ The Lord has done great¹ things for us, and we are¹ glad indeed.

⁴ **Restore our for-¹ tunes, O Lord like the watercourses¹ of the Negeb.**

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

⁶ **Those who go out weeping, carry- | ing the seed,
will come again with joy, shoulder- | ing their sheaves.**

Glory be to the Father, and | to the Son, and to the | Holy Spirit.

As it was in the begin- | ning, is now, and will be fore- | ver. Amen.

SECOND READING Philippians 3:4b-14

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.

[Paul writes:] ^{4b} If anyone else has reason to be confident in the flesh, I have more: ⁵ 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; ⁶ as to zeal, a persecutor of the church; as to righteousness under the law, blameless. ⁷ Yet whatever gains I had, these I have come to regard as loss because of Christ. ⁸ 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 ⁹ 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. ¹⁰ I want to know Christ and the power of his resurrection and the sharing of his sufferings by becoming like him in his death, ¹¹ if somehow I may attain the resurrection from the dead. ¹² 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. ¹³ 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, ¹⁴ I press on toward the goal for the prize of the heavenly call of God in Christ Jesus.

The Word of Life. Thanks be to God.

During the Lenten Acclamation our children are invited to join Pastor Laurie in the chapel for a special message. We will return during the sharing of the peace.

LENTEN ACCLAMATION *(please stand)*

Handbells

Glor - ry and praise

to you, O Lord Je - sus Christ.

The musical score is written on two staves. The first staff begins with a treble clef and a key signature of one flat (B-flat). It features a series of chords and notes, with the word 'Handbells' written below the first few notes. The second staff continues the melody with a treble clef and a key signature of one flat, with lyrics written below the notes.

Cantors: Forgetting what lies behind and straining forward to what ¹ lies ahead,* I press on toward the goal for the prize of the heavenly call of God ¹ in Christ Jesus. **(Repeat Antiphon)**

GOSPEL John 12:1-8

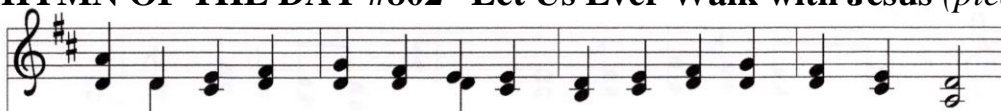
The Gospel according to John, the 12th chapter. **Glory to you, O Lord.**

¹ Six days before the Passover Jesus came to Bethany, the home of Lazarus, whom he had raised from the dead. ² There they gave a dinner for him. Martha served, and Lazarus was one of those at the table with him. ³ 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. ⁴ But 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.) ⁷ Jesus said, "Leave her alone. She bought it so that she might keep it for the day of my burial. ⁸ You always have the poor with you, but you do not always have me." The Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

SERMON

Pastor Ben Nickodemus

HYMN OF THE DAY #802 Let Us Ever Walk with Jesus (*please stand*)



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 - ti - ence 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 - bid; 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.

APOSTLES' CREED

With the whole church through the ages, let us confess our Christian faith using the words of the 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. *(please be seated)*

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you always. **And also with you.**

OUR LIFE TOGETHER

OFFERING

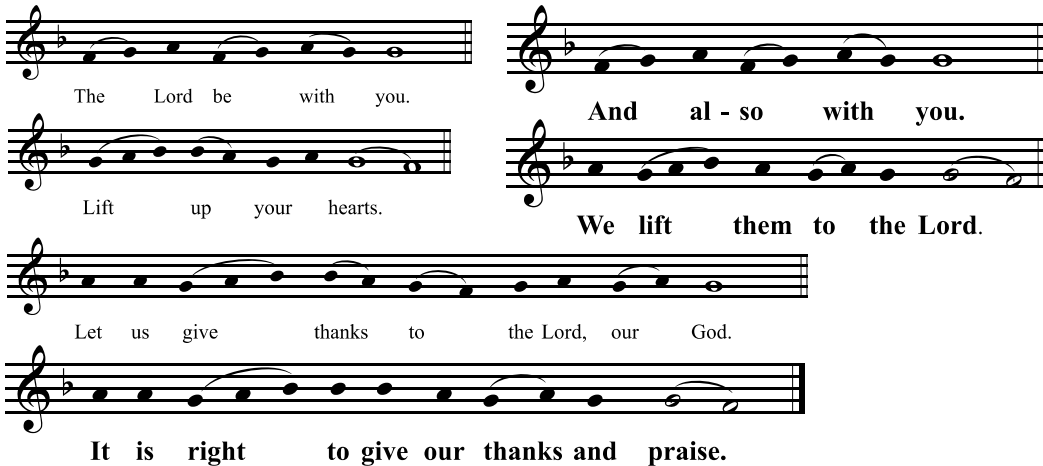
You may bring your offering forward during communion and place it in the plate.

OFFERTORY ANTHEM *Sing, My Tongue (Pange lingua)* Gregorian Hymn

OFFERTORY PRAYER *(please stand)*

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. **Amen.**

GREAT THANKSGIVING



The Lord be with you.
Lift up your hearts.

And al - so with you.
We lift them to the Lord.

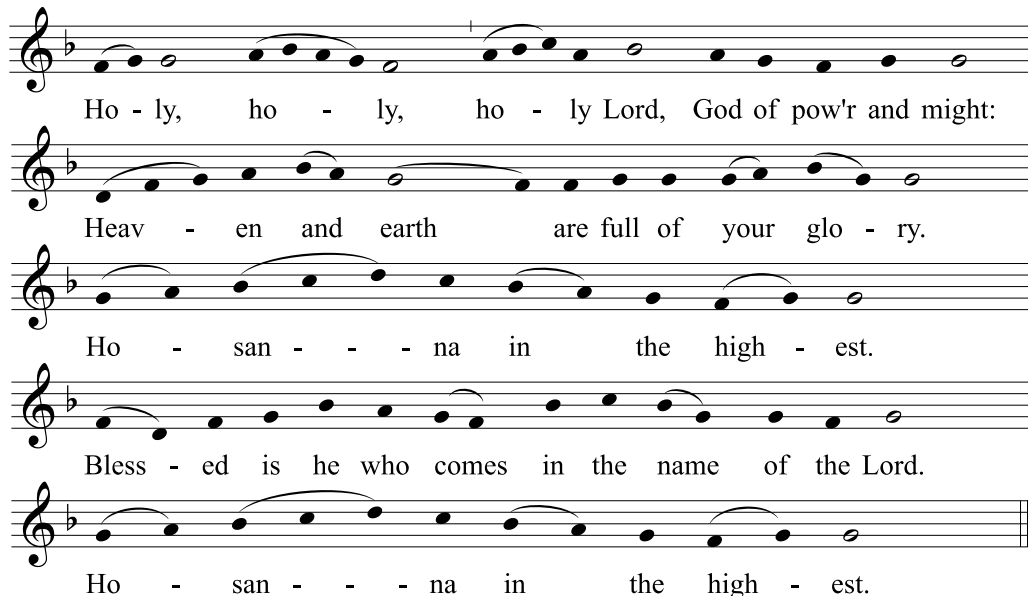
Let us give thanks to the Lord, our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

PROPER PREFACE

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



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

You are indeed holy, almighty and merciful God. You are most holy, and great is the majesty of your glory. You so loved the world that you gave your only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but have eternal life. We give you thanks for his coming into the world to fulfill for us your holy will and to accomplish all things for our salvation.

In the night in which he was betrayed, 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.

LORD'S PRAYER

Gathered into one by the Ho - ly Spir - it let us pray as Je - sus taught us.
Our - Fa - ther in heav - ven 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
for-give those who sin - a - gainst us. Save us from the time of tri - al
and de - liv - er us from e - vil, For the king - dom, the pow'r
and the glo - ry are yours, now and for-ev - er. A - men. -

INVITATION TO COMMUNION *(please be seated)*

You are invited to come forward and kneel (or stand) at the altar rail where you will receive the bread in the form of a wafer and an individual cup of red wine or white grape juice. If you prefer not having to navigate steps, we invite you to come forward and sit in the front pew and the communion servers will come to you. All are welcome at the Lord's table.

COMMUNION DISTRIBUTION

MOTET (8:30) *Miserere mei* William Byrd
Have mercy upon me, O God, after thy great goodness; according to the multitude of thy mercies, do away mine offenses.

ANTHEM (11:00) *Great Gate of Kyiv (Pictures at an Exhibition)* Mussorgsky
Handbell Ensemble with Lindsey Henriksen Rodgers, Chapel [Echo] organ & Brombaugh organ; Steve Rodgers, Vik/Spratlen Carillon

POST-COMMUNION BLESSING & PRAYER

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

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

BENEDICTION (*please stand*)

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 ☩ give you peace. **Amen.**

HYMN #811 On My Heart Imprint Your Image (see next page)

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Serve the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

ORGAN VOLUNTARY Passacaglia, BWV 582.1 Johann Sebastian Bach
One of the great monuments of organ literature, the **Passacaglia** has served as the benchmark for composers writing theme and variations genres. Several composers in their sets of variations have approached the breath and magnitude of Bach's masterpiece but in 250 years, no one has surpassed it. The **Passacaglia** is based upon a theme, which is first presented alone in the pedal part. Following the introduction of the theme, Bach presents 20 variations during which the theme is present in either a specific voice of the texture or implied through the chordal structure. The Fugue which follows will not be heard today.

HYMN #811 On My Heart Imprint Your Image (sung twice)

DER AM KREUZ

On my heart im - print your im - age, bless - ed Je - sus, king of grace,

that life's trou - bles nor its plea - sures ev - er may your work e - rase.

Let the clear in - scrip - tion be: Je - sus, cru - ci - fied for me,

is my life, my hope's foun - da - tion, all my glo - ry and sal - va - tion!

Cantor (11am): Bernie Bopp

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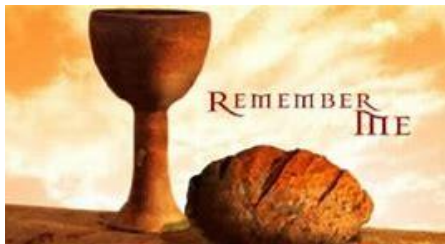
The altar flowers are given to the Glory of God by the Haugen and Wanichek Families in celebration of Thelma Montgomery's 85th birthday.

Join us for our last midweek Lenten services before Holy Week – Together Tuesday, April 8th with soup supper starting at 5:15pm, followed by Music Together, Children's Choir & Jr. Cantor Rehearsal, Adult Education, and concluding with Holden Evening Prayer at 7:00pm in the Sanctuary or Matins on Wednesday, April 9th in the Chapel with soup luncheon following. **Please note:** There will be no Together Tuesday meal or Adult Education during Holy Week, however Music Together and Children's Choir will be taking place.

New Members will be received on Palm Sunday, April 13th at 8:30am & 11am. If you are interested in joining Central or would like more information, please indicate this on a pew card (and place it in the offering plate) or contact one of the pastors.

The Young Adult Bible Study with Vicar Ian will meet on Saturday, April 26 at United from 11am-noon.

Note: There's a new format for the Centralite! Produced quarterly (Mar/Jun/Sept/Dec) we hope to highlight a few of Central's ministries and significant events happening in Our Life Together. Friends and members on our electronic email list will receive it directly to your inbox and copies will be made available in the Narthex or by calling the church office. Your feedback is requested as well as submissions for future issues. Please email info@welcometocentral.org if you'd like to make suggestions or be added to the mailing list (via email or USPS). Finally, we intend to make Council minutes (once approved) and financial reports available on a monthly basis rather than including that information in the Quarterly Centralite. Please bear with us as we roll out these transitions!



MAUNDY THURSDAY

April 17
noon at United
7:30pm at Central

*Jesus shares his last meal
with his disciples.*

GOOD FRIDAY

April 18
Noon & 7:30pm
with Prayer Vigil in the Chapel from 1-3pm
Jesus is crucified.



CHILDREN'S EASTER EGG PARTY

Holy Saturday, April 19
Meet in the Parish Hall at 10am



EASTER VIGIL

Holy Saturday, April 19
8pm at United
From death to life.

EASTER SUNDAY FESTIVAL WORSHIP

April 20
8:30am and 11:00am
The Resurrection of Our Lord.