

Fifth Sunday in Lent



Messiah Lutheran Church
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TO OUR GUESTS: WELCOME!

May the God who led you here today refresh you with his grace and peace in Christ Jesus as you spend this hour with us. We're glad you're here.

Some helpful things to know

- ***Let us know that you were here.*** You'll find a visitor's card in the pew rack that you can fill out and either hand to an usher or drop in the offering plate.



- ***Restless children?*** Nursery care is available during the late Sunday morning services. We also have a room where parents can tend to little ones while watching and listening to the service. Ask an usher for directions.

- ***Large print bulletins and personal audio receivers*** are available at Sunday services for any who may find them helpful. Don't hesitate to ask an usher.

- ***May you commune at Messiah?*** Yes, if you're a baptized communicant elsewhere and are able to respond with joyful confidence when Christ invites you to meet him in the sacrament here. As he says of the bread, "This is my body," and of the cup, "This is my blood"; and of both he says, "given and shed for you."

- ***Our communion procedures:*** the sacrament is distributed at the head of the aisle. Come forward as the usher directs. For receiving the wine, two cups are available, one to drink from and a second to dip the host in. Follow your preference. If you choose not to commune but would like even so to receive a blessing, approach the pastor or assisting minister with your arms crossed. For a gluten-free host, quietly ask the pastor.

FIFTH SUNDAY IN LENT

APRIL 7, 8:30 & 11 AM

*The congregation is invited to participate at the places marked with **bold** type*

WE PREPARE FOR GOD'S GIFTS...

Music and Quiet

"Prelude in Eb," Terschak (8:30)

"Lenten Meditation," Paul A. McKlveen (11:00)

Asking God's Forgiveness (8:30 only)

Stand

In the name of the Father, and the ✠ Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

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 Lord.

Amen.

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 self-examination.

Most merciful God

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.

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.

Amen.

Opening Hymn

“All Who Believe and Are Baptized,” #442

Baptism (11:00 only)

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.

Kyrie (8:30 only)



In peace, let us pray to the Lord.



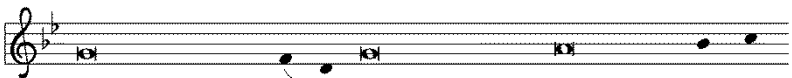
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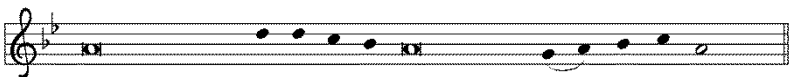
For the peace from a - bove, and for our sal - vation, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



For the peace of the whole world, for the well - being of the church of



God, and for the u - ni - ty of all, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mer - cy.

For this ho - ly house, and for all who offer 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.

GOD'S WORD

Today's Prayer

Let us pray. O God, with steadfast love you draw us to yourself, and in mercy you receive our prayers. Strengthen us to bring forth the fruits of the Spirit, that through life and death we may live in your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reins with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

Sit

From the Old Testament

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.

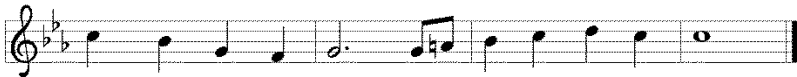
The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

From the Book of Psalms

126

Cantor sings refrain; All sing refrain



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



Cantor sings verses in regular print; All sing verses in bold print

¹When the LORD restored the for- | tunes of Zion,
then were we like | those who dream.

²**Then 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."**

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

⁴**Restore our for- | tunes, O LORD,
like the watercourses | of the Negeb. Refrain**

⁵Those 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. Refrain**

[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.

The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

From one of the four Gospels

John 12:1-8

Gospel Acclamation “On My Heart Imprint Your Image,” #811 (8:30)

On my heart imprint your image,
Blessed Jesus, king of grace,
That life’s troubles nor its pleasures
Ever may your work erase.
Let the clear inscription be:
Jesus, crucified for me,
Is my life, my hope’s foundation,
All my glory and salvation!

“God’s Promise,” Mark Patterson (Kindergarten –
Grade 3 Choir 11:00)

The Holy Gospel is recorded in the 12th chapter of St. John

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 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 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."

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

Sit

God's Word for Today

Pastor Burce

Stand

Hymn for Today

"When I Survey the Wondrous Cross," #803

Confessing our Faith

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

Offering our Prayers

After each portion of the prayers:

Lord, in your mercy. . .

. . . **Hear our prayer.**

Sharing Christ's peace

The peace of the Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Greet those around you with these or similar words

Sit

Gathering Our Gifts

“Christ, the Life of All the Living,”

J.C. Bach (8:30)

“The Savior’s Cross,” Jason W. Krug (11:00)

Stand

The Gifts Are Presented

“Create in Me a Clean Heart,” #186

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 to me the joy of
your sal-va-tion, and up-hold me with your free Spir-it.

Let us pray. Receive, O God,

our bodies and souls and all our talents, together with these offerings we bring before you. For you have bought us to be your own, that we may live for you. Amen.

CHRIST, OUR FOOD AND DRINK

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.


Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

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




Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and



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



san - na in the high - est, 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.

Prayer of Consecration

Holy, mighty and merciful Lord. . .now and forever.

Amen.

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread.

Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and forever. Amen.

Sit.

To learn how we distribute communion, see the inside front cover.

Communion Hymns

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

“Alas! And Did My Savior Bleed #337

“For the Bread Which You Have Broken” #494

Stand

Post Communion Prayer

Almighty God, you provide the true bread from heaven, your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Grant that we who have received the Sacrament of his body and blood may abide in him and he in us, that we may be filled with the power of his endless life, now and forever. **Amen.**

ON OUR WAY

A Final Word and Promise

Almighty God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit bless you now and forever.

Amen.

A Hymn

“My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less”

#597

A Mission

Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Music as we leave

“A Lamb Goes Uncomplaining Forth,”

James Biery

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SERVING TODAY

Preaching Minister – Pr. Burce

Presiding Minister – Pr. Bridger

Assisting Ministers – Ron Coulter (8:30); Mike Allan (11:00)

Lectors – Marty Uhle (8:30); Brandon Piteo, (11:00)

Communion Assistants – Linda Herhuth, Kent Skurkey, Lee Vysoky (8:30);
Liz Kitzel, Nancie Smith (11:00)

Acolytes – De' Ante Furry, Gavin Waugaman (8:30);
Alex Rendziak, Leah Vandrasik (11:00)

Cantor – Brad Paton (8:30); Katie Campogni (11:00)

Messiah Kindergarten – K-3 Grade Choir (11:00) – Directed by Kate Ilg

Joy Ringers – Directed by Ruth King

Instrumentalists – Dale Mortensen, Clarinet (8:30); Luke Mortensen,
Saxophone (8:30)

Organist – Connie Triplett

Deacons – Raffee Johns, Steve Turnbull (8:30);
Amy Hunger, Mark Hunger (11:00)

Greeters – Wil & Geri Schuett (8:30);
Tom Chalfant (11:00)

Ushers – Ken Novack, Gregory Prohaska, Greg Prohaska (8:30);
Jenna Cvijovic, Tom Cvijovic, Carolyn Flanagan, Larry Flanagan (11:00)

Nursery – Jennifer Helmink, Haley Tome (11:00)

Trustee – Greg Prohaska (11:00)

Altar Guild – Diane Paton, Ally Paton, Maria Geier

IN OUR PRAYERS

- ❖ The Church in its calling to lift up the gift of Christ's death for the world
- ❖ Those burdened today with judgment and shame
- ❖ Our congregation as it prepares for Holy Week
- ❖ The poor, the dispossessed and the dying
- ❖ Simon Francis Neumann baptized this weekend
- ❖ Health matters: Bill Bound, Trudy Gustke, Jodi Hoffman, Carol Kubovcik, Bill Manthey, Arline Pillivant, Audrey Ruetzger, Don Schlunt, Jean Uhle

ALTAR FLOWERS ARE GIVEN

In honor of the baptism of Simon Francis Neumann by his grandparents,
Phil and Kathy Neumann

THIS WEEK'S COMMEMORATIONS

April 6—ALBRECHT DUERER, d. 1528, and MICHELANGELO BUONARROTI, d. 1564, great artists of the Renaissance and Reformation whose work continues to inform and shape the faith of Christian people.

April 10—MIKAEL AGRICOLA, d. 1577, Bishop of Turku, Finland. Agricola studied with Luther and Philip Melanchthon in Wittenberg and brought the Reformation to Finland. He also devised a system for putting Finnish into written form.

GOD'S WORD FOR NEXT WEEK

Palm Sunday

Isaiah 50:4-91, Psalm 31:9-16, Philippians 2:5-11, Luke 22:14-23;56

We encourage you to read the lessons as part of your preparation for divine services.

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Associate Pastor – Seth Bridger

Youth Director – Peggy Schauer

Pastoral Assistant – Ruth Mortensen

Music Director – Connie Triplett

Messiah School Principal – Helen Casselberry

Administrator – Darlene Waugh

Pierstorf Memorial Fund Director – Martin Uhle

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