

# Fifth Sunday of Lent

SERVICE OF THE WORD - 06 April 2025

# THE GATHERING

Welcome, Announcements, Prayer Requests {Congregational responses are in Bold/Italics}

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

The Earth is the Lord's and all that is in it...Praise the Lord! The Lord's Name be praised...

Let us pray...

God of the Covenant, in the glory of the Cross Your Son embraced the power of death and broke its hold over Your people. Draw all people to Yourself during this time of repentance, so that we who confess Jesus as Lord may put aside the deeds of death and accept the Life of Your Kingdom. Amen

*HYMN* "Come, Christians, Join to Sing" #045

### PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Let us pray...God of Grace, we confess that we have elevated the things of this world above You. We have made idols of possessions and people and used Your name for causes that are not consistent with You and Your purposes. We have permitted our schedules to come first and have not taken the time to worship or obey You completely. We have not always honored those who guided us in life. We have participated in systems that take life instead of give it. We have been unfaithful in our covenant relationships. We have yearned for, and sometimes taken, that which is not ours, and we have misrepresented others' intentions. Forgive us, O God, for the many ways we fall short of Your glory. Help us to learn to live together according to Your ways through Jesus Christ, our Lord. AMEN ABSOLUTION/ASSURANCE OF PARDON This is the Good News of the Gospel of Jesus Christ! He came to save sinners, bore our sins on the Cross, made us dead to sin and alive to all that is good; I assure you then, when you confess your sins in Jesus' name, you are forgiven. Alleluia and Amen.

# Holy Scripture

### OLD TESTAMENT LESSON - Isaiah 43.16-21

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.

**RESPONSIVE READING** - Psalm 126

When the LORD restored the fortunes of Zion, we were like those who dream.
Then our mouth was filled with laughter, and our tongue with shouts of joy; then it was said among the nations, "The LORD has done great things for them."
The LORD has done great things for us, and we rejoiced.
Restore our fortunes, O LORD, like the watercourses in the Negeb.

May those who sow in tears reap with shouts of joy. [All] those who go out weeping, bearing the seed for sowing, [They] shall come home with shouts of joy, carrying their sheaves.

#### NEW TESTAMENT LESSON - John 12.1-8

Six days before the Passover, Jesus came to Bethany, the home of Lazarus, whom He had raised from the dead. There they gave a dinner for Him. Martha served, and Lazarus was one of those at the table with Him. 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. But Judas Iscariot, one of His Disciples (the one who was about to betray [Jesus]), said, "Why was this perfume not sold for three hundred denarii and the money given to the poor?" (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.) Jesus said, "Leave her alone. She bought it so that she might keep it for the day of My burial. You always have the poor with you, but you do not always have Me.

> This is the Word of the Lord! Thanks be to God!

#### SERMON "The Future..." Pastor Larry

#### **CONFESSION OF FAITH** - The Apostle's Creed

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, Maker of Heaven and Earth; and in Jesus Christ His only Son, our Lord: Who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; the third day He rose from the dead; He ascended into Heaven, and sitteth at the right hand of God, the Father Almighty; from thence He shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church, the Communion of Saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. AMEN

# The Eucharist

#### THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

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 Him thanks and praise...

It is truly right and our greatest joy to give You thanks and praise, O Lord our God, Creator and Ruler of the Universe. You made all things in Your wisdom and sustain them by Your power. You formed us in Your image, setting us in this world to love and serve You, living in peace with Your whole Creation; when we rebelled against You by refusing to trust and obey You, You did not reject us, but still claimed us as Your own. You sent prophets to call us back to Your way and one day we will join with them in the eternal chorus, lifting our voices, singing with them our joyful hymn of praise:

Holy! Holy! Holy! Lord God Almighty! Early in the morning, Our song shall rise to Thee! Holy! Holy! Holy! Merciful and Mighty! God in Three Persons, Blessed Trinity!

#### **OFFERING, DOXOLOGY, PRAYER**

HYMN "Oh, How I love Jesus"

#062

### **PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE** *and the* **EUCHARISTIC PRAYER**

#### THE WORDS OF INSTITUTION and THE LORD'S PRAYER

Let us pray...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. Lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil; for Thine is the Kingdom, and the Power, and the Glory, forever and forever. AMEN

Lord in Your mercy, hear our prayer.

### **DISTRIBUTION & COMMUNION BLESSING**

HYMN

"Blessesd Assurance"

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#### THE AARONIC BLESSING

#### THE DISMISSAL

Go in Peace and serve the Lord! Thanks be to God!

### LET THERE <u>BE PEACE</u> ON EARTH

Let there be peace on Earth and let it begin with me; Let there be peace on Earth, Peace that was meant to be; With God as our Father, brothers all are we; Let me walk with my brothers in perfect harmony!

Let peace begin with me, let this be the moment now; With every step I take, let this be my solemn vow; To take each moment and live each moment in peace eternally Let there be peace on Earth and let it begin with me!

#### IN OUR PRAYERS

Please give any prayer requests to Pastor Larry.

#### SERVING TODAY

Reader Offering Communion Dean Carson Bob Burchard Fran Thibideau Dot Smith

#### CHURCH COUNCIL - - - meets every 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday

President Vice President Treasurer Secretary Py 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday Dot Smith Steve Benz Dean Carson Fran Thibideau Pat Spence Ellie Selk Bob Burchard Bubbles Burress

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Sunday Worship: Thursday Bible Study: 10.00am Cancelled this week

#### **UPCOMING EVENTS**

Palm Sunday/Pastor Installation:	{13 April 2025}	10.00am
Maundy Thursday Service:	{17 April 2025}	7.00pm
Good Friday Service:	{18 April 2025}	12.00pm
Easter Sunday Service:	{20 April 2025}	10.00am

#### **FUTURE EVENTS:**

Church "All-Around" Workday: Date/Time TBD "Service in the Park" for Memorial Day: Date/Time TBD

Pastor Larry will be at a conference from Tuesday through Saturday

