

Sunday April 6, 2025

Fifth Sunday in Lent



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MISSION STATEMENT

*We will LIVE and SERVE through FAITH
we will ACT with LOVE and KINDNESS
we will GIVE hope and SUPPORT to all.*

CALL TO WORSHIP: “I Will Call Upon the Lord”

CCLI# 241462

Group 1: I will call upon the Lord

Group 2: I will call upon the Lord

Group 1: Who is worthy to be praised

Group 2: Who is worthy to be praised

Group 1: So Shall I be saved from mine enemies

Group 2: So Shall I be saved from mine enemies

Chorus: The Lord liveth and blessed be the Rock
and may the God of my salvation be exalted.

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(sing twice)

ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRAYER & CARE LIST: Ron & Jan Aho, George Larson, Noah Elias.

COFFEE SERVERS NEEDED Please sign up so we may continue to enjoy coffee & fellowship after service. The signup sheet is on the bulletin board mounted in the Fellowship Hall next to the serving window.

LECTORS NEEDED we are looking for volunteers to read aloud the scriptures on Sunday mornings and Wednesdays during Lent. Sign-up sheets are on the table in the Narthex and include the weekly readings.

ANNUAL COMMUNITY CANTATA Rehearsals have started on Sundays from 2:30 – 4:00pm at Faith Lutheran Church, 220 E Lake St, Isle, MN. All voices are welcome to join us. The performance will be on Good Friday, April 18th at 7:30pm.

EASTER LILIES FOR SALE in the Fellowship Hall to decorate the church for Easter.

MEET & GREET Potluck on Friday, April 11th at 5:00pm. This is your opportunity to meet the candidate of choice for our new Pastor. She will be here to meet you all! Potluck signup sheet is in the Fellowship Hall. On Sunday, April 13th (during coffee hour) we'll have a congregational meeting to approve the new candidate of choice.

GLOBAL HEALTH MINISTRIES NEWBORN KITS WELCA is collecting items for Newborn Kits that will be assembled on May 21st as a Thrivent Action Team event. See the display in the Fellowship Hall for items that are needed. Multiple yards of flannel have been donated, and volunteers are needed to make the flannel into receiving blankets. See Darlene Christensen if you are interested in helping with this project.

NO LENTEN POTLUCK ON WEDNESDAY Since we're having Potluck on Friday this week, we won't have one on Wednesday. Just the worship service at 4:30pm.

THIS WEEK AT Bethesda

April 7, 2025 – April 13, 2025

Monday	4/7	11:30 am	Cards
		7:00 pm	AA/Alanon
Tuesday	4/8	9:00 am	Chair Yoga
		9:00 am	Quilters
Wednesday	4/9	9:00 am	Women's Bible Study
		4:30 pm	Lenten Worship
Thursday	4/10	8:00 am	ROMEOS
		9:15 am	Chair Yoga
Friday	4/11	5:00 pm	Potluck Meet & Greet with Pastor candidate
Sunday	4/13	9:00 am	Palm Sunday Worship in Person & live stream <i>(with communion)</i>
		10:00 am	Congregational Meeting

Temple Talk: David Brown "Let's Go Fishing"

OPENING HYMN: "10,000 Reasons (Bless the Lord)" CCLI# 6016351

(Please Stand on the last Verse)

Chorus: *Bless the Lord O my soul, O my soul, Worship His holy name
Sing like never before, O my soul, I'll worship Your holy name.*

Verse 1: *The sun comes up, it's a new day dawning.
It's time to sing Your song again,
Whatever may pass, and whatever lies before me,*

*Let me be singing when the evening comes. **Chorus***

*Verse 2: You're rich in love, and You're slow to anger.
Your name is great, and Your heart is kind.
For all Your goodness, I will keep on singing;
Ten thousand reasons for my heart to find **Chorus***

*Verse 3: And on that day when my strength is failing,
The end draws near, and my time has come;
Still my soul will sing your praise unending,
Ten thousand years and then forevermore! **Chorus***

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God, who forgives all our sin, whose mercy endures forever.

Amen.

Let us return to God, confessing our sin in the assurance of God's abiding love.

Silence is kept for reflection

Compassionate One,

you are slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love, but our lives do not always reflect you and your love for the world. We do not show others the tender compassion you have shown to us. We do not welcome others with the radical hospitality you grant to all people. We oppress others, even though you have set us free again and again. We squander the abundant gifts of the earth. Transform our lives and guide us again in the way of the cross. Amen.

Beloved in Christ, God's arms are always stretched open wide to welcome the wandering ones home. In † Christ your sins are forgiven. You have a place in God's house forever.

Amen.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

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.

PRAISE TEAM ANTHEM: Carrier **by Jared Anderson**

SCRIPTURES

FIRST READING: Isaiah 43:16-21

¹⁶ Thus says the Lord, who makes a way in the sea, a path in the mighty waters,
¹⁷ who brings out chariot and horse, army and warrior; they lie down, they cannot rise, they are extinguished, quenched like a wick:

¹⁸ Do not remember the former things, or consider the things of old.

¹⁹ 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.

²⁰ 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,

²¹ the people whom I formed for myself so that they might declare my praise.

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

PSALM: Psalm 126

¹ When the Lord restored the fortunes 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.”**

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

⁴ **Restore our fortunes, O Lord, like the watercourses of the Negeb.**

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

⁶ **Those who go out weeping, carrying the seed, will come again with joy, shouldering their sheaves.**

SECOND READING: Philippians 3:4b-14

[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.

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GOSPEL: John 12:1-8

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

SERMON HYMN: “Blest Be the Tie That Binds”

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1 Blest be the tie that binds our hearts in Chris-tian love;
2 Be - fore our Fa - ther's throne we pour our ar - dent prayers;
3 We share our mu - tual woes, our mu - tual bur - dens bear,
4 From sor - row, toil, and pain, and sin we shall be free;



the u - ni - ty of heart and mind is like to that a - bove.
our fears, our hopes, our aims are one, our com - forts and our cares.
and of - ten for each oth - er flows the sym - pa - thiz - ing tear.
and per - fect love and friend - ship reign through all e - ter - ni - ty.

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.

PRAYERS of INTERCESSION

Led by the Spirit, let us turn to God in prayer for the church, the world, and all those in need.

A brief silence.

The church declares your praise, O God. Guide us in the example of Isaiah's imagination, Paul's transformed identity, and Mary's faith and devotion; that our

lives, too, may be poured out in love as we trust in your promises. God, in your mercy,

receive our prayer.

The earth declares your praise, O God. Make a way for the planet's future in the sea and the wilderness, the mountains and plains, the tundra and wetlands. Repair habitats and sustainable ecosystems on, above, and beneath the ground. God, in your mercy,

receive our prayer.

The nations declare your praise, O God. Where religious differences divide, bring together those who worship you in the name of Jesus Christ and those who call to you with different names. Guide interreligious dialogue, that faith may unite rather than divide communities. God, in your mercy,

receive our prayer.

The people declare your praise, O God. Restore those whose hope has been dampened through a health diagnosis, job or home loss, divorce, or death. Bring healing to those in need (*especially*). May all who weep now sing songs of joy again. God, in your mercy,

receive our prayer.

The gifts of the Spirit declare your praise, O God. We thank you for artists who proclaim the gospel (*especially Albrecht Dürer, Matthias Grünewald, and Lucas Cranach*). Inspire music, poetry, and images that proclaim the new thing you are doing. God, in your mercy,

receive our prayer.

*Here other intercessions may be offered by congregation
either aloud or in their hearts.*

The communion of saints declares your praise, O God. Giving thanks for those who have died, we trust in the one who has made them his own: Christ Jesus, our crucified and risen Savior. God, in your mercy,

receive our prayer.

Receive the prayers of your people and draw all things together in your love, in the name of Jesus, who leads us from death to life.

Amen.

PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you always.

And also with you.

Please be seated for the passing of the offering plate.

OFFERING - Please stand as the ushers bring the offering to the altar.

OFFERING HYMN: “Who Am I?”

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1. Who am I? That the Lord of all the earth,
Would care to know my name, would care to feel my hurt.
Who am I? That the bright and morning star,
Would choose to light the way, For my ever wandering heart,
Not because of who I am, but because of what You’ve done,
Not because of what I’ve done, but because of who You are

Chorus:

I am a flower quickly fading, here today and gone tomorrow,
A wave tossed in the ocean, a vapor in the wind,
Still, You hear me when I’m calling, Lord, You catch me when I’m falling,
And You’ve told me who I am....
I am Yours.....

2. Who am I? That the eyes that see my sin,
Would look on me with love and watch me rise again.
Who am I? That the voice that calmed the sea,
Would call out through the rain, and calm the storm in me,
Not because of who I am, but because of what You’ve done,
Not because of what I’ve done, but because of who You are ***Chorus:***

OFFERTORY PRAYER

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.**

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

THE LORD’S PRAYER – Lead by The Praise Team

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

All who are hungry, come!
The feast of grace is spread.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Generous Host,
you have shared your feast with us and made us new.
Send us now to set tables of love and grace in our communities,
that your liberating love might nourish the world into freedom,
in the name of the crucified one, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

BLESSING

God our tender parent, God the crucified one, God the reconciling Spirit,
✠ bless you now and forever.
Amen.

CLOSING HYMN: “Joyful, Joyful” CCLI# 25321

Joyful, Joyful we adore Thee, God of Glory, Lord of Love.
Hearts unfold like flowers before Thee,
Opening to Thy Son above.
Melt the clouds of sin and sadness,
Drive the dark of doubt away.
Giver of immortal gladness
Fill us with the light of day.

All Thy works with joy surround Thee,
Earth and heaven reflect Thy rays.
Stars and angels sing around Thee,
Center of unbroken praise.
Field and forest, vale and mountain,
Flowery meadow, flashing sea,
Singing bird and flowing fountain
Call us to rejoice in Thee.

Thou art giving and forgiving, ever-blessing, ever-blest,
Wellspring of the joy of living,
Ocean-depth of happy rest.
Thou our Father, Christ our brother
All who live in love are Thine.
Teach us now to love each other,
Lift us to the joy divine.

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Care for others as God cares for you.

Thanks be to God.

*Visitors! It has been great having you join us for worship!
Please come again.*

THOSE SERVING THIS WEEK

Music: The Praise Team

Ushers: Mark & Mary Vukelich

Lector: Karen Elias

Greeters: Larry & Carol Pantsari

Hospitality: Sue & Dick Stebbins &
Sylvia Tapelt

Thank you for your service!

Response to God's Word Last Week

Sunday, March 30, 2025: In Person: 9:00am 41 Online: 20

Wednesday, April 2, 2025: In Person: Noon NA Online: NA