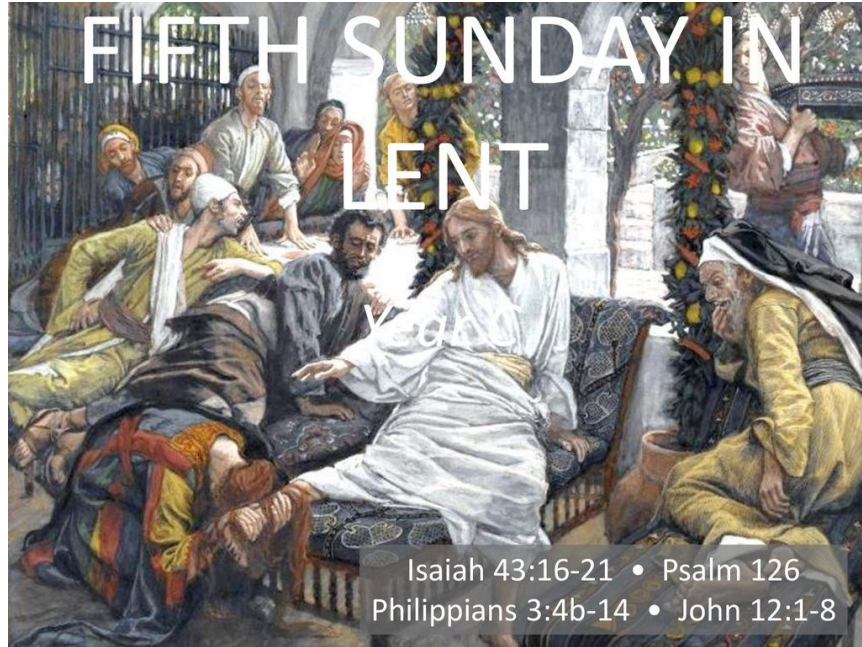


April 6th, 2025  
Fifth Sunday in Lent  
10:30am



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# HOLY COMMUNION

*Please silence your phones during worship service*

## GATHERING

*The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God.*

### PRELUDE

Jacob Wilson

### WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

### CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

*Congregational responses are in bold print.*

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

**Amen.**

*You are invited to kneel or remain seated.*

*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.**

*You are invited to stand as able.*

**GATHERING SONG ELW#641 v. 1-3**

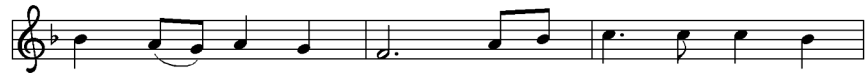
All Are Welcome



1 Let us build a house where love can dwell and all can safe - ly  
 2 Let us build a house where proph-ets speak, and words are strong and  
 3 Let us build a house where love is found in wa - ter, wine and  
 4 Let us build a house where hands will reach be - yond the wood and  
 5 Let us build a house where all are named, their songs and vi - sions



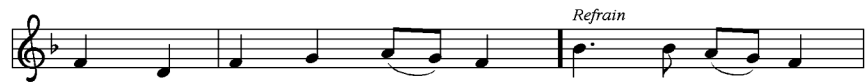
live, a place where saints and chil - dren tell how  
 true, where all God's chil - dren dare to seek to  
 wheat: a ban - quet hall on ho - ly ground where  
 stone to heal and strength - en, serve and teach, and  
 heard and loved and trea - sured, taught and claimed as



hearts learn to for - give. Built of hopes and dreams and  
 dream God's reign a - new. Here the cross shall stand as  
 peace and jus - tice meet. Here the love of God, through  
 live the Word they've known. Here the out - cast and the  
 words with - in the Word. Built of tears and cries and



vi - sions, rock of faith and vault of grace; here the love of  
 wit - ness and as sym - bol of God's grace; here as one we  
 Je - sus, is re - vealed in time and space; as we share in  
 strang-er bear the im - age of God's face; let us bring an  
 laugh-ter, prayers of faith and songs of grace, let this house pro -



Christ shall end di - vi - sions:  
 claim the faith of Je - sus:  
 Christ the feast that frees us: All are wel - come,  
 end to fear and dan - ger:  
 claim from floor to raf - ter:



all are wel - come, all are wel - come in this place.

## 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.**

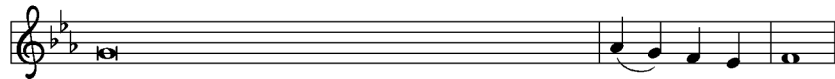
## KYRIE



In peace, let us pray to the Lord.



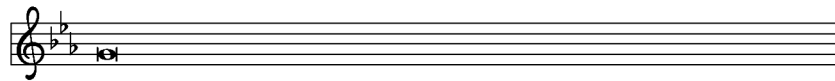
Lord, have mer - cy.



For the peace from above, and for our salvation, 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 unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.

For this holy house, and for all who offer here their worship and praise,  
 let us pray to the Lord.  
 Lord, have mer - cy.  
 Help, save, comfort, and de - fend us, gra - cious Lord.  
 A - men, a - men.

### 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.*

### WORD

*God speaks to us in scripture reading, preaching, and song.*

### FIRST READING

Isaiah 43:16-21

The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

**PSALM**

Psalm 126

- <sup>1</sup> When the LORD restored the fortunes of Zion,  
then were we like those who dream.
- <sup>2</sup> **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."**
- <sup>3</sup> The LORD has done great things for us, and we are glad  
indeed.
- <sup>4</sup> **Restore our fortunes, O LORD,  
like the watercourses of the Negeb.**
- <sup>5</sup> Those who sowed with tears  
will reap with songs of joy.
- <sup>6</sup> **Those who go out weeping, carrying the seed,  
will come again with joy, shouldering their sheaves.**

**SECOND READING**

Philippians 3:4b-14

The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

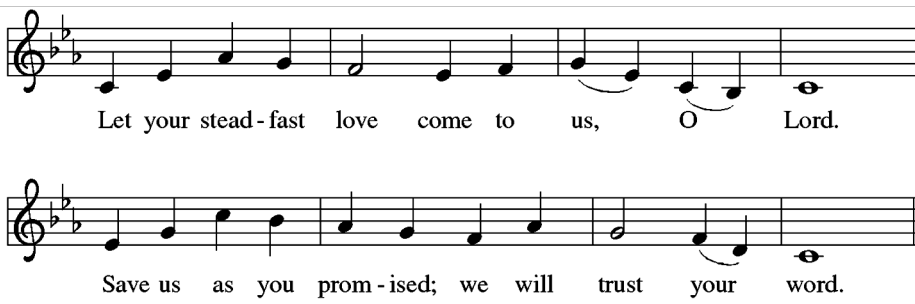
**CHOIR ANTHEM**

The Cross Says Come

**CHILDREN'S TIME**

*You are invited to stand as able.*

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**



Let your stead-fast love come to us, O Lord.

Save us as you prom-ised; we will trust your word.

## GOSPEL

The holy gospel according to John.

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

John 12:1-8

The gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, O Christ.**


## SERMON

*You are invited to stand as able.*

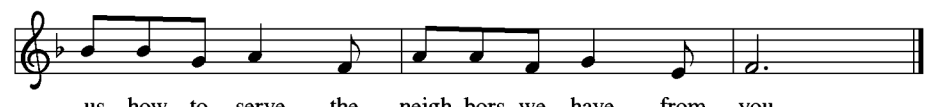
**HYMN OF THE DAY ELW #708**

### Jesu, Jesu, Fill Us with Your Love

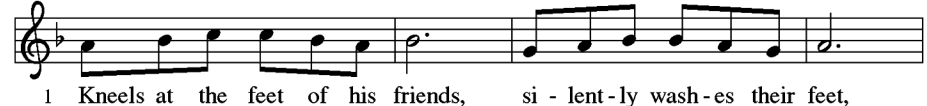
*Refrain*




Je - su, Je - su, fill us with your love, show



us how to serve the neigh-bors we have from you.



1 Kneels at the feet of his friends, si - lent - ly wash - es their feet,  
2 Neigh-bors are wealth-y and poor, var - ied in col - or and race,  
3 These are the ones we will serve, these are the ones we will love;  
4 Kneel at the feet of our friends, si - lent - ly wash - ing their feet:



*Refrain*

mas - ter who acts as a slave to them.  
neigh-bors are near - by and far a - way.  
all these are neigh - bors to us and you.  
this is the way we will live with you.

Text: Tom Colvin, 1925-2000, alt.

Music: CHEREPONI, Ghanaian folk tune, adapt. Tom Colvin

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## **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**

*Each portion of the prayers ends:*

God, in your mercy

**receive our prayer**

*The prayers conclude:*

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.**

*The people greet one another with a sign of Christ's peace, and may say "peace be with you," or similar words.*



*Please be seated.*

## **MEAL**

*God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ.*

## **OFFERING**

*An offering is received for the mission of the church.*

**SPECIAL MUSIC** Duet Pastor Rob and Karen Linfor Lead Me to Calvary

## **OFFERING SONG**

*You are invited to stand as able.*

### Let the Vineyards Be Fruitful *Offering Song*



Let the vine-yards be fruit-ful, Lord, and fill to the brim our cup of  
bless-ing. Gath-er a har-vest from the seeds that were sown, that  
we may be fed with the bread of life. Gath-er the hopes and dreams of  
all; u-nite them with the prayers we of-fer. Grace our ta-ble  
with your pres-ence, and give us a fore-taste of the feast to come.

**OFFERING PRAYER** 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. And al - so 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.

The musical score consists of four staves of music in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The melody is simple and hymn-like, with lyrics written below the notes. The first staff has two measures, the second and third have two measures each, and the fourth has two measures. The lyrics are: "The Lord be with you. And al - so 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, that we should at all times and 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:

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. Blessed is he who comes in the  
name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

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Blessed are you, O God of the universe...

With this bread and cup we remember our Lord's passover from death to life as we proclaim the mystery of faith:

**Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.**

O God of resurrection and new life: Pour out your Holy Spirit on us and on these gifts of bread and wine. Bless this feast. Grace our table with your presence. Come, Holy Spirit.

**Come, Holy Spirit.**

Reveal yourself to us in the breaking of the bread. Raise us up as the body of Christ for the world. Breathe new life into us. Send us forth, burning with justice, peace, and love.

**Come, Holy Spirit.**

With your holy ones of every time and place, with the earth and all its creatures, with sun and moon and stars, we praise you, O God, blessed and holy Trinity, now and forever. **Amen.**

#### **LORD'S PRAYER**

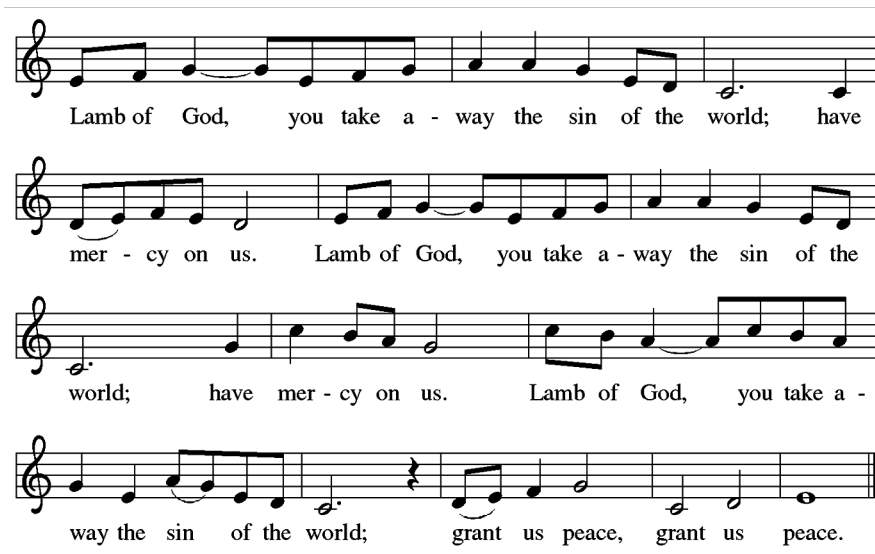
**Our Father, who art in heaven,  
hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come,  
thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.  
Give us this day our daily bread;  
and forgive us our trespasses  
as we forgive those who trespass against us;  
and lead us not into temptation,  
but deliver us from evil.  
For thine is the kingdom, and the power,  
and the glory forever and forever. Amen.**

*Please be seated.*

#### **COMMUNION**

*All are welcome at Christ's table. Come forward by the center aisle at the usher's invitation. Those not yet communing will receive a blessing. Bread will be placed in your open hands. Grape juice is in the pink glasses in the center of the tray encircled by wine in clear glasses. Individual communion packets are available near the entrance for those who prefer them.*

## COMMUNION SONG



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.

*You are invited to stand as able.*

### **POST COMMUNION PRAYER**

Let us pray.

**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**

### **SENDING**

*God blesses us and sends us in mission to the world.*

### **BLESSING**

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

**Amen.**

**SENDING SONG ELW#551**

**The Spirit Sends Us Forth to Serve**



1 The Spir - it sends us forth to serve; we go in  
2 We go to com - fort those who mourn and set the  
3 We go to be the hands of Christ, to scat - ter  
4 Then let us go to serve in peace, the gos - pel



Je - sus' name to bring glad tid - ings  
bur - dened free; where hope is dim, to  
joy like seed and, all our days, to  
to pro - claim. God's Spir - it has em -



to the poor, God's fa - vor to pro - claim.  
share a dream and help the blind to see.  
cher - ish life, to do the lov - ing deed.  
pow - ered us; we go in Je - sus' name.

**DISMISSAL**

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

**Thanks be to God.**

**POSTLUDE**

Jane Fanucci

## Worship Assistants

Altar Care:	Carol Carney
Announcements:	Sarah Madison
Communion Assistants:	Karen Linfor, Linda Duffek, & Shirley Prouty
Prayer Leader:	Peggy Moser
Psalm Leader:	Peggy Moser
Reader:	Laura Tice
Refreshments:	Holly & Triss Hoppman
Song Leader:	Karen Linfor
Usher:	Bill Myers

If anyone is interested in assisting with readings and prayers, contact the office

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### LENTEN SOUP SUPPER

Wednesday, April 9th, Hosted by:

***The Congregation***

*The soup supper will begin at 6:00pm with service following at 6:45pm. They will both be in Schultz Hall.*

**THIS WEEK AT ST. LUKE'S**  
April 6th - 12th, 2025

Today	Holy Communion	10:30 am
Monday	Soul Sisters—Room 4	12:00 pm
Tuesday	Bible Study on Zoom	10:00 am
	Finance Board Zoom	7:00 pm
Wednesday	Soup Supper - Schultz Hall	6:00 pm
	Choir Practice	7:00pm-8:00pm
Saturday	All Members Work Day	9:00am
	W-ELCA Meeting	11:30am



I would love to see everyone out to help beautify our church!!

***Saturday, April 12th 9am - before Palm Sunday***

There are plenty of small jobs to do

Please contact Kelly Boyer for more info. 916/585-2234

In Service for Him ,

*Property Board Chair, Kelly Boyer*

A **Workday** will be held on **Saturday, April 12, 2025**, to clean and polish all elements used during worship services. We will be meeting at **9:00 am in the sanctuary**.

Come and join us.

Palm branches will also be placed around the church in preparation for Palm Sunday, April 13, 2025.

Sincerely,

*Worship and Music Chair, Carolyn Andrews*



# REQUESTS — FOR — PRAYER

If you have prayer requests, please send them  
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