

## *SUNDAY ORDER OF WORSHIP*

8:30 AM

April 6, 2025 - Fifth Sunday in Lent

**ANNOUNCEMENTS:** Please see the bulletin or newsletter for any announcements. All announcements are due in writing by noon on Tuesday to the church office.

[ Please stand, as able, where indicated. ]

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### **GATHERING**

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**PRELUDE**

*The Potter's Hand*

Darlene Zschech

### **MINISTRY OF FRIENDSHIP - ANNOUNCEMENT OF THE DAY: FIFTH SUNDAY IN LENT**

*[ Please stand as you are able ]*

#### **BRIEF ORDER FOR CONFESSION**

P: In the name of the Father, and of the  $\dagger$  Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C: **Amen.**

P: 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.

C: **Amen.**

P: 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 for reflection and self-examination)*

P: Most merciful God,

C: **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.**

### **THE DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS WILL RETURN HOLY WEEK**

## GATHERING SONG

### *Create In Me A Clean Heart*

Create in me a clean heart O God  
Let me be like You in all my ways  
Give me Your strength  
Teach me Your song  
Shelter me in the shadow of Your wings  
For we are Your righteousness  
If we die to ourselves  
And live thro' Your death  
Then we shall be born again  
To be blessed in Your love

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## APOSTOLIC GREETING

P: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.  
C: And also with you!

## KYRIE

*Lord have mercy  
Lord have mercy  
Lord have mercy  
Have mercy on us*

*Christ have mercy  
Christ have mercy  
Christ have mercy  
Have mercy on us*

Chad Watkins

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: Let us pray...*(silence)* ... 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.

C: Amen.

*[Please sit]*

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## WORD

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### FIRST READING: Isaiah 43:16-21

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

Lector: A reading from Isaiah.

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.

Lector: Here ends the Reading.

## PSALM 126

L: When the LORD restored the fortunes of Zion,  
then were we like those who dream.

**C: Then was our mouth filled with laughter,  
and our tongue with shouts of joy.**

L: Then they said among the nations,  
“The LORD has done great things for them.”

**C: The LORD has done great things for us,  
and we are glad indeed.**

L: Restore our fortunes, O LORD,  
like the watercourses of the Negev.

**C: Those who sowed with tears  
will reap with songs of joy.**

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

## 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.*

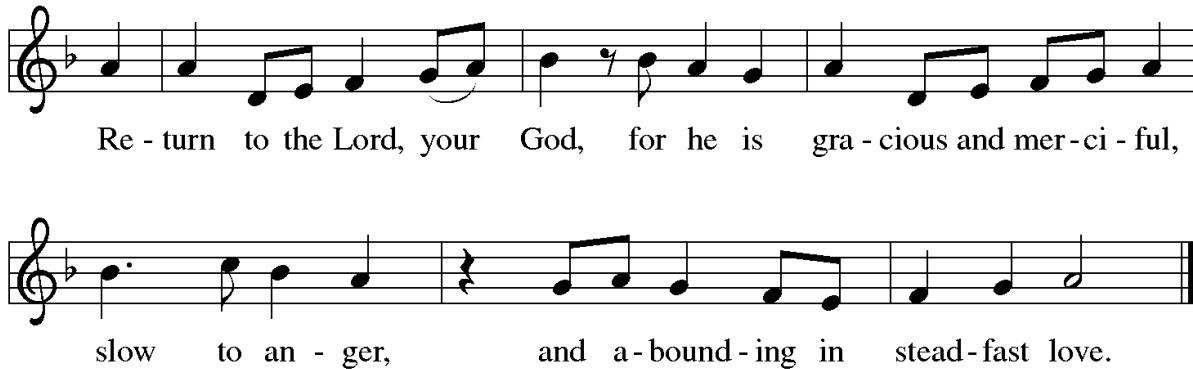
Lector: A reading from Philippians.

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

Lector: Here ends the Reading.

*[Please stand as you are able]*

## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



Re - turn to the Lord, your God, for he is gra - cious and mer - ci - ful,  
slow to an - ger, and a-bound - ing in stead - fast love.

### HOLY GOSPEL: John 12:1-8

*Judas willfully misinterprets as waste Mary's extravagant act of anointing Jesus' feet with costly perfume. Jesus recognizes that her lavish gift is both an expression of love and an anticipation of his burial.*

P: The Holy Gospel of our Lord and Savior Christ Jesus according to Saint John.

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

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 him), 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."

P: The Holy Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

*[Please sit]*

## SERMON

*[Please stand as you are able]*

**Pastor Finley**

## HYMN OF THE DAY

*Take My Life, That I May Be*

**ELW 685**

## PROFESSION OF FAITH: NICENE CREED

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God,  
eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light,  
true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father.  
Through him all things were made.

For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven;  
by the power of the Holy Spirit he became incarnate from the virgin Mary,  
and was made man.

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;  
he suffered death and was buried.  
On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures;  
he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,  
and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,  
who proceeds from the Father and the Son.  
With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified.

He has spoken through the prophets.

We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.

We acknowledge one Baptism for the forgiveness of sins.

We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen

## PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL

A: Let us pray for the whole people of God in Christ Jesus, and for all people according to their needs.

A: Lord of all things old and new, turn us away from the old things that confine us and control us. Put your new purpose within us so that we might serve you with joy and declare your praise.

A: Hear us, O God. **C: Your mercy is great.**

A: God of the harvest, from your bountiful hand we have received blessing upon blessing. Direct us as we sow seeds of compassion among those who weep and joy among those who sorrow. Use us as instruments of your love.

A: Hear us, O God. **C: Your mercy is great.**

A: Righteous Lord God, sound your call to all who believe, that they might be reassured in their faith and proclaim your eternal hope to each one they meet. Raise up faithful preachers, teachers, volunteers and all disciples who will be bold in announcing your eternal plan to each one who is longing for wholeness in their lives.

A: Hear us, O God. **C: Your mercy is great.**

A: Compassionate Lord, as your friends served you and tended to your needs, help us to care for these friends and loved ones, that they might be restored in you. Especially, these we name in our hearts and with our voices now...(long pause)... Fill their lives with your healing perfume and bathe them with your grace.

A: Hear us, O God. **C: Your mercy is great.**

P: Into your hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your mercy, through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

**C: Amen.**

## SHARING OF THE PEACE

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

## THE OFFERTORY

*Humble Thyself in the Sight of the Lord*

Humble thyself  
In the sight of the Lord  
Humble thyself  
In the sight of the Lord  
And He shall lift you up  
Higher and higher  
And He shall lift you up

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## OFFERTORY PRAYER

A: Blessed are you,

C: O Lord our God, maker of all things. Through your goodness you have blessed us with these gifts. With them we offer ourselves to your service and dedicate our lives to the care and redemption of all that you have made, for the sake of him who gave himself for us, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

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## MEAL

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## GREAT THANKSGIVING

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

P: Lift up your hearts.

C: We lift them to the Lord.

P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C: It is right to give God thanks and praise.

## PROPER PREFACE

It is indeed right and salutary that we should at all times and in all places offer thanks and praise to you, O Lord, holy Father, through Christ our Lord. You bid your people cleanse their hearts and prepare with joy for the paschal feast. Renew our zeal in faith and life, and bring us to the fullness of grace that belongs to the children of God. And so, with the Church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

## HOLY, HOLY, HOLY

*Holy, Holy, Holy  
Lord God Almighty  
Heaven and earth are full of your Glory!  
Hosanna in the highest!  
Blessed is He who comes  
in the name of the Lord!  
Hosanna, Hosanna, Hosanna in the highest!*

Chad Watkins

## EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER

P: Blessed are you, O God of the universe. Your mercy is everlasting and your faithfulness endures from age to age. Praise to you for creating the heavens and the earth. Praise to you for saving the earth from the waters of the flood. Praise to you for bringing the Israelites safely through the sea. Praise to you for leading your people through the wilderness to the land of milk and honey. Praise to you for the words and deeds of Jesus, your anointed one. Praise to you for the death and resurrection of Christ. Praise to you for your Spirit poured out on all nations.

*In the night in which he was betrayed,  
our Lord 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.*

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

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

P: O God of resurrection and new life: Pour out your Holy Spirit on us + and on these gifts of your body and blood. Bless this feast. Grace our table with your presence.

**C: Come, Holy Spirit.**

P: Reveal yourself to us in your body and blood. 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.

**C: Come, Holy Spirit.**

P: With name/s and your holy ones of all times and places, 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.

**C: Amen.**

## THE LORD'S PRAYER

P: Lord, remember us in your kingdom and teach us to pray:

**C: 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.**

## INVITATION AND FRACTURE

P: This is the Lamb of God who takes away the sins of the world. Happy are those who are called to his supper.

**C: Lord, I am not worthy to receive you, but only say the word and I shall be healed.**

*[Please sit]*

## LAMB OF GOD

*Lamb of God you take away the sin of the world have mercy on us*

*Lamb of God you take away the sin of the world have mercy on us*

*Lamb of God you take away the sin of the world grant us peace*

Chad Watkins

## DISTRIBUTION OF HOLY COMMUNION: INTINCTION AND COMMON CUP

**MUSIC DURING DISTRIBUTION** *Nothing Can Trouble/Nada Te Turbe* ACS 1033

*[Please stand as you are able]*

## TABLE BLESSING

P: May this true body and blood of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.

**C: Amen.**

## POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

A: Almighty God, you gave your Son both as a sacrifice for sin and a model of the godly life. Enable us to receive him always with thanksgiving, and to conform our lives to his; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord.

C: Amen.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **Next Sunday is the last Sunday to hand in Lily and God's Global Barnyard orders**

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## SENDING

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*My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less*

ELW 596

## BLESSING

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

C: Amen.

## DISMISSAL

A: Glorify God. Spread the Word.

C: **Love One Another.**

## POSTLUDE