



# THE LUTHERAN CHURCH OF THE REDEEMER

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April 6, 2025

Fifth Sunday in Lent

10:30am

..... ✚ **GATHERING** ✚ .....

## Voluntaries

*Vexilla Regis*

Everett Titcomb

*O Sacred Head, Now Wounded*

Michael Burkhardt

## WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

<We stand.>

## 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.

*The congregation kneels as 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.**

<We stand.>

... You have a place in God's house forever.

**Amen.**

**GATHERING HYMN**

**Jesus, I Will Ponder Now**

*ELW Hymn 345*

## 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 a - bove, and for our sal - va - tion, 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 ho - ly house, and for all who of - fer 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.

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray together. Lord of the lost, **We are quick to judge and slow to accept those whom we consider lower than ourselves. But you show us the way of acceptance, forgiveness, and peace. We honor your name for teaching us to love, for the sake of the one who is the essence of love itself, Jesus Christ our loving Lord. Amen.**

<We sit.>

**READING**

**Psalm 84:1-4, 10-12**

*Pew Bible page 472*

*How lovely is your dwelling place, O Lord of hosts! My soul longs, indeed it faints, for the courts of the Lord; my heart and my flesh sing for joy to the living God. Even the sparrow finds a home and the swallow a nest for herself, where she may lay her young, at your altars, O Lord of hosts, my King and my God. Happy are those who live in your house, ever singing your praise.*

*For a day in your courts is better than a thousand elsewhere. I would rather be a doorkeeper in the house of my God than live in the tents of wickedness. For the Lord God is a sun and shield; he bestows favor and honor. No good thing does the Lord withhold from those who walk uprightly. O Lord of hosts, happy is everyone who trusts in you.*

<At the conclusion of the reading>

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

**LIL' LUTHERAN TALK**

<We stand.>



**☩ 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.**

The Gospel according to Luke.

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

**Luke 18:31-19:10**

*Pew Bible page 853*

*Then he took the twelve aside and said to them, "Look, we are going up to Jerusalem, and everything that is written about the Son of Man by the prophets will be accomplished. For he will be handed over to the gentiles, and he will be mocked and insulted and spat upon. After they have flogged him, they will kill him, and on the third day he will rise again." But they understood nothing about all these things; in fact, what he said was hidden from them, and they did not grasp what was said.*

*As he approached Jericho, a blind man was sitting by the roadside begging. When he heard a crowd going by, he asked what was happening. They told him, "Jesus of Nazareth is passing by." Then he shouted, "Jesus, Son of David, have mercy on me!" Those who were in front sternly ordered him to be quiet, but he shouted even more loudly, "Son of David, have mercy on me!" Jesus stood still and ordered the man to be brought to him, and when he came near, he asked him, "What do you want me to do for you?" He said, "Lord, let me see again." Jesus said to him, "Receive your sight; your faith has saved you." Immediately he regained his sight and followed him, glorifying God, and all the people, when they saw it, praised God.*

*He entered Jericho and was passing through it. A man was there named Zacchaeus; he was a chief tax collector and was rich. He was trying to see who Jesus was, but on account of the crowd he could not, because he was short in stature. So he ran ahead and climbed a sycamore tree to see him, because he was going to pass that way. When Jesus came to the place, he looked up and said to him, "Zacchaeus, hurry and come down, for I must stay at your house today." So he hurried down and was happy to welcome him. All who saw it began to grumble and said, "He has gone to be the guest of one who is a sinner." Zacchaeus stood there and said to the Lord, "Look, half of my possessions, Lord, I will give to the poor, and if I have defrauded anyone of anything, I will pay back four times as much." Then Jesus said to him, "Today salvation has come to this house, because he, too, is a son of Abraham. For the Son of Man came to seek out and to save the lost."*

*<At the conclusion of the reading>*

The Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

*<We sit.>*

## **SERMON**

**Rev. Matthew Titus**

*<We stand.>*

## **HYMN OF THE DAY**

**Let Us Ever Walk with Jesus**

*ELW Hymn 802*

## **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**

*<We kneel.>*

*Each prayer petition will end with "God, in your mercy," and the response is "receive our prayer."  
At the conclusion of the prayers, we respond with ... in the name of Jesus, who leads us from death to life. "Amen."*

<We stand.>

### SHARING OF THE PEACE

*You are invited to share the peace however you and those around you are comfortable.*

<We sit.>

..... † MEAL † .....

### RECEPTION OF THE OFFERING

#### ANTHEM

When I Survey the Wondrous Cross

arr. Bob Burroughs

<We stand.>

#### OFFERTORY HYMN

Create in Me a Clean Heart

ELW Hymn 188

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 un - to me the joy of your sal - va - tion,

and up - hold me with your free Spir - it.

#### OFFERTORY PRAYER

Gracious Provider, ... through our Savior, Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

#### 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.

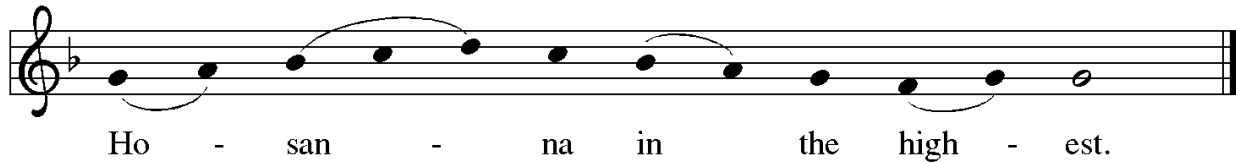
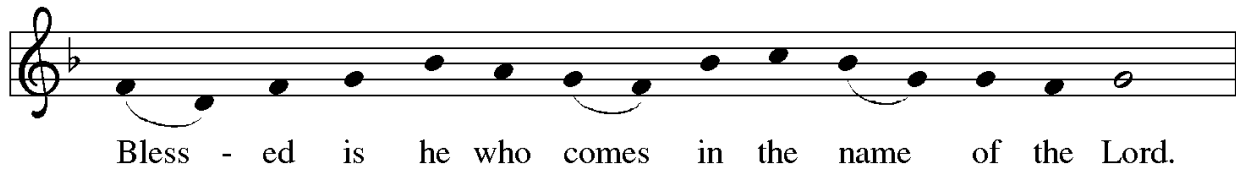
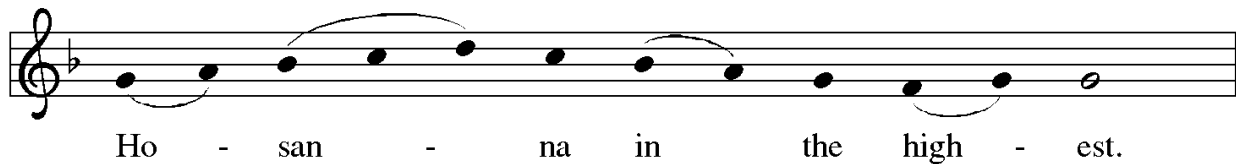
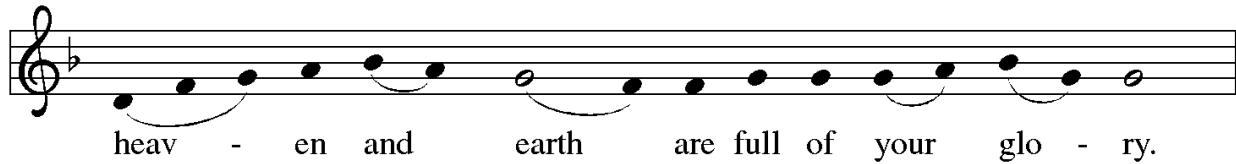
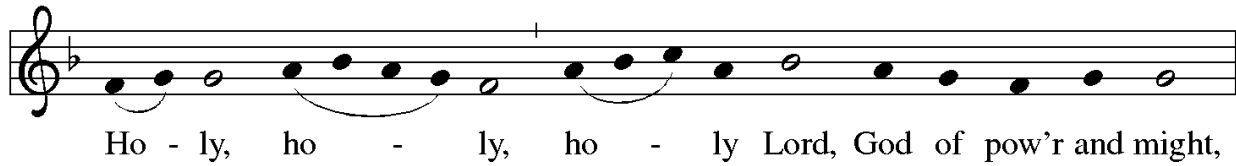
**It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

## PREFACE

It is indeed right, our duty, and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise ... *here the minister continues with the preface for the day, concluding ...* we praise your name and join their unending hymn.

## HOLY, HOLY, HOLY

*ELW setting 5 page 162*



## THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

Blessed are you, ...

... as we proclaim the mystery of faith:

**Christ has died.**

**Christ is risen.**

**Christ will come again.**

Grace our table with your presence.

**Come, Holy Spirit.**

Send us forth, burning with justice, peace, and love.

**Come, Holy Spirit.**

... we praise you, O God, blessed and holy Trinity, now and forever.

**Amen.**

**THE LORD'S PRAYER**

Lord, remember us in your kingdom and teach us to 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; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever, and ever. Amen.**

**INVITATION TO THE MEAL**

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

*<We sit.>*

**COMMUNION**

*Participation in Holy Communion is open to all the baptized of this and other Christian congregations. We come in faith that Christ is truly present in, with, and under the bread and the wine. We receive this gift knowing that we are forgiven and are nourished to be sent to proclaim God's love to the world. You are invited to come to the altar to receive the bread and wine. You may dip the bread into the chalice of wine. If you are not able, the meal will be brought to you in your pew. A gluten-free wafer is available, upon request for those who need it.*

**HYMN DURING COMMUNION      Jesus, Remember Me (sung x3)      ELW Hymn 616**

*<We stand.>*

**THE TABLE BLESSING**

The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace. **Amen.**

**POST COMMUNION PRAYER**

Generous Host, ... in the name of the crucified one, Jesus Christ our Lord.

**Amen.**

..... ✝ **SENDING** ✝ .....

**BLESSING**

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

**Amen.**

**SENDING HYMN      Lead On, O King Eternal!      ELW Hymn 805**

*<Please turn and face the rear of the nave.>*

**DISMISSAL**

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

**Thanks be to God.**

**VOLUNTARY      Prelude in D minor      J. S. Bach**

..... ANNOUNCEMENTS .....

Please come celebrate our Youth Director, **Aubrey Guyton**, at a drop-in bridal shower: **today, 5:30-6:30pm**. Aubrey and Gunner are registered at Amazon and Etsy. For any further information, please contact Nikki Chapman or Erin Titus.

**Journey with us through the season of Lent** - Lenten Wednesdays - March 12<sup>th</sup> - April 9<sup>th</sup> meal served at 6:15pm, service at 7pm in the FLC.

**Easter Egg Hunt** - if anyone is available to help with the Easter Egg Hung on Saturday, April 19<sup>th</sup> or if you would like to donate candy for the eggs contact Aubrey.

**Holy Week Schedule:** Maundy Thursday Service, 7pm; Good Friday Service, 7pm; Easter Sunday Sunrise Service, 7am; Easter Sunday Regular Service, 10:30am.

Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat	Sun
6 <b>Property Comm Mtg</b> - 9am <b>Sunday School</b> - 9:30am <b>Worship</b> - 10:30am  <b>Youth: Confirmation</b> - 4pm @ Summer <b>SC Faith</b> - 5pm @ Central  <b>Aubrey's Bridal Shower</b> - 5:30-6:30pm	7 <b>Prayer &amp; Care Card Making</b> - 9:30am	8 <b>Prayer Shawl Ministry</b>  <b>Finance Comm. Mtg</b> - 6pm  <b>LMM</b> - 7pm - FLC  <b>Library Reserved</b>	9 <b>Meal &amp; Lenten Service</b> - 6:15pm  <b>Choir Rehearsal</b> - 7:30-8:30pm	10  <b>FLC Reserved</b>	11	12	13 <b>Sunday School</b> - 9:30am <b>Worship</b> - 10:30am <b>Youth</b> - Hang at Cookout - 3pm

**Worship Leadership - This Sunday**  
**Worship Asst:** Ernie Shealy  
**Acolyte:** Lawson Bannister  
**Crucifer:** Jacob Chapman  
**Comm Prep:** Kitty Summer & Rosemary Dominick  
**Ushers:** Chad Cary, Norris Long  
 Zeb Reid, Dennis Caughman

**Sunday, April 13th**  
**Worship Asst:** Kristin Caughman  
**Acolyte:** Ellie Nguyen  
**Crucifer:** Olivia West  
**Comm Prep:** Huger Caughman, Jr.  
**Ushers:** Susan Thomasson, Walter Jacobs,  
 Justin Guy, Dennis Caughman

**Numbers for March 30, 2025:**

**Attendance:**  
 Sunday School: 40  
 In-Person: 93  
 Online: 79  
**Total: 172**

**Offering:**  
 Gen Operating Account: \$5,210.90  
 Major Maintenance: \$10.00  
 Fellowship: \$141.00  
Dedicated Accounts

Choral Scholarship: \$130.00 · MKBF: \$15.00 · Special Flowers: \$128.00

**The Rev. Matthew Titus, Pastor**  
**Dr. Huger Caughman, Jr., Organist · Nicholas Todd Shumate, Choir Director**  
**Aubrey Guyton, Youth Director**  
**Annette Belcher, Wayden Dean, or Nikki Chapman, Audio · Matt Bowers, Video**  
**Haley McBride-Stuhr, Office Assistant & Bookkeeper**