

5th
Sunday
in
Lent

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"Being Transformed By God's Grace To Love And Serve."

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If it is uncomfortable for you to stand where indicated, please feel free to remain seated. The congregation responds where it is bold print.



Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

please stand as you are able

Confession and Forgiveness

*All may make the sign of the cross, the sign that is marked at baptism,
as the presiding minister begins.*

In the name of God, who makes a way in the wilderness, who walks with us, and who guides us in our pilgrimage.

Amen.

God of all mercy and consolation, come to the help of your people, turning us from our sin to live for you alone. Give us the power of your Holy Spirit that we may confess our sin, receive your forgiveness, and grow into the fullness of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

Silence is kept for reflection.

Holy One,

we confess that we have wandered far from you:

we have not trusted your promises,

we have ignored your prophets in our own day,

we have squandered our inheritance of grace,

we have failed to recognize you in our midst.

Have mercy on us.

Forgive us and turn us again to you.

Teach us to follow in your ways,

assure us again of your love,

and help us to love our neighbor.

Amen.

Opening Hymn	"Take My Life, That I May Be"	#685
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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 page 138

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 defend us, gra - cious Lord.

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

First Reading

Isaiah 43:16 - 21

¹⁶Thus says the LORD, who makes a way in the sea, a path in the mighty waters, ¹⁷who brings out chariot and horse, army and warrior; they lie down, they cannot rise, they are extinguished, quenched like a wick: ¹⁸Do not remember the former things, or consider the things of old. ¹⁹I 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. ²⁰The 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, ²¹the people whom I formed for myself so that they might declare my praise.

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

Psalm 126

¹When 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."**

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

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

⁵Those 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:

⁵circumcised 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; ⁶as to zeal, a persecutor of the church; as to righteousness under the law, blameless. ⁷Yet whatever gains I had, these I have come to regard as loss because of Christ. ⁸More 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 ⁹and 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. ¹⁰I want to know Christ and the power of his resurrection and the sharing of his sufferings by becoming like him in his death, ¹¹if somehow I may attain the resurrection from the dead. ¹²Not 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. ¹³Beloved, 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, ¹⁴I press on toward the goal for the prize of the heavenly call of God in Christ Jesus.

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

Children's Sermon

Joyce Schlesselmann

please stand as you are able

Gospel Acclamation

"Return To The Lord"

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Gospel

John 12:1 - 8

The Holy Gospel according to John the 12th chapter.

Glory to you, O Lord

¹Six days before the Passover Jesus came to Bethany, the home of Lazarus, whom he had raised from the dead. ²There they gave a dinner for him. Martha served, and Lazarus was one of those at the table with him. ³Mary 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. ⁴But 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.) ⁷Jesus said, "Leave her alone. She bought it so that she might keep it for the day of my burial. ⁸You always have the poor with you, but you do not always have me."

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ

please be seated

Sermon

Pastor Stephen Zeller

please stand as you are able

Hymn of the Day

"Beneath the Cross of Jesus"

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Prayers of Intercession

Lord in your mercy.

Hear our prayer.

Sharing The Peace

The Peace of the Lord be with you always. **And also with you.**

please be seated

Offerings

please stand as you are able

Offertory

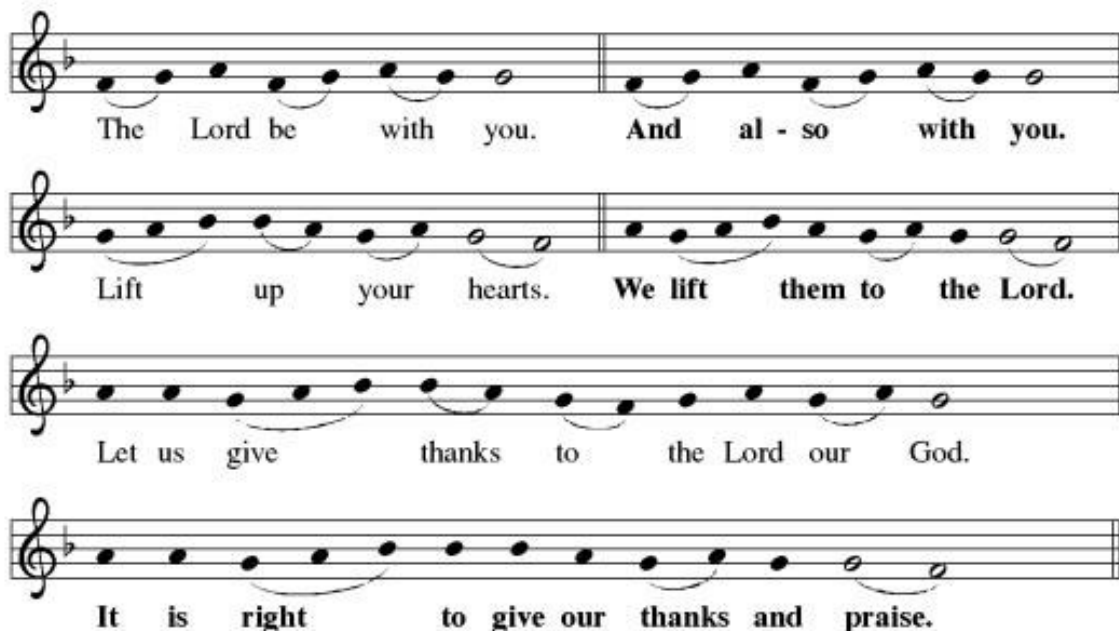
"Create In Me A Clean Heart"

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Offering Prayer

Let us pray.....Extravagant God, you have blessed us with the fullness of creation. Now we gather at your feast where you offer us the food that satisfies. Take and use what we offer here, come among us, and feed us with the body and blood of Christ, in whose name we pray. **Amen.**

The Great Thanksgiving



It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise.....we praise your name and join their unending hymn:



Words of Institution

The Lord's Prayer

Hear, O Lord, the prayer you taught 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.**

please be seated

HOLY COMMUNION

at the Altar

All who believe that Jesus is present in the Bread and the Wine
 and has the power to forgive are welcome to commune.
 Red wine or white grape juice is available.

Our first table for Holy Communion this morning will be for those who do not wish to climb the stairs. Please watch for direction from the ushers.

Communion Hymns

"Lamb of God"

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"In the Cross of Christ I Glory"

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"Jesus, Keep Me Near the Cross"

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"When I Survey the Wondrous Cross"

#803

please stand as you are able

Post Communion Prayer

Let us pray.....Blessed Jesus, in this rich meal of grace, you have fed us with your body, the bread of life. Now send us forth to bear your life-giving hope to a world in need. **Amen.**

Blessing

You are children of God, anointed with the oil of gladness and strengthened for the journey. Almighty God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, ☩ bless you this day and always. **Amen.**

Sending Hymn

"My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less"

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Dismissal

Go in peace. Jesus meets you on the way.

Thanks be to God.

"SEEING GOD AMONG US"



Welcome: On this fifth Sunday in Lent, we welcome all who have come to praise God and remember the Lord Jesus Christ. Your presence brings us joy. May God bless us all richly.

We invite everyone to enjoy coffee, snacks and fellowship before worship in the Gathering Space. Please join us!

In Our Prayers: "Unspoken prayer concerns", Eric Luetjen, Lois Barr, Glen Webb, Taylor Prince, Jon Beckman and Kyle Luetjen.

Hear Our Prayer



Sharon Stelling, Phil Wellington, Dorothy Schroder (friend of Debbie Vaughan), Shirley Boose (mother of Melisa Balke), Rebecca Heimsoth (friend of Norma Schlesselman), Dieter Knowle (brother of Kim Knowle-Zeller), Ronnie Logan (brother of Gale Logan), Marvin Logan (brother of Gale Logan), Marlin & Ruth Lackas (sister & brother-in-law of Paul Fuelling), Reagan Phillips, Rick Osborne (friend of Gale Logan), Bill Russell (friend of Florence VonHolten), Baby Emma Ruth Eckhoff, Bill Hampton, Alex Stevens (friend of Tina Ives), Jeffery Jones (son of Bonnie Bohling) and Adam Gumbel (son of Jim & Kim Gumbel).



Nursing Home: Vern Dean Bohling: *Ambrose*. Luella Viebrock, Marie Viebrock, Florence VonHolten & Cecelia Wiedemann: *GSCC*. Kathy Hallauer: *Loving Arms*.

Military: Please keep all those who have served our country past and present in your prayers, especially: ENS David M. Gardner (son of Pam Balke), Private Bradyn Hood (grandson of Connie Gerken), MSgt. Jason Ostberg (son-in-law of Suzanne Lutjen) Lt. Col. Ron Poe, Cpt. Joseph Strathman, Sgt. Russell J. Wiedemann (grandson of Cecelia Wiedemann) and Cpt. Wayne Wiedemann (grandson of Cecelia Wiedemann).



Prayers For Our Military



Prayers: If you would like your name added or removed from the prayer list, please contact the church office at 668-3537.

Need Prayer?

Bread Baker: We are fortunate to have homemade communion bread each week in worship, but are looking for some more volunteers who can help bake that bread from time to time. Let the office or Sharel Wienberg know if you are interested in helping.



Sewing: "One Stitch At A Time" will begin sewing on Monday, **April 4th** at 9:00am in the church basement.

LBPS: Little Blessing Preschool will be in session on Tuesday, **April 5th** and Wednesday, **April 6th** from 8:00am until 11:15pm in the church basement.



Little Blessings Preschool is now accepting enrollment for 2022-2023. If you have a little one who will be 3 or 4 by July 31st and wish to get the enrolled, please call Rhonda Schlesselman at 660-668-3823. We hope to keep our enrollment around 12 so you'll want to call soon to get your spot secured.



WELCA: The Women of the ELCA will hold their quarterly meeting on Tuesday, **April 5th** at 7:00 p.m. (The women were to meet on April 6, however, that meeting date conflicts with our Lenten service.) The meeting will be held in the chapel. The following items will be addressed: the Cluster Meeting on April 30, the Ice Cream Social, and the Central States Synod Women's Convention in July. ALL women are encouraged to attend!!

Lenten Season: Lenten activities will continue on Wednesday, **April 6th**. Breakfast hosted by the CCACA will be at 7:30am (*Please note: If Cole Camp schools are closed due to weather, the breakfast will also be cancelled that day.*). Then at 6:00pm we will enjoy a Simple Supper. After our meal we will have worship service at 7:00pm followed by fellowship time. All of these activities will take place in the Fellowship Hall.



Simple Supper: Simple Supper for Wednesday, **April 6th** at 6:00 p.m. Menu: Chicken Noodle soup, chili and pulled pork sandwiches with coffee, tea, or water. Come and enjoy a "simple" supper!!

Choir: Choir practice for Easter Sunday will be on Wednesday, **April 6th** after Lenten worship service. Anyone wanting to sing is WELCOME!



Health Care: The Benton County Health Department will be here on Thursday, **April 7th** from 8:00am until 10:00am to help you with your health care needs.

Easter Lilies: Easter Lilies will be ordered for our sanctuary for the Easter Services. These plants maybe given in memory of a loved one or to the Glory of God. The cost is \$10.00 each. If you would like to donate one or more, there are order forms on the ushers stands or you can contact Sharel Wienberg at 668 - 4439 The deadline for ordering is **April 10th**.



Mowing: Bids are being accepted for mowing at St. Paul's Cemetery. Anyone interested in submitting a bid may contact Virgil Holsten, Mark Oelrichs or Bill Viebrock by **Sunday, April 10th**.

Grief Gathering: Pastor Stephen invites you to join him for a Grief Gathering on Thursday, **April 14**, following the Maundy Thursday worship service. We will gather in the Chapel for a chance to light candles, offer prayers, and share (or not share) about any grief you are carrying.



Easter Event: Join us for a Junior Lutheran Easter event on Saturday, **April 16th** from 9-11:30 am. We can't wait to see you for egg dying, baking, and other fun activities as we learn about Holy Week!

Circle: The Esther Circle will meet Monday, **April 18th** at 7:00 p.m. in the home of Ellen Harms. Jeannette VonHolten will be the host. We will begin Book III of the Women's series.

Esther Circle



~ * ~ **IN OUR COMMUNITY** ~ * ~

Did Someone Say Tacos?! The Cole Camp Pool will be having a taco dinner on Sunday, **April 10th** from 11-1pm @ St. Paul's Lutheran Church. These tacos will have a dine in or carryout option available. This is a great opportunity to come help the local pool raise the funds it needs. And did we mention there will be Tacos! We look forward to seeing you on April 10th and thank you for your continued support.



Cub Scouts: The Cub Scout Pack will be Bunny Hopping for canned food items on Friday, **April 15th** to donate to those in need. If you would like to help you can simply place your donated items on your front porch and a supervised scout will be by to pick them up between 3:00pm and 5:00pm.

LENTEN SCHEDULE

Fifth Week in Lent..... April 6th 6:00pm Simple Supper ~ 7:00pm Worship

Palm Sunday..... April 10th 10:00am-Procession of Palms & Passion Reading

Maundy Thursday..... April 14th 7:00pm - Stripping of the Altar

Good Friday April 15th 7:00pm - Jesus' Seven Last Words

Easter Saturday April 16th 5:30pm - Easter Vigil

Easter Sunrise..... April 17th 7:00am - Outdoor Worship

Easter Service April 17th 10:00am - Holy Communion

Lenten Activities

There will be a Lenten breakfast hosted by Cole Camp Area Church Alliance at St. Paul's Church each Wednesday morning at 7:30am. We encourage everyone to attend! (Please note: If Cole Camp schools are closed due to weather, the breakfast will also be cancelled that day.)

A simple supper will be served before each Lenten worship service. The supper will begin at 6:00pm and end at approximately 6:45, to allow the volunteers time for clean-up.

To insure that there are enough cookies each week, each family is asked to provide cookies according to the following schedule. Additionally, please note the organizations asked to serve for each of the five services.

After worship cookies, coffee and hot cocoa will be served in the Fellowship Hall.

April 6th V - Z..... Esther Circle

A special thank you to all the volunteers who will
be helping to ensure our Lenten worship is a success!

THIS WEEK AT ST. PAUL'S

Sunday, April 3:	8:45am	Confirmation Class
	9:00am	SS / Adult Class
	10:00am	Worship
		Holy Communion at the Altar
Monday, April 4:	9:00am	Sewing
Tuesday, April 5:	8:00am	LBPS
	7:00pm	WELCA
Wednesday, April 6:	7:30am	Lenten Breakfast
	8:00am	LBPS
	6:00pm	Simple Supper
	7:00pm	Mid-Week Lent Worship Service
	AW	Fellowship Time
	AW	Choir Practice
Thursday, April 7:	8:00am	BCHD
Saturday, April 9:	5:30pm	Casual Worship
Sunday, April 10:	8:45am	Confirmation Class
	9:00am	SS / Adult Class
	10:00am	Worship
		Holy Communion by Stations
	6:00pm	Communities of Calling



~ * ~ Coming Events ~ * ~

April 10	.....	Easter Lilly Deadline
April 14	.....	Maundy Thursday
April 15	.....	Good Friday
April 16	.....	Easter Vigil
April 17	.....	Easter

Welcome to St. Paul's Lutheran Church

Ministers	..... The Whole Congregation
Presiding Minister	..... Pastor Stephen Zeller
Organist	..... Lois Viebrock
Pianist	..... Jeannette VonHolten
Altar Guild	..... Glenalee Dillon & Suzanne Lutjen
Ushers	..... Greg Bredehoeft, Head Usher
.....	Melisa Balke, Eric Kullman, John Oelrichs & Ryan Schlesselman



Fifth Sunday in Lent ~ April 3, 2022

Assisting Minister	..... Janice Gerken
Communion Assistants	..... At the Altar
Reader	..... Susan Goosen
Children's Sermon	..... Joyce Schlesselmann
Acolytes	..... Lauren Brown & Grady Elliott
Flowers	..... Suzanne Lutjen
Fellowship Hour	.....



Palm Sunday ~ April 10, 2022

Assisting Minister	..... Tom Oelrichs
Communion Assistants	..... Jim & Kim Gumbel
Reader	..... The Passion Story
Children's Sermon	..... Pastor Kim Knowle-Zeller
Acolytes	..... Wyatt Keith & Grant Kullman
Flowers	..... Janice Gerken
Fellowship Hour	.....