



# 5th Sunday of LENT



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## 11:11 a.m. Contemporary Worship Service March 22

*As followers of Jesus, we rejoice in God's plan for a just, loving and peaceful world. We commit ourselves to making it a reality for all people everywhere. Just as all are welcome at the Lord's table during holy communion, all are welcome to this family of faith. People of all races, ages, social status, sexual orientations and gender identities are united here in our mission to love God, Love Others, Serve.*

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***If you are new,** please sign a worship card and place it in the offering plate.*

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*Adult Bible Class: In the classroom side of the Cup*

*Teen Sunday School (6<sup>th</sup> - 12<sup>th</sup> grade): In the Youth Room*

*Confirmation Class (8<sup>th</sup> - 10<sup>th</sup> grade): In the Library*

*Children's Sunday School for 5<sup>th</sup> grade and younger:*

- *Ye Littles of Faith for Kindergarten and younger in East hallway classroom next to Nursery*
- *The Mighty Kids Kingdom for 1<sup>st</sup> - 5<sup>th</sup> grades in West hallway classroom, 2 doors past youth room*

*Tuesday Bible Study (Open to All): In the classroom side of the Cup*

*Sunday School Classes are regularly held at 10:15 a.m.*

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March 22, 2026 • 11:11am  
Fifth Sunday in Lent

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**GATHERING SONG**

*Thrive*  
*O Come to the Altar*

**CALL TO WORSHIP FOR LENT**

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

**Congregation: Amen.**

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

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

P: Compassionate One,

**C: 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.**

P: 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.

**C: Amen.**

**CHILDREN'S MESSAGE**

Pastor Bob Stelter

**PARISH NEWS**

Greg Bohlken, Ministry Associate

**FIRST READING: Romans 8:6-11** *pew Bible, page 1,031*

*For Paul, Christian spirituality entails living in the reality of the Holy Spirit. The driving force behind our actions and values is not our sinful desire for self-satisfaction but the very Spirit by which God raised Jesus from the dead and will also raise us from the dead.*

To set the mind on the flesh is death, but to set the mind on the Spirit is life and peace. For this reason, the mind that is set on the flesh is hostile to God; it does not submit to God's law—indeed, it cannot, and those who are in the flesh cannot please God.

But you are not in the flesh; you are in the Spirit, since the Spirit of God dwells in you. Anyone who does not have the Spirit of Christ does not belong to him. But if Christ is in you, then the body is dead because of sin, but the Spirit is life because of righteousness. If the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, he who raised Christ Jesus from the dead will give life to your mortal bodies also through his Spirit that dwells in you.

**GOSPEL READING: Luke 8:22-25** *pew Bible, page 944*

*Jesus stills a storm and ties his action to faith.*

One day Jesus got into a boat with his disciples, and he said to them, "Let us go across to the other side of the lake." So they put out, and while they were sailing he fell asleep. A windstorm swept down on the lake, and the boat was filling with water, and they were in danger. They went to him and woke him up, shouting, "Master, Master, we are perishing!" And he woke up and rebuked the wind and the raging waves; they ceased, and there was calm. He said to them, "Where is your faith?" They were afraid and amazed, and said to one another, "Who then is this, that he commands even the winds and the water, and they obey him?"

Pastor: The Gospel of the Lord.

**Congregation: Praise to you, O Christ!**

**SERMON** *Conclusion of Lent Sermon Series on Evil*

Pastor Bob Stelter

Today: "The Landlord"

*A manuscript of this sermon is available on our website: [www.faithloves.org/sermonmanuscripts](http://www.faithloves.org/sermonmanuscripts)*

**SERMON SONG** *Overcome*

**SHARING OF GOD'S PEACE**

**OFFERINGS FOR MISSION & MINISTRY**

**OFFERING PRAYER**

Pastor: Merciful God,

**Congregation:** we offer with joy and thanksgiving what you have first given us—our selves, our time, and our possessions, signs of your gracious love. Receive them for the sake of him who offered himself for us, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

**OFFERING SONG** *What Wondrous Love Is This*

Lynn Rognsvoog

**PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE**

**WORDS OF INSTITUTION / LORD'S PRAYER / HOLY COMMUNION** **THE 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 ever. Amen.

**COMMUNION SONG** *Beneath the Cross of Jesus*

Lynn Rognsvoog

**COMMUNION BLESSING**

Pastor: May the body and blood of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, strengthen you and keep you  
in His grace.

**Congregation:** Amen.

**BENEDICTION FOR LENT**

Pastor: As this new week begins, we pause to breathe, to listen and to remember that love is practiced  
one day at a time. A blessing for you: May the God of mercy and courage steady you when the  
road feels uncertain; open your eyes to the needs around you; open your hands to serve with  
care; and open your hearts to remain soft in a hard and weary world. †

**Congregation:** Amen.

**SENDING SONG** *Build Your Kingdom Here*

**SENDING**

Praise Band Leader: Go in peace, serve the Lord.

**Congregation:** Love God, love others, serve.

## **WORSHIP ASSISTANTS TODAY**

<b>ALTAR GUILD</b>	Vicki Adams
<b>GREETER</b>	Melissa Horning
<b>USHERS</b>	Brad Berry, Christian Berry
<b>COMMUNION MINISTERS</b>	Carol Nanney, Katie Lehner, Richard Lehner, Teensy & Frank Weldon
<b>PROJECTION &amp; LIGHTS</b>	Lisa Stelter

*The arrangements on the altar remind us of our penitential sacrifice  
and determination during the Lenten season.*

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## PRAYERS

*(Prayers are refreshed at the beginning of each month)*

**Members:** Terry Biesboer, Gene Bird, Dave Birkholz, Jan Bishop, Mary Blackburn, Nathan Blackburn, Rob & Rhonda, Blackburn, Roger Brown, Jaigne Christman, Nancy & Leon Cole, Katie Condon, Michael Condon, Ian Cooper, Myles Cooper, Debbie Courtney, Nancy Dean, Nancy Dickinson, Irene Dorfinger, Patsy Elmore, John Elmore, Karoline Frasch, Pat Gary, Doug Goins, Mary Beth & Alex Green, Jonas Greenman, Chip Hester, Deb & Doug Houck, Tom Jayne, Peggy Jurkoic, Lin & Mike McKinley, Diane Lee, Debbie Palatinus, Scarlett Parrott, Harold Peters, Joe Poole, Dr. Ted Primka, Sandra Prior, the Roberts family, the Saylor families, Pamela Spaar, Bill Steele, Rich Wellner, Jean Witte, John Woods, Matt Wright.

**Friends & Families:** App family, Dave Berry, Bill Birkholz, Jim Birkholz, Sheila Birkholz, Michael Carfi, Steve Case, Hilda Chapel, Chris Clark, Meg Corrigan, Victoria Cox, Nancy Crain, Michael Damico, Dennis Family, Van Dudley, Brandy & Brian Duke, Kevin Duskin, Dan Edmunds, Favre family, Alanna & Arnie Fenske, Kathi Fenske-Hong, Allison Galloway Kraft, Phylis Garrison, Cindy Gioe, Wil Glafenhein & family, Angél Gobel, Matthew Green, Gutelius family, Blanche Hall, Hall family, Randi Hammer-BogeLynne Heffner, Nadine Heislbetz, Jeff Herbold, Joy Hymer, Don Karlstad, Bob Kessling, AJ Kitchen, Barb Korsmo, Loyacano family, Dorothy McMahan, Scott Nelson, Josh Nichols, Rev. Dan Pavaloa, Chris Patrick, Rose & Steve Penney, Julie Reed, Alyssa Powers Rivers, Jim Russell, Sarah Rye, Salles families, Laney Savilsky, Marilyn Savilsky, Scaglione family, Richard Sena, Jim Shea, Debbie Shinholt, Lynn Siegfried & family, baby Ruth Sommerfeld and family, Leora Stewart, Brody Taylor, Audra Tyler Moore, Frank Tyler, Doug Trout. Sheli Voorhees, Micki Weith, Janet Wengert, Townley Whalen, Mya, Ro & Haven Wolfe, Diane Yonke, Gary Yonke, Mark Zalesky, Zehner family, Nan Ziegler, Adelaide, Alex Kate & her mother, Alexander, Angel & Ben, Carolyn, Cheri & George, Dallas, Darcy, Jim, Jodi, Judy, Julie & Kevin, Karen, Kim, Laura, Lucy, Max, Micki, Peter, RC, Sandra, Shannington, Sharon & family, Touranne *and those we name to You.*

**Comfort in the midst of death for the family and friends of:** Jack Park, James Stephens.

**Shepherd of Hope Pantry Friends:** Amanda & her children, Sasha & daughter, Savannah & Devon, Max, Patti Morgan & family, Charlie & Weston, Chris, Josefina, Long Ho, Betty, Tiffany, Nita & family, Amanda & me, Ted & Sandra, Charline, Tommy, Kristi & Trent, Tom, Paul, Robby, Retha, Mary, Sally, Pryors, Mytohia & family, Christine & family, Happy, Patricia & children, Sherry & Mike, Taissi, Denis, Daniela, Mark *and those known to God.*

**Salvation Army Friends:** Paula, Sandra, Lacy & family, Stephanie & family, Christie & her daughter, Hunter, Jonathan, Diamond & her father Daryn, her daughter Royalty, Darren, Jason, Eli & Brianna, his pregnant wife, Doug, Richard, Chris & Mary Jo and his son Sean, Gary, Alfredo, Mark, Kent & Tammy *and those known to God.*

**Concern & Assistance:** Those dealing with addiction while incarcerated. Mentally & physically challenged. Veterans. First Responders. Refugees and those living in fear of deportation. Persecuted Christians. The people of Nigeria, Iran, Israel, Syria, Palestine, Ukraine, Russia.

**Partnerships:** Bishop Yehiel Curry & the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America; Bishop Kevin Strickland & the Southeastern Synod; Alicia & David Brondos, Missionaries in Mexico; Seminarian Sam Sosebee; Shepherd of Hope Food Pantry; English Language Learning Classes, Quiet Music Ministry; Tyson House; Deacon Ministry; Knox Area Rescue Ministry; Via de Cristo Ministry; Salvation Army Homeless Shelters; Street Hope; Alzheimer's Support Group; Cole Center Caregivers and Parkinson Band; Mercy Ships; Lutheran Church & School in Guatemala; AL-ANON; Narcotics Anonymous.

**Peace & Protection for all armed forces, especially:** Jacob Cole, Anthony Hu, HM, Andrew McDonald, Alex Primka, Christine Russ, Sam Thompson, Chris Yonke, Mitchell Yount.

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and determination during the Lenten season.*

# EVENTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

## SUNDAY, MARCH 22

- 9 a.m.** Traditional Worship Service
- 10 a.m.** Inquirers Class
- 10:15 a.m.** Sunday School, Coffee & Donuts
- 11:11 a.m.** Contemporary Worship Service
- 2 p.m.** Choir Open House

## MONDAY, MARCH 23

- 12 p.m.** Via de Cristo Reunion
- 6:15 p.m.** English Language Class

## TUESDAY, MARCH 24

- 1:30 p.m.** Bible Study Class
- 5 p.m.** Salvation Army Shelter Visit
- 6 p.m.** Evening Prayer
- 7:30 p.m.** Narcotics Anonymous

## WEDNESDAY, MARCH 25

- 4:15 p.m.** Staff Meeting
- 5:30 p.m.** Handbell Choir Rehearsal
- 6 p.m.** Lent Book Discussion and Soup Supper
- 6:30 p.m.** Chancel Choir Rehearsal

## THURSDAY, MARCH 26

- 7:30 p.m.** Narcotics Anonymous

## FRIDAY, MARCH 27

- 9:30 a.m.** Cole Center Caregiver Community
- 7 p.m.** Narcotics Anonymous

## SATURDAY, MARCH 28

- 9 a.m.** Dorfinger Event
- 11 a.m.** Al-Anon

## SUNDAY, MARCH 29

### PALM SUNDAY

- 9 a.m.** Traditional Worship Service
- 10:15 a.m.** Palm Sunday Pancake Breakfast
- 10:15 a.m.** English Language Class for Advanced Learners
- 11:11 a.m.** Contemporary Worship Service
- 5 p.m.** Celtic Worship Service

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **Choir Open House**
  - Today at 2 p.m.
- **Final Lent Book Discussion and Soup Supper**
  - Wednesday, March 25 at 6 p.m.
- **Spring Flower Arrangements**
  - Designate a flower arrangement with a note for a loved one or special intention. Suggested donation is \$15 for memorials and honorariums.

## DAILY LECTIONARY READINGS THIS WEEK

- Monday:** 1 Kings 17:17-24, Acts 20:7-12, Psalm 143
- Tuesday:** 2 Kings 4:18-37, Ephesians 2:1-10, Psalm 143
- Wednesday:** Jeremiah 32:1-9, 36-41, Matthew 22:23-33, Psalm 143
- Thursday:** 1 Samuel 16:11-13, Philippians 1:1-11, Psalm 31:9-16
- Friday:** Job 13:13-19, Philippians 1:21-30, Psalm 31:9-16
- Saturday:** Lamentations 3:55-66, Mark 10:32-34, Psalm 31:9-16
- Sunday:** Procession with Palms: Matthew 21:1-11, Isaiah 50:4-9, Psalm 31:9-16, Philippians 2:5-11, Matthew 26:14-27:66

## FAITHFUL RESPONSE

*Offerings last week:*   **\$ 7,867**

*Offerings year to date:*   **\$ 249,146**

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# HOLY WEEK

## *Worship Services*

### **March 29 | Palm Sunday**

9 and 11:11 a.m. Services begin outside at the angel statue. Live donkey will lead congregation into worship. Breakfast at 10 a.m.

### **April 2 | Maundy Thursday**

7 p.m. Remembrance of the Last Supper and the Rite of First Communion.

### **April 3 | Good Friday**

Noon and 7 p.m.

### **April 5 | Easter Celebration**

9 and 11:11 a.m.  
Easter Egg Hunt at 10 a.m.

