



# 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday *in* Lent

*"Helping others receive grace, purpose and direction by proclaiming Christ's love."*

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**Saturday Evening Worship - 5:30 p.m.**  
**Sunday Morning Worship - 10:00 a.m.**  
**March 16 & 17, 2024**

## Fifth Sunday in Lent

**A Warm Welcome** to all as we gather as God's people to worship our Lord. We pray our worship together would strengthen your faith and desire to know and serve the One who loves us with an everlasting love as made known to us in Jesus Christ.

*(In preparation for our worship together, you are invited to take a moment of silence to offer your own prayers of worship and praise.)*

**KEY:** ELW and any page number = Worship hymnal (cranberry),  
OSB = Other Song Book (red), W&P = Worship & Praise (purple).

\* Indicates please stand if able. Congregational responses are printed in **BOLD** type.

**Prayer Before Worship:** Your Word, O God, has power to change our lives and to create a whole new world. As we meditate on your word this day, fill us with your Holy Spirit, that we may treasure your word with our whole hearts and fix our eyes on you. Amen.

### Prelude Music

### Welcome and Announcements

#### ‡WE PREPARE OUR HEARTS‡

Welcome Hymn:

**“My Song Is Love Unknown”**

**ELW #343**

**1. My song is love unknown,  
my Savior's love to me,  
love to the loveless shown  
that they might lovely be.  
Oh, who am I that for my sake  
my Lord should take frail flesh and die?**

**2. He came from his blest throne  
salvation to bestow;  
the world that was his own  
would not its Savior know.  
But, oh, my friend, my friend indeed,  
who at my need his life did spend!**

**3. Sometimes we strew his way  
and his sweet praises sing;  
resounding all the day  
hosannas to our king.  
Then "Crucify!" is all our breath,  
and for his death we thirst and cry.**

**4. We cry out; we will have  
our dear Lord made away,  
a murderer to save,  
the prince of life to slay.  
Yet cheerful he to suff'ring goes  
that he his foes from thence might free.**

**5. In life no house, no home  
my Lord on earth might have;  
in death no friendly tomb  
but what a stranger gave.  
What may I say? Heav'n was his home  
but mine the tomb wherein he lay.**

**6. Here might I stay and sing—  
no story so divine!  
Never was love, dear King,  
never was grief like thine.  
This is my friend, in whose sweet praise  
I all my days could gladly spend!**

**\*Confession of Sins/Assurance of Forgiveness**

*(All may make the sign of the cross † the sign marked at baptism, as we begin)*

Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God, who writes the law on our hearts, who draws all people together through Jesus. **Amen.**

Held in God's mercy, let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

*(Silence is kept for reflection)*

Holy God,

**we confess that we are caught in snares of sin and cannot break free. We hoard resources while our neighbors are hungry and cold. We speak in ways that silence others. We are silent when we should speak up. We keep score in our hearts. We let hurts grow into hatred. For all these things and for sins only you know, forgive us, Lord. Amen.**

Here is an abundance of grace: Out of love for the whole world, God draws near to us, breaks every snare of sin, washes away our wrongs, and restores the promise of life through † Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

**\*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.**

**\*Prayer of the Day**

O God,

**with steadfast love you draw us to yourself, and in mercy you receive our prayers. Strengthen us to bring forth the fruits of the Spirit, that through life and death we may live in your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

**†GOD'S WORD SPEAKS TO US†**

**Old Testament Reading: Jeremiah 31:31-34**

<sup>31</sup>The days are surely coming, says the LORD, when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and the house of Judah. <sup>32</sup>It will not be like the covenant that I made with their ancestors when I took them by the hand to bring them out of the land of Egypt — a covenant that they broke, though I was their husband, says the LORD. <sup>33</sup>But this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, says the LORD: I will put my law within them, and I will write it on their hearts; and I will be their God, and they shall be my people. <sup>34</sup>No longer shall they teach one another, or say to each other, "Know the LORD," for they shall all know me, from the least of them to the greatest, says the LORD; for I will forgive their iniquity, and remember their sin no more.

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

## **Psalm 51:1-12**

<sup>1</sup>Have mercy on me, O God, according to your steadfast love;  
in your great compassion blot out my offenses.

<sup>2</sup>**Wash me through and through from my wickedness,  
and cleanse me from my sin.**

<sup>3</sup>For I know my offenses,  
and my sin is ever before me.

<sup>4</sup>**Against you only have I sinned and done what is evil in your sight;  
so you are justified when you speak and right in your judgment.**

<sup>5</sup>Indeed, I was born steeped in wickedness,  
a sinner from my mother's womb.

<sup>6</sup>**Indeed, you delight in truth deep within me,  
and would have me know wisdom deep within.**

<sup>7</sup>Remove my sins with hyssop, and I shall be clean;  
wash me, and I shall be purer than snow.

<sup>8</sup>**Let me hear joy and gladness;  
that the body you have broken may rejoice.**

<sup>9</sup>Hide your face from my sins,  
and blot out all my wickedness.

<sup>10</sup>**Create in me a clean heart, O God,  
and renew a right spirit within me.**

<sup>11</sup>Cast me not away from your presence,  
and take not your Holy Spirit from me.

<sup>12</sup>**Restore to me the joy of your salvation  
and sustain me with your bountiful Spirit.**

## **Epistle Reading: Hebrews 5:5-10**

<sup>5</sup>So also Christ did not glorify himself in becoming a high priest, but was appointed by  
the one who said to him,

"You are my Son,  
today I have begotten you";

<sup>6</sup>as he says also in another place,

"You are a priest forever,  
according to the order of Melchizedek."

<sup>7</sup>In the days of his flesh, Jesus offered up prayers and supplications, with loud cries and  
tears, to the one who was able to save him from death, and he was heard because of  
his reverent submission. <sup>8</sup>Although he was a Son, he learned obedience through what  
he suffered;

<sup>9</sup>and having been made perfect, he became the source of eternal salvation for all who obey him, <sup>10</sup>having been designated by God a high priest according to the order of Melchizedek.

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

**\*Lenten Verse**

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**Return to the Lord, your God,  
For he is gracious and merciful,  
Slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love,  
And abounding in steadfast love.**

**\*Gospel: John 12:20-33**

*Response after the announcement of the gospel:*  
**Glory to you, O Lord.**

<sup>20</sup>Now among those who went up to worship at the festival were some Greeks. <sup>21</sup>They came to Philip, who was from Bethsaida in Galilee, and said to him, "Sir, we wish to see Jesus." <sup>22</sup>Philip went and told Andrew; then Andrew and Philip went and told Jesus. <sup>23</sup>Jesus answered them, "The hour has come for the Son of Man to be glorified. <sup>24</sup>Very truly, I tell you, unless a grain of wheat falls into the earth and dies, it remains just a single grain; but if it dies, it bears much fruit. <sup>25</sup>Those who love their life lose it, and those who hate their life in this world will keep it for eternal life. <sup>26</sup>Whoever serves me must follow me, and where I am, there will my servant be also. Whoever serves me, the Father will honor.

<sup>27</sup>Now my soul is troubled. And what should I say — 'Father, save me from this hour'? No, it is for this reason that I have come to this hour. <sup>28</sup>Father, glorify your name." Then a voice came from heaven, "I have glorified it, and I will glorify it again." <sup>29</sup>The crowd standing there heard it and said that it was thunder. Others said, "An angel has spoken to him." <sup>30</sup>Jesus answered, "This voice has come for your sake, not for mine. <sup>31</sup>Now is the judgment of this world; now the ruler of this world will be driven out. <sup>32</sup>And I, when I am lifted up from the earth, will draw all people to myself." <sup>33</sup>He said this to indicate the kind of death he was to die.

*Response after the gospel reading:*  
**Praise to you, O Christ.**

**Kids' Sermon (Sun):**

**Angie Hinze**

**Sermon:**

**Pastor Kathy**

*(Silence for reflection and meditation)*

**‡WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD‡**

**\*Hymn of the Day:**

**"Now the Green Blade Rises"**

**ELW #379**

1. Now the green blade rises from the buried grain,  
wheat that in dark earth many days has lain;  
love lives again, that with the dead has been;  
love is come again like wheat arising green.
2. In the grave they laid him, love by hatred slain,  
thinking that he would never wake again;  
laid in the earth like grain that sleeps unseen;  
love is come again like wheat arising green.
3. Forth he came at Easter, like the risen grain,  
he that for three days in the grave had lain;  
raised from the dead, my living Lord is seen;  
love is come again like wheat arising green.
4. When our hearts are wintry, grieving, or in pain,  
your touch can call us back to life again,  
fields of our hearts that dead and bare have been;  
love is come again like wheat arising green.

**\*Profession of Faith: The 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 the Church:**

*Each petition ends with:*

Hear us, O God...**your mercy is great.**

*The prayers conclude with:*

...Accompany us on our journey, God of grace, and receive the prayers of our hearts,  
through Jesus Christ, our Savior. **Amen.**

**\*Sharing of the Peace**

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

*(You are invited to share the peace of Christ with one another)*

**“Hope of the World” (Sun)**

**Choir**

**\*Offertory Prayer**

Jesus,  
**you are the bread of life and the host of this meal. Bless these gifts that we have  
gathered that all people may know your goodness. Feed us not only with this holy  
food but with hunger for justice and peace. We pray this in your name. Amen.**



## ‡HOLY COMMUNION‡

*Here our Lord gives to us His own Body and Blood for the forgiveness of all our sins.*

### **\*The Great Thanksgiving**

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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.**

### **\*Words of Institution**

Holy God,

You alone are holy, you alone are God. The universe declares your praise: beyond the stars; beneath the sea; within each cell; with every breath. **We praise you, O God.**

Generations bless your faithfulness: through the water; by night and day; across the wilderness; out of exile; into the future. **We bless you, O God.**

We give you thanks for your dear Son: at the heart of human life; near to those who suffer; beside the sinner; among the poor; with us now. **We thank you, O God**

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.

Remembering his love for us on the way, at the table, to the end, we proclaim the mystery of faith. **Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.**

We pray for the gift of your Spirit: in our gathering; within this meal; among your people; throughout the world.

Blessing, praise, and thanks to you, holy God, through Christ Jesus, by your Spirit, in your church, without end. **Amen.**

**\*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.

**\*Invitation to Communion**

These are the gifts of God for the people of God. All is ready and all are welcome.

**Distribution of Communion:**

Christ is truly present in the Lord's Supper with gifts of forgiveness, life, and salvation.

All are welcome and invited to receive Holy Communion.

*(Communion will be served continuously at two stations in the front of the church.*

*APPLE JUICE and GLUTEN FREE WAFERS are available. Just ask the server.*

*Children who are not yet communicants are invited to come forward for a blessing.)*

**Distribution Music**

Tahnee Hutchinson

**\*Post-Communion Blessing**

**\*Post-Communion Prayer**

Generous God, at this table we have tasted your immeasurable grace. As grains of wheat are gathered into one bread, now make us one loaf to feed the world; in the name of Jesus, the Bread of life. **Amen.**

**‡WE DEPART TO SERVE‡**

**\*Benediction**

Beloved, we are God's own people, holy, washed, renewed. God bless you and keep you, shower you with mercy, fill you with courage, and ‡ give you peace. **Amen.**

**\*Sending Hymn:**

**“Lord, Dismiss Us with Your Blessing”**

**ELW #545**

- 1. Lord, dismiss us with your blessing,  
fill our hearts with joy and peace;  
let us each, your love possessing,  
triumph in redeeming grace.  
Oh, refresh us; oh, refresh us,  
trav'ling through this wilderness.**
  
- 2. Thanks we give and adoration  
for your gospel's joyful sound.  
May the fruits of your salvation  
in our hearts and lives abound.  
Ever faithful, ever faithful  
to your truth may we be found.**
  
- 3. Savior, when your love shall call us  
from our struggling pilgrim way,  
let no fear of death appall us,  
glad your summons to obey.  
May we ever, may we ever  
reign with you in endless day.**

**\*Dismissal**

Go in peace. Share your bread.

**Thanks be to God.**

**Postlude**

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## In Our Thoughts and Prayers†

Prayers for healing: **Larry Spomer** (left knee replacement surgery) **Larry Loeks** (improved health), **Jack Day** (stroke—Lynn Margheim’s brother), **Glenna Linfield** (hospice—Pastor Kathy’s aunt), **Jeremy** (test results—Deb Brown’s son), **Bert Bessey**, **Shelia Colson** (hospital recovery), **Sherrill Miller** (cancer treatment—Travis Miller family) **Butch Feil** (recovering from surgery—Guerrero family), **Leah Nikont** (recovering from surgery), **Drew Selck** (Cancer), **Joni** (stage 4 cancer), **Kathy Johnson** (health issues), **William Gibbs** (Cancer— Larry Gibbs’ brother), **Vicki Schmidt** (cancer treatment), **Patty** (cancer—Jim Dorn’s sister-in-law).

Prayers for comfort and safety: **Zeke Chilcott** (deployed—friend of Marissa Wright), **Jeffery Christeleit** (deployed—Brian & Jodi Christeleit’s son and Jim & Sheila Miller’s grandson).



Mike Belgum, 3/19; Maeve Singer, 3/19; Roy Howell, 3/19;  
Brian Christeleit, 3/20; Derek Smith, 3/23; Randy Schafer, 3/24

*If we have missed your birthday, please let the office know. Thanks.*



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### Coffee and Fellowship

We would like to invite people to stay after worship for a time of fellowship. The coffee pot will be on, but if you would like to provide treats, please sign up on the sheet outside the office.



## MARCH FOOD DONATIONS REQUESTED

**FOOD PANTRY:** Sauces

**BACKPACKS:** Fruit Cups

Containers are located outside Fellowship Hall.

Thanks for your generosity.



## **CLCW MARCH MISSION PROJECT:**

### **Food for meals at the Lakota Lutheran Center**

Cash donations will be used to help supplement the food ministry at the Lakota Center. Meals are an important part of community at the Center and extends to a large number of people. Donations may be placed in the tan "Designated Giving" envelopes in the pews. Please be sure to mark on them CLCW Project on the envelope. Thank you for your support.



The Young at Heart Fellowship Group will have its first gathering, a Game Day on Sunday, March 17, following fellowship. The group is open to all, with fellowship activities planned to be aimed at young families and "young" adults. If you are "young at heart,"

we would love to have you join us. Contact Maunette Loeks or Val Rahrs for details about how you can be involved. You can also submit your ideas and details on our survey: <https://tinyurl.com/youngadultfellowship>



**March 20<sup>th</sup>**, the meal is @ 5:30 pm with worship to follow @ 6:30 pm. The meal will be Taco Salad Bar sponsored by EPIC & JAM Kids. This will be our last Lenten dinner & service.



The Five Solas are the theme for our Wednesday evening Lenten services this year. These are five central truths that came out of the Reformation –

1 Scripture Alone, 2 Christ Alone, 3 Faith Alone, 4 Grace

Alone and 5 Glory of God Alone. Join us at 6:30 PM on Wednesday evenings.

## 2024 LENTEN LUNCHES

will be held on Tuesdays from Noon to 1 p.m. during Lent.

### SCHEDULE

**March 19** - St. Francis Episcopal Church  
14 E. 20th St., Scottsbluff



# Grab & Go Lunch



The Outreach Committee is now offering a ministry called Grab & Go Lunch for our community. It will be providing sustainable lunches for consumption either immediately or later in the day. It will be held on the 4<sup>th</sup> Thursday of each month from 12-2 pm. The organizers will plan & prepare lunches (main item, fruit/veggie & drink) and cleanup of meal prep. The distributors will oversee final packaging, handing out of the meals the day of and final cleanup. If you or your group are interested in being the organizers, the distributors or both please sign up by scanning the QR code above or on the sign-up sheet by the office. More information is available by the church office or by scanning the QR code.

## EASTER LILIES



You are invited to bring an Easter Lily to decorate the sanctuary for Easter Sunday. If you would like to dedicate your plant *in honor of or in memory* of a loved one, fill out the form located outside the church office and return it to the office so that we can print these remembrances in the Easter bulletins. You may bring your plant between March 25 - March 31 and may take it home after the Easter Sunday services to enjoy at home.

## WORSHIP LEADERS

**Pastor Kathy**

**This Sunday – March 17**

**USHERS:** Chris & Barb Jensen

**LAY READER:** Chris Jensen

**HEAD COMMUNION ASST:** Bill Huelle

**COMMUNION ASSTS:** Abby Newsom & Marissa Wright

**POWERPOINT:** Andi Dorn

**ACOLYTES:** Ben Moravec & Rhyan Buckley

**MEDIA:** Maunette Loeks-Van Patten

**AUDIO:** Jim Dorn

**ALTAR GUILD:** Deb Brown, Vicki Howell, Tracy Steele, Shari Copsey

**ORGANIST:** Tahnee Hutchinson

**COFFEE & FELLOWSHIP:** *Please sign up!*

**Lenten Wednesday – March 20**

**LAY READER:** Shari Copsey

**ACOLYTE:** Rhyan Buckley

**AUDIO:** *Please sign up!*

**Next Sunday – March 24**

**USHERS:** Deb & Vicki Howell

**LAY READER:** Mary Jo Huelle

**HEAD COMMUNION ASST:** Barb Jensen

**COMMUNION ASSTS:**

**POWERPOINT:** Maunette Loeks-Van Patten

**ACOLYTES:** Brody & Mattea Weitzel

**MEDIA:** Jeff Van Patten

**AUDIO:** Jack Martin

**ALTAR GUILD:** Andi Dorn, Shelly Koehler, Allisha Weitzel

**PIANIST:** Tahnee Hutchinson

**COFFEE & FELLOWSHIP** *Please sign up!*

## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

**Sunday, March 17**

10 a.m. – Worship

11 a.m. – Coffee & Fellowship

**Monday, March 18**

5 p.m. – Elders

6 p.m. – Worship & Music

**Tuesday, March 19**

12 p.m. – Sarah Circle

1 p.m. – Quilting

**Wednesday, March 20**

5:30 p.m. – Lenten Meal

6:30 p.m. – Lenten Worship

7 p.m. – Choir Practice

**Saturday, March 23**

5:30 p.m. – Worship

**Sunday, March 24**

***Palm Sunday***

10 a.m. – Worship

11 a.m. – Coffee & Fellowship in Fellowship Hall

11:30 a.m. – EPIC/JAM Lunch & Good Friday Rehearsal

MARCH 17, 2024  
FIFTH SUNDAY  
IN LENT



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*Jesus is revealed to the whole world.*

### ..... DAILY BIBLE READINGS .....

These passages are related to the Lectionary texts for this Sunday.

Sunday	John 12:20-33	The hour has come
Monday	Jeremiah 31:31-34	A new covenant
Tuesday	Hebrews 5:5-10	Jesus as a high priest
Wednesday	1 John 4:7-12	God is love
Thursday	Numbers 12:1-9	Aaron, Miriam, and Moses
Friday	Acts 7:54-60	The stoning of Stephen
Saturday	Psalms 51:1-12	A prayer for cleansing
Sunday	Mark 11:1-11	Jesus enters Jerusalem

### ..... SCRIPTURE VERSE FOR THIS WEEK .....

*They [some Greeks] came to Philip, who was from Bethsaida in Galilee, and said to him, "Sir, we wish to see Jesus." John 12:21 (NRSV)*

### ..... PRAYERS AND BLESSING .....

#### **A Prayer for the Week:**

Loving God, may your power and glory be seen in Jesus' death and resurrection that all the world may know of the depth of your care. Amen.

#### **Mealtime Prayer:**

Dear God, we thank you for this gift of food that we may be given strength and courage to follow you all the days of our lives through Jesus Christ. Amen.

#### **A Blessing to Give:**

May you see and hear of God's love for you.

MARCH 17, 2024  
HYMN OF THE WEEK  
*Lord Jesus, You Shall  
Be My Song*



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#### **WEEKLY MILESTONES**

Take a moment to tell or think about a recent mountain high and/or valley low in your life.

#### **CARING CONVERSATIONS**

Discuss in your home, small group, or use for personal reflections:

- Who is a famous person you would like to see? Why?
- Where and how do you see Jesus in the world today?

#### **DEVOTIONS**

*Read:* John 12:20-33.

Greeks, that is, non-Jews and people who represent the larger world beyond Galilee and Judea, want to see Jesus. This is an example of John 3:16, *"for God so loved the world."* Now is the time for Jesus as the Son of Man to be revealed to the whole world in glory. What does that reveal look like? The answer is death and resurrection described through a grain of wheat that must die in order to rise and bear fruit (v. 24). We, too, want to see Jesus and would love to hear a heavenly voice that points to Jesus among us. What we do see and hear is a community of faith that follows Jesus into the world. Through the work of Philip, Andrew, and all others who serve and follow Jesus, the message of his death and resurrection reaches the whole world.

*Discuss:* How do we as followers of Jesus make him known through our lives?

*Pray:* Eternal God, help us to see Jesus in the world and be seen and heard as his followers who serve him and give our all for the sake of your love for the world. Amen.

#### **SERVICE**

Jesus calls us to serve our neighbor in love. Based on the Daily Bible Readings and theme for this week, how can you help others experience the love and mercy of God?

#### **RITUALS AND TRADITIONS**

The cross is an ancient symbol of the Christian faith. It reminds us Jesus died that we may live with God forever and is a reminder of a way of life for Jesus' followers. Light five candles of the seven votive candles shaped like a cross being used for Lent. Sit in silence for a moment while looking at the cross.

*Then pray:* Dear Jesus, help us to see you in your suffering and death that we may glorify you through your cross and empty tomb. Amen.



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