

THE FIFTH SUNDAY IN LENT

April 5-6, 2025

**"Changing Lives through Worship, Compassion, and Christian Education"**



*Then the owner of the vineyard said, 'What shall I do? I will send my beloved son; perhaps they will respect him.' Luke 20:13*

Music of Preparation,  
Welcome, Announcements, Greeting

**Our Ministry:** We are a people of God who are: **"Changing Lives through Worship, Compassion, and Christian Education."**

**Welcome!** God makes paths through the sea and rivers in the desert (Isaiah 43:16, 19). Whatever obstacle you face, God will open the way of life for you. Welcome to worship.

**Devotions & Publications** are available in the Main Entryway. Please leave donation envelopes in the offering plate.

..... **WORSHIP NOTES** .....

**\*Communion: *The Lord's Supper - A Reverent Sacrament***  
The Apostle Paul writes in 1 Corinthians 11:27,29, "Anyone who eats the bread or drinks the Lord's cup in an unworthy way is guilty of sinning against the Lord's body and blood. Anyone who eats and drinks without recognizing the Lord's body brings judgment on himself as he eats and drinks." In view of the serious nature of the Lord's Supper, Paul commands us to examine ourselves to see if we are partaking the supper for the purposes for which Christ instituted with our hearts properly prepared. We heartily invite Confirmed members of the Lutheran Church - Missouri Synod to receive of the Lord's Supper. Other guests, we ask you to see the pastor or lay minister first so that you may receive the supper to your benefit rather than to your harm as the Apostle Paul warns.  
NOTE: If you are allergic or cannot drink full strength wine, The two (2) cups in the center of each tray have water with a drop or two of wine.

**Note About Attendance Cards...**Remember that the only way we may know you are worshiping with us is by seeing your name on an attendance card. These cards may be completed as you enter for worship and will be collected after the offering. Use one card for each family that is gathered. ***Please list the name of each person in worship.*** (Parents, please take responsibility for signing in your children) There is a "Member" side as well as a "Guest" side. Please fill out the appropriate side and pass them to the center aisle during the gathering of the offerings. The cards are gathered after the offering has been collected.

**To Our Visitors...**Please sign our guest book found in the main entryway. Our school has a few nooks and crannies, so don't be afraid to ask an usher where things are. Our pastor and any member here today would also be glad to meet and assist you. A guest information packet is available in the main entryway.

## DIVINE SERVICE, SETTING ONE

*(The music for the liturgy may be found on page 151 in the Hymnal)*

**Notes for Worship:** As you prepare for worship this day, we invite you to turn to the prayer section of the Hymnal (page 305). In addition to prayers for before and after worship, there are prayers for all aspects of the Christian Life (some of the prayers are also located on the inside front cover of the hymnal). May these prayers be useful in your worship.

### **Before worship prayer**

*Almighty God, our heavenly Father, Your mercies are new unto us every morning, and though we have not deserved Your goodness, You abundantly provide for all our wants of body and soul. Give us Your Holy Spirit that we may heartily acknowledge Your merciful goodness toward us, give thanks for all Your benefits, and serve You in willing obedience; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. AMEN.*

### **We're So Glad God Brought You Here Today!**

**Opening Hymn: "O Lord, Throughout These Forty Days"** LSB, hymn #418

O Lord, throughout these forty days    You prayed and kept the fast;  
Inspire repentance for our sin,    And free us from our past.

You strove with Satan, and You won;    Your faithfulness endured;  
Lend us Your nerve, Your skill and trust    In God's eternal Word.

Though parched and hungry, yet You prayed    And fixed Your mind above;  
So teach us to deny ourselves,    Since we have known God's love.

Be with us through this season, Lord,    And all our earthly days,  
That when the final Easter dawns,    We join in heaven's praise.

### **INVOCATION, CONFESSION AND ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

P: In the name of the Father and of the † Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: **Amen.** *Matthew 28:19b*

P: If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.

C: **But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.** *1 John 1:8-9*

P: Dear Friends in Christ, let us humble our hearts before our Holy God and silently reflect upon our sins.  
*(Moment of silent reflection)*

P: Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.

C: **Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. 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. We justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. 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**

P: Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. Upon this your confession, I, by virtue of my office, as a called and ordained servant of the Word, announce the grace of God unto all of you, and in the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the † Son and of the Holy Spirit. *John 20:19-23*

C: **Amen.**

P: The Lord be with you. *2 Timothy 4:22*

C: **(Sung) And also with you.**

P: Let us pray . . . Almighty God, by Your great goodness mercifully look upon Your people that we may be governed and preserved evermore in body and soul; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: **Amen**

### **THE READING OF THE WORD**

**Epistle Lesson:** Philippians 3:4b-14

*(Faith In Christ)*

If anyone else thinks he has reason for confidence in the flesh, I have more: circumcised on the eighth day, of the people of Israel, of the tribe of Benjamin, a

Hebrew of Hebrews; as to the law, a Pharisee; as to zeal, a persecutor of the church; as to righteousness, under the law blameless. But whatever gain I had, I counted as loss for the sake of Christ. Indeed, I count everything as loss because of the surpassing worth of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord. For his sake I have suffered the loss of all things and count 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 that which comes through faith in Christ, the righteousness from God that depends on faith - that I may know him and the power of his resurrection, and may share his sufferings, becoming like him in his death, that by any means possible I may attain the resurrection from the dead. Not that I have already obtained this or am already perfect, but I press on to make it my own, because Christ Jesus has made me his own. Brothers, I do not consider that I have made it my own. But 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 upward call of God in Christ Jesus.

Stand (as you are able)

**Verse - Lent**

*Joel 2:13*

**C: (Sung) 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.**

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the twentieth chapter.

**C: (Sung) Glory to You, O Lord.**

**Gospel Lesson:** Luke 20:9-20

*(The Wicked Tenants)*

[Jesus] began to tell the people this parable: "A man planted a vineyard and let it out to tenants and went into another country for a long while. When the time came, he sent a servant to the tenants, so that they would give him some of the fruit of the vineyard. But the tenants beat him and sent him away empty-handed. And he sent another servant. But they also beat and treated him shamefully, and sent him away empty-handed. And he sent yet a third. This one also they wounded and cast out. Then the owner of the vineyard said, 'What shall I do? I will send my beloved son; perhaps they will respect him.' But when the tenants saw him, they said to themselves, 'This is the heir. Let us kill him, so that the inheritance may be ours.'

And they threw him out of the vineyard and killed him. What then will the owner of the vineyard do to them? He will come and destroy those tenants and give the vineyard to others." When they heard this, they said, "Surely not!" But he looked directly at them and said, "What then is this that is written: 'The stone that the builders rejected has become the cornerstone'? Everyone who falls on that stone will be broken to pieces, and when it falls on anyone, it will crush him." The scribes and the chief priests sought to lay hands on him at that very hour, for they perceived that he had told this parable against them, but they feared the people. So they watched him and sent spies, who pretended to be sincere, that they might catch him in something he said, so as to deliver him up to the authority and jurisdiction of the governor.

P: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**C: (Sung) Praise to You, O Christ.**

*(Please be Seated)*

**Sermon Hymn: "In the Cross of Christ I Glory"**

*LSB, hymn #427*

In the cross of Christ I glory,      Tow'ring o'er the wrecks of time.  
All the light of sacred story      Gathers round its head sublime.

When the woes of life o'ertake me,      Hopes deceive, and fears annoy,  
Never shall the cross forsake me;      Lo, it glows with peace and joy.

When the sun of bliss is beaming      Light and love upon my way,  
From the cross the radiance streaming      Adds more luster to the day.

Bane and blessing, pain and pleasure      By the cross are sanctified;  
Peace is there that knows no measure,      Joys that through all time abide.

**Sermon: "A Parable of Patience and Love"**

*Luke 20:9-20*

Stand (as you are able)

P: Let us confess our faith, using the words of the Nicene Creed.

**C:** I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth and of all things visible and invisible.

And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of his Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God, begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father, by whom all things were made; who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary and was made man; and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate. He suffered and was buried. And the third day he rose again according to the Scriptures and ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of the Father. And he will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead, whose kingdom will have no end.

And I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified, who spoke by the prophets. And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church, I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins, and I look for the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. Amen

#### PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

*1 Timothy 2:1-4*

P: Let us pray for the whole people of God in Christ Jesus, and for all people according to their needs. . . . Almighty God, help us to grow in confidence in You as our Savior and deliverer from bondage to death and damnation. You have delivered Your people according to Your promises in the past; so also, deliver us today through Your death and resurrection. Lord, in Your mercy,

**C: hear our prayer.**

P: Gracious God, You are our rock and fortress, a very present help in trouble. Be a help to those among us who are in need of healing and restoration. We pray that you be with those hospitalized this past week (*Especiallly*, . . . ). Also be with those who continue treatment and healing at home. We pray for them and all those that we name in our hearts . . . (*Silence*). According to Your gracious will, restore them to health or grant them grace to accept this tribulation knowing that You are with them always, even to the end of the age. Lord, in Your mercy,

**C: hear our prayer.**

P: Almighty Deliverer, as we prepare to receive Your Son's body and blood under the bread and wine, we repent of our sin and seek Your forgiveness. Strengthen us to live lives led by Your Spirit, confident of our forgiveness through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Lord, in Your mercy,

**C: hear our prayer.**

*(Additional prayers of the congregation. Each petition concludes with. . . )*

P: . . . Lord, In Your Mercy,

**C: Hear Our Prayer.**

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**

*(Please be Seated)*

#### **Tithes and Offerings/Attendance Cards**

**5:00pm - Special Music: "Sun of My Soul"**

*Sandy James & Nadine Engel, Piano/Organ Duet*

#### **OFFERTORY - Let The Vineyards**

*LSB, Hymn # 955*

**C: (Sung) Let the vineyards be fruitful, Lord, and fill to the brim our cup of blessing. Gather a harvest from the seeds that were sown, that we may be fed with the bread of life. Gather the hopes and the dreams of all; unite them with the prayers we offer now. Grace our table with your presence, and give us a foretaste of the feast to come.**

#### **HOLY COMMUNION**

*(In preparation to receive the Sacrament, please read the Communion notes on page 2)*

P: The Lord be with you.

*2 Timothy 4:22*

**C: (Sung) And also with you.**

P: Lift up your hearts.

*Colossians 3:1*

**C: (Sung) We lift them to the Lord.**

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

*Psalms 136*

**C: (Sung) It is right to give him thanks and praise.**

P: It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who overcame the assaults of the devil and gave His life as

a ransom for many that with cleansed hearts we might be prepared joyfully to celebrate the Paschal Feast in sincerity and truth. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You singing:

**SANCTUS ~ Holy, Holy, Holy**

*Isaiah 6:3, Matthew 21:9*

**C: (Sung) Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of pow'r and might: Heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna. Hosanna. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.**

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

**C: 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**

**WORDS OF INSTITUTION:**

P: Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when he was betrayed, took bread, and when he had given thanks, he broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: Take, eat; this is my † body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of me. In the same way also he took the cup after supper, and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, saying: Drink of it, all of you; this is my † blood of the new testament, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me.

*Mt 26:26-28, Mk 14:22-24, Lk 22:19-20, 1 Cor. 11:23-25*

P: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

*John 20:19*

**C: And also with you.**

**Agnus Dei ~ The Lamb of God**

*John 1:29*

**C: (Sung) 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.**

*(Please be Seated)*

**DISTRIBUTION HYMNS**

**“With Thanks, We Persevere” (Anniversary Hymn)**

*tune LSB 651*

With thanks, we persevere,  
And serve our Lord each day.  
We gather and we serve Him here,  
Rejoice, with thanks, we say.

With thanks, we praise our God,  
For His great love and grace.  
He uses us to share His love,  
With every tribe and race.

We worship and we pray,  
Confess, give thanks and sing.  
We gather as God's children here,  
And let our praises ring.

For teachers, we give thanks,  
In church and school, they teach,  
The truth of Jesus and His love,  
Is shared with all we meet.

With thanks, for pastors here,  
That served for countless years,  
And boldly shared God's Word and truth,  
To all whom God holds dear.

With thanks, we persevere,  
His truth, we preach and share,  
For countless years, we still proclaim,  
God's love, salvation dear.

### LSB610 - Lord Jesus, Think on Me

Lord Jesus, think on me And purge away my sin;  
From worldly passions set me free And make me pure within.

Lord Jesus, think on me, By anxious thoughts oppressed;  
Let me Your loving servant be And taste Your promised rest.

Lord Jesus, think on me Amid the battle's strife;  
In all my pain and misery, O be my health and life!

Lord Jesus, think on me Nor let me go astray;  
Through darkness and perplexity Point out Your chosen way.

Lord Jesus, think on me That, when this life is past,  
I may the\_ eternal brightness see And share Your joy at last.

### LSB617 - O Lord, We Praise Thee

O Lord, we praise Thee, bless Thee, and adore Thee,  
In thanksgiving bow before Thee.  
Thou with Thy body and Thy blood didst nourish  
Our weak souls that they may flourish: O Lord, have mercy!  
May Thy body, Lord, born of Mary,  
That our sins and sorrows did carry,  
And Thy blood for us plead In all trial, fear, and need:  
O Lord, have mercy!

Thy holy body into death was given,  
Life to win for us in heaven.  
No greater love than this to Thee could bind us;  
May this feast thereof remind us! O Lord, have mercy!  
Lord, Thy kindness did so constrain Thee  
That Thy blood should bless and sustain me.  
All our debt Thou hast paid; Peace with God once more is made:  
O Lord, have mercy!

May God bestow on us His grace and favor  
That we follow Christ our Savior  
And live together here in love and union  
Nor despise this blest Communion! O Lord, have mercy!  
Let not Thy good Spirit forsake us;  
Grant that heav'nly-minded He make us;  
Give Thy Church, Lord, to see Days of peace and unity:  
O Lord, have mercy!

### POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

P: Let us pray. . . . We give You thanks, almighty God, that You have made us  
Your own people, a new creation in Jesus Christ, our Lord. In Your supper,  
You have strengthened our faith and You enable us to speak Your praises.  
Enlighten our paths and guide our steps that we may live according to Your  
gracious will in faithfulness to You and love for one another; through Jesus  
Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and forever.

C: Amen

### BENEDICTION

P: The LORD bless you and keep you.  
The LORD make his face shine on you and be gracious to you.  
The LORD look upon you with favor and t give you peace.

C: (Sung) Amen

Closing Hymn: "Jesus, Refuge of the Weary"

*LSB, hymn #423*

Jesus, refuge of the weary, Blest Redeemer, whom we love,  
Fountain in life's desert dreary, Savior from the world above:  
Often have Your eyes, offended, Gazed upon the sinner's fall;  
Yet upon the cross extended, You have borne the pain of all.

Do we pass that cross unheeding, Breathing no repentant vow,  
Though we see You wounded, bleeding, See Your thorn-encircled brow?  
Yet Your sinless death has brought us Life eternal, peace, and rest;  
Only what Your grace has taught us Calms the sinner's deep distress.

Jesus, may our hearts be burning      With more fervent love for You;  
 May our eyes be ever turning      To behold Your cross anew  
 Till in glory, parted never      From the blessed Savior's side,  
 Graven in our hearts forever,      Dwell the cross, the Crucified.

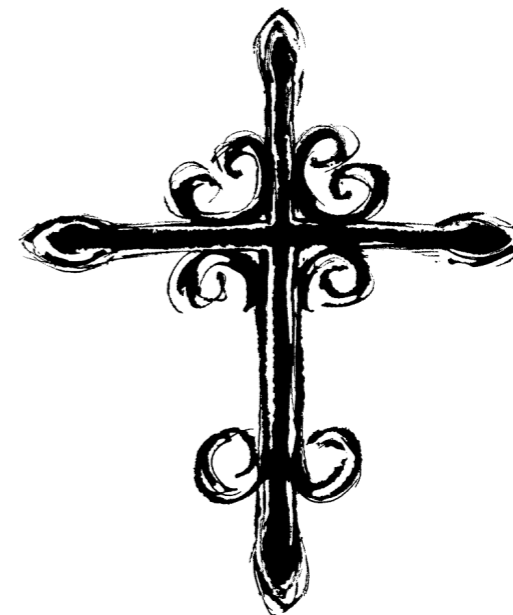
**See You In Worship Next Week!**

**After worship prayer**  
*Almighty and merciful God, we have again worshiped in Your presence and received both forgiveness for our many sins and the assurance of Your love in Jesus Christ. We thank You for this undeserved grace and ask You to keep us in faith until we inherit eternal salvation; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. AMEN.*

*There will be Prayer Ministry Member(s) in each service that will be wearing a prayer ministry tag around their neck. Please look for them if you are wanting prayer for yourself, someone else or prayer for a concern or situation you may have.*

*Please join us for coffee and donut holes in the cafeteria after Sunday services.*

**Altar Flowers:** Altar flowers this weekend are given in loving memory of Roger Allen Drinnon and our children, Theo & Samuel, by Pastor & Katrina Drinnon; also with thanksgiving to God and in honor of our 35<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary, April 7<sup>th</sup>, by Bill & Diane Dyche.



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