

**FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT
A SERVICE OF WORD AND TABLE
MARCH 17, 2024**



GATHERING

The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God.

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

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 a flood 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.**

GATHERING HYMN

My Song Is Love Unknown

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- 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.

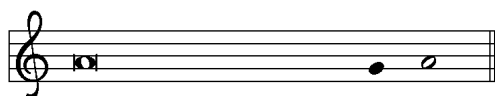
- 5 In life no house, no home my Lord on earth might have;
in death no friendly tomb but what a stranger gave.
What may I say? Heav'n was his home but mine the tomb wherein he lay.
- 6 Here might I stay and sing—no story so divine!
Never was love, dear King, never was grief like thine.
This is my friend, in whose sweet praise I all my days could gladly spend!

GREETING

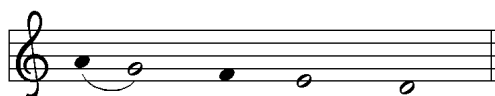
The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all. **And also with you.**

KYRIE

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In peace, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



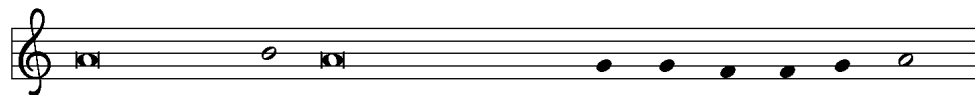
For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God,



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 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. **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.**

WORD

God speaks to us in scripture reading, preaching, and song.

FIRST READING: Jeremiah 31:31-34

A reading from Jeremiah.

³¹The days are surely coming, says the LORD, when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and the house of Judah. ³²It 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. ³³But 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. ³⁴No 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: Psalm 51:1-12

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

²**Wash me through and through from my wickedness,
and cleanse me from my sin.**

³For I know my offenses,
and my sin is ever before me.

⁴**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.**

⁵Indeed, I was born steeped in wickedness,
a sinner from my mother’s womb.

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

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

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

⁹Hide your face from my sins,
and blot out all my wickedness.

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

¹¹Cast me not away from your presence,
and take not your Holy Spirit from me.

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

SECOND READING: Hebrews 5:5-10

A reading from Hebrews.

⁵Christ 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”;

⁶as he says also in another place,

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

⁷In 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. ⁸Although he was a Son, he learned obedience through what he suffered; ⁹and having been made perfect, he became the source of eternal salvation for all who obey him, ¹⁰having been designated by God a high priest according to the order of Melchizedek.

The Word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

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GOSPEL: John 12:20-33

The holy gospel according to St. John. Glory to you, O Lord.

²⁰Now among those who went up to worship at the festival were some Greeks. ²¹They came to Philip, who was from Bethsaida in Galilee, and said to him, “Sir, we wish to see Jesus.” ²²Philip went and told Andrew; then Andrew and Philip went and told Jesus. ²³Jesus answered them, “The hour has come for the Son of Man to be glorified. ²⁴Very 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. ²⁵Those who love their life lose it, and those who hate their life in this world will keep it for eternal life. ²⁶Whoever serves me must follow me, and where I am, there will my servant be also. Whoever serves me, the Father will honor.

²⁷“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. ²⁸Father, glorify your name.” Then a voice came from heaven, “I have glorified it, and I will glorify it again.” ²⁹The crowd standing there heard it and said that it was thunder. Others said, “An angel has spoken to him.” ³⁰Jesus answered, “This voice has come for your sake, not for mine. ³¹Now is the judgment of this world; now the ruler of this world will be driven out. ³²And I, when I am lifted up from the earth, will draw all people to myself.” ³³He said this to indicate the kind of death he was to die.

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

HYMN OF THE DAY

Now the Green Blade Rises

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1 Now the green blade ris - es from the bur - ied grain,
 2 In the grave they laid him, love by ha - tred slain,
 3 Forth he came at Eas - ter like the ris - en grain,
 4 When our hearts are win - try, griev - ing, or in pain,



wheat that in dark earth man - y days has lain;
 think - ing that he would nev - er wake a - gain,
 he that for three days in the grave had lain;
 your touch can call us back to life a - gain,



love lives a - gain, that with the dead has been;
 laid in the earth like grain that sleeps un - seen;
 raised from the dead, my liv - ing Lord is seen;
 fields of our hearts that dead and bare have been;



love is come a - gain like wheat a - ris - ing green.

APOSTLES' CREED

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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

Lord, Listen to Your Children

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Lord, lis-ten to your chil-dren pray-ing, Lord, send your Spir-it in this place;

Lord, lis-ten to your chil-dren pray-ing, send us love, send us pow'r, send us grace.

PEACE

MEAL

God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ.

OFFERING

You can place your offering in the plate as it's passed around, give online at FLCHavre.org, or send your offering to PO Box 66, Havre, MT 59501.

OFFERING HYMN

LENTEN DOXOLOGY

O suf-f'ring Je - sus, in these for - ty days. We view your sor - row,

share in your dis - tress. Our Len - ten songs are filled with mu - ted praise;

Yet by your pas - sion, we are tru - ly blessed. We praise the Fa - ther!
Praise to our God, and

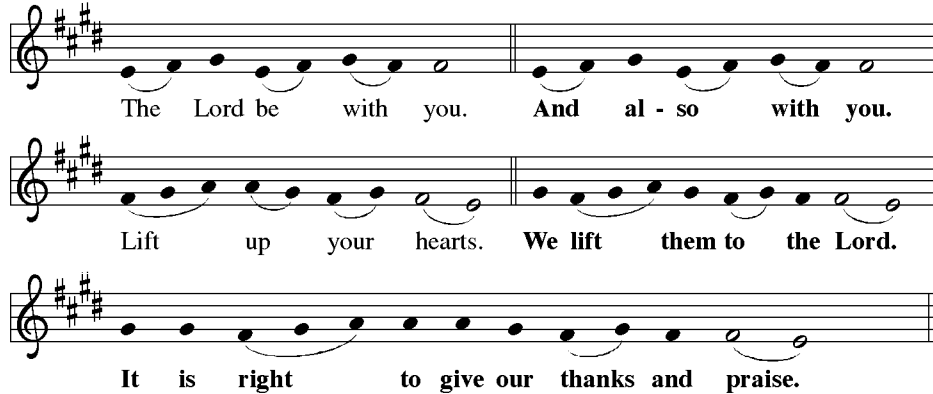
We praise you, the Son! — We praise the Spir - it, our God, Three in One.
praise to you, the Son! — Praise to the Spir - it, our God, Three in One.

OFFERING PRAYER

Let us pray: **God our provider, you have not fed us with bread alone, but with words of grace and life. Bless us and these your gifts, which we receive from your bounty, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

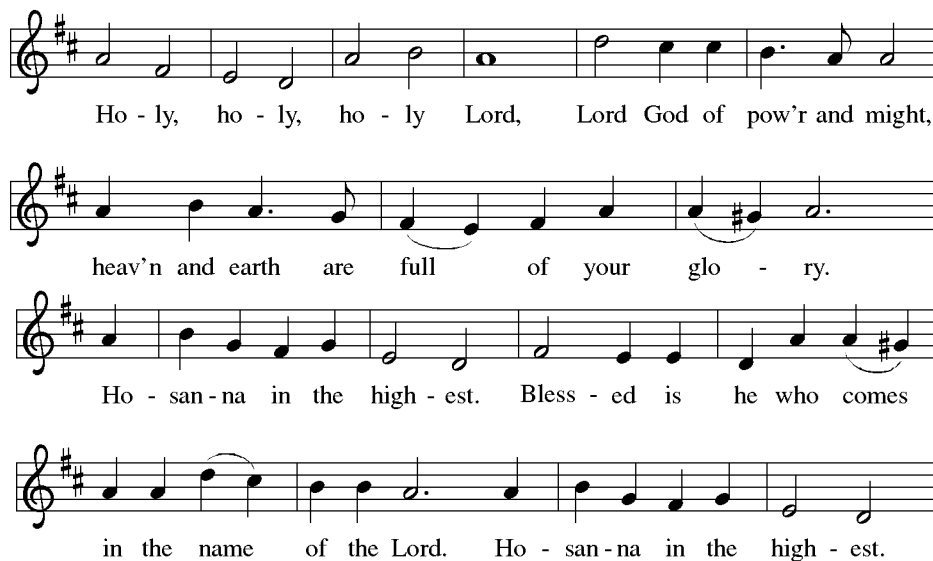
GREAT THANKSGIVING

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It is indeed right . . . and join in their unending hymn:

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. . . let us pray as Jesus taught us:

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**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

There are gluten-free wafers available in a bowl beside the bread, and white grape juice in the center of the trays. All are welcome at the Lord's table.

Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on
us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have
mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the
sin of the world; grant us peace, grant us peace.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Let us pray. **Compassionate God, you have fed us with the bread of heaven. Sustain us in our Lenten pilgrimage: may our fasting be hunger for justice; our alms, a making of peace; and our prayer, the song of grateful hearts, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

SENDING HYMN**Lord, Dismiss Us With Your Blessing****ELW 545**

1 Lord, dis - miss us with your bless-ing, fill our hearts with joy and peace;
2 Thanks we give and ad - o - ra - tion for your gos - pel's joy - ful sound.
3 Sav - ior, when your love shall call us from our strug - gling pil - grim way,
let us each, your love pos - sess-ing, tri - umph in re - deem-ing grace.
May the fruits of your sal - va - tion in our hearts and lives a - bound.
let no fear of death ap - pall us, glad your sum - mons to o - bey.
Oh, re - fresh us; oh, re - fresh us, trav-'ling through this wil - der-ness.
Ev - er faith-ful, ev - er faith-ful to your truth may we be found.
May we ev - er, may we ev - er reign with you in end-less day.

DISMISSAL AND MISSION STATEMENT

We go forth in faith, sharing God's love,

In kindness serving all.

Go in peace. Share the good news.

Thanks be to God. Amen.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Easter Sunday Brunch will be March 31st following our Easter service, hosted by the Fellowship Committee. All are invited for food and fellowship. If you would like to provide sweet breads or rolls, please contact Marion Olson or Sandy Anderson.

GHAMA Lenten Lunches The final Lenten Lunch will be Thursday, March 21 at noon at Van Orsdel Methodist Church--\$3 for soup and sandwiches.

Wednesday Nights in Lent: The Enduring Lessons of the Small Catechism Wednesday, March 20 is the last Lenten soup (6 pm) and service (6:30 pm), at Messiah. Many thanks to the cooks and confirmands for their help with the services!

Holy Week Worship: Join us for Jesus' journey to the cross. All services are at First Lutheran:

Palm Sunday – March 24 at 9:30 am

Maundy Thursday – March 28 at 6pm

Good Friday – March 29

11am GHAMA Walk of the Cross, starting at Messiah and walking to First

12pm GHAMA Walk of the Cross service

6pm Tenebrae Service

Easter Sunday – March 31 at 9:30 am with Easter brunch at 10:30 am

SOAP NEEDED We have been making Personal Care Kits and Baby Care Kits for Lutheran World Relief, as well as Days For Girls Hygiene Kits. All of these kits include soap, so our supply is running low. We are in need of full size bars of Ivory soap, so if anyone would like to donate some, it will be used and appreciated. Please bring it to the church office or the WELCA room.

PRAYER LIST

Grieving Families: Edna Reese (Donna Tweeten's aunt); Edith Anderson; Ruth Halverson (Larry Halverson's mother); William "Tim" Chagnon; Carol Chagnon; Joy (Sug) Hokanson; Ed Ostlund; Laurie George; Stu Sorensen (Sue Ost's brother); Pr. Walt Kirkegaard; Keith Nordrum (Sandy O'Leary's brother); Mark Larson; Terry Stevenson (Michael Stevenson's father)

Medical Issues: Ian McKay (thyroid cancer, Linda Hinebauch's grandson); Monica Laeupple; Tammy Edwards (Linda Malley's cousin); Kristin Donovan; Zack Rambo; Helen Hill; John Snider (Gunnar Ageson's girlfriend's father); Lowel Johnson; Mary Wagner; Doris Gullickson (Nancy Erickson's mother); Keith Doll; John Malley; Marilyn Lofing (Vicki Kutzler's sister); Samantha Niess and family; Gavin Pankratz (Judy Solomon's friend); Suzanne Beal (Margaret Hencz's sister); Beverly Peterson (Charlis Carpenter's sister-in-law); Casey Cal Fuson (Linda Grigg's great-grandson); Amy Patrick Thackeray; Hunter Kerkes (Judy Solomon's granddaughter's husband); Ginger Doll (Keith Doll's niece); Kenneth Freshwater (Charlis Carpenter's friend); Reidun "Skram" Erickson (Judy Solomon's friend); Karen Nave; Kristi Hale (Keith Doll's daughter); Tim Holsapple; Judy Solomon; Brooks Adams (Chris and Kathy Gorder's Grandson);

Kris Gartner **Those at Home:** Lita Moog **Living in Community:** Eagle's Manor: Mary Grandberg; **NMCC:** None; **Away:** Anna May Borst

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Please have your Easter plants to the church by 10:00 a.m. March 28, 2024. The plants will be ready for pick up after the Easter Worship Service.

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Reader	Ann McKnight
Liturgy Leader	Judy Solomon
Communion Bread	Leslie Hanson
Communion Set Up	Leslie Hanson
Communion Server	Leslie Hanson
Communion Server	Marilyn Thackeray
Communion Server	Linda Bitterman
Usher	Jim Griggs
	Luke Griggs
	Sidney Griggs
Coffee Hour	Matt Erdel and Pr. Megan
Pianist/Organist	Vickie Jacobsen
	Lindsey Ratliff

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