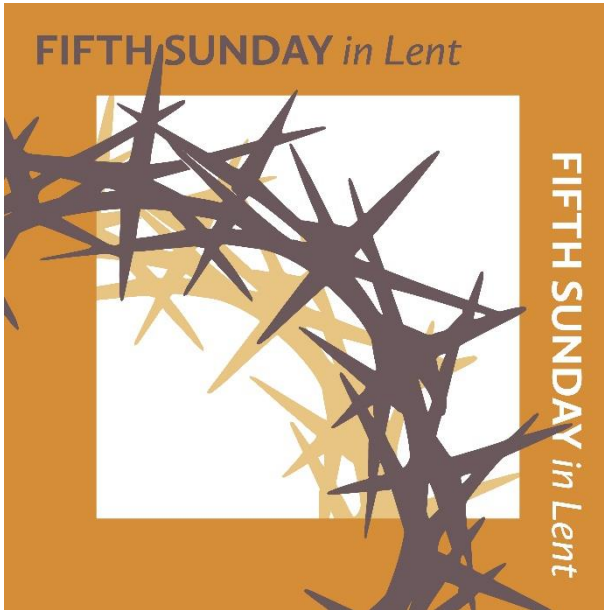


ASCENSION  
LUTHERAN CHURCH  
5<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Lent



**WELCOME** To all of you who are visiting our service this morning, we extend a most cordial welcome in Jesus' name. It is our hope that you will feel at home in our midst and will be blessed by our message of Christ crucified and risen for the sins of the world.

If you are looking for a church home or would like to know more about our beliefs and practices, please see the pastor. He will be glad to visit with you at your convenience. Be sure to join us again.



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**Pre-Service Meditation:**

**Mark 10:45** <sup>45</sup>For even the Son of Man came not to be served but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many.”

**Prayer:** Oh Gracious Savior, we must confess that we have not followed Your example in our relation to others. Grant us Your forgiveness and send us Your Holy Spirit so that, as You willingly gave up Your life for us all, we might be God’s servants to those around us. Through Jesus Christ, Your Son, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit forevermore, Amen.

# Service of the Word

## Opening Prayer

## Opening Hymn

**WS 709 God Loves Me Dearly**

## Invocation

- P** In the Name of the Father and of the Son  
and of the Holy Spirit.
- C** Amen.

## Confession and Absolution

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- P** We have come into the presence of God, who created us to love and serve Him as His dear children. But we have disobeyed Him and deserve only His wrath and punishment. Therefore, let us confess our sins to Him and plead for His mercy.
- C** **Merciful Father in heaven, I am altogether sinful from birth. In countless ways I have sinned against You and do not deserve to be called Your child. But trusting in Jesus, my Savior, I pray: Have mercy on me according to Your unfailing love. Cleanse me from my sin, and take away my guilt.**
- P** God, our heavenly Father, has forgiven all your sins. By the perfect life and innocent death of our Lord Jesus Christ, He has removed your guilt forever. You are His own dear child. May God give you strength to live according to His will.
- C** Amen.

**LORD, HAVE MERCY** *Kyrie*



C: Lord, have mer - cy on us. Christ, have mer - cy



on us. Lord, have mer - cy on us.



C: 1 Glo - ry to God, we give You thanks and praise;  
 2 Lord Je - sus Christ, the Fa - ther's on - ly Son,  
 3 A - lone, O Christ, You on - ly are the Lord,



Of heav'n - ly joy and peace on earth we sing.  
 You bore for us the load of this world's sin.  
 At God's right hand in maj - es - ty most high:



We wor - ship You, to You our hearts we raise,  
 O Lamb of God, Your glo - rious vic - t'ry won,  
 Who, with the Spir - it wor - shiped and a - dored,



Lord God, al - might - y Fa - ther, heav'n - ly King,  
 Re - ceive our prayer, grant us Your peace with - in.  
 With all the heav'n - ly host we glo - ri - fy.

**Salutation and Collect of the Day**

- P** Let us pray. . .
- . . . through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
- C** Amen.

**Old Testament Lesson**

**Jeremiah 31:31-34**

<sup>31</sup>“Behold, the days are coming, declares the Lord, when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and the house of Judah, <sup>32</sup>not like the covenant that I made with their fathers on the day when I took them by the hand to bring them out of the land of Egypt, my covenant that they broke, though I was their husband, declares the Lord. <sup>33</sup>But this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, declares 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>And no longer shall each one teach his neighbor and each his brother, saying, ‘Know

the Lord,' for they shall all know me, from the least of them to the greatest, declares the Lord. For I will forgive their iniquity, and I will remember their sin no more."

### Psalm of the Day

### Psalm 119 (selected verses)

- P** How can a young man keep his way pure?
- C** **By guarding it according to your word.**
- P** With my whole heart I seek you;
- C** **let me not wander from your commandments!**
- P** I have stored up your word in my heart,
- C** **that I might not sin against you.**
- P** Blessed are you, O Lord; teach me your statutes!
- C** **With my lips I declare**  
**all the just decrees of your mouth.**
- P** I will meditate on your precepts  
and fix my eyes on your ways.
- C** **I will delight in your statutes;**  
**I will not forget your word.**

### Epistle Lesson

### Hebrews 5:1-10

<sup>1</sup>Every high priest chosen from among men is appointed to act on behalf of men in relation to God, to offer gifts and sacrifices for sins. <sup>2</sup>He can deal gently with the ignorant and wayward, since he himself is beset with weakness. <sup>3</sup>Because of this he is obligated to offer sacrifice for his own sins just as he does for those of the people. <sup>4</sup>And no one takes this honor for himself, but only when called by God, just as Aaron was. <sup>5</sup>So also Christ did not exalt himself to be made a high priest, but was appointed by him 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, after 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 him who was able to save him from death, and he was heard because of his reverence. <sup>8</sup>Although he was a son, he learned obedience through what he suffered. <sup>9</sup>And being made perfect, he became the source of eternal salvation to all who obey him, <sup>10</sup>being designated by God a high priest after the order of Melchizedek.

## Gospel Lesson

Mark 10:35-45

<sup>35</sup>And James and John, the sons of Zebedee, came up to [Jesus] and said to him, “Teacher, we want you to do for us whatever we ask of you.” <sup>36</sup>And he said to them, “What do you want me to do for you?” <sup>37</sup>And they said to him, “Grant us to sit, one at your right hand and one at your left, in your glory.” <sup>38</sup>Jesus said to them, “You do not know what you are asking. Are you able to drink the cup that I drink, or to be baptized with the baptism with which I am baptized?” <sup>39</sup>And they said to him, “We are able.” And Jesus said to them, “The cup that I drink you will drink, and with the baptism with which I am baptized, you will be baptized, <sup>40</sup>but to sit at my right hand or at my left is not mine to grant, but it is for those for whom it has been prepared.” <sup>41</sup>And when the ten heard it, they began to be indignant at James and John. <sup>42</sup>And Jesus called them to him and said to them, “You know that those who are considered rulers of the Gentiles lord it over them, and their great ones exercise authority over them. <sup>43</sup>But it shall not be so among you. But whoever would be great among you must be your servant, <sup>44</sup>and whoever would be first among you must be slave of all. <sup>45</sup>For even the Son of Man came not to be served but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many.”

P: Blessed are they who hear the Word of God and keep it.

C: Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

These words are writ - ten that we may be-lieve that

Je - sus is the Christ, the Son of God.

Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

## Apostles Creed

**C** I believe in God, the Father Almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth.

And in Jesus Christ, His 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 into hell. The third day He rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From there He will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life † everlasting. Amen.

Hymn

**WS 752 Baptized in Water**

Sermon

Mark 10:35-45

## Glory and Honor Do Not Come Easy

Offertory

**C** Cre - ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re -  
new a right spir - it with - in me. Cast me not a -  
way from Thy pres - ence, and take not Thy Ho - ly Spir - it  
from me. Re - store un - to me the joy of Thy sal - va -  
tion, and up - hold me with Thy free spir - it. A - men.

## Hymn: TLH 523 Why Should Cross and Trial Grieve Me vs. 1-5

### Offering of Thankful Hearts

#### Prayer & Lord's Prayer

- P** . . . in whose Name we also join to pray together:
- 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

#### Benediction

- C** Amen.

#### Hymn **LSB 529 Since our Great High Priest Christ Jesus**

#### Silent Prayer

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## Announcements

### Upcoming Events:

- **Lent:** Thursday, March 21<sup>st</sup> will be our fourth midweek Lenten service at 7pm.
- **Work Day:** We will be having a spring Church day. The date chosen is Saturday, March 30<sup>th</sup>.
- **Hymns:** If there are any hymn requests for Easter Sunday, please write them on the sheet on the table in the narthex.
- **Palm Sunday:** March 24<sup>th</sup> will be our Palm Sunday meal following the service. All are invited!



## Call News:

- Teacher Levi Schaller of Fridley, MN **has accepted the call** to Messiah, Hales Corners in Milwaukee WI.
- Teacher Neil Bernthal of Immanuel Lutheran in Winter Haven, **has returned the call** to Luther Memorial in Fon Du Lac, WI
- Teacher Matthew Kranz, Immanuel Lutheran in Mankato, MN, **has returned the call** to Messiah Lutheran in Eau Claire, WI to be their 5th- 6th grade teacher and assistant principal.
- Teacher Josh Ohlmann Holy Trinity West Columbia, SC **is still considering the call** to teach at Gethsemane in Saginaw MI.
- Pastor Nathaniel Mayhew
- Pastor Nathaniel Mayhew of Grace Lutheran in Sleepy Eye, MN **is considering the call** to Immanuel Lutheran in Mankato, MN

## Fruits of Faith at Ascension:

DATE	NEEDED	RECEIVED
2/15&18/2024	\$ 1,200.00	\$ <b>835.00</b>
2/22&25/2024	\$ 1,200.00	\$ <b>855.00</b>
2/29&3/3/2024	\$ 1,200.00	\$ <b>1140.00</b>
3/7&3/10/2024	\$ 1,200.00	\$ <b>1035.00</b>

## Usher Schedule:

Month:

MARCH

April

Name:

SCOTT RADCLIFFE

JIM HANSEN

## Upcoming Schedule:

Thursday, Mar. 21<sup>st</sup> Midweek Lenten Service at 7pm

Sunday, Mar. 24<sup>th</sup> Ascension Palm Sunday Service at 11:30

Thursday, Mar. 28<sup>th</sup> Good Friday Tenebrae Service at 7pm