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## FIFTH SUNDAY IN LENT

APRIL 6, 2025

8:15 AM

### Consecrated Stewards



<sup>5</sup> Then Joshua said to the people, "Consecrate yourselves, for tomorrow the Lord will do wonders among you." <sup>6</sup> And Joshua said to the priests, "Take up the ark of the covenant and pass on before the people." So they took up the ark of the covenant and went before the people.

<sup>7</sup> The Lord said to Joshua, "Today I will begin to exalt you in the sight of all Israel, that they may know that, as I was with Moses, so I will be with you."

Joshua 3

**God's Chosen**  
**STEWARDS**



ALTAR FLOWERS TODAY ARE GIVEN TODAY  
 IN HONOR OF JOAN OLSON FROM SHERRI BOOKER & HOPE COMFORT DOG  
 IN MEMORY OF CHRISTINE ANN FRIES FROM LORETTA ENGELHARDT

*At the beginning of the service all are asked to sign the attendance card located in the pew racks and place them in the offering plate during the collection. So that we may better serve you and send you more information, guests, please print your address and telephone number on this card.*

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#### THIS WEEK AT FAITH

Elder on Duty	4/6/2025	4/13/2025	4/20/2025	4/27/2025
8:15 Traditional	Ward Irvin Greg Sinatra	Steve Buchtrup Vinny Caracci	Tim Lambert Bill Smith	Steve Buchtrup Vinny Caracci
11:00 Contemporary	Glenn Jones	Russ Couch Ron Shulteiss	Glenn Jones Ward Irvin	Ron Shulteiss
Readers	3/2/2025	3/9/2025	3/16/2025	3/23/2025
8:15 Traditional	Ward Irvin	Greg Sinatra	Andy Hartley	Greg Schaag
11:00 Contemporary	<b>Elder on Duty</b>	Ron Shulteiss	Laura Calfee	Russ Couch

#### WE BELIEVE GOD'S WORD... ON THE LORD'S SUPPER

We believe that in the Sacrament of Holy Communion Christ gives His true body and blood under the form of bread and wine for the assurance of the forgiveness of sins. We believe Jesus is truly present in the Sacrament, and as we come in faith to receive it, we receive Him. The Bible teaches that those who eat without recognizing the Lord's body, eat and drink judgment on themselves (*1 Corinthians 11:27-29*). Those baptized and believing Christians who share our confession of faith are welcome guests at the Altar. The Pastor would be glad to answer any questions relating to our faith or practice. Anyone not confirmed or communing is welcome to come and receive a blessing.

#### Also Happening This Week

Tuesday, 10 a.m. – 3 p.m. Create in Me - Ladies' Crafts  
 Wednesday, 8:30 and 9:15 a.m. Chapels: School and ECE  
 Our Discipleship in the past weeks:

Worship	3/30/2025	4/6/25	4/13/25	4/20/25	4/27/25
8:15 Traditional 11:00 Contemporary	101/97 43/41				
Sunday School	48				
Monthly Budget	\$60,000	\$61,000	\$61,000	\$61,000	\$61,000
Weekly Giving	\$8,078	\$	\$	\$	\$
On-Line Giving	\$5,153	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Giving MTD	\$61,638	\$	\$	\$	\$

## AS WE GATHER

The fact that God's plan of salvation began thousands of years ago, and that the Bible is the record of events in ancient history, does not mean that old equals irrelevant. Today, God says through His prophet Isaiah, **"Remember not the former things, nor consider the things of old" (Isaiah 43:18). "Behold, I am doing a new thing; . . . do you not perceive it?"** (v. 19). In the pattern of the exodus of old and the deliverance from the Babylonian captivity of old, and as "the old rugged cross" of Christ made His resurrection from the dead possible, the "new thing" of God's doing today is all about freeing us from the slavery of sin, death, and fear.

## OPENING HYMN

Drawn to the Cross, Which Thou Hast Blessed

LSB 560

- ♪ **1. Drawn to the Cross, which Thou hast blessed With healing gifts for souls distressed,  
To find in Thee my life, my rest, Christ crucified, I come.**
- 2. Thou knowest all my griefs and fears, Thy grace abused, my misspent years;  
Yet now to Thee with contrite tears, Christ crucified, I come.**
- 3. Wash me and take away each stain; Let nothing of my sin remain.  
For cleansing, though it be through pain, Christ crucified, I come.**
- 4. And then for work to do for Thee, Which shall so sweet a service be  
That angels well might envy me, Christ crucified, I come.**

## INVOCATION

In the name of the Father and of the ☩ Son and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

## CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

As the Lord God delivered His chosen people from Egyptian slavery through the sea yet on dry ground, and as He delivered His chosen people from their captivity in Babylon of old, so has He now delivered His chosen people to this day from slavery to sin and death through the cross and resurrection of His Son, Jesus Christ. Remembering that your Holy Baptism is still a present reality today, let us return to the Lord our God in true repentance and faith.

*(A moment of silence and reflection.)*

**Lord God, we confess that we have sinned against You and have fallen back into our old ways of neglecting You and our love for our neighbor. Create a new heart and spirit within us and make us to be Your new creation by faith in Your Son, Jesus Christ, that we may live under Him and serve Him in everlasting righteousness, innocence, and blessedness both today and forever.**

But now thus says the Lord, He who created you and formed you, "Fear not, for I have redeemed you; I have called you by name, you are Mine."

Upon this, your confession, I, by virtue of my office, as a called and ordained servant of Christ, announce the grace of God to 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. **Amen.**

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

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. **Amen.**

### **OLD TESTAMENT READING**

Isaiah 43:16-21

Thus says the Lord, who makes a way in the sea, a path in the mighty waters, who brings forth chariot and horse, army and warrior; they lie down, they cannot rise, they are extinguished, quenched like a wick:

“Remember not the former things, nor consider the things of old.

Behold, I am doing a new thing; now it springs forth, do you not perceive it?

I will make a way in the wilderness and rivers in the desert.

The wild beasts will honor me, the jackals and the ostriches, for I give water in the wilderness, rivers in the desert, to give drink to my chosen people, the people whom I formed for myself that they might declare my praise.”

This is the Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

### **PSALM**

Psalms 126

When the Lord restored the fortunes of Zion, we were like those who dream.

**Then our mouth was filled with laughter, and our tongue with shouts of joy; then they said among the nations, “The Lord has done great things for them.”**

The Lord has done great things for us; we are glad.

**Restore our fortunes, O Lord, like streams in the Negeb!**

Those who sow in tears shall reap with shouts of joy!

**He who goes out weeping, bearing the seed for sowing, shall come home with shouts of joy.**

### **EPISTLE**

Philippians 3:4-7, 8-14

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.

This is the Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

### **CHILDREN'S MESSAGE**

*Please stand.*

### **HOLY GOSPEL**

Luke 20:9-20

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

**Glory to You, O Lord.**

[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.

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to You, O Christ.**

- ♫ 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;  
But men made strange, and none The longed-for Christ would know.  
But, oh, my friend, My friend indeed, Who at my need His life did spend!
3. Sometimes they strew His way And His sweet praises sing;  
Resounding all the day Hosannas to their King.  
Then "Crucify!" Is all their breath, And for His death They thirst and cry.
4. Why, what hath my Lord done? What makes this rage and spite?  
He made the lame to run, He gave the blind their sight.  
Sweet injuries! Yet they at these Themselves displease And 'gainst Him rise.
5. They rise and needs will have My dear Lord made away;  
A murderer they save, The Prince of Life they slay.  
Yet cheerful He To suff'ring goes That He His foes From thence might free.
6. 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.
7. 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!

**SERMON**

**"Consecrated"**

**NICENE CREED**

**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**

After each petition ends, "Lord, in Your mercy," the congregation responds; **"hear our prayer."**

#### **COLLECTION OF OFFERING AND TITHES**

#### **PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING**

#### **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.

#### **THE WORDS OF OUR LORD**

#### **PEACE OF THE LORD**

The peace of the Lord be with you always. **Amen.**

*Please take a moment and share the Peace of the Lord with those around you.*

*We examine ourselves before partaking our Lord's Supper.*

#### **DISTRIBUTION HYMNS**

#### **Go to Dark Gethsemane**

LSB 436

- ♪ 1. Go to dark Gethsemane, All who feel the tempter's pow'r;  
Your Redeemer's conflict see; Watch with Him one bitter hour;  
Turn not from His griefs away; Learn from Jesus Christ to pray.
2. Follow to the judgment hall; View the Lord of life arraigned;  
Oh, the worm-wood and the gall! Oh, the pangs His soul sustained!  
Shun not suff'ring, shame, or loss; Learn from Him to bear the cross.
3. Calv'ry's mournful mountain climb; There, adoring at His feet,  
Mark that miracle of time, God's own sacrifice complete.  
"It is finished!" hear Him cry; Learn from Jesus Christ to die.

- ♪ 1. Alas! and did my Savior bleed, And did my Sov'reign die?  
Would He devote that sacred head For sinners such as I?
2. Was it for crimes that I had done He groaned upon the tree?  
Amazing pity, grace unknown, And love beyond degree!
3. Well might the sun in darkness hide And shut his glories in  
When God, the mighty Maker, died For his own creatures' sin.
4. Thus might I hide my blushing face While His dear cross appears,  
Dissolve my heart in thankfulness, And melt my eyes to tears.
5. But tears of grief can ne'er repay The debt of love I owe;  
Here, Lord, I give myself away: 'Tis all that I can do.

**POST-COMMUNION COLLECT**

We give You thanks, almighty God, that You have made us Your own people, a new creation in Jesus Christ, our Lord. By His body and blood You have strengthened our faith, thus enabling us to tell forth 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. **Amen.**

**BENEDICTION**

The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make His face shine on and be gracious to you.

The Lord look upon you with favor and ☩ give you peace. **Amen.**

**SENDING HYMN**

Restore in Us, O God

Tune: *LSB 414*

- ♪ 1. Restore in us, O God The splendor of your love  
Renew your image in our hearts And all our sins remove.
2. O Spirit, wake in us The wonder of your pow'r  
From fruitless fear unfurl our lives Like springtime bud and flow'r.
3. Bring us, O Christ, to share The fullness of your joy  
Baptize us in Your risen life That death cannot destroy.
4. Three-personed God, fulfill The promise of your grace  
That we, when all our searching ends May see you face to face.

**SENDING**

Go in peace to serve the Lord!

Thanks be to God.