

**5th Sunday in Lent**



**GATHERING: The Spirit Calls Us Together**

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

Confession and Forgiveness

Call to Worship

Gathering Song *“Jesus is a Rock in a Weary Land”* ELW 333

Greeting

Kyrie ELW pg 147

Prayer of the Day

Special Music *“I Want Jesus to Walk with Me”* Jerry Joseph

**WORD: We Hear God in Scripture & Preaching**

**Children’s Message**

**Isaiah 43:16-21...** Thus says the LORD, who makes a way in the sea, a path in the mighty waters, <sup>17</sup> who brings out chariot and horse, army and warrior; they lie down, they cannot rise, they are extinguished, quenched like a wick: <sup>18</sup> Do not remember the former things, or consider the things of old. <sup>19</sup> I am about to do 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. <sup>20</sup> The wild animals 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, <sup>21</sup> the people whom I formed for myself so that they might declare my praise.

Word of God, word of life. **Thanks be to God.**

**Philippians 3:4b-14...** If anyone else has reason to be confident in the flesh, I have more: <sup>5</sup> circumcised on the eighth day, a member of the people of Israel, of the tribe of Benjamin, a Hebrew born of Hebrews; as to the law, a Pharisee; <sup>6</sup> as to zeal, a persecutor of the church; as to righteousness under the law, blameless. <sup>7</sup> Yet whatever gains I had, these I have come to regard as loss because of Christ. <sup>8</sup> More than that, I regard everything as loss because of the surpassing value of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord. For his sake I have suffered the loss of all things, and I regard them as rubbish, in order that I may gain Christ <sup>9</sup> and be found in him, not having a righteousness of my own that comes from the law, but one that comes through faith in Christ, the righteousness from God based on faith. <sup>10</sup> I want to know Christ and the power of his resurrection and the sharing of his sufferings by becoming like him in his death, <sup>11</sup> if somehow I may attain the resurrection from the dead. <sup>12</sup> Not that I have already obtained this or have already reached the goal; but I press on to make it my own, because Christ Jesus has made me his own. <sup>13</sup> Beloved, I do not consider that I have made it my own; but this one thing I do: forgetting what lies behind and straining forward to what lies ahead, <sup>14</sup> I press on toward the goal for the prize of the heavenly call of God in Christ Jesus.

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**John 12:1-8...** Six days before the Passover Jesus came to Bethany, the home of Lazarus, whom he had

raised from the dead.<sup>2</sup> There they gave a dinner for him. Martha served, and Lazarus was one of those at the table with him.<sup>3</sup> Mary took a pound of costly perfume made of pure nard, anointed Jesus' feet, and wiped them with her hair. The house was filled with the fragrance of the perfume.<sup>4</sup> But Judas Iscariot, one of his disciples (the one who was about to betray him), said,<sup>5</sup> "Why was this perfume not sold for three hundred denarii and the money given to the poor?"<sup>6</sup> (He said this not because he cared about the poor, but because he was a thief; he kept the common purse and used to steal what was put into it.)<sup>7</sup> Jesus said, "Leave her alone. She bought it so that she might keep it for the day of my burial.<sup>8</sup> You always have the poor with you, but you do not always have me."

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

**Message** Gretchen Ahrens

**Hymn of the Day** *"God's Work Our Hands"*

**Prayers**

**Sharing God's Peace**

**MEAL: God Feeds us with the Presence of Jesus**

**Offering**

**Special Music**

**Offertory** *"Tree of Life and Awesome Mystery"* ELW 334  
*Vs 1 and Lent 5*

**Great Thanksgiving** ELW pg 152

**Words of Institution**

**Lord's Prayer**

**Communion**

**Communion Songs** *"Lamb of God"* ELW pg 154  
*"By Faith"*

**Communion Blessing**

**Post-Communion Prayer**

**SENDING: Being Loved, God Sends Us to Love**

**Blessing**

**Sending Song** *"Guide My Feet"*

**Dismissal**

**Postlude**

### Announcements

- ⇒ **Food Pantry** Our next food pantry is Thursday, April 17th from 5 to 6:30 pm. [CLICK HERE](#) to help. Donations are needed! We are in need of canned soup, bar soap, toilet paper and canned goods in general (fruit, veggies, tuna/chicken, pasta sauce, beans). Drop donations in the blue bin in the coat closet hallway. Thanks!
- ⇒ **Nursery** Our nursery in the Sunday School hallway is unlocked every Sunday morning during worship and our education hour. There is no nursery attendant, but the room is available for families to use as needed if littles need to get some wiggles out!
- ⇒ **Prayer Shawls** If you have someone in your life who could use some extra comfort and prayers, please feel free to take a Prayer Shawl or Prayer Square from the display in the Narthex at any time.
- ⇒ **Youth Emergency Services Drive**—Throughout the season of Lent we will be collecting various items for Youth Emergency Services. We are collecting the following new items: Bras (not sports bras), Underwear—all sizes men and women, full size deodorant, full size body wash, chapstick, towels. See the Narthex for more details.
- ⇒ **Centering Prayer Group** join us Wednesdays during Lent at 7:00 pm in the Outside Meeting Room.
- ⇒ **Easter Flowers** Help make the church beautiful for Easter! Easter flowers again this year will include lilies, hyacinth, tulips and daffodils. Flowers can be purchased for \$11, orders are due by April 13th. To purchase flowers electronically [Click Here](#) or use an envelope at the usher stand and place in the offering plate.
- ⇒ **Lenten Worship Services** Join us Wednesday's at 6:30 pm for our Lenten Worship Services of Holden Evening Prayer.
- ⇒ **Sunday School Easter Egg Hunt** will take place on April 13th during the Sunday School hour. Families will meet in the Fellowship Hall for a few activities before heading outside for the egg hunt! To help make this event a success, please pick up a bag of Easter egg's and return filled with candy or treats.
- ⇒ **Giving through Venmo** You can now support the ministries of Holy Cross via Venmo. Find us on Venmo @HolyCrossLutheran.

### Calendar for Upcoming Week

#### **Sunday, April 6**

9:30 am Worship  
10:40 am Sunday School/Adult Forum  
10:50 am MS/HS Ensemble  
11:00 am MS/HS Bells  
3:00 pm Girl Scout Troop 48012

#### **Monday, April 7**

1:00 pm Centering Prayer  
6:30 pm Boy Scouts  
9:00 pm CMA Meeting

#### **Tuesday, April 8**

7:30 pm AA Meeting

#### **Wednesday, April 9**

12:30 pm Tai Chi Class  
6:00 pm Confirmation/Uke Choir  
6:30 pm Holden Evening Prayer Service  
7:00 pm Radical Ringers/Youth Group

#### **Thursday, April 10**

6:00 pm Finance Committee  
6:30 pm Carolon Bell Choir  
7:30 pm Chancel Choir

#### **Friday, April 11**

1:00 pm Knitting

#### **Saturday, April 12**

9:30 am Sarah Circle

#### **Sunday, April 13**

9:30 am Palm Sunday Worship  
10:40 am Easter Egg Hunt  
10:40 am Endowment Meeting

### Prayer Requests from our Church Community

**Member Concerns:** Sarah Sjolie; Kelley Kennedy; Norm Firkins; Phyllis Beam; Donna McCoy; Jan Swanson; Connie Mertz.

**On-Going Member Concerns:** Edie Nabity at Hillcrest Papillion

**Friends and Relatives:** Claudia, friend of Joe Evans; Ken Plessel, uncle of Wes Grunke; Anna Victor, aunt of Jen Gitt; Dana Zoll, friend of Amy Odson; Linda Spencer; Jimmy McCarthy, brother of Jen Gitt; Jeanne Kowalski, sister of Peg Schneider; Dave Huggins, friend of Jim & Peg Schneider; Mya Calendar, daughter of Trisha Ryan; Carol Deditz, sister of Julie Noteman; Larry Labens, friend of Jerry & Kelli Joseph; Opal Calendar, foster granddaughter of Trisha Ryan; Kelsey Schneider, daughter of Jim & Peg Schneider; Megan Smith-Sallans, friend of Pastor Heather; Theresa Ramelb, friend of Jacque Petersen; Shari Jensen, friend of Ed Krueger; Kenneth Lathrop, father of Alisa Krueger; Jan Specks, sister of Carol Rich; Ronda Bayer, friend of Debbie Risinger; Debbie Haacke, coworker of Debbie Risinger; Tatyana Povazhnaya, friend of Sue Spengler; Gaylen Grunke, Wes Grunke's Brother; Linda Anderson, Barb Kay's sister; Aaron McDonald and Family and Caregivers, McDonald's grandson.