



**April 3, 2022**

**Welcome!**

We are glad to have you join us  
in the worship of Our Lord.

**Please sign the guest book at  
the back of the sanctuary.**

**Mask wearing is optional if  
you are fully vaccinated.**

**Today's Altar Servers**

Pastor: ..... Rev. Dennis Moore  
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## *Fifth Sunday in Lent*

### **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**Meetings**

**AA Meeting** – Tuesday and Friday at 12 pm and Thursday at 10 am.

**Choir:** Rehearsals in the Sanctuary at 8:45 on Sundays.

**Boomwhackers, Bells and Chimes:** Wednesday, at 5:00 p.m. and Sunday School soon after practice.

**Faithful Community Quilters:** Every 2<sup>nd</sup> Monday of the month from 10 am to 3 pm.

**Bible Study:** Each Sunday morning at 7:30 am in the Community Room.

**Lenten Bible Studies**

We will be studying Adam Hamilton's THE WALK which can be found on Amazon or in the Christian Bookstore. Last day: **April 6.** There will be Soup Super at 6:15 pm and Lenten Study at 7:00 pm. Please sign up for **bread and soup** on the table in back of the church.

**Usher and Lector Volunteers** needed, contact Jacquie Halko Please call (570) 646-3922 or email at [jacquie5444@yahoo.com](mailto:jacquie5444@yahoo.com).

**Bulletin Sponsors and Flower Donations:** New 2022 Bulletin located in the foyer table entrance of the church. In-house bulletin for \$10 and \$20 towards silk flowers or you may bring your own fresh flowers.

Easter Egg coloring on Wednesday night, April 13<sup>th</sup> at 6- 8 pm and the ANNUAL EASTER EGG HUNT on Saturday, April 16<sup>th</sup> from 11 am to 2pm. All children are welcome! Lunch will be served. Please register children with the church office by phone: (670) 646-0309 or by email: [faithoffice@faithlutheranblakeslee.org](mailto:faithoffice@faithlutheranblakeslee.org)

## **PRELUDE: MEDLEY BY MRS. MOLLY FINKBINER**

### **CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**

In the name of God, who makes a way in the wilderness, walks with us, and guides us in our pilgrimage. **Amen.**

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

**Holy One, we confess that we have wandered far from you: we have not trusted your promises, we have ignored your prophets in our own day, we have squandered our inheritance of grace, we have failed to recognize you in our midst. Have mercy on us! Forgive us and turn us again to you. Teach us to follow in your ways, assure us again of your love, and help us to love our neighbor. Amen.**

Beloved in Christ, the Word draws near to you, and all who call out to God shall be saved. In Jesus, God comes to you again and again and gathers you under wings of love.

In **✝** Jesus' name, your sins are forgiven. God journeys with you and teaches you how to live in love. **Amen.**

**GATHERING HYMN:        “O Lord, Throughout these Forty Days”**

**LBW 99**

### **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**

In Peace, let us pray to the Lord.

**Lord, have mercy.**

For the Peace from above and for the well-being of all, let us pray to the Lord.

**Lord, have mercy.**

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.

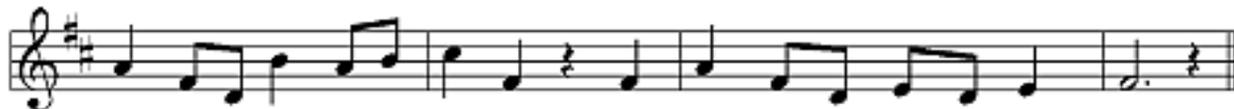
**Lord, have mercy.**

For this holy house, and for all who offer here their worship and praise, let us pray to the Lord.

**Lord, have mercy.**

Help, save, comfort and defend us, gracious Lord. **AMEN**

## HYMN OF PRAISE "GLORY TO GOD"



♩ Glo-ry to God in the high-est, and peace to his peo-ple on earth.



♩ Lord God, heav-en-ly king, al-might-y God and Fa-ther:



We wor-ship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glo-ry.



Lord Je-sus Christ, on-ly Son of the Fa-ther, Lord God, Lamb of God:



You take a-way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on us.



You are seat-ed at the right hand of the Fa-ther; re-ceive our prayer.



For you a-lone are the Ho-ly One, you a-lone are the Lord,

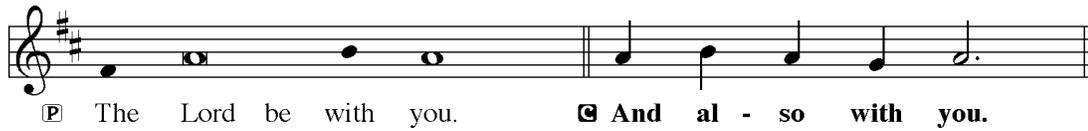


you a-lone are the Most High, Je-sus Christ, with the Ho-ly Spir-it,



in the glo-ry of God the Fa-ther. A-men

## PRAYER OF THE DAY



Creator God, you prepare a new way in the wilderness, and your grace waters our desert. Open our hearts to be transformed by the new thing you are doing, that our lives may proclaim the extravagance of your love given to all through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**Amen.**

*(Please be seated)*

## FIRST LESSON: Isaiah 43: 16 - 21

<sup>16</sup>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.**

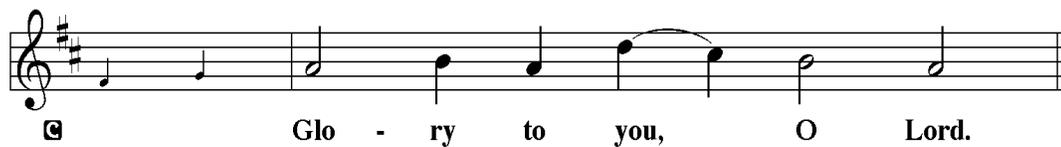
## Psalm 126

<sup>1</sup>When the LORD restored the fortunes of Zion,  
then were we like those who dream.



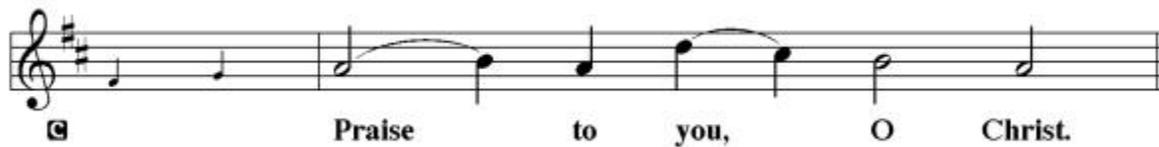
## GOSPEL

The Holy Gospel according to **John 12: 1 - 8** (NRSV).



Six days before the Passover Jesus came to Bethany, the home of Lazarus, whom he had raised from the dead. There they gave a dinner for him. Martha served, and Lazarus was one of those at the table with him. 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. But Judas Iscariot, one of his disciples (the one who was about to betray him), said, "Why was this perfume not sold for three hundred denarii and the money given to the poor?" (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.) Jesus said, "Leave her alone. She bought it so that she might keep it for the day of my burial. You always have the poor with you, but you do not always have me."

The Gospel of the Lord.



*(Please be seated)*

## CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

## SERMON

*(Please stand as you are able after the sermon.)*

**HYMN OF THE DAY:**        *"As the Deer"*                                **INSERT**

## NICENE CREED

**We believe in on God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth and all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in on Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father. Through Him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven; by the power of the Holy Spirit he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary, and was made man. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated on the right hand**

**of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son. With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified. He has spoken by the prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one Baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look to the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen**

## **PRAYER OF INTERCESSION**

Drawn close to the heart of God, we offer these prayers for the church, the world, and all who are in need.

*A brief silence.*

Do a new thing in the church. Free us from paradigms that no longer serve the gospel and bring forward leaders who imagine fresh ways of doing ministry. Give us courage in the face of change. Merciful God,  
**receive our prayer.**

Do a new thing for creation. Reverse the trajectory of climate change and environmental catastrophe. Revive habitats already impaired by human disregard. Amplify the voices of climate scientists and researchers working to chart a new course. Merciful God,  
**receive our prayer.**

Do a new thing in our world. Break barriers that prevent political enemies from working together for the well-being of all. Make a way for peace and collaboration among the nations. Merciful God,  
**receive our prayer.**

Do a new thing for those who suffer. Reveal a path for any who are unemployed or underemployed, for those experiencing homelessness, and for all who struggle with money. Comfort those who grieve and restore those who are sick (*especially*). Merciful God,  
**receive our prayer.**

Do a new thing within us. Direct us into encounters that broaden our understanding of the human experience. Amplify voices that are ignored or devalued (*especially*). Deliver us especially from the scourge of racism. Merciful God,  
**receive our prayer.**

*Here other intercessions may be offered.*

### **PRAYER LIST**

*Barbara, Matt, Geroge A., Susan, Swatzell Family, Bobbies family: Denise P., Bob Jr, and Brent P. Jason R., Robert F., RC, Mike and Brenda G., Rich, Erik C, Sabrina, Tracey E., Drew D., Margery B, Barbara M, Kevin D, Sherry K, Walt D, Adam C. and Family, Megan, Jim, Roberta R., Judi O'D, Diana, Wolcott Family, Dawn, Jeanine, Allen B., Tom and Valerie M., and Ed.*

Do a new thing in our death. Fill us with the knowledge of Christ and the power of his resurrection as we give thanks for (*names and*) all the saints who have attained the prize of their heavenly call. Merciful God,  
**receive our prayer.**

Accept the prayers we bring, O God, on behalf of a world in need, for the sake of Jesus Christ.  
**Amen.**

For those whose earthly journeys have ended, we give thanks. With (*names* and) all the saints, we praise you for the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

Accept the prayers we bring, O God, on behalf of a world in need, for the sake of Jesus Christ.  
**Amen.**



### **THE PEACE**

The peace of the Lord be with you always. **And also with you.**

*(Please share Christ's peace in social and acceptable ways.) (Please be seated)*

**OFFERING Music:** Waterlife, by Handt Hanson.....played by Molly Finkbiner.

*(Please stand as you are able)*

### **OFFERING PRAYER**

Extravagant God, you have blessed us with the fullness of creation. Now we gather at your feast where you offer us the food that satisfies. Take and use what we offer here, come among us, and feed us with the body and blood of Christ, in whose name we pray. **Amen.**

### **DIALOGUE**

The Lord be with you.

Lift up your hearts.

Let us give thanks to the Lord, our God.

**And also with you.**

**We lift them to the Lord.**

**It is right to give him thanks and praise.**



## PREFACE

It is indeed right and salutary that we should at all times and in all places offer thanks and praise to you, O Lord, holy Father, through Christ our Lord. Sharing our life, he lived among us to reveal your glory and love, that our darkness should give way to our own brilliant light. So, with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn.

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, Lord God of pow'r and might:  
Heav'n and earth are full of your glo - ry.  
Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who comes  
in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

## THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

Holy God, mighty Lord, gracious Father: Endless is your mercy and eternal your reign.  
You have filled all creation with light and life; heaven and earth are full of your glory.  
Through Abraham you promised to bless all nations. You rescued Israel, your chosen people.

Through the prophets you renewed your promise; and, at this end of all the ages, you sent your Son, who in words and deeds proclaimed your kingdom and was obedient to your will, even to giving his life. In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying:

Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying:

This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me. For as often as we eat of this bread and drink from this cup we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

**Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.**

Therefore, gracious Father, with this bread and cup we remember the life our Lord offered for us. And, believing the witness of his resurrection, we await his coming in power to share with us the great and promised feast.

**Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.**

Send now, we pray, your Holy Spirit, the spirit of our Lord and of his resurrection, that we who receive the Lord's body and blood may live to the praise of your glory and receive our inheritance with all your saints in light.

**Amen. Come, Holy Spirit.**

Join our prayers with those of your servants of every time and every place and unite them with the ceaseless petitions of our great high priest until he comes as victorious Lord of all.

**Through him, with him, in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all honor and glory is yours, almighty Father, now and forever. Amen.**

**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.**

### INVITATION TO COMMUNION

Come to God's table. There is a place for you and enough for all.

*(Please be seated. If you would like, please take a couple of moments and prepare your communion elements by lifting both films back halfway or however comfortable.)*

### LAMB OF GOD



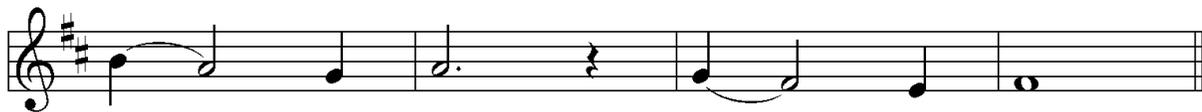
**Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on us.**



**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.**

“The body of Christ.... Given for you.” “The blood of Christ.... Shed for you.”

*(After all have communed—please stand as you are able)*

### COMMUNION BLESSING

The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace. **Amen.**



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*Thank you for coming in and  
joining us in today's service.*