



**Fifth Sunday in Lent**

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**Sunday, April 6, 2025  
9:30am**

Our Savior's Lutheran Church, ELCA  
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***"Our mission is to make the love of Christ known  
to all as we worship, serve and grow together."***

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All are welcome in this church! The Good News of God's grace is for all, regardless of age, abilities, physical & mental health, race, sexual orientation, gender identity and expression, education, income or strength of faith. There is nothing we do, have done or will do that can separate us from the love of God. God makes no exceptions, nor do we. Come join us in praise, prayer and the work of our Lord, including ongoing work for racial equity in our Church and in the world.

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Juan Fernandez, Custodian

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**+FOR OUR WORSHIP TODAY+**

**Presiding Minister:** Pastor Joanne Richmond

**AV Team:** Isaac Stutesman and Asa Zinniel

**Coffee Fellowship:** Affirmation's Reception

**Communion Assistant:** Carol Miller

**Pianist:** Mary Ender Stutesman

**Prayer Reader:** Carol Miller

# ORDER OF WORSHIP

## PRELUDE

## CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Blessed be the holy Trinity,  
✠ one God,  
who creates, redeems, and sustains us  
and all of creation.

**Amen.**

Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

To you, God,  
**all hearts are open,  
to you all desires known.**  
**We come to you,  
confessing our sins.**  
**Forgive us in your mercy,  
and remember us in your love.**  
**Show us your ways;  
teach us your paths;  
and lead us in justice and truth,  
for the sake of your goodness in Jesus Christ our Savior.**  
**Amen.**

By water and the Holy Spirit  
God gives you a new birth,  
and through the death  
and resurrection of † Jesus Christ,  
God forgives you all your sins.  
The God of mercy and might  
strengthen you in all goodness  
and keep you in eternal life.

**Amen.**

# You Are Holy

## *Du är helig*

1\*



*Du är he - lig, du är hel. Du är all - tid myck-et mer*  
 You are ho - ly, you are whole. You are al - ways ev - er more



*än vi nån - sin kan för - stå, du är nä - ra än - då.*  
 than we ev - er un - der - stand. You are al - ways at hand.



*Väl - sig - nad va - re du som kom - mer hit just nu,*  
 Bless - ed are you com - ing near. Bless - ed are you com - ing here



*väl - sig - na - de vår jord, blir till bröd på vår jord.*  
 to your church in wine and bread, raised from soil, raised from dead.

2



*Du är he - lig, du är hel - het,*  
 You are ho - ly, you are whole - ness,



*du är när - het he - la kos - mos lo - var dig!*  
 you are pres - ent. Let the cos - mos praise you, Lord!



*Ho - si - an - na, ho - si - an - na,*  
 Sing ho - san - na in the high - est!



*ho - si - an - na, ho - si - an - na vår Gud.*  
 Sing ho - san - na! Sing ho - san - na to our God!

\* May be sung in canon.

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## **GREETING**

The grace of Jesus Christ, the love of God,  
and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

**And also with you.**

## **KYRIE**

Dr. Eddie Kim

## **PRAYER OF THE DAY**

Gracious and holy God, give us diligence to seek you, wisdom to perceive you, and patience to wait for you. Grant us God, a mind to meditate on you; eyes to behold you; ears to listen for your word; a heart to love you; and a life to proclaim you; through the power of the Spirit of Jesus Christ, our Savior.

**Amen.**

## **READING: Philippians 3 : 4b—32**

A reading from Philippians.

[Paul writes:] <sup>4b</sup> 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.

The word of the Lord


**Thanks be to God.**

**SERMON**

Pastor Joanne Richmond

Take My Life, That I May Be  
Toma, oh Dios, mi voluntad

*Refrain/Estribillo*



To - ma, oh Dios, mi vo - lun - tad, y haz - la tu - ya, na -  
Take my life, that I may be con - se - crat - ed, Lord,



da más; to - ma, sí, mi co - ra - zón  
to thee; take my mo - ments and my days;



y tu tro - no en él ten - drás. ten - drás.  
let them flow in cease - less praise. less praise.



1 Que mi vi - da en - te - ra es - té  
1 Take my hands and let them move  
2 Take my sil - ver and my gold,  
3 Take my voice and let me sing  
4 Take my will and make it thine;



con - sa - gra - da a ti. Se - ñor;  
at the im - pulse of thy love;  
not a mite would I with - hold;  
al - ways, on - ly for my King;  
it shall be no lon - ger mine;



que a mis ma - nos pue - da guiar el im -  
take my feet and let them be swift and  
take my in - tel - lect and use ev - 'ry  
take my lips and let them be filled with  
take my heart, it is thine own; it shall



*Refrain/Estribillo*

pul - so de tu a - mor.  
beau - ti - ful for thee.  
pow'r as thou shalt choose.  
mes - sag - es from thee.  
be thy roy - al throne.

2 Que mis pies tan sólo en pos  
de lo santo puedan ir,  
y que a ti, Señor, mi voz,  
se complazca en bendecir. Estribillo

3 Que mis labios al hablar  
hablen sólo de tu amor;  
que mis bienes dedicar  
yo los quiera a ti, Señor. Estribillo

4 Que mi tiempo todo esté  
consagrado a tu loor;  
que mi mente y su poder  
sean usados en tu honor. Estribillo

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## **AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**

Dear friends, we give thanks for the gift of baptism and for, one with us in the body of Christ, who is making public affirmation of their baptism.

Parents and Sponsors: *I/We present \_\_\_\_\_, who desires to make public affirmation of their baptism.*

Let us pray.

Merciful God, we thank you for these members of our faith family, whom you have made your own by water and the Word in baptism.

You have called them to yourself,

Enlightened them with the gifts of your Spirit,

and nourished them in the community of faith.

Uphold all your children in the gifts and promises of baptism,

and unite the hearts of all whom you have brought to new birth.

We ask this in the name of Christ.

**Amen.**

## **PROFESSION OF FAITH**

I ask you to profess your faith in Christ Jesus, reject sin, and confess the faith of the church.

Do you renounce the devil and all the forces that defy God?

*Response:* I renounce them.

Do you renounce the powers of this world that rebel against God?

*Response:* I renounce them.

Do you renounce the ways of sin that draw you from God?

*Response:* I renounce them.

Do you believe in God the Father?

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,  
creator of heaven and earth.**

Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

**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.**

Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

**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.**

Presleigh, Torynn, Emerick, and Kenzie, do you intend to continue in the covenant God made with you in holy baptism:

to live among God's faithful people,  
to hear the word of God and share in the Lord's supper,  
to proclaim the good news of God in Christ through word and deed,  
to serve all people, following the example of Jesus,  
and to strive for justice and peace in all the earth?

[Each young person responds]: *I do, and I ask God to help and guide me.*

People of God, do you promise to support these young people and pray for them in their lives in Christ?

**We do, and we ask God to help and guide us.**

Let us pray.

We give you thanks, God, that through water and the Holy Spirit you give us new birth, cleanse us from sin, and raise us to eternal life. Stir up in Presleigh, Torynn, Emerick, and Kenzie, the gift of your Holy Spirit: the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the Lord, the spirit of joy in your presence, both now and forever.

**Amen.**

Let us rejoice with these young people!

**We rejoice with you in the life of baptism.**

**Together we will give thanks and praise to God  
and proclaim the good news to all the world.**

## **PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION**

*(Response to each petition is The Lord Is My Song, ELW # 751.)*

Led by the Spirit, let us turn to God in prayer for the church, the world, and all those in need.

The church declares your praise, God. Guide us in the example of Paul's transformed identity; that our lives, too, may be poured out in love as we trust in your promises.

The earth declares your praise, God. Make a way for the planet's future in the sea and the wilderness, the mountains and plains, the tundra and wetlands. Repair habitats and sustainable ecosystems on, above, and beneath the ground.

God, in your mercy, hear us as we sing:

**The Lord is my song, the Lord is my praise: all my hope comes from God.**

**The Lord is my song, the Lord is my praise: God, the wellspring of life.**

The nations declare your praise, God. Where religious differences divide, bring together those who worship you in the name of Jesus Christ and those

who call to you with different names. Guide interreligious dialogue, that faith may unite rather than divide communities.

The people declare your praise, God. Restore those whose hope has been dashed through a health diagnosis, job or home loss, divorce, or death. Bring healing to those in need. May all who weep now sing songs of joy again.

God, in your mercy, hear us as we sing:

**The Lord is my song, the Lord is my praise: all my hope comes from God.**

**The Lord is my song, the Lord is my praise: God, the wellspring of life.**

The gifts of the Spirit declare your praise, God. We thank you for artists who proclaim the gospel. Inspire music, poetry, and images that proclaim the new thing you are doing.

The communion of saints declares your praise, God. Giving thanks for those who have died, we trust in the one who has made them his own: Christ Jesus, our crucified and risen Savior.

God, in your mercy, hear us as we sing:

**The Lord is my song, the Lord is my praise: all my hope comes from God.**

**The Lord is my song, the Lord is my praise: God, the wellspring of life.**

Receive the prayers of your people and draw all things together in your love, in the name of Jesus, who leads us from death to life.

**Amen.**

## **PEACE**

The peace of Christ be with you always.

**And also with you.**

## **NOISY OFFERING**

## **DIALOGUE**

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.

**We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

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

## **THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE**

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.

**Amen.**

## **LORD'S PRAYER**

**Our Father in heaven,  
hallowed be your name,  
your kingdom come,  
your will be done,  
on earth as in heaven.**

**Give us today our daily bread.**

**Forgive us our sins  
as we forgive those  
who sin against us.**

**Save us from the time of trial  
and deliver us from evil.**

**For the kingdom, the power,  
and the glory are yours,  
now and forever. Amen.**

## **COMMUNION**

## **PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

We give you thanks, most gracious God,  
that you have fed us with the bread of heaven  
and given us a foretaste of Paradise.

Enliven us to be your body in the world  
and to serve those who are in need;

**Amen.**

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

## **BLESSING**

The God of steadfastness and encouragement  
grant you to live in harmony with one another,  
in accordance with Christ Jesus.

**Amen.**

The God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing,  
so that you may abound in hope by the power of the Holy Spirit.

**Amen.**

The God of all grace ☩ bless you now and forever.

**Amen.**



## Go, My Children, with My Blessing



- 1 "Go, my chil - dren, with my bless-ing, nev - er a - lone.
- 2 "Go, my chil - dren, sins for - giv - en, at peace and pure.
- 3 "Go, my chil - dren, fed and nour-ished, clos - er to me.



Wak - ing, sleep - ing, I am with you, you are my own.  
 Here you learned how much I love you, what I can cure.  
 Grow in love and love by serv-ing, joy - ful and free.



In my love's bap-tis - mal riv - er I have made you mine for - ev - er.  
 Here you heard my dear Son's sto - ry, here you touched him, saw his glo - ry.  
 Here my Spir - it's pow - er filled you, here my ten - der com-fort stilled you.



Go, my chil - dren, with my bless - ing, you are my own."  
 Go, my chil - dren, sins for - giv - en, at peace and pure."  
 Go, my chil - dren, fed and nour-ished, joy - ful and free."

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## **DISMISSAL**

Go in peace. Christ is with you.

**Thanks be to God.**

## **POSTLUDE**

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**TODAY THE FOLLOWING PEOPLE ARE AFFIRMING THEIR FAITH:** Presleigh Marlee  
-Ann Panek, Torynn A. Wells, Emerick Craig Weeks, and Kenzie Seiche Weeks.  
Please join us in the fellowship hall following worship to honor these young people..

### **MOO-MOO'S PRAYER CLUB, Sunday, April 6 & 27, 10:15am—Sanctuary**

All ages are welcome (especially infants, toddlers, and elementary-age school children) to come join us to discover the many different ways people can praise and serve God!

### **YOU'RE INVITED—PALM SUNDAY BREAKFAST**

#### **Sunday, April 13, 2025, 10:15am—Fellowship Hall**

The Youth & Family Ministry Team will be hosting their annual breakfast with egg bakes, sausage, fresh fruit, juice, milk, and coffee. The cost is a free will offering. Proceeds benefit youth and family events throughout the year. Come celebrate and enjoy a delicious breakfast while supporting our youth!

**DONATIONS ARE NEEDED** to help make this fundraiser a success. Look for the sign up sheets on the bulletin board next to the church office. There will be a labeled "Youth Breakfast" box in the refrigerator and on the counter in the kitchen for donated supplies. Please have all donations to the church by **Wednesday, April 9**. Thanks in advance for supporting our youth!

### **MONTHLY DONATION DRIVE: SUPPORTING THE HUNGER TASK FORCE**

Each month, we have the opportunity to make a meaningful impact on our community by contributing to The Hunger Task Force. This month item is **oatmeal**. Thank you for your continued support and commitment to serving others in love. Let's continue to make a difference together!

### **LENT 2025: THE LORD'S PRAYER**

Let's refresh our knowledge of Luther's Small Catechism!  
Specifically, what Luther had to say about the Lord's Prayer.

### **MIDWEEK LENT 5—Wednesday, April 9, 2025**

*"For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and forever. Amen.*  
We'll look at Luther's explanation to what he calls the "conclusion" of the prayer.

### **HOLY WEEK 2025**

### **PALM SUNDAY—Sunday, April 13, 2025**

Processional Gospel Matthew 21: 1-9 and Reading from Philippians 2: 5-11

We hear the story of Jesus's grand entry into Jerusalem.  
Then, we consider Paul's words to the Philippians *"he humbled himself and became obedient to the point of death—even death on a cross"*

### **MAUNDY THURSDAY—Thursday, April 17, 2025**

1 Corinthians 11:23-26 "The Lord's Supper"

### **GOOD FRIDAY—Friday, April 18, 2025**

We read the Passion according to the Gospel of John.

### **EASTER SUNDAY—Sunday, April 20, 2025**

Luke 24: 1-12 The resurrection of Jesus!

# OUR SAVIORS THIS WEEK

POST ON A FRIG, NEAR A PHONE, ON AN ALTAR AND ANY OTHER SACRED PLACE

## CALENDAR

### Sunday, April 6, 2025

**9:30am** Worship/HC  
**10:15am** Moo-Moo's Prayer Club  
**10:15am** Choir Rehearsal  
**10:15am** Affirmand's Reception  
**3—5pm** Caucus of Synod  
Assembly Voting  
Members  
**7—8pm** Y.E.S. A.A. mtg.

### Monday

**9am—1pm** Office Open  
**10am—12 noon** Gas Vouchers

### Tuesday

**9am—1pm** Office Open  
**9am** Quilters  
**1—5pm** WCC  
**4pm** CFS Doors Open  
**4:15—5:15pm** CFS Meal Served  
**5:15—5:30pm** CFS Carry Outs

### Wednesday

**9am—1pm** Office Open  
**12 noon** Worship  
**6:30pm** Worship

### Thursday

**9am—1pm** Office Open

### Friday

Pastor/Staff Sabbath

### Saturday

**9am—1pm** WCC open  
**10sm** Breakfast Set-Up

### Sunday, April 13, 2025

**8:30am** Choir Rehearsal  
**9:30am** Worship/HC  
**10:15am** Palm Sunday Breakfast  
**6:30pm** Y.E.S. A.A. mtg.

#### Calendar Notations:

HC—Holy Communion

CFS—Come For Supper

WCC—Women's Clothes Closet

## PRAYER CONCERNS

### HEALING AND PEACE

**Athena** Burg, **Bev** Hanson, **Casey** Kanter, **Cindy** Moe, **Cindy** Vieth, **Dan** Odenbach, **Danielle** Sorenson, **Dave** Kjos, **Dottie** Pierce, **Erik** Rudrud, **Esther** Harman, **Eugene** Herold, **Gabe** Centanni, **George**, **Inara**, **Kjersten**, and **Kaden** D., **Jean** Koll, **Jeannie** White, **Jeff** Kent, **Jim** Garson, **Jim** Radatz, **Joyce** Gosman, **Juliana** & **John** A., **Karen** Geoglein, **Kate** and **Kalvin**, **Katie** White, **Kilian** Crary, **Lane** C., **Lois** Horne, **Kelly** Olson, **Mary** Covey, **Monica** & **Jack**, **Morris** Buros, **Peggy** Kneifl, **Pete** Harman, **Rich** Pitz, **Rose** Sabotta, **Roxanne** North, **Sandy** Kjos, **Sonja** Simonson-Schrag, **Tom** Cade, and **Vera** Wensole

### GRIEVING FAMILY & FRIENDS OF

**Lucy** Radatz

### MEMBERS & FRIENDS IN ARMED FORCES

**Gabriel** W. Kleven, **Greg** Phillips, **Ricky** Macon, **Stacie** Phillips, and **Tom** Rudrud

### HAPPY BIRTHDAY

**Mildred** Larson April 7  
**Sally** Vaaler April 8  
**Tyler** Bahr April 10