

April 6, 2025

Fifth Sunday in Lent

I AM DOING A NEW THING!

ISAIAH 43:19



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As We Gather

There's something in us that longs for "new"—a fresh start, a second chance, a break from the same old struggles. But in a world weighed down by sin and sorrow, "new" can feel like an illusion. Today, we gather to hear the voice of our God who breaks into the old with something truly new. Not a fleeting upgrade, but a life-giving promise. In His Word, through His Sacraments, and by His grace, our God is doing a new thing—even now. As we worship, may our hearts be opened to see it, receive it, and rejoice in it.

✠ Preparation for Worship ✠

Hymn

277 – I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say

Invocation

P In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

Confession and Absolution

P Beloved in the Lord, today we are reminded of God's relentless mercy—the Lord who makes a way in the wilderness and rivers in the desert. He is doing a new thing, even in the midst of this old, broken world. Yet how often we cling to the old: old sins, old grudges, old ways of thinking, rather than pressing on toward the upward call of God in Christ Jesus. Let us then lay aside every weight and sin that so easily entangles, and confess our sins before God, confident in His forgiveness for the sake of Jesus Christ.

C **Merciful God, You have promised to do a new thing, yet we cling to the old—old sins, old habits, and old ways of thinking. We have trusted in ourselves, ignored Your Word, and rejected Your will. Forgive us, Lord. Renew our hearts, and lead us forward by Your grace into the new life You have promised in Christ.**

P Dear brothers and sisters in Christ, The Lord declares: "Do not remember the former things, nor consider the things of old. Behold, I will do a new thing!" That new thing has come to pass in Jesus Christ. Because of Him, the rivers of mercy now flow through your deserts. As a called servant of the Word, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

✠ The Service of the Word ✠

Introit

Psalm 3:3-6

- P** You, O LORD, are a shield for me,
C My glory and the One who lifts up my head.
P I cried to the LORD with my voice,
C And He heard me from His holy hill.
P I lay down and slept;
C I awoke, for the LORD sustained me.
P I will not be afraid of ten thousands of people
C Who have set themselves against me all around.
P Glory be to the Father and to the Son
C and to the Holy Spirit;
P as it was in the beginning,
C is now, and will be forever. Amen.

Lord, Have Mercy

Kyrie

Two staves of musical notation in treble clef. The first staff contains the melody for the first line of the text, and the second staff contains the melody for the second line. The lyrics are written below the notes.

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


Kyrie Eleison
LORD, HAVE MERCY

Glory to God in the Highest

Gloria in Excelsis



Glo - ry to God, we give you thanks and praise; Of
 Lord Je - sus Christ, the Fa - ther's on - ly Son, You
 A - lone, O Christ, You on - ly are the Lord, At
 heav'n - ly joy and peace on earth we sing. We wor - ship
 bore for us the load of this world's sin. O Lamb of
 God's right hand in maj - es - ty most high: Who, with the
 You, to You our hearts we raise, Lord God, al -
 God, Your glo - rious vic - t'ry won, Re - ceive our
 Spir - it wor - shiped and a - dored, With all the
 might - y Fa - ther, heav'n - ly King.
 prayer, grant us Your peace with - in.
 heav'n - ly host we glo - ri - fy.

Salutation

P The Lord be with you.

C And also with you.

Prayer of the Day

P Let us pray...

... who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

Epistle Reading

Philippians 3:4b-14

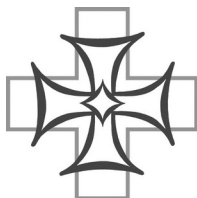
⁴ If anyone else thinks he may have confidence in the flesh, I more so:
⁵ circumcised the eighth day, of the stock of Israel, of the tribe of Benjamin,
 a Hebrew of the Hebrews; concerning the law, a Pharisee; ⁶ concerning zeal,
 persecuting the church; concerning the righteousness which is in the law,

blameless. ⁷ But what things were gain to me, these I have counted loss for Christ. ⁸ Yet indeed I also count all things loss for the excellence of the knowledge of Christ Jesus my Lord, for whom I have suffered the loss of all things, and count them as rubbish, that I may gain Christ ⁹ and be found in Him, not having my own righteousness, which is from the law, but that which is through faith in Christ, the righteousness which is from God by faith; ¹⁰ that I may know Him and the power of His resurrection, and the fellowship of His sufferings, being conformed to His death, ¹¹ if, by any means, I may attain to the resurrection from the dead. ¹² Not that I have already attained, or am already perfected; but I press on, that I may lay hold of that for which Christ Jesus has also laid hold of me. ¹³ Brethren, I do not count myself to have apprehended; but one thing I do, forgetting those things which are behind and reaching forward to those things which are ahead, ¹⁴ I press toward the goal for the prize of the upward call of God in Christ Jesus.

Psalm of the Day

Psalm 126

- P** When the LORD brought back the captivity of Zion,
C **We were like those who dream.**
P Then our mouth was filled with laughter,
C **And our tongue with singing.**
P Then they said among the nations,
C **“The LORD has done great things for them.”**
P The LORD has done great things for us,
C **And we are glad.**
P Bring back our captivity, O LORD,
C **As the streams in the South.**
P Those who sow in tears
C **Shall reap in joy.**
P He who continually goes forth weeping,
C **Bearing seed for sowing,**
P Shall doubtless come again with rejoicing,
C **Bringing his sheaves with him.**



⁹ Then He began to tell the people this parable: “A certain man planted a vineyard, leased it to vinedressers, and went into a far country for a long time. ¹⁰ Now at vintage-time he sent a servant to the vinedressers, that they might give him some of the fruit of the vineyard. But the vinedressers beat him and sent him away empty-handed. ¹¹ Again he sent another servant; and they beat him also, treated him shamefully, and sent him away empty-handed. ¹² And again he sent a third; and they wounded him also and cast him out. ¹³ “Then the owner of the vineyard said, ‘What shall I do? I will send my beloved son. Probably they will respect him when they see him.’

¹⁴ But when the vinedressers saw him, they reasoned among themselves, saying, ‘This is the heir. Come, let us kill him, that the inheritance may be ours.’ ¹⁵ So they cast him out of the vineyard and killed him. Therefore what will the owner of the vineyard do to them? ¹⁶ He will come and destroy those vinedressers and give the vineyard to others.” And when they heard it they said, “Certainly not!” ¹⁷ Then He looked at them and said, “What then is this that is written: ‘The stone which the builders rejected Has become the chief cornerstone’? ¹⁸ Whoever falls on that stone will be broken; but on whomever it falls, it will grind him to powder.” ¹⁹ And the chief priests and the scribes that very hour sought to lay hands on Him, but they feared the people—for they knew He had spoken this parable against them. ²⁰ So they watched Him, and sent spies who pretended to be righteous, that they might seize on His words, in order to deliver Him to the power and the authority of the governor.

Response

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

C Amen.



Confession of Faith

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.

Hymn

723 – What Wondrous Love Is This

Sermon Text

Isaiah 43:16-21

¹⁶ Thus says the LORD, who makes a way in the sea And a path through the mighty waters, ¹⁷ Who brings forth the chariot and horse, The army and the power (They shall lie down together, they shall not rise; They are extinguished, they are quenched like a wick): ¹⁸ “Do not remember the former things, Nor consider the things of old. ¹⁹ Behold, I will do a new thing, Now it shall spring forth; Shall you not know it? I will even make a road in the wilderness And rivers in the desert. ²⁰ The beast of the field will honor Me, The jackals and the ostriches, Because I give waters in the wilderness And rivers in the desert, To give drink to My people, My chosen. ²¹ This people I have formed for Myself; They shall declare My praise.



Sermon

A New Thing in This Old World

Offertory



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 Your pres - ence. Take not Your Ho - ly
Spir-it from me. Re store to me the joy of Your sal -
va - tion. Up - hold with Your Spir - it free.

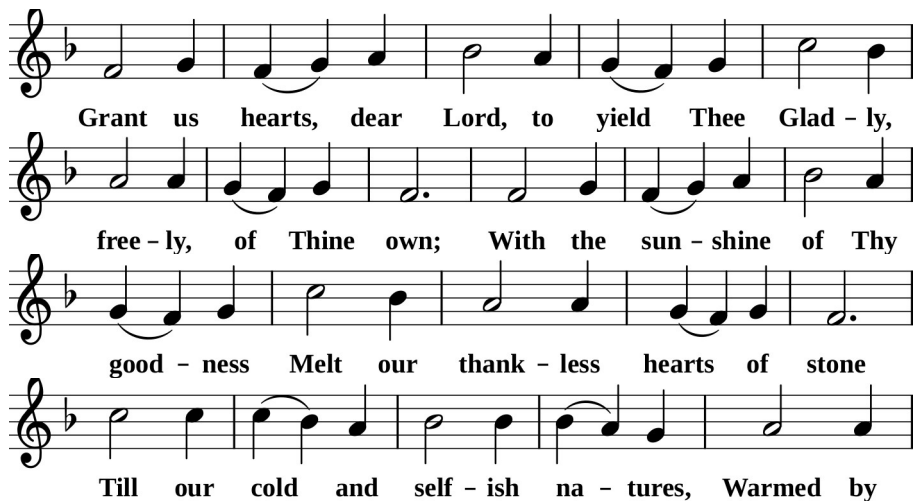
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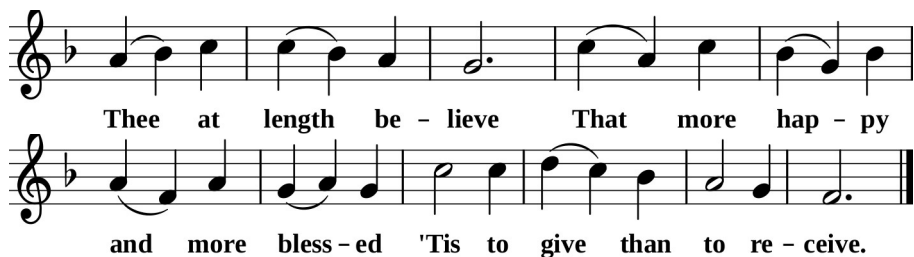
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Grant us hearts, dear Lord, to yield Thee Glad - ly,
free - ly, of Thine own; With the sun - shine of Thy
good - ness Melt our thank - less hearts of stone
Till our cold and self - ish na - tures, Warmed by



General Prayer

The Lord's Prayer

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.

✠ The Service of the Sacrament ✠

Preface

P The Lord be with you.

C And also with you.

P Lift up your hearts.

C We lift them up to the Lord.

P It is right and beneficial that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, O Lord, holy Father, almighty and everlasting God...
...Therefore with angels and archangels, and with all the company of heaven, we magnify Your glorious Name, evermore praising You and saying:



Holy, Holy, Holy

Sanctus

Ho-ly, ho-ly, ho-ly Lord, God of Sa-ba-oth, a-dored; Heav'n and
earth with full ac-claim shout the glo-ry of Your name. Sing ho -
san-na in the high-est, sing ho - san-na to the Lord; Tru-ly
blest is He who comes in the name of the Lord!

Words of Institution

Peace of the Lord

Pax Domini

P The peace of the Lord be with you always!

C Amen.

Lamb of God

Agnus Dei

O Lamb of God, O Christ our Lord, whose
blood, once shed, true life re - stored, Im -
part Your joy, our faith in - crease. Sus -
tain with Your mer-cy and grant us Your peace.

Distribution

Holy Communion is rightly called a ‘Sacrament’ because it is a “Sacred act;” not in what WE do for Christ, but in what Christ does for US! Because God’s Word presents the reception of this Sacrament as a most intimate expression of spiritual and confessional unity (1 Corinthians 1:10; 10:16-17 Romans 16:17-18), we ask only those who have publicly professed such oneness of faith and belief with us by membership here or another CLC church come forward at this time. This is not a judgment of anyone’s faith, but rather an expression of ours. Please speak with pastor if you are seeking a church home or have any questions. We’d love to have you!

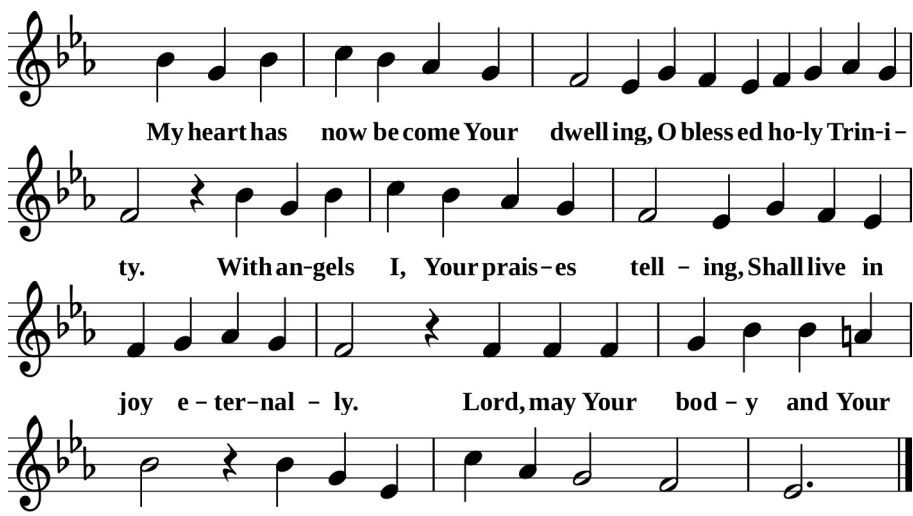
O Lord, Now Let Your Servant

Nunc Dimittis

O Lord, now let Your ser-vant De-part in heav'n-ly
All glo-ry to the Fa-ther, All glo-ry to the
peace, For I have seen the glo-ry Of Your re-deem-ing
Son, All glo-ry to the Spir-it, For-ev-er Three-in-
grace: A light to lead the Gen-tiles Un-to Your ho-ly
One; For as in the be-gin-ning, Is now, shall ev-er
hill, The glo-ry of Your peo-ple, Your
be, God's tri-une name re-sound-ing Through
cho-sen Is-ra-el.
all e-ter-ni-ty.

P Go in peace. Serve the Lord with gladness.

Thanksgiving



My heart has now be come Your dwell ing, O bless ed ho-ly Trin-i-
ty. With an-gels I, Your prais-es tell - ing, Shall live in
joy e - ter-nal - ly. Lord, may Your bod - y and Your
blood Be for my soul the high - est good!

Benediction

- P** The Lord bless you and keep you.
The Lord make His face shine upon you and be gracious to you.
The Lord lift up His countenance upon you and give you peace.
- C** Amen.

Hymn

54 – Guide Me, O thou Great Jehovah

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✝ Announcements ✝

Upcoming Schedule		
April 6	9:15 am	Sunday School/Bible Class
	10:15 am	Worship Service w/ Holy Communion
	11:30 am	Quarterly Voters' Meeting/Ladies' Meeting
April 9	2:00 pm	Midweek Lenten Worship Service
April 11	10:30 am	Learning with Littles
April 12	9:00 am	Church Work Day
April 13	8:00 am	Worship Service (Orlando)
	9:15 am	Sunday School
	10:15 am	Worship Service (Winter Haven)
April 17	7:00 pm	Maundy Thursday Worship Service w/ Holy Communion
April 18	7:00 pm	Good Friday Worship Service
April 20	8:30 am	Easter Breakfast
	10:15 am	Worship Service

Upcoming Meetings: Here is a schedule of our upcoming meetings:

- **April 6** – Quarterly Voters' Meeting/Ladies' Meeting
- **May 4** – Education/Elders
- **June 1** – Trustees/Church Council

In Our Prayers: Please keep our shut-in members in your prayers: Don Beymer, Bob & Joan Doriot, Paulette Galstad, Johanna Jaehnigen, David & Elsie Kleinschmidt, Shirley Rosenberry, and Mike Sheffield. Also please keep Teresa Bernthal in your prayers as she recovers from wrist surgery. May the Lord strengthen their faith, grant them His peace, and assure them of His abiding presence.

Looking Forward to Next Sunday: Next Sunday, we move from the joyful shouts of “Hosanna” to the somber cries of “Crucify Him” as we follow Jesus from Palm Sunday into His Passion. In Luke 23, we see our Savior falsely accused, unjustly condemned, and crucified—yet all of it He endured willingly, for you. This dramatic shift reminds us that Jesus didn’t come to be served but to serve and to give His life as a ransom for many. Our theme, “From Palms to Passion: Jesus For You,” points us to the heart of Holy Week—Christ’s suffering and death accomplished your salvation. Join us as we meditate on the love that carried Jesus to the cross, and rejoice in the grace that flows from it.

Lenten Series: A Lent to Remember: As we enter the season of Lent, we invite you to join us for our special midweek services under the theme "A Lent to Remember." Throughout this penitential season, we will reflect on the power of remembrance—God's remembrance of His promises, our remembrance of His mercy, and Christ's call to remember His sacrifice for us.

Each week, we will focus on a different aspect of remembrance as revealed in Scripture:

- **Midweek 6 (April 9)** – *Remember Steadfast Love* (Psalm 98:3)
- **Maundy Thursday (April 17)** – *Remembrance of Me* (1 Corinthians 11:23–26)
- **Good Friday (April 18)** – *Remember Me* (Luke 23:39–43)

Service Times:

- Wednesday Services: 2:00 PM
- Maundy Thursday & Good Friday: 7:00 PM

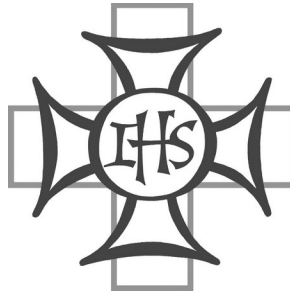
Join us each week as we set our hearts and minds on the remembrance that leads us to the foot of the cross and the empty tomb.

Church Work Day – April 12: We'll be holding a church work day on Saturday, April 12, starting at 9:00 AM. Come lend a hand—even an hour or two is a big help!

Easter Lilies for Easter Sunday: We invite you to help beautify our sanctuary for Easter Sunday by purchasing an Easter lily in honor or memory of a loved one. Each lily is \$12. If you would like to participate, please sign up at the back of church by April 13.

CLC Call News: Pastor Paul Krause of Trinity Lutheran Church and School, Watertown, SD, and Zion Lutheran Church, Hidewood Township, SD, has returned the call to Faith Lutheran Church, Manchester, MO. <> Missionary Peter Evensen of Togo, West Africa, has received the call to Faith Lutheran Church, Manchester, MO. <> Mrs. Vanessa Wales and Mrs. Danielle Sippert have accepted their calls from Grace Lutheran School, Sleepy Eye, MN, to teach language arts and other courses for the 2025-2026 school year. <> Pastor Paul Tiefel, Jr of Messiah Lutheran Church, Eau Claire, WI, has announced his retirement as of August, 2025. <> Teacher Amy Mielke of Messiah Lutheran School, Eau Claire, WI, has received the call to Luther Memorial School, Fond du Lac WI. <> Pastor Tom Schuetze of St. Paul Ev. Lutheran Church, Lakewood, CO, has returned the call to St. Stephen Lutheran Church, Mountain View, CA.

Fruits of Faith		March 30, 2025	Attendance: WH – 32	
<u>Immanuel Lutheran Church</u>			<u>Church of the Lutheran Confession</u>	
<i>General Budget</i>			<i>General Budget</i>	
\$885.05	General Budget	\$0.00	CLC General Budget	
\$1,500.00	Weekly Need	\$67.31	Weekly Need	
-\$614.95	-Under / +Over	-\$67.31	-Under / +Over	
\$16,834.05	Year to Date Offerings	\$455.00	Year to Date Offerings	
\$19,500.00	Year to Date Need	\$875.03	Year to Date Need	
-\$2,665.95	Year to Date (+/-)	-\$420.03	Year to Date (+/-)	
<i>Non-Budgetary</i>			<i>Non-Budgetary</i>	
	Building Fund		ILC Student Aid Fund	
	Property Improvement		ILC Building Fund	
	ILC Scholarship Fund		ILC Improvement Fund	
	Tuition Grant		Mission Development (MDF)	
	Benevolence Fund		Project Kinship	
\$10.00	Learning with Littles		ILC Tour Choir	
	School Fund		Spokesman/Daily Rest	



✠ Daily Bible Readings for Home Devotions ✠

April 7 – April 12, 2025

Monday – *John 11:28-44*

Martha leaves Jesus to get her sister, and Mary comes to Him with the same greeting. Jesus weeps to see all their sorrow and proceeds to show God's glory in giving life to the dead!

Tuesday – *John 11:45-53*

Many believe on the Lord of life, but the Jewish leaders see Him as a threat to their position. Caiaphas prophesies that one should die for the people—unaware that this is God's plan to save us all!

Wednesday – *1 Peter 1:13-16*

Peter calls upon God's people to set their hope on the promised grace in Christ, letting that hope show in self-controlled lives set apart for the glory of their Savior God.

Thursday – *1 Peter 1:17-21*

Since we were not redeemed by passing things like silver and gold, such things should not be our highest treasure. Instead, we love Him who shed His own blood to save us.

Friday – *Exodus 5:1-21*

Israel's request to worship God in the wilderness is not only refused but makes things worse. The people blame Moses, but this is really the beginning of their return to the promised land!

Saturday – *Job 33:13-30*

Elihu rebukes those who blame God for their troubles. God speaks in different ways (vv. 14–18) and disciplines through suffering (vv. 19–30), all to bring back a soul from the pit.

