

WORDS OF INSTITUTION:

P: 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.

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

P: The gifts of God for the people of God.
C: Thanks be to God!

C: Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us. Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us. Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; grant us peace.

Communion Hymns:
“Great is Thy Faithfulness” (WOV#771)
“Let Us Ever Walk With Jesus” (#487)
“My Hope is Built on Nothing Less” (#294)

P: The body and blood of our Lord & Savior, Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace & lead you into eternal life
C: Amen

P: Let us pray
C: We give you thanks, almighty God, that you have refreshed us through the healing power of this gift of life; and we pray that in your mercy you would strengthen us, through this gift, in faith toward you and in fervent love toward one another; for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

P: The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you. The Lord look upon you with favor and + give you peace.
C: Amen

Hymn:
“My Song is Love Unknown” (#94 v5-7)

Doxology: Praise God from whom all blessings flow; Praise him, all creatures here below; Praise him above, ye heav’nly host; Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen

P: Go in peace. Serve the Lord.
C: Thanks be to God!

WELCOME TO FIRST LUTHERAN!
“Worshiping Christ and Serving our Neighbor”
April 5/6, 2025 – “Fifth Sunday in Lent”
5:30 pm & 8:00 am Traditional Service

Prelude

Welcome & Announcements

(*Please stand*)
P: In the name of the Father, and of the + Son, and of the Holy Spirit.
C: Amen

P: Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord.
C: Amen
P: If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. But if we confess our sins, God who is faithful and just will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

P: Most merciful God,
C: we confess that we are in bondage to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name. Amen

P: Almighty God, in his mercy, has given his Son to die for us and, for his sake, forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained minister of the Church of Christ, and by his authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the + Son, and of the Holy Spirit.
C: Amen

Hymn:
“My Song is Love Unknown”(#94 v1-4)

P: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.
C: And also with you.

(Kyrie)

P: In peace, let us pray. . .
C: Lord, have mercy (x4).....
(Hymn of Praise/Canticle) **Amen**

P: Glory to God in the highest, and peace to his people on earth.

C: Lord God, heavenly king, almighty God and Father: We worship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glory. Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, Lord God, Lamb of God You take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us. You are seated at the right hand of the Father; receive our prayer. For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord, you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father. Amen

Pastoral Prayer

First Lesson: (*You may be seated*) **Isaiah 43:16-21**

P: The Word of the Lord...
C: Thanks be to God!

Psalm (Read responsively) **Psalm 126**

Second Lesson: **Philippians 3:(4b-7) 8-14**

P: The Word of the Lord..
C: Thanks be to God!

(Please stand)

Gospel Acclamation (pg. 63)

Return to the Lord, your God, for he is gracious and merciful, slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love, and abounding in steadfast love.

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the 20th chapter.
C: Glory to you, O Lord. *(please sing)*

Gospel: **Luke 20:9-20**

P: The Gospel of our Lord...
C: Praise to you, O Christ. *(please sing)* (*You may be seated*)

Children’s Message: **Rev. Carl Rasmussen**

The SERMON: **“The Plot Thickens”
Rev. Carl Rasmussen**

Hymn: *(Please stand)* **“Joyful, Joyful we Adore Thee” (#551)**

APOSTLES’ CREED:

C: I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth. I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended into hell. On the third day he rose again. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of

the Father. He will come again to judge the living and the dead. 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. Amen

Prayers:
P: Let us pray...
P: Lord, in your mercy,
C: hear our prayer.

P: Into your hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your mercy; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.
C: Amen

P: The peace of the Lord be with you always.
C: And also with you.

The OFFERING (*You may be seated*)

5:30 pm:
8:00 am: Choir **“In This Season”**

Offertory: *(Please stand)*

Let the vineyards be fruitful, Lord, and fill to the brim our cup of blessing. Gather a harvest from the seeds that were sown, that we may be fed with the bread of life. Gather the hopes and the dreams of all; unite them with the prayers we offer now. Grace our table with your presence and give us a foretaste of the feast to come.

P: Let us pray. Merciful Father,
C: We offer with joy and thanksgiving what you have first given us – ourselves, our time, and our possessions, signs of your gracious love. Receive them for the sake of him who offered himself for us, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

P: The Lord be with you.
C: And also with you.
P: Lift up your hearts.
C: We lift them to the Lord.
P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
C: It is right to give him thanks and praise.
P: It is indeed right and salutary...

Sanctus:

C: Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might: Heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna. Hosanna. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.