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*THAT ALL MAY KNOW THE LOVE OF GOD IN JESUS CHRIST*

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**5th Sunday of Lent**

**April 3rd, 2022
9:00 am**

**Pastor Becky Sogge**

**Organist/Pianist:** Loraine Mix

**Acolyte:** Sophie Rye and Camryn Rheingans

**Lay Reader:** Morgan Johnson

**Special Music:** Senior Choir

**Sound/Video:** Eli Mix, Mark Willand

**Counters:** Russ & Delores Knudson, Steph Perkins

**Greeters:** The Abrams family

**Ushers:** Jeremy Solberg and Matt Johnson

### Prelude - Loraine Mix

### Welcome – Announcements

**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.**

**Opening Hymn** *In the Cross of Christ I Glory* ELW 324

**Greeting p. 138**

**Kyrie p. 138**

**Hymn of Praise…** Glory to God **p. 139**

### 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.**

**Special Music** *Lamb of God -*Senior Choir

### First Reading: Isaiah 43:16-21

Thus says the Lord, who makes a way in the sea, a path in the mighty waters,17who brings out chariot and horse, army and warrior; they lie down, they cannot rise, they are extinguished, quenched like a wick: 18Do not remember the former things, or consider the things of old. 19I 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. 20The 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, 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

When the Lord restored the fortunes of Zion, then were we like those who dream.

**Then was our mouth filled with laughter, and our tongue with shouts of joy.** **Then they said among the nations, “The Lord has done great things for them.”**

The Lord has done great things for us, and we are glad indeed.

**Restore our fortunes, O Lord,** **like the watercourses of the Negeb.**

Those who sowed with tears will reap with songs of joy.

**Those who go out weeping, carrying the seed,** **will come again with joy, shouldering their sheaves.**

### Second Reading: Philippians 3:4b-14

[Paul writes:] 4bIf anyone else has reason to be confident in the flesh, I have more: 5circumcised 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; 6as to zeal, a persecutor of the church; as to righteousness under the law, blameless.
 7Yet whatever gains I had, these I have come to regard as loss because of Christ. 8More 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 9and 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. 10I want to know Christ and the power of his resurrection and the sharing of his sufferings by becoming like him in his death, 11if somehow I may attain the resurrection from the dead.
 12Not 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. 13Beloved, 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, 14I press on toward the goal for the prize of the heavenly call of God in Christ Jesus.

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

**Lenten Response…**Return to the Lord **p. 142**

The holy gospel according to Luke. **Glory to you, O Lord.**

### Gospel: John 12:1-8

1Six days before the Passover Jesus came to Bethany, the home of Lazarus, whom he had raised from the dead. 2There they gave a dinner for him. Martha served, and Lazarus was one of those at the table with him. 3Mary 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. 4But Judas Iscariot, one of his disciples (the one who was about to betray him), said, 5“Why was this perfume not sold for three hundred denarii and the money given to the poor?” 6(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.) 7Jesus said, “Leave her alone. She bought it so that she might keep it for the day of my burial. 8You always have the poor with you, but you do not always have me.”

The gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

**Children’s Sermon**

### Sermon *Pastor Becky Sogge*

### Hymn of the Day *Jesus, Keep Me Near the Cross* ELW 335

### Prayers of Intercession

### Merciful God, receive our prayers.

### Offering

### *Received in the pews or electronically through Vanco*

### Offering Prayer

### Great Thanksgiving p. 144

### Lord’s Prayer p. 145

### Invitation to Communion

### Here is the food and drink for the journey. Take and be filled.

### Lamb of God p. 146

### Blessing and Prayer

### Benediction

**Closing Hymn** *Beneath the Cross of Jesus*ELW 338

**Dismissal**

Go in peace. Jesus meets you on the way.

**Thanks be to God.**

### Postlude - Loraine Mix

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Announcements

**Congratulations to** Bryck Abrams and Owen Binnebose on taking their first Holy Communion today.

**Thank you** to those in Care group 1 and 2 for your help with all the duties that it takes for Sunday worship to happen.

**There will not be Sunday School** on Easter Sunday, April 17th.

**Mission Project for April**

**Dayspring Children’s School**

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| **Weekly Calendar** |
| Sunday, April 3 |  9:00 am | Worship Service with H.C. |
|  | 10:10 am | Sunday School |
|  |  6:30 pm | J.H. Youth |
| Tuesday, April 5 | 11:00 am | Staff Meeting |
|  |  6:00 pm | Worship Meeting |
|  |  7:00 pm | AA-Al-Anon |
| Wednesday, April 6 |  4:30 pm | 7th & 8th Confirmation |
|  |  6:00 pm | Inspire Service |
|  |  7:00 pm  | Choir |
|  |  7:00 pm | SH. Youth |
| Thursday, April 7 |  8:30 am | Quilting |
|  |  9:00 am | Prayer Group |
|  |  6:30 pm | Taekwondo |
| Sunday, April 10 |  9:00 am | Worship Service with N.O. |
|  | 10:10 am | Sunday School |
|  |  6:30 pm | J.H. Youth |

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| **Sunday Attendance and Giving** |
| **Date** | **Attendance** | **Giving** |
| March 27 | 55 | $1,168.00 |
| March 20 | 41 | $1,472.01 |
| March 13 | 33 | $1,575.00 |
| March 6 | 123 |  |

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| **INSPIRE Attendance**  |
| **Date** | **Attendance** |
| March 30 |  101 |
| March 9 |  73 |
| February 23 |  85 |
| February 9 |  109 |