

# Fifth Sunday in Lent March 17<sup>th</sup>, 2024

## Order of Service

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7:45 Hymns: 425, 428, 756

10:30 Hymns: 425, 428, 756, 430, 616, 437

## Sermon

"No Pain, No Gain"

*Pastor Mark Auernhamer*

## Scripture Readings

*Jeremiah 31:31-34:* "The days are coming," declares the Lord, "when I will make a new covenant with the people of Israel and with the people of Judah. It will not be like the covenant I made with their ancestors when I took them by the hand to lead them out of Egypt, because they broke my covenant, though I was a husband to them," declares the Lord. "This is the covenant I will make with the people of Israel after that time," declares the Lord. "I will put my law in their minds and write it on their hearts. I will be their God, and they will be my people. No longer will they teach their neighbor, or say to one another, 'Know the Lord,' because they will all know me, from the least of them to the greatest," declares the Lord. "For I will forgive their wickedness and will remember their sins no more."

*Hebrews 5:1-10:* Every high priest is selected from among the people and is appointed to represent the people in matters related to God, to offer gifts and sacrifices for sins. He is able to deal gently with those who are ignorant and are

going astray, since he himself is subject to weakness. This is why he has to offer sacrifices for his own sins, as well as for the sins of the people. And no one takes this honor on himself, but he receives it when called by God, just as Aaron was. In the same way, Christ did not take on himself the glory of becoming a high priest. But God said to him, "You are my Son; today I have become your Father." And he says in another place, "You are a priest forever, in the order of Melchizedek." During the days of Jesus' life on earth, he offered up prayers and petitions with fervent cries and tears to the one who could save him from death, and he was heard because of his reverent submission. Son though he was, he learned obedience from what he suffered and, once made perfect, he became the source of eternal salvation for all who obey him and was designated by God to be high priest in the order of Melchizedek.

*Mark 10:35-45:* Then James and John, the sons of Zebedee, came to him. "Teacher," they said, "we want you to do for us whatever we ask." "What do you want me to do for you?" he asked. They replied, "Let one of us sit at your right and the other at your left in your glory." "You don't know what you are asking," Jesus said. "Can you drink the cup I drink or be baptized with the baptism I am baptized with?" "We can," they answered. Jesus said to them, "You will drink the cup I drink and be baptized with the baptism I am baptized with, but to sit at my right or left is not for me to grant. These places belong to those for whom they have been prepared." When the ten heard about this, they became indignant with James and John. Jesus called them together and said, "You know that those who are regarded as rulers of the Gentiles lord it over them, and their

high officials exercise authority over them. Not so with you. Instead, whoever wants to become great among you must be your servant, and whoever wants to be first must be slave of all. For even the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many."

## Serving in Worship Today

Elders . . . . . *Scott Wenzel; Matt Brown,  
Mark Schiefer; Mark Frank*

Organist . . . . . *Pam Bernreuter*

Choirs . . . . . *5th-8th Choir,  
6th-8th Hand Chimes*

Usher Captains . *Klair Bierlein; Don Bierlein*

Altar Guild . *Sandy Marks, Deanne Daenzer*

Acolytes . . . . . *Jaxson Franklin*

## Wednesday

Elder . . . . . *Lucas Brown, Wayne Bierlein,  
Mark Schiefer*

Organist . . . . . *Dr. Jon Eifert*

Choir . . . . . *Handbells*

Usher Captain . . . . . *Don Bierlein*

*Voters Meetings:* Voters meeting will be today, Sunday, March 17<sup>th</sup>, at 11:45 a.m.

*Questions of the Passion:* This week's message is this puzzling question posed by Jesus: "If men do these things when the tree is green, what will they do when it is dry?"  
Wednesday night Communion at 7:00 PM.

*Lenten Supper:* Our Lenten Supper on Wednesday will be hosted by St. Michael's LLL. Donations will support the Lutheran

Hour Ministries. On the menu: Homemade soups, breads, salads, and desserts!

*Lutheran Layman's League* All men of the congregation are invited to our meeting on Mon. Mar. 18<sup>th</sup> @ 7:00, in the church overflow room, to hear our guest Diane Stresman speak on Right to Life. Refreshments provided by John Aurenhammer.

*Ushers Needed:* Anyone interested in joining an usher group please contact Matt Buchinger @ 989-860-9136. Groups rotate every 6 weeks.

*2024 Church Directory Update:* If you can not come to your photo appointment, please let Karen know (989)412-3205 ahead of time. Shut-ins: If you feel more comfortable having your picture taken at the Studio, you may call Karen at (989)652-9909. The back entrance has a ramp for wheelchair access. Our Group Photos will be taken 4/28/2024 from 9 a.m. - 10 a.m. The deadline for photos is 4/30/24. Note: Photographs of couples who are married or engaged will be published in the church directory. Couples who are dating can have their pictures taken together, but they will not be published in the directory. Please have individual photos taken, and those will be published.

*Silverware Rolling:* If you would like to help with this project for OutReach, tubs of silverware and napkins are in the entry

corner. Take a tub home and return when finished. Thank you in advance!

*Mary Martha Rummage Sale* is coming. Remember to start saving things for the sale the first week in April! The Rummage Sale collection will be Mon. Apr 1, 9 a.m.-3 p.m., Tues. Apr.2, 6 p.m.-8 p.m., & Wed. Apr. 3, 8a.m.-12:00p.m. at the Richville Legion Hall. Donation ideas: clothing, toys, sporting goods, furniture or decorations.

*The Kindness Club* is in need of new or gently used shoes that you have at home. We are partnering with Funds2Org, to host a fundraiser for Pastor Joe Boway, who will be visiting us for chapel in April. His mission is to build schools in Liberia. For the shoe drive, we are collecting new or gently used shoes of any size. Our goal is to fill over 100 bags with 25 pairs of shoes in each bag by the end of April! You can start sending in your pairs of shoes this week! Any questions, please let me know! Thank you for your support, Mrs. Callahan and the Kindness Club.

*Easter Cards* and various other cards are on the cabinet by the office for 0.50 cents.

*Endowment Fund* applications are due at the end of March, and are available in the church office.

*Upcoming New Member Class:* Pastor Auernhamer will teach a class on the basics of the Bible and the Lutheran Church. It will

start on Wednesday, April 3<sup>rd</sup>, at 5:30. Dinner will be served too.

*Thrivent Members:* Your Thrivent Choice Dollars must be directed by March 31, 2024! You may do so by going online at [thrivent.com/thriventchoice](http://thrivent.com/thriventchoice) OR calling(800)847-4836 and saying "Thrivent Choice" after the prompt. Don't let your Thrivent Choice Dollars expire!

*Passion Drama* will be March 22<sup>nd</sup> & March 23<sup>rd</sup>, and will be presented inside the church. We still need lots of volunteers to make this a successful event. There will be sign up sheets in the foyer at church, which can be placed in Joshua Doud's mailbox. We will still need a setup and take down crew, lots of cast members, soloists, and a lot of cookie donations. You can also sign up through Josh Doud ([stmichaelspassiondrama@gmail.com](mailto:stmichaelspassiondrama@gmail.com)) or (989)325-2095. This is a great chance to show and remind the community of what Jesus did for us. We hope to hear from each and every one of you soon. *Passion Drama Set-up Crew* Please meet at the shed on Sun. 10<sup>th</sup> @ 1:00. *Dress Rehearsal:* Sat. 16<sup>th</sup> @ 9:00.

Attendance

Fourth Sunday of Lent: 276  
Wednesday, March 13<sup>th</sup>: 135

This week at St. Michael's

Today . . . . . Fifth Sunday in Lent  
Worship Service 7:45 a.m.

*Bible Classes/KidzMin* 9 a.m.  
Communion 10:30 a.m.  
*Voters Meeting* 11:45 a.m.  
Mon . . . . . LLL 7 p.m.  
*Board of Education* 7 p.m.  
Wed . . . . . Lenten Supper 5 :30 p.m.  
*Handbells* 6 p.m.  
Worship Service 7 p.m.  
Thurs . . . . . *Adult Choir* 7 p.m.  
Fri . . . . . Passion Drama 6 & 7 p.m.  
Sat . . . . . Passion Drama 4:30, 6 , & 7 p.m.  
Next Sunday . . . . . Palm Sunday  
Communion 7:45 a.m.  
*Bible Classes* 9 a.m.  
Worship Service 10:30 a.m.

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Other News

The Lutheran Hour airs on WSAM-1400 from 8:30 to 9:00 a.m. every Sunday. Next Sunday: "Eucatastrophe" Lutheran Hour Speaker: *Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler*; The top three best-selling books all present visions of hope, but how they hope to achieve it is a much different story. (Mark 16:6-7)

*Concordia University, Ann Arbor:* Our Lutheran University here in Michigan has placed many pastors, teachers, and other servants in church work. Concordia is in a budget crunch. There is a special fund drive

to raise 5 million dollars to support CUA. Close to 4 million has already been pledged. To donate you can go to [michigandistrict.org](http://michigandistrict.org) and click on "Pledge Support."

*Valley Lutheran Home Concert:* Sunday, March 17, the Symphonic Band and Golden Voice Choir of Valley Lutheran High School will present a Lenten worship concert beginning at 3:00pm at Immanuel Lutheran Church Frankentrost. More information can be found in the foyer.

*Prayer Warriors:* Please join us for the Communities United in Prayer (CUP) gathering on March 22 from 12:00 - 12:45 in the Frankenmuth Credit Union community room. All churches, denominations and community members are welcome to attend as we pray for our local community, state and nation. For more information, please go to: [www.CompleteWorship.org/communities-united](http://www.CompleteWorship.org/communities-united) Notes for participants: please park behind the Farmer's Market (not in the front FCU lot). Enter through the main doors and take the lobby elevator down to the community room (follow the signs).

*Come take a peek* at Valley Lutheran. Is high school right around the corner? Or thinking ahead to your child's future? Any and all interested families (students included!) are invited to come take a Peek at Valley on Monday, March 25th. These one hour guided tours provide a peek into the Valley Lutheran experience and what sets Valley

apart. Please let us know you're coming and pick an arrival time at [www.vlhs.com/takeapeek](http://www.vlhs.com/takeapeek). Contact Amy Cooper, Director of Communications and Admissions at [acooper@vlhs.com](mailto:acooper@vlhs.com) with any questions.

*Orphan Grain Train* is a recognized service organization (RSO) of The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod. This Christian humanitarian network has 27 branches across the United States from California to Maryland and from North Dakota to Texas. The Michigan Branch has operated for five years out of the Michigan Thumb. At Sebewaing an 8,000 sq. ft. work and warehouse Center receives and processes humanitarian goods for distribution internationally. Wherever disaster relief is needed in our country, Orphan Grain Train also responds. Orphan Grain Train—Michigan has made numerous international shipments of clothing, medical supplies, and more to Kyrgyzstan, Panama, Moldova, the Republic of Georgia, Latvia, Malawi, Lithuania, Ukraine, and South Sudan—and always with the message of God's love in Christ. For more information visit [www.ogt.org/](http://www.ogt.org/) or contact Orphan Grain Train—Michigan Branch Manager, Pastor David Reed, 989-600-2264

*Karen Bauer, Kurt Howell, Jim Karst, Sherry Krieger, Mary Ann Mossner, Mike Mossner, Nancy Palmreuter, Justin Heinlein*

Sympathy

*Family of Sharon Dietrich  
whose funeral was March 15<sup>th</sup>*

Missions

*Herman and Sheila Strozier*

serve the Lord as missionaries through The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod (LCMS) in the Eurasia region, based in the Czech Republic. As the Eurasia region's business manager, Herman works closely with the Eurasia regional director to manage the financial and business affairs of the LCMS in this part of the world.

Prayer of the Day

"Almighty and eternal God, it was Your will that Your Son should bear the cross for us and destroy the power of the evil one. Help up to remember and give thanks for our Lord's Passion that we may receive the forgiveness of sins and be redeemed from eternal death; through Jesus Christ Your Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever, Amen."

## PRAYERS

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