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Served today by Alan Piotter



**Fifth Sunday In Lent  
April 6, 2025**

*Whoever you are...  
Wherever you are in your JOURNEY OF FAITH...  
YOU are WELCOME here!*

## WE GATHER IN THE PRESENCE OF GOD

### Welcome

### Gathering Music

*Our celebration begins with this morning's pre-service music selection. Use this time to prepare your heart for worship by reading and meditating on the lessons for today.*



### Invocation and Prayer

Leader: Today, God says through His prophet Isaiah, "Remember not the former things, nor consider the things of old". But before you throw away your old Bible, your old catechism, or your old hymnal, listen up! "Behold, I am doing a new thing; . . . do you not perceive it?" In the pattern of the exodus of old and the deliverance from the Babylonian captivity of old, the "new thing" of God's doing today is all about freeing you from the slavery of sin, death, boredom, worry, and fear; re-creating you "that I may be His own and live under Him in His kingdom and serve Him in everlasting righteousness, innocence, and blessedness; renewing your life today by the forgiveness of your sins and in the sure and certain hope of new bodies for old in the new creation that awaits.

Pastor: In the name of the Father and of the † Son and of the Holy Spirit.

People: **Amen.**

Leader: But now thus says the Lord, He who created you . . . "Fear not, for I have redeemed you;

People: **I have called you by name, you are Mine."**

Leader: The Lord has done great things for us;

People: **we are glad.**

Leader: Let us pray: Almighty God, You have delivered Your chosen people of old from all manner of captivity of body and soul. According to Your promise, make us to be Your chosen people today, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people for Your own possession, that we may proclaim Your praises to one another and to the world; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

## **WE ARE RENEWED IN GOD'S GRACE**

Pastor: As the Lord God delivered His chosen people from Egyptian slavery through the sea yet on dry ground, and as He delivered His chosen people from their captivity in Babylon of old, so has He now delivered His chosen people to this day from slavery to sin and death through the cross and resurrection of His Son, Jesus. Let us return to the Lord our God in true repentance and faith.

People: **Lord God, we confess that we have sinned against You and have fallen back into our old ways of neglecting You and our love for our neighbor. Create a new heart and spirit within us and make us to be Your new creation by faith in Your Son, Jesus Christ, that we may live under Him and serve Him in everlasting righteousness, innocence, and blessedness both today and forever.**

Pastor: But now says the Lord, He who created you and formed you, "Fear not, for I have redeemed you; I have called you by name, you are Mine." Upon this, your confession, I, by virtue of my office, as a called and ordained servant of Jesus, announce the grace of God to all of you, and in the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the † Son and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**



Opening Song: "Gracious God, You Send Great Blessings" – LSB #782

## **GOD SPEAKS THROUGH HIS WORD**

*(SCRIPTURE READINGS ON PAGES 7 – 8)*

**First Reading: Isaiah 43:16–21**

Reader: This Is God's Word.

People: **Thanks be to God**

**Second Reading: *Philippians 3:4b–14***

Reader: This Is God's Word.

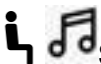
People: **Thanks be to God.**



**Gospel Reading: Luke 20:9 – 20**

Pastor: This is the Gospel of our Lord.


All: **Praise to You, O Christ.**



Song of the Day: "My Song Is Love Unknown" – LW #91 vs. 1, 2, 4, 5 & 7

Message: "Set Free" – Pastor Alan Piotter

## **WE BRING OUR PRAISES, PRAYERS AND GIFTS**

 Profession of Faith – *(All speak together)*

As a gathered community of disciples, created by the hands of the Holy, born with Divine purpose, and bound together by the Spirit that breaths life into all things, we affirm our commitment to the way of Jesus Christ, who is The Liberator of the Oppressed, The Bread of Heaven, God enfleshed. With faith, we aim to live as Christ taught us, laboring towards liberation, and seeking a world free of domination and control. We believe in God's promise to uplift the lowly and bring the powerful down from their thrones. We believe the resurrecting power of Christ cannot be overcome by evil, but persists in all collective efforts to make life flourish in the midst of destruction, to birth beauty in places of death, and to tend gently to the aches of this world.

We profess the transforming power of love. We profess that justice is a form of love. We profess that we are still growing into the mystery of love. In the company of the saints who go before us, we journey together by grace, seeking always to unlearn all that obstructs authentic relationship, listening for the guidance of Sacred Wisdom, and praying earnestly for the day the Kingdom of God is born anew. Until it is so, we live in hope, for God is with us.

 The Prayers – Congregation response, "Hear our prayer".

Offering – The offering plate is by the door as you exit today.

## **WE ARE REFRESHED BY GOD'S GRACE**

Pastor: It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who overcame the assaults of the devil and gave His life as a ransom for many that with cleansed hearts we might be prepared joyfully to celebrate the Paschal Feast in sincerity and truth. **Amen.**

### **Words of Institution**

Pastor: As often as we eat this bread and drink this cup, we proclaim the Lord's death until He comes.

People: **Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.**

Pastor: Lord, remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray:





## Lord's Prayer:

**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**



## Communion



*Please come forward as the ministers (Pastor and Lay Leader) serve you the Sacrament. As the ministers give the bread and wine, they say to each communicant, "The Body of Christ, given for you... The Blood of Christ, shed for you." The communicant may say, "Amen." We invite non-communicating*

*children to come forward for a blessing and to cross (X) their arms while at the Altar.*

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## Dismissal Blessing

**Pastor:** O give thanks unto the Lord, for He is good,

**People:** **and His mercy endureth forever.**

**Pastor:** Almighty and everlasting God, we thank and praise You for feeding us the life-giving body and blood of Your beloved Son, Jesus Christ. Send us Your Holy Spirit that, having with our mouths received the Holy Sacrament, we may by faith obtain and eternally enjoy Your divine grace, the forgiveness of sins, unity with Christ, and life eternal; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

**People:** **Amen.**

## **WE GO OUT TO SHARE GOD'S GRACE**

### Benediction

**Pastor:** Bless we the Lord.

**People:** **Thanks be to God.**

**Pastor:** The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make His face shine upon you and be gracious to you. The Lord look upon you with His favor and grant you His everlasting peace. **Amen.**



## Closing Hymn: "Jesus, Refuge of the Weary" – LW #90

**Postlude:** **Melissa Muller**

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**HOLY WEEK** – Please join us for Holy Week services on Maundy Thursday, April 17, at 1pm and Good Friday, service, April 18, at 1pm.

**NO ADULT FORUM** – There will be no Adult Forum today after service or on Monday. Adult Forums will resume on Sunday, April 13 and Monday, April 14.

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**SERVING IN THE LORD’S FIELD TODAY: SERVING IN THE LORD’S FIELD NEXT SUNDAY:**

**Lay Leader:** Nelson Gremmels  
**Comm. Assistant:** Nelson Gremmels  
**Usher/Greeter:** Lance & Susan Desmond  
**Reader:** Doug Holm  
**Altar:** Susan Desmond  
**Counter:** Chuck Bakken  
**Fellowship:** Sherrald McMurray

**Lay Leader:** Judy Montoya  
**Comm. Assistant:** *\*No Comm.*  
**Usher/Greeter:** Sherrald McMurray  
**Reader:** Linda Sotto  
**Altar:** *Daina Vitols\**  
**Counter:** Shirley Gremmels  
**Fellowship:** Daina Vitols

*\*No Communion on these Sundays. Altar person will fill the candles on the Altar, change & light the hanging candle.*

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**BIRTHDAY:** Elena Schindler

**WEDDING ANNIVERSARY:** None

**SERVING IN THE MILITARY:** Joseph Worthington (*Grandson of the Bakken’s*), and Esteban Ramirez (*Grandson of Mercedes See*), and 1<sup>st</sup> Lt. Charles Gremmels (*Son of Tom & Kevin Gremmels & Grandson of Nelson & Shirley Gremmels*).

**SURGERY/ILLNESS/PRAYER REQUEST:**

**Vicky Dayan** – Prayers for comfort; and cancer treatment (*Pastor Tom & Marcia’s neighbor*).

**Diana Goebel** – Prayers during medical procedures.

**Gail Hutson** – Prayers for recovery from foot surgery.

**Daina Vitols** – Prayers for successful recovery from surgery.

**Fern Johnson** – Prayers for continued good health.

**Jules & Elena Schindler** – Pray for Jules’ dementia condition, and Elena’s weak heart, while she cares for Jules.

**Mike Gremmels** – Continued prayers for healing.

**Carmen Roncancio** – Prayers for her health and prayers for the finances of her great-grandson, Gabriel, and his father, Daniel.

**Lance Desmond** – Prayers for a kidney transplant, as he continues dialysis.

**Ken Benson** – Continued healing from cancer.



## First Reading: Isaiah 43:16–21

<sup>16</sup> Thus says the LORD,  
    who makes a way in the sea,  
    a path in the mighty waters,  
<sup>17</sup> who brings forth chariot and horse, army and warrior;  
they lie down, they cannot rise,  
    they are extinguished, quenched like a wick:  
<sup>18</sup> “Remember not the former things,  
    nor consider the things of old.  
<sup>19</sup> Behold, I am doing 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.  
<sup>20</sup> The wild beasts 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,  
<sup>21</sup> the people whom I formed for myself  
that they might declare my praise.

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

<sup>4</sup> though I myself have reason for confidence in the flesh also. If anyone else thinks he has reason for confidence in the flesh, I have more: <sup>5</sup> circumcised on the eighth day, of the people of Israel, of the tribe of Benjamin, a Hebrew 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> But whatever gain I had, I counted as loss for the sake of Christ. <sup>8</sup> Indeed, I count everything as loss because of the surpassing worth of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord. For his sake I have suffered the loss of all things and count 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 that which comes through faith in Christ, the righteousness from God that depends on faith— <sup>10</sup> that I may know him and the power of his resurrection, and may share his sufferings, becoming like him in his death, <sup>11</sup> that by any means possible I may attain the resurrection from the dead.  
<sup>12</sup> Not that I have already obtained this or am already perfect, but I press on to make it my own, because Christ Jesus has made me his own. <sup>13</sup> Brothers, I do not consider that I have made it my own. But 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 upward call of God in Christ Jesus.

## Gospel Reading: Luke 20:9 – 20

<sup>9</sup> And he began to tell the people this parable: “A man planted a vineyard and let it out to tenants and went into another country for a long while. <sup>10</sup> When the time came, he sent a servant to the tenants, so that they would give him some of the fruit of the vineyard. But the tenants beat him and sent him away empty-handed. <sup>11</sup> And he sent another servant. But they also beat and treated him shamefully, and sent him away empty-handed. <sup>12</sup> And he sent yet a third. This one also they wounded and cast out. <sup>13</sup> Then the owner of the vineyard said, ‘What shall I do? I will send my beloved son; perhaps they will respect him.’ <sup>14</sup> But when the tenants saw him, they said to themselves, ‘This is the heir. Let us kill him, so that the inheritance may be ours.’ <sup>15</sup> And they threw him out of the vineyard and killed him. What then will the owner of the vineyard do to them? <sup>16</sup> He will come and destroy those tenants and give the vineyard to others.” When they heard this, they said, “Surely not!” <sup>17</sup> But he looked directly at them and said, “What then is this that is written: “‘The stone that the builders rejected has become the cornerstone’?”

<sup>18</sup> Everyone who falls on that stone will be broken to pieces, and when it falls on anyone, it will crush him.”

<sup>19</sup> The scribes and the chief priests sought to lay hands on him at that very hour, for they perceived that he had told this parable against them, but they feared the people. <sup>20</sup> So they watched him and sent spies, who pretended to be sincere, that they might catch him in something he said, so as to deliver him up to the authority and jurisdiction of the governor.

