



Fifth Sunday In Lent

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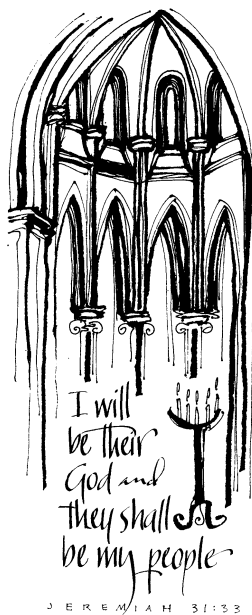
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WELCOME VISITORS!

We are pleased to meet you and have you visit with us today! Please sign our Guest Book located in the church entry way (Narthex) as well as completing the attendance sheet located in the red folder in each pew. Let us know how we may be of service to you in any way.

RESTROOMS are located in the Narthex.

QUIET BAGS are available in the Narthex for older children. We also offer a children's bulletin for ages 3-6 and ages 7-12.

QUIET/CALMING ROOM and changing table is located near the Fellowship Hall (through the accordion doors behind the choir).

INVITATION TO COMMUNION *The Sacrament of Holy Communion is offered to all baptized and prepared Christians who believe Christ is truly present with us in this meal, and trusting in the promises of his Word, "—given and shed for you for the forgiveness of sins," intend to grow in faith by the power of the Holy Spirit working through this means of grace toward a more committed life with Jesus and His Church.*

RECEIVING COMMUNION *Please extend your hand to receive the bread. Wine is offered from the Chalice or from individual cups. Grape juice (center ring, lighter color) is offered for those who choose not to receive wine. After the Communion Assistant follows with the Chalice, place your empty cup in the rack on the communion rail. Children not yet prepared for the Sacrament may come forward for a blessing "that, living in the covenant of their Baptism and in communion with the Church, they may lead godly lives until the day of Jesus Christ."*

OPPORTUNITIES FOR CHRISTAIN GROWTH

Sunday – 9:00 a.m. – Adult Bible Study – Fellowship Hall – Studying "The Lord's Supper"

Sunday – 9:00 a.m. – Adult Bible Study – led by Pastor – Conference Table – Study titled "Remember the Word Works if You Work the Word", following the Lenten theme.

Sunday – 9:30 a.m. – Sunday School – Classroom (hallway outside of the Fellowship Hall) – Ages 4 – 5th Gr.

Sunday – 9:30 a.m. – Sunday School – Classroom (off the kitchen) – 6th Gr.– H.S.

Tuesday – 10:00 a.m. – Pastor's Bible Study – Fellowship Hall – "The Passion of Jesus"



THE FIFTH SUNDAY IN LENT

DIVINE SERVICE SETTING FOUR

AS WE GATHER

In the Gospel lesson for today we see James and John two of Jesus' disciples still confused about what it means to be a follower of Jesus. Jesus reminds them that He "came to not to be serve but to serve and give His life as ransom for many." As we prepare for Holy Week where we will see Jesus giving even His life for the sake of other, we are reminded of the importance of being a servant of Christ every day by through serving others.

✠ CONFESSON AND ABSOLUTION ✠

Stand

ENTRANCE HYMN

433 GLORY BE TO JESUS



1 Glo - ry be to Je - sus, Who in bit - ter pains
2 Grace and life e - ter - nal In that blood I find;
3 Blest through end - less a - ges Be the pre - cious stream
4 A - bel's blood for ven - geance Plead - ed to the skies;



Poured for me the life - blood From His sa - cred veins!
Blest be His com - pas - sion, In - fi - nite - ly kind!
Which from end - less tor - ment Did the world re - deem!
But the blood of Je - sus For our par - don cries.

Verse 5

**Oft as earth exulting Wafts its praise on high,
Angel hosts rejoicing Make their glad reply.**

Verse 6

**Lift we, then, our voices, Swell the mighty flood;
Louder still and louder Praise the precious blood!**

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The sign of the cross may be made by all in remembrance of their Baptism.

INVOCATION

- P In the name of the Father and of the T Son and of the Holy Spirit.
C **Amen.**

EXHORTATION

LSB 203

- P Our help is in the name of the Lord,
C **who made heaven and earth.**
P If You, O Lord, kept a record of sins, O Lord, who could stand?
C **But with You there is forgiveness; therefore You are feared.**
P Since we are gathered to hear God's Word, call upon Him in prayer and praise, and receive the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ in the fellowship of this altar, let us first consider our unworthiness and confess before God and one another that we have sinned in thought, word, and deed, and that we cannot free ourselves from our sinful condition. Together as His people let us take refuge in the infinite mercy of God, our heavenly Father, seeking His grace for the sake of Christ, and saying: God, be merciful to me, a sinner.

Silence for reflection on God's Word and for self-examination.

CONFESSION OF SINS

LSB 151

- P Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.
C **Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. 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. We justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. 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.**

ABSOLUTION

- P Upon this your confession, I by the virtue of my office, as a called and ordained servant of the Word, announce the grace of God unto all of you, and in the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the T Son and of the Holy Spirit.
C **Amen.**

SHARING OF THE PEACE

P The peace of the Lord be with you.

C **And also with you.**

✠SERVICE OF THE WORD✠

INTROIT

Psalm 116:1-4, 8; antiphon: Psalm 43:1

P Vindicate me, O God, and defend my cause against an ungodly people,
from the deceitful and unjust man deliver me!

C I love the LORD, because he has heard my voice and my pleas for mercy.

P Because he inclined his ear to me, therefore I will call on him as long as I
live.

C The snares of death encompassed me; the pangs of Sheol laid hold on me; I
suffered distress and anguish.

P Then I called on the name of the LORD: "O LORD, I pray, deliver my soul!"

C For you have delivered my soul from death, my eyes from tears, my feet
from stumbling.

C **Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit; as it was
in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.**

P Vindicate me, O God, and defend my cause against an ungodly people,
from the deceitful and unjust man deliver me!

KYRIE

LSB 168

A In peace let us pray to the Lord.

C **Lord, have mercy.**

A For the peace from above and for our salvation let us pray to the Lord.

C **Lord, have mercy.**

A For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God,
and for the unity of all let us pray to the Lord.

C **Lord, have mercy.**

A For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise let
us pray to the Lord.

C **Lord, have mercy.**

A Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.

C **Amen.**

SALUTATION AND COLLECT OF THE DAY

P The Lord be with you.

C **And also with you.**

P Let us pray.

Almighty God, by Your great goodness mercifully look upon Your people that we may be governed and preserved evermore in body and soul; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C **Amen.**

Sit

OLD TESTAMENT

Jeremiah 31:31-34

³¹“Behold, the days are coming, declares the LORD, when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and the house of Judah, ³²not like the covenant that I made with their fathers on the day when I took them by the hand to bring them out of the land of Egypt, my covenant that they broke, though I was their husband, declares the LORD. ³³But this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, declares the LORD: I will put my law within them, and I will write it on their hearts. And I will be their God, and they shall be my people. ³⁴And no longer shall each one teach his neighbor and each his brother, saying, ‘Know the LORD,’ for they shall all know me, from the least of them to the greatest, declares the LORD. For I will forgive their iniquity, and I will remember their sin no more.”

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

EPISTLE

Hebrews 5:1-10

¹Every high priest chosen from among men is appointed to act on behalf of men in relation to God, to offer gifts and sacrifices for sins. ²He can deal gently with the ignorant and wayward, since he himself is beset with weakness. ³Because of this he is obligated to offer sacrifice for his own sins just as he does for those of the people. ⁴And no one takes this honor for himself, but only when called by God, just as Aaron was.

⁵So also Christ did not exalt himself to be made a high priest, but was appointed by him who said to him,

“You are my Son, today I have begotten you”;

⁶as he says also in another place,

“You are a priest forever, after the order of Melchizedek.”

⁷In the days of his flesh, Jesus offered up prayers and supplications, with loud cries and tears, to him who was able to save him from death, and he was heard because of his reverence. ⁸Although he was a son, he learned obedience through what he suffered. ⁹And being made perfect, he became the source of eternal salvation to all who obey him, ¹⁰being designated by God a high priest after the order of Melchizedek.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Stand

HOLY GOSPEL

Mark 10:32-45

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark, the tenth chapter.

C **Glory to You, O Lord.**

³²And they were on the road, going up to Jerusalem, and Jesus was walking ahead of them. And they were amazed, and those who followed were afraid. And taking the twelve again, he began to tell them what was to happen to him, ³³saying, “See, we are going up to Jerusalem, and the Son of Man will be delivered over to the chief priests and the scribes, and they will condemn him to death and deliver him over to the Gentiles. ³⁴And they will mock him and spit on him, and flog him and kill him. And after three days he will rise.”

³⁵And James and John, the sons of Zebedee, came up to him and said to him, “Teacher, we want you to do for us whatever we ask of you.” ³⁶And he said to them, “What do you want me to do for you?” ³⁷And they said to him, “Grant us to sit, one at your right hand and one at your left, in your glory.” ³⁸Jesus said to them, “You do not know what you are asking. Are you able to drink the cup that I drink, or to be baptized with the baptism with which I am baptized?” ³⁹And they said to him, “We are able.” And Jesus said to them, “The cup that I drink you will drink, and with the baptism with which I am baptized, you will be baptized, ⁴⁰but to sit at my right hand or at my left is not mine to grant, but it is for those for whom it has been prepared.” ⁴¹And when the ten heard it, they began to be indignant at James and John. ⁴²And Jesus called them to him and said to them, “You know that those who are considered rulers of the Gentiles lord it over them, and their great ones exercise authority over them. ⁴³But it shall not be so among you. But whoever would be great among you must be your servant, ⁴⁴and whoever would be first among you

must be slave of all. ⁴⁵For even the Son of Man came not to be served but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many.”

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C **Praise to You, O Christ.**

APOSTLE'S CREED

C I believe in God, the Father Almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord, who 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 T of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

Sit

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE



HYMN OF THE DAY

430 - MY SONG IS LOVE UNKNOWN



1 My	song	is	love	un -	known,	My	Sav -	ior's	love	to
2 He	came	from	His	blest	throne	Sal -	va -	tion	to	be -
3 Some -	times	they	strew	His	way?	And	His	sweet	prais -	es
4 Why,	what	hath	my	Lord	done?	What	makes	this	rage	and



me, Love to the love - less shown That they might love - ly
 stow; But men made strange, and none The longed - for Christ would
 sing; Re - sound - ing all the day Ho - san - nas to their
 spite? He made the lame to run, He gave the blind their



be. Oh, who am I That for my sake
 know. But, oh, my friend, My friend in - deed,
 King. Then "Cru - ci - fy!" Is all their breath,
 sight. Sweet in - ju - ries! Yet they at these



My Lord should take Frail flesh and die?
 Who at my need His life did spend!
 And for His death They thirst and cry.
 Them - selves dis - please And 'gainst Him rise.

Verse 5

**They rise and needs will have My dear Lord made away;
 A murderer they save, The Prince of Life they slay.
 Yet cheerful He To suff'ring goes
 That He His foes From thence might free.**

Verse 6

**In life no house, no home My Lord on earth might have;
 In death no friendly tomb But what a stranger gave.
 What may I say? Heav'n was His home
 But mine the tomb Wherein He lay.**

Verse 7

**Here might I stay and sing, No story so divine!
 Never was love, dear King, Never was grief like Thine.
 This is my friend, In whose sweet praise
 I all my days Could gladly spend!**

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SERMON

**"Heart Work is Hard Work"
 Reverend Dr. Richard Lohmeyer**

Stand

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

P In peace, let us pray to the Lord:

C **Lord, have mercy.**

P For the gift of the Holy Spirit, that our heavenly Father would write His Word on our hearts and lead us to know Him as the God who forgives our iniquities and remembers our sins no more, let us pray to the Lord:

C **Lord, have mercy.**

P For Matthew, our Synod president; Harrison, our district president; Rockey, our circuit visitor; and our pastor(s), who like all flesh are beset with weakness, that they may deal gently with us and be preserved faithful to proclaim God's Word, let us pray to the Lord:

C **Lord, have mercy.**

P For humility, that after the example of Christ, we would not lord authority over one another but serve each other in our homes, communities and congregation, let us pray to the Lord:

C **Lord, have mercy.**

P For all earthly authorities, that they may be guarded from the temptation to wield such power improperly, and be committed instead to good and faithful service, let us pray to the Lord:

C **Lord, have mercy.**

P For _____ and all who walk the way of the cross among us, that as Christ learned obedience through His suffering, they also may be instructed in His ways, sustained by His blessings and, in His time, receive relief from His Fatherly hand, let us pray to the Lord:

C **Lord, have mercy.**

P For all who come to the holy altar, that God would prepare our hearts by His Spirit worthily to receive the body and blood of Christ, who was sacrificed for us on the cross; and that we would believe in His promise of the forgiveness of sins, let us pray to the Lord:

C **Lord, have mercy.**

P Hear us, heavenly Father, for the sake of Christ Jesus, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C **Amen.**

OFFERING

†SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT†

Stand

PREFACE

LSB 208

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 truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, O Lord, holy Father, almighty and everlasting God, for the countless blessings You so freely bestow on us and all creation. Above all, we give thanks for Your boundless love shown to us when You sent Your only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ, into our flesh and laid on Him our sin, giving Him into death that we might not die eternally. Because He is now risen from the dead and lives and reigns to all eternity, all who believe in Him will overcome sin and death and will rise again to new life. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:

SANCTUS

LSB 208



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord God of Sab - a - 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!

Text: Stephen P. Starke

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

P Blessed are You, O Lord our God, king of all creation, for You have had mercy on us and given Your only-begotten Son that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have eternal life.

At Your command, Abraham prepared to offer his son Isaac as a sacrifice on the mountain; yet, in mercy You provided a ram as a substitute. We give You thanks that on Calvary You spared not Your only Son but sent Him to offer His life as a ransom for many.

As we eat and drink His body and blood, grant us, like Abraham our father, to trust in Your promise now fulfilled in Christ, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world.

Hear us as we pray in His name and as He has taught us:

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 WORDS OF OUR LORD

P Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: "Take, eat; this is My T body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me."

In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: "Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in My T blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."

PAX DOMINI

LSB 209

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C Amen.

AGNUS DEI

LSB 210

1 O Je - sus Christ, true Lamb of God,
2 O Je - sus Christ, true Lamb of God,
You take the sin of the world a - way;
You take the sin of the world a - way;
O Je - sus Christ, true Lamb of God,
Have mer - cy on us, Je - sus Christ,
Have mer - cy on us, Lord, we pray.
And grant us peace, O Lord, we pray.

Text: Stephen P. Starke

Sit

DISTRIBUTION



DISTRIBUTION HYMNS

392 - GOD LOVES ME DEARLY



1 God loves me dear - ly, Grants me sal -
2 I was in slav - 'ry, Sin, death, and
3 He sent forth Je - sus, My dear Re -
4 Je - sus, my Sav - ior, Him - self did
5 Now I will praise You, O Love E -



va - tion, God loves me dear - ly, Loves e - ven me.
dark - ness; God's love was work - ing To make me free.
deem - er, He sent forth Je - sus And set me free.
of - fer; Je - sus, my Sav - ior, Paid all I owed.
ter - nal; Now I will praise You All my life long.



There - fore I'll say a - gain: God loves me



dear - ly, God loves me dear - ly, Loves e - ven me.

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594 - GOD'S OWN CHILD, I GLADLY SAY IT



1 God's own child, I glad - ly say it: I am bap-tized
2 Sin, dis - turb my soul no long - er: I am bap-tized
3 Sa - tan, hear this proc - la - ma - tion: I am bap-tized
4 Death, you can - not end my glad-ness: I am bap-tized
5 There is noth - ing worth com-par - ing To this life-long



in - to Christ! He, be - cause I could not pay it,
in - to Christ! I have com - fort e - ven strong - er:
in - to Christ! Drop your ag - ly ac - cu - sa - tion,
in - to Christ! When I die, I leave all sad - ness
com - fort sure! O - pen - eyed my grave is star - ing:



Gave my full re - demp - tion price. Do I need earth's
 Je - sus' cleans - ing sac - ri - fice. Should a guilt - y
 I am not so soon en - ticed. Now that to the
 To in - her - it par - a - dise! Though I lie in
 E - ven there I'll sleep se - cure. Though my flesh a -



treas - ures man - y? I have one worth
 con - science seize me Since my Bap - tism
 font I've trav - eled, All your might has
 dust and ash - es Faith's as - sur - ance
 waits its rais - ing, Still my soul con -



more than an - y That brought me sal -
 did re - lease me In a dear for -
 come un - rav - eled, And, a - gainst your
 bright - ly flash - es: Bap - tism has the
 tin - ues prais - ing: I am bap - tized



va - tion free Last - ing to e - ter - ni - ty!
 giv - ing flood, Sprin - kling me with Je - sus' blood?
 tyr - an - ny, God, my Lord, u - nites with me!
 strength di - vine To make life im - mor - tal mine.
 in - to Christ; I'm a child of par - a - dise!

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806 - GIVE THANKS WITH A GRATEFUL HEART



Give thanks with a grate - ful heart, Give thanks to the



Ho - ly One, Give thanks _____ be - cause He's giv - en _____ Je - sus

Christ His Son. Give thanks with a grate-ful heart, Give
 thanks to the Ho - ly One, Give thanks _____ be-cause He's giv-en—
 Je-sus Christ His Son. And now let the weak say "I am
 strong," Let the poor say "I am rich," _____ Be-cause of
 what the Lord has done for us. And now let the
 weak say "I am strong," Let the poor say "I am
 rich," _____ Be-cause of what the Lord has done for us.
 Give thanks, _____ give thanks. _____

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Stand

POST-COMMUNION CANTICLE

NUNC DIMITTIS

LSB 211

1 O Lord, now let Your ser - vant De -
 2 All glo - ry to the Fa - ther, All



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

POST-COMMUNION COLLECT

A Let us pray.

We give thanks to You, almighty God, that You have refreshed us through this salutary gift, and we implore You that of Your mercy You would strengthen us through the same in faith toward You and in fervent love toward one another; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C **Amen.**

BENEDICAMUS

LSB 212

A Let us bless the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

BENEDICTION

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 T give you peace.

C **Amen.**

CLOSING HYMN

857 Lord, Help Us Walk Your Servant Way



1 Lord, help us walk Your ser - vant way Wher -
2 You came to earth, O Christ, as Lord, But
3 No gold - en scep - ter but a towel You
4 You bid us bend our hu - man pride Nor
5 Lord, help us walk Your ser - vant way Wher -



ev - er love may lead And, bend - ing low, for -
pow'r You laid a - side. You lived Your years in
place with - in the hands Of those who seek to
count our - selves a - bove The low - est place, the
ev - er love may lead And, bend - ing low, for -



get - ting self, Each serve the oth - er's need.
ser - vant - hood; In low - li - ness You died.
fol - low You And live by Your com - mands.
mean - est task That waits the gift of love.
get - ting self, Each serve the oth - er's need.

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DISMISSAL

P Go in peace, serve the Lord.
C **Thanks be to God.**

This Week at Messiah Lutheran

Tuesday	10:00 – 11:00	Bible Study with Pastor - “The Passion of Jesus”
	11:45	“Joyful Noise” – Longhorn
	6:00	Board of Elders
Wednesday	Noon	Midweek Lenten Service
	6:00	Lenten Meal – Vegetable Soup
	7:00	Evening Midweek Lenten Service
Thursday	9:00 – Noon	Quilting Group with Devotions & Lunch
	6:00 – 7:00	Messiah Singers Practice

Readings for next Sunday – Palm Sunday

**John 12: 12-19; Zechariah 9:9-12 Philippians 2:5-11 &
Mark 14:1-15:47 or Mark 15:1-47 or John 12:20-43**

Saint Days, Feast Days, and Commemorations this Week

March 17 - St. Patrick - Missionary to Ireland

March 19 - St. Joseph - Guardian of Jesus

March 21 - Johann Sebastian Bach - (Birth) Kantor

“Therefore, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us also lay aside every weight and sin which clings so closely, and let us run with endurance the race that is set before us.” Hebrews 12:1

From Pastor Lohmeyer:

In the coming weeks, I want to present the many parts of our worship services with a brief explanation. My goal is simply to provide education on our beautiful Divine Worship, so that we can worship in deep reverence for our Lord Jesus Christ, using our liturgical worship.

THE HYMN OF THE DAY

Reminded of our salvation and the mercy of God, we come together to pray the Collect. The Salutation is from the Latin meaning a "greeting" - it is a liturgical greeting by which the pastor blesses the people and received in response a blessing from the gathered people of God (See 2 Timothy 4:22, Luke 1:28, Ruth 2:4). The Collect of the Day is a concisely written prayer the "collects" into one brief petition what we ask to receive from God in this worship service.

In Our Prayers

"Blessed be the God and Father of Our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of mercies and God of all comfort, who comforts us in all our afflictions." (2 Cor. 1:3-4a)

*****EASTER LILIES**: *Sign-up sheets for Easter Lilies are available in the Narthex, and on the podium by the congregation's mailboxes. The donation requested is \$15. each. Requests will be taken through Sunday, March 24th.*

STEWARDSHIP THOUGHT FOR LENT 5

Genesis 22:2 – “He said, ‘Take your son, your only son Isaac, whom you love, and go to the land of Moriah, and offer him there as a burnt offering on one of the mountains of which I shall tell you.’”

It's hard for us to even fathom a faith as strong as Abraham's — he follows the Lord's Word even when it seems impossibly hard. But he does so because he knows that the Lord only means to bless. What happened here to Abraham should be an encouragement for us: trust the Lord and keep His Word.

“Joyful Noise” Luncheon will be held this Tuesday, March 19th, at 11:45 a.m., at Longhorn Steakhouse, 1110 N. St. Augustine Rd, Valdosta. Everyone is welcome.

