

OLD NORTH CHURCH

*Our mission is to follow Christ and proclaim his word
in a lost and broken world so loved by God.*

March 22, 2026

FIFTH SUNDAY IN LENT

9:30 A.M.

Rev. Debbie Rundecker
Pastor

Mr. Alan Newman
Organist and Music Director

WE APPROACH GOD

PRELUDE

“Deck Thyself, My Soul”

Joseph Clokey

“When Thou Art Near”

Johann S. Bach

“Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence”

French Carol

GREETINGS AND OPENING PRAYER

***HYMN**

“Meekness and Majesty”

(Insert)

***Call to Worship**

Do not put your trust in princes, in mortals, in whom there is no help, said the psalmist.

Yet you, O Lord, put your very life into the hands of those princes, mortals, governors, chief priests.

Happy are those whose help is in the God of Jacob, whose help is in the Lord their God, said the psalmist.

You made all there is, your knowledge is greater than we can ever know. You set the prisoners free, opening the eyes of the blind, lifting the bowed down, for you love righteousness.

Let us worship the servant God.

***HYMN #52**

“I Sing the Mighty Power of God”

Unison Prayer of Confession

Loving God,

You call us to submit to the vision you have for the world. You call us to be active in co-creating and determined in spirit. You call us to build the world we read about in scripture, the one that is fair and honorable and welcoming to all.

Have mercy on us when we are slow to follow, quick to turn aside, when we are less than committed to living every day as your disciple.

Have mercy on us when we are choosy about who to love and protective of what we have to the extent we are unwilling to share the good things of life with others. Have mercy on us when faith is lacking in outward activity, when passivity is all too easy.

Lord, you are not quick to cut us off. Instead, you are forgiving and merciful in abundance. As we pray before you, honest in our inadequacies and errors, grant us the forgiveness we crave and in-spire us to live a new way. Inspire us to live your way. We ask this in the name of Jesus. Amen.

...a time of silence is kept...

KYRIE

Lord, have mercy upon us, Christ, have mercy upon us, Lord, have mercy upon us

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

SHARING OF THE PEACE

THE PEACE OF CHRIST BE WITH YOU!

AND ALSO WITH YOU!

LIVING THE WAY OF JESUS

***GLORIA PATRI #805**

***Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost!
As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be,
world without end; Amen, Amen.***

WE HEAR THE WORD OF GOD

YOUNG DISCIPLES TIME

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE

John 19:1-16

Rich Schellberg

SERMON HYMN #45

“Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing”

SERMON

“I Have the Power”

WE RESPOND TO THE WORD

***Heidelberg Catechism**

Lord’s Day 22

(Insert)

OFFERING

OFFERTORY

“Through Deepening Trials”

G. Careless

***DOXOLOGY #809**

Praise God from whom all blessings flow. Praise Him all creatures here below. Praise Him above, ye heavenly host: Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.

LIVING THE WAY OF JESUS

DEDICATION OF OUR GIFTS AND TITHES

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Scott Benell

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE 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 debts, as we forgive our debtors, and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

***HYMN #576**

“I Have Decided to Follow Jesus”

***BENEDICTION**

***PARTING SONG**

**May the Lord, mighty God, bless and keep you forever.
Grant you peace, perfect peace, courage in every endeavor.
Lift up your eyes and see his face and his grace forever.
May the Lord, mighty God, bless and keep you forever.**

POSTLUDE

“Largo”

George F. Handel



*Please rise, in body or in spirit. **Bold words indicate unison participation.**

Welcome to Old North. *We are pleased you chose to worship with us today!*

Please fill out a welcome card if you would like us to have a record of your visit, more information about Old North, or wish to be contacted by the Pastor.

Prayer Requests: If you have a prayer request this morning, please fill out the Prayer Request section of the welcome card located in the pew and place it in the offering plate.

THE CONSISTORY OF OLD NORTH

ELDERS: Jon Babicz, Jena Rand-Babicz, Rich Schmude, Carol Sushko
DEACONS: Nick DiBella, Tim Frohlich, Rene Gallagher, Brianna Polbos

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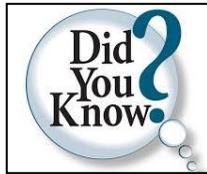
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Welcome to worship at Old North Reformed Church!

If you would like to be added to our mailing list, please leave your contact information in the guest book in the entrance to the sanctuary before leaving today.

We encourage you to keep this copy of the bulletin and take it home to share with a family member or with a friend. The service can be experienced anytime online via Old North's YouTube channel or Facebook page.



Maundy Thursday (or Holy Thursday) is the Christian holy day, falling on the Thursday before Easter, that commemorates the Last Supper, the institution of the Eucharist/Holy Communion, and the washing of the disciples' feet by Jesus. The name derives from the Latin *mandatum* ("commandment"), referring to Jesus' instruction to "love one another".

Prayer Chain: If you wish to add the power of prayer in times of celebration, healing, or transitions in life, please call Pat Hooey, 201-843-4456. Your prayer requests are uplifted by our prayer team, and confidentiality is honored.



Church Family Prayer List:

• Diana • Katie • Michael • Tom

For those chronic conditions and their loving caregivers; those seeking employment or vocation; those facing medical procedures or recovering from surgery, and safety for all who are traveling. Prayers for all who serve in the military and for all first responders.

Scheduled to serve today with our thanks.

Ushers & Greeters: Nancy Gorman, Linda Treacy

Thank you to Sandra Toscano for hosting Coffee Hour today.

| | Ushers & Greeters | Coffee Hour Hosts |
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| 3/29 | Gail McNeill, Leslie Maro | Palm Sunday Pancake Breakfast |
| 4/5 | Karen DiBella, Nick DiBella, Rich Schmude | Happy Easter! |
| 4/12 | Nancy Gorman, Kay Hughes | Sign up in the Auditorium |
| 4/19 | Donair Karkained, Ethel Reitsema | Sign up in the Auditorium |

Congratulations to all our Church Family who are celebrating a special event!

Happy Birthday!

3/2 Pastor Debbie – 3/8 Leslie Maro – 3/9 Henry Gorman
3/14 Caren Pane – 3/18 Sandy Schwarz – 3/26 Erin Polbos

Our next House and Property meeting is April 12th following worship.
Our next Consistory meeting is April 19th following worship.

Food Drive – Thrift Shoppe Donation Drop: We are consistently overwhelmed by the generosity of our donors and volunteers. Thanks to all who came out on Saturday!

Lenten Bible Study: This week concludes our Lent Bible Study in the Lounge at Noon and 7:00 pm on Thursday.

Maundy Thursday Potluck with Communion: Join us on Maundy Thursday. There is a sign-up sheet available during Coffee Hour with options to bring soup, bread or dessert. Whether you bring something or not you are welcome.



Thrift Shoppe: Jack Soltis provided live guitar music throughout our last sale, enhancing the atmosphere and supporting the mission. This heartfelt thank you recognizes his contribution and extends gratitude to all volunteers who donate their time.

Church Custodian: We welcomed Pete Musse as our custodian in October. As of April 1st, Pete will take over the cleaning and maintenance of the church in place of our current cleaning service. His willingness and dedication have proven him to be a great fit for Old North! In addition, this will help with the budget.

 **Choir Practice:** All are invited to join us in preparation for the special music on Palm Sunday and Easter. We will hold a short rehearsal in the Chapel after church this morning. Come join us!

Palm Sunday Pancake Breakfast: Next Sunday, March 29th following 9:30 a.m. worship. Adults \$8.00, Children \$4.00 - Pay at the door. If you are unable to cover the cost of tickets, the church is happy to help, contact Pastor Debbie. Sign-up sheet is available during coffee hour or you can contact the office to reserve your space.

