

**Fifth Sunday in Lent
March 26, 2023**

Prelude / Bell

Welcome

Song *For the Beauty of the Earth* ELW 879

Sharing of the Peace

Prayer

Reading Ezekiel 37:1-14

Responsive Reading Psalm 130

L: Out of the depths I cry to you, O Lord.

C: Lord, hear my voice! Let your ears be attentive to the voice of my supplications!

L: If you, O Lord, should mark iniquities, Lord, who could stand?

C: But there is forgiveness with you, so that you may be revered.

L: I wait for the Lord, my soul waits, and in his word I hope;

C: my soul waits for the Lord more than those who watch for the morning, more than those who watch for the morning.

L: O Israel, hope in the Lord! For with the Lord there is steadfast love, and with him is great power to redeem.

C: It is he who will redeem Israel from all its iniquities.

Reading Romans 8:6-11

L: The Word of the Lord **C: Thanks be to God**

Gospel Acclamation *Lord, Let My Heart Be Good Soil* ELW 512

Gospel Reading John 11:1-45

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

L: The Gospel of the Lord. **C: Praise to you, O Christ**

Message Pastor Mark Kopka

Song *Jesus, Keep Me Near the Cross* ELW 335

Prayers *Take, Oh, Take Me As I Am* ELW 814
(in between each prayer petition we sing)

Offering / Offertory *A Fragrant Offering*

The Great [Thanksgiving](#)

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts. **We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God, through our Savior Jesus Christ. You call your people to cleanse their hearts and prepare with joy for the paschal feast, that, renewed in the gift of baptism, we may come to the fullness of your grace.

And so, with all the choirs of angels, with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

Song *Taste And See* ELW 493
(chorus only)

Words of Institution

Lord's Prayer

Communion

Blessing / Benediction

Song

Awake, O Sleeper, Rise from Death

ELW 452

Dismissal / Bell / Postlude

*You are a beloved child of God, deserving of love
and respect and God is using you to care for the world.*

We Thank

Ushers; Sound & Screen Techs

Pianist / Organist: RaNae Martinson

Reader: Nancy Powers

Nordland's Week & Notices

Today 9:15 am	Education & Fellowship / 4 th Grade Holy Communion Class
10:30 am	Communion Worship
Wed. 6:15 pm	Soup & Sandwich Supper- Freewill donation, Scholarship Fund
7:00 pm	Lenten Service
Sun. 9:15 am	Education, Fellowship & Council Input Session / 4 th Grade Holy Communion Class
10:30 am	Communion Worship
11:30 am	Pancake Breakfast, Youth Fund

We only have one week left for Food Shelf donations, they can be grocery items and/or monetary.

Church directory updates, please call or email the church office with any address or phone number changes for you or your family members, nordland@tds.net or 320-276-8283.

Sisters at Heart are purchasing flowers to decorate the church sanctuary for Easter Sunday. If you would like to make a donation to help with that expense please mark your donation or check to "Sisters at Heart"; note "for Easter flowers", and leave in the offering plate by April 2. Thank you!

Nordland members who will be attending a school of higher education for the 2023-24 school year are invited to apply for a scholarship from the "Conrad Sunde Scholarship Fund". Application forms are located at the ushers counter, and are to be returned to the church office by April 15.

Counting the offering is an important and necessary task. We are in search of another person or two to be trained for this. Each team counts one Sunday a month and it takes less than an hour. Please contact Vicki Jenniges 320-276-8287 for questions or to join a counting team.

What are your needs, wants, disinterests, and "no way, no hows" for Nordland? The council will be holding some informal, fun, and interactive input sessions during fellowship on [April 2](#), 16, and 23. The results will be tabulated, analyzed, and discussed at the [May 11](#) church council meeting. Put your thinking caps on!