

Fifth Sunday in Lent
March 22, 2026

Prelude / Bell / Welcome & Announcements

Call to Worship

L: Spirit of God, descend upon our hearts and make us love you as we were born to love.

Let us anoint our Lord Jesus with oil;

C: Let us touch his feet with our hair.

L: Let us invite our Lord to our table;

C: Let us take his coat and offer the chair.

L: Bring in your family and summon your neighbor;

All: All who are able, come soon! Prepare for the Lord's coming, make ready his room!

Gathering Hymn *Lord, Whose Love in Humble Service*

ELW 712

Confession and Forgiveness

L: Blessed be the holy Trinity, + one God, who forgives all our sin, whose mercy endures forever.

C: Amen.

L: Let us confess our sin before God, who removes our guilt and blots out all offenses. Gracious God,

C: have mercy on us according to your steadfast love.

L: For seeking worldly delights that deceive us and dishonor you: Gracious God,

C: have mercy on us according to your steadfast love.

L: For desiring self-reliance instead of hungering for your word: Gracious God,

C: have mercy on us according to your steadfast love.

L: For failing to recognize your coming reign, and for hindering the work of the Spirit: Gracious God,

C: have mercy on us according to your steadfast love.

L: For drawing from the well of self-serving ambition, and for disdain the living water Christ offers: Gracious God,

C: have mercy on us according to your steadfast love.

L: For disregarding voices from the margin, and for distrusting signs of your healing and hope in the world: Gracious God,

C: have mercy on us according to your steadfast love.

L: For dwelling in tombs of self-pity and discontent, and for disregarding Christ's call to come forth to life: Gracious God,

C: have mercy on us according to your steadfast love.

L: God's steadfast love, grace, and forgiveness abound. Through faith, the free gift of God, you have been clothed in the righteousness of Christ. In the name of + Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven. The Spirit of the One who raised Christ from the dead dwells in you, pours God's love into your hearts, and gives you life and peace. C: Amen.

Greeting

Prayer of the Day, L: Almighty God, C: your Son came into the world to free us all from sin and death. Breathe upon us the power of your Spirit, that we may be raised to new life in Christ and serve you in righteousness all our days, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Reading

Ezekiel 37:1-14

Pew Bible Pg. 1345

Responsive Psalm 130

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

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

L: If you were to keep watch over sins, O Lord, who could stand?

C: Yet with you is forgiveness, in order that you may be feared.

L: I wait for you, O Lord; my soul waits; in your word is my hope.

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

L: O Israel, wait for the Lord, for with the Lord there is steadfast love; with the Lord there is plenteous redemption.

C: For the Lord shall redeem Israel from all their sins.

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

Gospel Acclamation *As the Deer Runs to the River* vs. 4 ELW 331

Gospel Reading John 11:1-45 Pew Bible pg. 1668

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

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

Children's Welcome Song

"Jesus loves the little children. All the children of the world. You are loved and you are light. You are precious in God's sight. Jesus loves the little children of the world."

Children's Message & Sermon Rev. Mindy Czycalla

Hymn of the Day *What Wondrous Love is This* ELW 666

Offering / Offertory *Fragrant Offering*

Apostles Creed ELW Pg.105
/Screens

Prayers of The People, response: L: Hear us, O God. C: Your mercy is great.

Sharing of the Peace L: The peace of Christ be with you always. C: And also with you.

The Great Thanksgiving

L: The Lord be with you C: And also with you.

L: Lift up your hearts. C: We lift them to the Lord.

L: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. C: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Words of Institution

The Lord's Prayer

Communion: All who are hungry for God's love and mercy are welcome to this table of forgiveness.

Holy Communion Distribution

Post Communion Prayer

Blessing One Another, L: Receive the blessing of the holy Trinity: God, who calls all things into existence, Jesus Christ, who redeems you, and the Holy Spirit, whose breath sustains creation, † bless you now and always. C: Amen. Amen. Amen.

Sending Hymn *My Faith Looks Up to Thee* ELW 759

Dismissal L: Go in peace. Believe the good news.

C: We will. Thanks be to God.

We Thank

Ushers; Tech Desk

Reader & Communion: Doug & Tammie Knick

Organist/ Pianist: RaNae Martinson

Nordland's Week

March 22, 2026

Today	9:30 am	Education, 4 th Grade Communion class & Fellowship / National Quilt Day
10:30 am	Worship	
Wed.	6:15 pm	Soup & Sandwich Supper, freewill donation- Scholarship Fund
7:00 pm	Lenten Service, " <i>Conversations with Jesus</i> "	
Thur.	6:00 pm	Sisters at Heart at church
Sat.	6:00 pm	7 – 12 Grade Youth Lock-In
Sun.	9:30 am	Education, 4 th Grade Communion class & Fellowship
10:30 /11:30	Palm Sunday Worship / Egg Bake Brunch, freewill donation for youth mission trip	
12:00	Mission Fest Team Meeting, gathering room	

In honor of National Quilt Day, we salute our women & men of Nordland for the many, many years of putting their compassion into works. Showing God's love to those in need, like quilts for LWR, graduates, and local families. Today there will be several quilts on display showing the dedication to their mission at Nordland.

Sisters at Heart is 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 today or by Sunday, March 29. Thank you!

Nordland Mission Fest is June 27, 2026, The Fest Team will meet in the gathering room after our Palm Sunday Youth Brunch, on Mar. 29. If you'd like to help the Fest Team to organize, we'd love your input and organizational skills! New ideas are welcome! -Diane Christle, Denise Buchholz, Tammie Knick, Jeff & Becky Thompson.

March is Food Shelf Month; the Nordland shopping cart is available for your donations of non-perishable grocery items and/or monetary. Please specify "Food Shelf" in memo if you are writing a check.

Notice: Nordland members who will be attending a school of higher education for the 2026-2027 school year are encouraged to apply for a Conrad Sunde Scholarship. Applications are available on the Nordland website, at the ushers' counter, or contact the church office. Applications are due April 15, 2026.

Beer and Hymns, today, March 22, 4 – 6 pm at The Red Goat in Watkins, all voices welcome!