

AMERICAN LUTHERAN CHURCH

**Fifth Sunday in Lent
March 17, 2024**

Service of the Word (WOV pg. 46-53)

PRELUDE

ANNOUNCEMENTS/WELCOME

OPENING HYMN

LBW #479 “My Faith Looks Up to Thee”

GREETING

L: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all. Congregation: And also with you.

L: The word is near you,

C: on your lips and in your heart.

L: If you confess with your lips that Jesus is Lord,

C: and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved.

L: Faith comes from what is heard,

C: and what is heard comes through the word of Christ.

CANTICLE (pg. 47 WOV)

Refrain: Salvation belongs to our God and to Christ the Lamb forever and ever.

Great and wonderful are your deeds, O God of the universe; just and true are your ways, O Ruler of all the nations. Who can fail to honor you, Lord, and sing the glory of your name?

Refrain: Salvation belongs to our God and to Christ the Lamb forever and ever.

For you alone are the Holy One. All nations will draw near and worship before you, for your just and holy works have been revealed.

Refrain: Salvation belongs to our God and to Christ the Lamb forever and ever.

SALUTATION

L: The Lord be with you. C: And also with you. L: Let us pray.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

C: Almighty God, our redeemer, in our weakness we have failed to be your messengers of forgiveness and hope in the world. Renew us by your Holy Spirit, that we may follow your commands and proclaim your reign of love; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. AMEN

FIRST LESSON: Jeremiah 31:31-34

Pew Bible pg. 828

After the reading: Lector says: The word of the Lord. Congregation: Thanks be to God.

RESPONSIVE READING: Psalm 119:9-16

L: How shall a young man cleanse his way? By keeping to your words.

C: With my whole heart I seek you; let me not stray from your commandments.

L: I treasure your promise in my heart, that I may not sin against you.

C: Blessed are you, O LORD; instruct me in your statutes.

L: With my lips will I recite all the judgments of your mouth.

C: I have taken greater delight in the way of your decrees than in all manner of riches.

L: I will meditate on your commandments and give attention to your ways.

C: My delight is in your statutes; I will not forget your word.

SECOND LESSON: Hebrews 5:1-10

Pew Bible pg. 1257

After the reading: *Lector says: The word of the Lord.* **Congregation: Thanks be to God.**

LENTEN VERSE (pg. 48 WOV)

(Please rise as you are able)

C: Word of life, Jesus Christ, all glory to you! Word of life, Jesus Christ, all praise to you! Our hearts burn within us while you open to us the Scriptures. Word of life, Jesus Christ, all glory to you! Word of life, Jesus Christ, all praise to you!

GOSPEL LESSON: Mark 10:32-45

(Spoken before reading) L: The Holy Gospel according to Mark, the 10th chapter.

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

(Spoken after reading) L: The Gospel of the Lord. C: Praise to you, O Christ.

(Please be seated)

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

SERMON

HYMN OF THE DAY

WOV #658 "The Word of God Is Source and Seed"

(Please rise as you are able)

RESPONSE TO THE WORD

L: In Christ, you have heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation.

C: We believe in him and are marked with the seal of the promised Holy Spirit.

L: Living together in trust and hope, we confess our faith.

C: I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth. I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord. He 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 of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen

L: Build yourselves up on your most holy faith; C: pray in the Holy Spirit.

L: Keep yourselves in the love of God

C: look forward to the mercy of our Lord Jesus Christ.

L: If anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation:

C: Everything old has passed away; behold, everything has become new!

L: God has given us the ministry of reconciliation. Therefore, let us be reconciled to God and to one another.

CONFESSION & FORGIVENESS

L: Gracious God, C: have mercy on us. In your compassion forgive us our sins, known and unknown, things done and left undone. Uphold us by your Spirit so that we may live and serve

you in newness of life, to the honor and glory of your holy name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

L: Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life.

C: Amen

SHARING OF THE PEACE

L: Sisters and brothers, rejoice. Mend your ways, encourage one another, agree with one another, live in peace. The peace of the Lord be with you always. C: And also with you.

OFFERING

OFFERTORY (Please rise) Congregation Sings: Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; Praise him, all creatures here below; Praise him above, ye heav'nly host; Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.

OFFERTORY PRAYER

L: Let us pray. Gracious God, C: in the abundance of your steadfast love, you call us from death to life, from silence to speech, from idleness to action. With these gifts we offer ourselves to you, and with the Church through all the ages we give thanks for your saving love in Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

L: Lord, in Your mercy, C: hear our prayer.

LORD'S PRAYER

BLESSING

L: Almighty God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you now and forever. C: Amen

SENDING HYMN

WOV #780 "What a Fellowship, What a Joy Divine"

DISMISSAL

L: Go in peace. Serve the Lord. C: Thanks be to God.

ORGAN POSTLUDE

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NEWEST PRAYER CONCERNS:

Family of Elizabeth Page Family of Bonnie Henderson

CONTINUED PRAYER CONCERNS:

Rena Shebesta	Loretta Overholt	Jennifer Birkey	Joan Mathis
Robert Flessner	Sondra Sipes	Earl Smith	Cindy Williams
Rosemary Bennett	Gabbi Reynolds	Ben Moser	Denny Doyle
Beth Tally	Mary Jean	Lynn Moser	Roy Huff
Joane Wilson	William Benton	Ruth Benton	Kim Wyre
Steve Ritchie	Ella Osterbur	Leon Rocker	Paul Wolters
Martha Stanfill	Kyrsten Valentine	Marla Osterbur	Sharon Lohen
Mary Mallicoat	Nick Shepherd	Joyce Keith	Karen Derges
Bob & Jenny Hobby	Gus Robertson	Kathy Anderson	Gordon Peterson
Debbie Peterson	Fred Sommer	Bob & Sue Selby	Jessica Hawn
Merrill Wattjes	Velma Armstrong	Sandra Ackerman	Kathleen Cooper
Joan Percival	Irene Galindo	Michael Markarian	Joyce Williamson
Courtney Schoolcraft	Pat Gallahue		

NURSING HOMES/ASSISTED LIVING:

Keith Dohleman	Rita Buening	Shorty Baugher	Mildred Flessner
Ruth Lutz	Ilene Ackerman	Genet Dixon	Janet Withers

MILITARY (Bolded names are known to be in an area of higher danger):

Kelly Williamson	Jon Stiebner	Alex Short	Brandon Elrod
Kasey Fenimore	Justice Long	Brian Griswold	Levi Loschen
Ryan Falletti	Riley Falletti		

TABLE GUILD

ACOLYTES

BULLETIN GREETERS

GREETERS

LECTOR

PRAYER LEADER

WORSHIP STEWARD

USHERS

Sue Coffin, DeAnn McMorris

Ella Schluter, Carson McClain

June Willms, Lindalou Hauersperger

Lloyd Schluter, Katie Holland

Stephen Feig

Deanne Rosenbeck

Shirley Friemel

Devin & Kyndall Cox, Logan Suits

WELCOME TO WORSHIP as we gather in Jesus' name as one family in God's embrace.

VISITATION TEAM Our church volunteer group called **VIP** reaches out to church members who are not able to attend our church services. Our role is to **V**isit, **I**nteract and **P**ray at our visits. Each volunteer would be doing visits that would involve about 2-3 hours a month. An informational meeting will be held this Monday, March 18th, at 10:00 a.m. at the church. Come to this meeting by entering through the church office to join us. Please come if you are thinking about doing some type of volunteering. Learn more specifics about and possibly join this church community outreach. Questions? Call or text Mary Peters at 217-778-4327 or email me at petersmaryk@gmail.com.

WEEKDAY MORNING PRAYER SERVICES are held in the chapel at 6:30 a.m. each weekday morning during Lent. The service is based on the LBW Morning Prayer, runs about a half hour, and allows for those employed or with other obligations to arrive at their destinations in a timely manner. Please try to attend at least one of these services!

MIDWEEK LENTEN MEAL & STUDY concludes this Wednesday evening, March 20th, in the ALC Youth Hall. The light meal/fellowship time begins at 5:30 p.m. with the Bible Study following at 6:00 p.m. A sign-up sheet is posted on the bulletin board in the Narthex to help provide soup, sandwiches and desserts for these meals.

PRAYER CONCERNS In an attempt to keep our prayer list current, we are asking that an update be given to the church office by this Monday, March 18th, for anyone that you have placed on the prayer list. After this date, the prayer list will be consolidated to include only the names of those that we have received updates on. Please understand that we are in no way trying to have you remove your name or a loved one's name from the prayer list. We want to keep all names on the prayer list that are still in need of prayer. We are just trying to make sure that our list remains current. Thank you for your understanding of this matter.

BLOOD DRIVE The Rantoul Community Blood Drive will be held at American Lutheran Church this Wednesday, March 20th, from 12:00- 4:00 p.m. in the Youth Hall.

OFFICE CLOSED The church office will be closed this Friday, March 22nd.

EDEN PARK CEMETERY Reminder to all lot owners - You are welcome to place flowers back at the grave sites after March 22nd.

30 PIECES OF SILVER During Lent, we would encourage you to give 30 Pieces of Silver... 30 dimes, quarters, dollars or a check as an extra gift of love for the cause of Christ. Please be sure to mark the outside of the envelope "30 Pieces of Silver".

ATTENDANCE FROM LAST WEEK: 9:00 a.m. Worship Service – 113

CANTEEN RUN Sign-up sheets are located on the bulletin board in the Narthex.

BROADCAST/FLOWER CHART If you would like to sponsor the weekly radio broadcast on WPXN, the cost is \$50. To provide flowers for Sunday, the cost is \$25. Please sign up on the appropriate chart outside the Narthex then notify the church office the details to print in the bulletin prior to that date.

LENTEN DEVOTIONALS are still available on the table in the Narthex for you to take home today!

PRESCHOOL ENROLLMENT FORMS are located on the bulletin board outside the Narthex. Please call the preschool office at 217-893-8773 with any questions.

STUDENT CLOTHING DONATIONS (gently used clothing, new socks, underwear and shoes for children ages Kindergarten through 5th Grade -size 5T to Men's & Women's size small) for Northview Grade School are to be placed in the tub located in the Narthex.

NEXT WEEK'S SCRIPTURE READINGS:

Zechariah 9:9-12; Psalm 31:9-16; Philippians 2:5-11; John 12:20-43

THIS WEEK

Sunday, March 17

9:00 a.m. Worship Service

10:15 a.m. Sunday School & Women's Bible Study

Monday, March 18

6:30 a.m. Morning Prayer Service

10:00 a.m. VIP Meeting

12:30 p.m. Quilting

Tuesday, March 19

6:30 a.m. Morning Prayer Service

6:00 p.m. Men's Bible Study

7:00 p.m. Elders Meet

7:30 p.m. Church Council Meeting

Wednesday, March 20

6:30 a.m. Morning Prayer Service

12:00 p.m. Community Blood Drive

5:30 p.m. Confirmation

5:30 p.m. Fellowship Meal

6:00 p.m. Lenten Bible Study

Thursday, March 21

6:30 a.m. Morning Prayer Service

9:00 a.m. Bible Study

Friday, March 22 OFFICE CLOSED

6:30 a.m. Morning Prayer Service

Sunday, March 24

9:00 a.m. Worship Service

10:15 a.m. Sunday School & Women's Bible Study

Radio Broadcast Sunday Mornings at 9:45 a.m. on WPXN 104.9FM



EASTER SUNDAY - MARCH 31ST

If you would like to order an Easter Lily, please sign your name below and place it in the offering plate or return to the church office by Palm Sunday, March 24th. The lilies will be displayed in the front of the Sanctuary on Easter morning.

The cost for each lily is \$15.00. You may place the money in an envelope and mark the outside of the envelope "LILY" (be sure your name is on it) and place it in the offering plate by Easter Sunday.

(Please write your name below as you would like it to appear in the bulletin.)

NAME: _____



Funeral Meals

Funeral meal donations are an important ministry that we provide to our families after the loss of a loved one. Needed are salads and desserts to be provided for the funeral meals.

We are updating our list of people who are willing to make donations for these meals. Please fill out the form below and place in the offering plate or bring to the church office by Sunday, April 7th, if you would be willing to provide for these meals.

Please fill out this form even if you have filled one out before. The names and numbers we receive from this insert will be the ones that we call.

Name: _____

Phone Number: _____

Daily Prayers & Lessons – Week of the Fifth Sunday in Lent

March 17, 2024 – March 23, 2024

Prayer: Almighty God, our Redeemer, in our weakness we have failed to be your messengers of forgiveness and hope in the world. Renew us by your Holy Spirit, that we may follow your commands and proclaim your reign of love; through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, God forevermore. Amen

Daily Lessons:

Sunday	Leviticus 24:1-23	Psalm 106	Mark 8:1-13
Monday	Leviticus 25:1-34	Psalm 107	Mark 8:14-26
Tuesday	Leviticus 25:35-55	Psalm 108	Mark 8:27-38
Wednesday	Leviticus 26:1-46	Psalm 109	Mark 9:1-13
Thursday	Leviticus 27:1-34	Psalm 110	Mark 9:14-29
Friday	Numbers 1:1-25	Psalm 111	Mark 9:30-37
Saturday	Numbers 1:26-54	Psalm 112	Mark 9:38-50

Morning Prayer We give thanks to you, heavenly Father, through Jesus Christ your dear Son, that you have protected us through the night from all danger and harm. We ask you to preserve and keep us, this day also, from all sin and evil, that in all our thoughts, words, and deeds we may serve and please you. Into your hands we commend our bodies and souls and all that is ours. Let your holy angels have charge of us, that the wicked one have no power over us. Amen

Mid-Day Prayer Gracious Jesus, our Lord and our God, at this hour you bore our sins in your own body on the tree so that we, being dead to sin, might live unto righteousness. Have mercy upon us now and at the hour of our death, and grant to us, your servants, with all others who devoutly remember your blessed Passion, a holy and peaceful life in this world and, through your grace, eternal glory in the life to come; where, with the Father and the Holy Spirit, you live and reign, God forever. Amen

Evening Prayer We give thanks to you, heavenly Father, through Jesus Christ your dear Son, that you have this day so graciously protected us. We beg you to forgive us all our sins and the wrong which we have done. By your great mercy defend us from all the perils and dangers of this night. Into your hands we commend our bodies and souls, and all that is ours. Let your holy angels have charge of us, that the wicked one have no power over us. Amen

HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE



MARCH 24, 2024 - PALM SUNDAY

9:00 a.m. Worship Service with Holy Communion
Neal White to lead service.
Pastor Lehmann to serve communion.

MARCH 28, 2024 - MAUNDY THURSDAY

7:00 p.m. Worship Service with Holy Communion
Pastor Lehmann to lead service.

MARCH 29, 2024 - GOOD FRIDAY

7:00 p.m. Worship Service
Neal White to lead service.



MARCH 30, 2024 EASTER VIGIL SERVICE

First Lutheran Church in Paxton will be hosting the area-wide
Easter Vigil Service. The service begins at 7:15 p.m.



MARCH 31, 2024 - EASTER SUNDAY

NO Sunrise Service will be held.
9:00 a.m. Worship Service with Holy Communion
Pastor Lehmann to lead service.