

Worship

April 6, 2025 | 10:00 AM
Fifth Sunday in Lent



Christ the Servant
LUTHERAN CHURCH

WELCOME TO WORSHIP

Whether you are a long-time member or a first-time guest, your presence is a blessing to us!
Scan the QR code with your smartphone on the seat in front of you or below if you'd like to...



- Let us know you are worshipping today
- Request prayers or share your care needs
- Explore upcoming ministries and RSVP
- Respond with generosity and give to our mission and ministry

TO THOSE WITH YOUNG ONES

We embrace all the wiggles and giggles that the youngest in our midst might make!
The noise of children is the sound of a church that is full of life and is welcome here!

Here are some helpful tips:

- If they need a break, take it!
There is a room just past the bathrooms where little ones can play, parents can relax, and the service can still be heard.
- Let them pick out activities from the Activities Cart!
They can go back to it as much as needed!
- Sit where your children can easily see what is happening.
- Sing and respond loudly! Children learn by copying you.
- Explain the parts of worship and teach them how to use the hymnal.

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NAME: _____ PHONE: _____ DATE: _____

EMAIL: _____ I'D LIKE TO RECEIVE WEEKLY EMAIL UPDATES: YES

PRAYER REQUEST: _____

PUBLIC PRAYER TEAM ONLY PRIVATE

HOW LONG WOULD YOU LIKE US TO HOLD THESE IN PRAYER?

1 WEEK 2 WEEKS 3 WEEKS 1 MONTH UNTIL OTHERWISE NOTIFIED

**Please stand as you are able*

PRELUDE

O Mensch bewein dein Sünde groß
J.S. Bach

WELCOME

***OPENING LITANY**

We begin our worship with a reminder of who is Lord. Like the gospel writer Mark, we utilize the language used by the powers of the world to subvert that power and pledge our allegiance to our Creator, our Savior, and the one and only Lord.

L: Today we pledge our ultimate allegiance to the Kingdom of God

C: We pledge allegiance

L: To the Gospel of enemy love

C: We pledge allegiance

L: To the Kingdom of the poor and broken

C: We pledge allegiance

L: To a King that loves his enemies so much he died for them

C: We pledge allegiance

L: To the least of these, with whom Christ dwells

C: We pledge allegiance

L: To the cross rather than the sword

C: We pledge allegiance

L: To the banner of love above any flag

C: We pledge allegiance

L: To the revolution that sets both oppressed and oppressors free

C: We pledge allegiance

L: To the Way that leads to life

C: We pledge allegiance

L: To the Slaughtered Lamb

C: We pledge allegiance

*HYMN – *Build a Longer Table*

Build a Longer Table



1 Build a long - er ta - ble, not a high - er wall,
2 Build a saf - er ref - uge, not a larg - er jail;
3 Build a broad - er door - way, not a long - er fence.
4 When we lived as ex - iles, ref - u - gees a - broad,



feed - ing those who hun - ger, mak - ing room for all.
where the weak find shel - ter, mer - cy will not fail.
Love pro - tects all peo - ple, spar - ing no ex - pense.
Christ be - came our door - way to the reign of God.



Feast - ing to - geth - er, strang - er turns to friend,
For an - y place where jus - tice is de - nied,
When we em - brace com - pas - sion more than fear,
So must our ta - bles wel - come those who roam.



Christ breaks walls to piec - es; false di - vi - sions end.
Christ will breach the jail wall, free - ing all in - side.
Christ tears down our fenc - es; all are wel - come here.
None can be ex - clud - ed; all must find a home.

Text: David Bjorlin, b. 1984

Music: NOËL NOUVELET, French carol

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CONFESSION

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

Amen.

Being vulnerable is hard, especially in our culture today. It seems that it is better to be the best, brightest and most successful, rather than admitting that we might be struggling with things weighing us down. But in this place,

we encounter the Risen Jesus who knows us to the depths of our souls and into the dark places we hide, and still brings his profound light and love to us!

Each week, we join together in confession. We confess as part of our liturgy not as a practice of earning grace, but as a reminder of the beautiful gift that we have already received it.

As you entered worship, hopefully you picked up a stone and a marker. If not, you can get them in the back of the sanctuary in a moment. As we sing a centering song together, you are invited to write down the sin and struggles that are weighing you down and making you feel heavy. Once you are ready, you are invited to come forward and place that stone into the baptismal font and watch as the waters wash those heavy burdens away.

CENTERING SONG



Oh, draw me Lord, Oh, draw me Lord, Oh, draw me Lord, and I'll run af - ter You.

Now let us hear the words of absolution...

God who is rich in love and mercy hears us as we live and breathe, as we try and fail, as we weep and celebrate.

God loves us for all that we are, all that we hope to be and all that we were created to be.

In the mercy of almighty God, Christ died for us while we were still sinners; and for his sake, God + forgives us all our sin.

Amen

*SHARING OF THE PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you always.

And also with you.

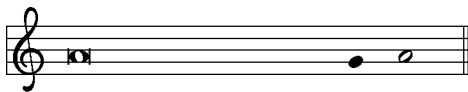
Please greet each other with the peace of Christ!

*GREETING

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

And also with you.

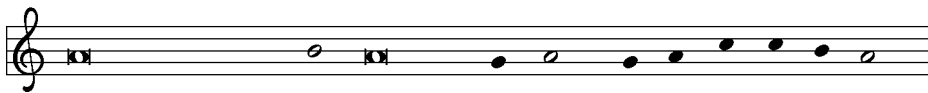
*KYRIE



In peace, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



For the peace from a-bove, and for our sal - vation, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



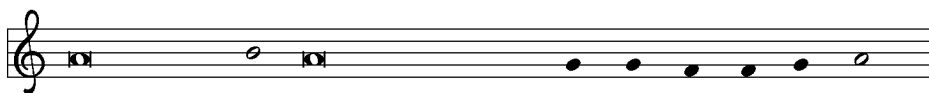
For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God,



and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



For this holy house, and for all who offer here their wor-ship and praise,



let us pray to the Lord. Lord have mer - cy.



Help, save, comfort, and de - fend us, gra-cious Lord. A - men.

***PRAYER OF THE DAY**

Creator God, you prepare a new way in the wilderness, and your grace waters our desert. Open our hearts to be transformed by the new thing you are doing, that our lives may proclaim the extravagance of your love given to all through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

PSALM 126

¹ When the LORD restored the for- | tunes of Zion,
then were we like | those who dream.

² **Then was our mouth filled with laughter, and our tongue with | shouts of joy.**

Then they said among the nations, “The LORD has done great | things for them.”

³ The LORD has done great | things for us,
and we are | glad indeed.

⁴ **Restore our for- | tunes, O LORD,
like the watercourses | of the Negeb.**

⁵ Those who | sowed with tears
will reap with | songs of joy.

⁶ **Those who go out weeping, carry- | ing the seed,
will come again with joy, shoulder- | ing their sheaves.**

FIRST READING: Philippians 3:4b-14

[Paul writes:] ^{4b} If anyone else has reason to be confident in the flesh, I have more: ⁵ circumcised on the eighth day, a member of the people of Israel, of the tribe of Benjamin, a Hebrew born of Hebrews; as to the law, a Pharisee; ⁶ as to zeal, a persecutor of the church; as to righteousness under the law, blameless.

⁷ Yet whatever gains I had, these I have come to regard as loss because of Christ. ⁸ More than that, I regard everything as loss because of the surpassing value of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord. For his sake I have suffered the loss of all things, and I regard them as rubbish, in order that I may gain Christ ⁹ and be found in him, not having a righteousness of my own that comes from the law, but one that comes through faith in Christ, the righteousness from God based on faith. ¹⁰ I want to know Christ and the power of his resurrection and the sharing of his sufferings by becoming like him in his death, ¹¹ if somehow I may attain the resurrection from the dead.

¹² Not that I have already obtained this or have already reached the goal; but I press on to make it my own, because Christ Jesus has made me his own. ¹³ Beloved, I do not consider that I have made it my own; but this one thing I do: forgetting what lies behind and straining forward to what lies ahead, ¹⁴ I press on toward the goal for the prize of the heavenly call of God in Christ Jesus.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

*GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



Re - turn to the Lord, your God, for he is gra - cious and mer - ci - ful,



slow to an - ger, and a - bound - ing in stead - fast love.

***GOSPEL: John 12:1-8**

The holy gospel according to John.

Glory to you, O Lord.

¹ Six days before the Passover Jesus came to Bethany, the home of Lazarus, whom he had raised from the dead. ² There they gave a dinner for him. Martha served, and Lazarus was one of those at the table with him. ³ Mary took a pound of costly perfume made of pure nard, anointed Jesus' feet, and wiped them with her hair. The house was filled with the fragrance of the perfume. ⁴ But Judas Iscariot, one of his disciples (the one who was about to betray him), said, ⁵ "Why was this perfume not sold for three hundred denarii and the money given to the poor?" ⁶ (He said this not because he cared about the poor, but because he was a thief; he kept the common purse and used to steal what was put into it.) ⁷ Jesus said, "Leave her alone. She bought it so that she might keep it for the day of my burial. ⁸ You always have the poor with you, but you do not always have me."

The gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

SERMON

***HYMN OF THE DAY – *Take My Life, That I May Be* (#583)**

***APOSTLES' CREED**

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried;
he descended to the dead.
On the third day he rose again;
he ascended into heaven,**

he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and he will come 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.

*PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

G#m E B G#m E B

Here's my heart, Lord; Here's my heart, Lord;

5 G# E B E B

Here's my heart, Lord; Speak what is true...

Each prayer petition will end with
God in your mercy,
receive our prayer.

OFFERING

In response to God's generosity, let us now consider our own generosity as a rebellion against the powers of this world and a demonstration of the faith and trust we have in our Creator through the gifts of our tithes and offerings.

OFFERTORY ANTHEM *Who Would Tue Valor See* John Bunyan, Ralph Vaughn Williams

*OFFERING PRAYER

*GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you!

And also with you!

Lift up your hearts!

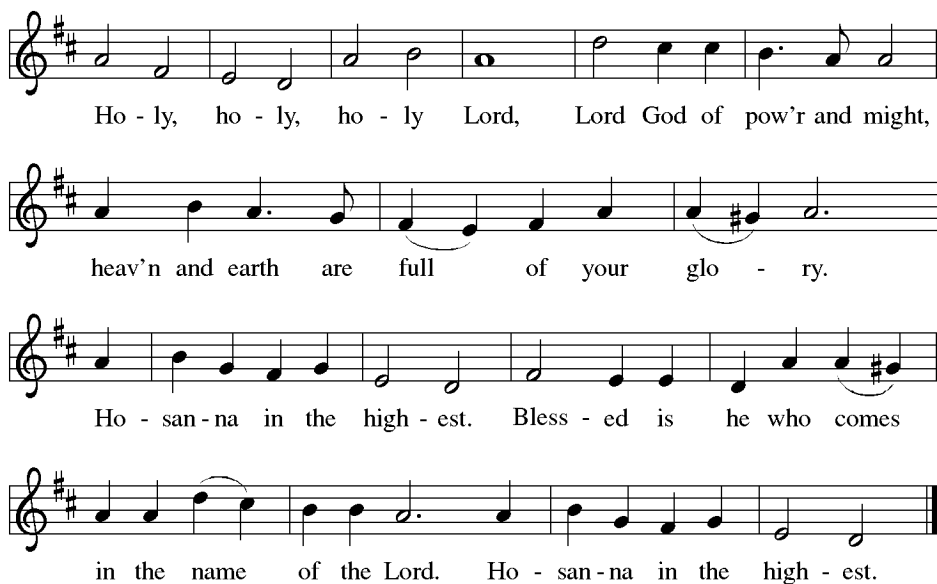
We lift them to the Lord!

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give God thanks and praise.

*PREFACE

*HOLY, HOLY, HOLY



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, Lord God of pow'r and might,
heav'n and earth are full of your glo - ry.
Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who comes
in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

*THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

See, God's home is among us. God will dwell with us as our God. We will be God's people, and God will be present to us.

God will wipe every tear from our eyes. Death will be no more, mourning and crying and pain will be no more, for the first things have passed away.

Christ has died! Christ IS risen!

Christ will come again!

It was in the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, gave thanks, and broke it saying:

"This is my body given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

And again, after supper, He took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink saying:

“This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sins. Do this in remembrance of me.”

Send your Holy Spirit to fill the hearts of all people
With courage and wisdom to pursue love and justice in all the world.
Come, Spirit of freedom! And let all God’s people say Amen!
Amen

***LORD’S PRAYER**

Lord, remember us in your kingdom and teach us to pray:

**Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come,
your will be done,
on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins
as we forgive those
who sin against us.
Save us from the time of trial
and deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power,
and the glory are yours,
now and forever.
Amen.**

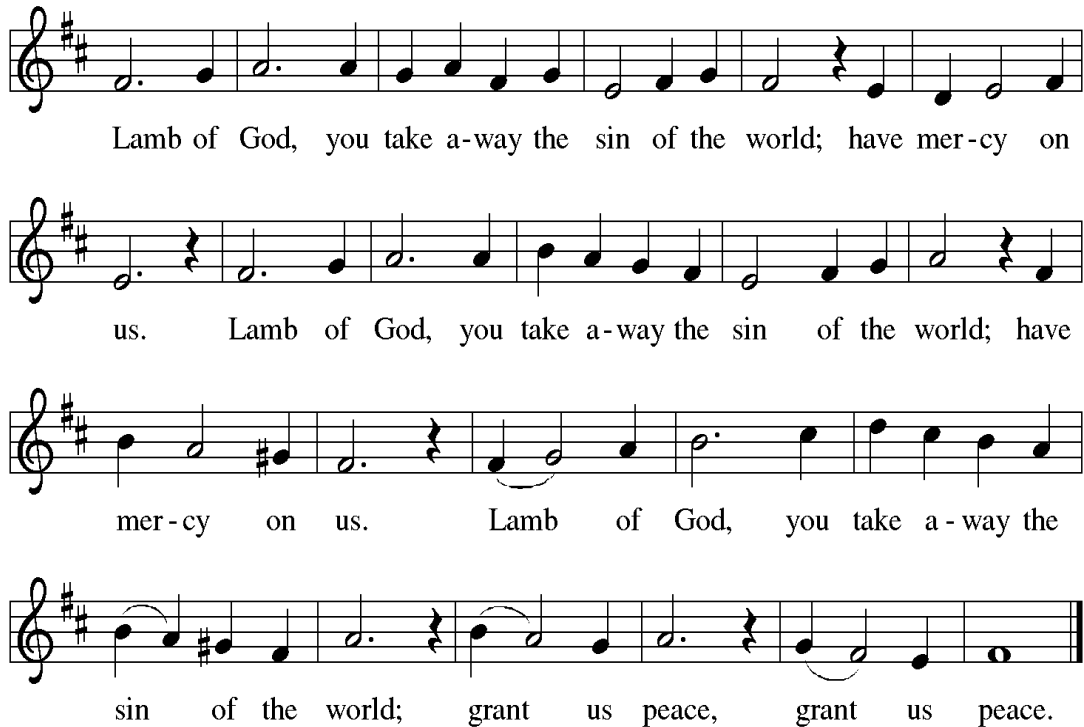
COMMUNION

The table at Christ the Servant Lutheran Church is not a Lutheran table, nor is it a pastor's table, or a specific church's table, it is Christ's table. And Jesus invites all people to come and partake in this meal! No matter your age or your faith background, whether you are high in faith or low in faith, you are invited to come and eat because Christ has invited you!

You will come down through the center isle and will be handed a piece of bread. Take the bread and go to either side to dip the bread into the wine (the dark liquid) or the grape juice (the light liquid) and take them together. There is a gluten free option available in the center. If you'd prefer that, just ask as you come forward.

Allergen Notice: The communion bread is purchased from a commercial bakery and may contain or may have been exposed to one or more of the following allergens: peanuts, tree nuts, sesame, milk, eggs, wheat, soy, fish and crustacean shellfish. The gluten free wafers contain garbanzo bean flour, potato starch, tapioca flour, whole grain sweet white sorghum flour, fava bean flour and palm oil. They are manufactured on dedicated equipment in a dedicated facility and are gluten free, dairy free, egg free, peanut free, fish and shellfish free.

COMMUNION MUSIC



Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on
us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have
mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the
sin of the world; grant us peace, grant us peace.

POST-COMMUNION BLESSING

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

MINISTRY OPPORTUNITIES

*THE BLESSING & BENEDICTION

The Lord bless you, and keep you. Make His face shine up-on you be gra-cious to you.

The Lord turn His face toward you and give you peace.

A - - men, a - men a - men. A - - men, a - men, a - men.

***DISMISSAL**

Go in peace. Celebrate! Think! Serve!
Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE *Ach, wir armen Sünder* Matthias Weckmann

MUSICAL NOTES OF INTEREST

O Mensch bewein dein Sünde groß ("O man, bewail thy great sins") is a setting of the hymn of the same name by J. S. Bach (1685-1750). This hymn, which is not common in American hymnals, is set as an ornamented aria. This means that the hymn tune serves as a loose skeleton for the melody but is so elaborated that the original tune is not immediately recognizable.

Who Would True Valor See is a setting by Ralph Vaughan Williams (1872-1958) of a poem by John Bunyan (1628-1688). The poem first appeared in Bunyan's allegory of the Christian life, *The Pilgrim's Progress* (which features characters such as Obstinate, Pliable, Mr. Worldly Wiseman, and the Giant Despair). The text and tune were first paired by Vaughan Williams in the 1906 *The English Hymnal*, though the hymn has not been received on this side of the pond.

Ach wir armen Sünder is a setting by Matthias Weckmann (1616-1674) of the eponymous hymn (which is also not commonly found in American hymnals). The piece has three verses, of which I will play the first and last. The first verse is a chorale setting, with the tune in the pedal in a middle voice. The last verse is an ornamented setting of the tune in a base voice with high accompaniment.

Ministry Opportunities

God calls us all to participate in God's kingdom building throughout the world. You are invited to participate in God's mission and the ministry of Christ the Servant Lutheran Church! As you participate, we hope you will discover belonging and we know you will have holy experiences because the Spirit is at work in and through you!

To discover more ministry opportunities and to register for ministries you feel called to, visit

christerves.churchcenter.com

or scan the QR code on the seat back in front of you!



Churches are called to be places of welcome and hospitality to all people. Over the coming months, CTS will host 4 speakers to discuss welcome around specific groups and demographics. For more info, visit our website.

Easter Flowers

Order your Easter tulips today! You can order and pay online by visiting our registrations page. Please place your order by Sunday, April 13th.

Wednesdays in Lent

Every Wednesday we will gather for Dinner Church where we will break bread together in a worshipful atmosphere, enjoying fellowship while worshipping our God and exploring our faith.

Lent

You are invited to help support LSSNCA this Lent by donating items for their Resource Center. Items will be collected through Easter Sunday. Visit our website for a complete list of items



TODAY

The first session of a 3-month Children's Education Experience begins on April 6. Children 5 & younger will gather in the classroom at 10am. Children 6-12 will join them after the children's sermon.



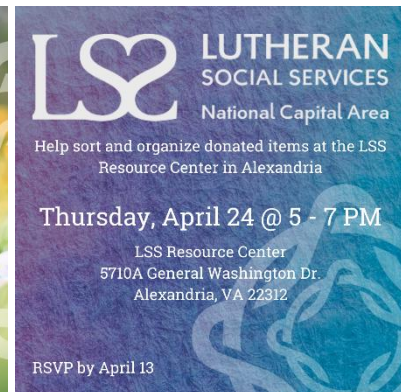
April 12 @ 9AM

Join our neighbors and the local community for a plaza clean-up. Bring work gloves if you prefer. Trash bags and "grabbers" will be provided.



April 20

All are invited to an Easter Egg Hunt on the plaza following Easter worship. There will be snacks, photo opportunities and community fellowship. Please register on our registrations page.



April 24 5-7PM

Help us drop off the donated items and help sort and organize. Please RSVP by April 13 on our registrations page.