



**Fifth Sunday in Lent**  
**April 6, 2025**

**Grace Lutheran Church**  
**40 N. Main St., Hatfield, PA 19440**

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**Susanna Faust, Minister of Music**  
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**Lynn Fasick, Office Administrator**  
**Jessica Moran, Stepping Stones Director**

Our God makes all things new. In the first reading God promises it. In the gospel Mary anticipates it, anointing Jesus' feet with costly perfume in preparation for the day of his burial. In the second reading Paul recalls his transformation from the persecutor Saul into an apostle. In baptism, God's new person (you!) rises daily from the deadly mire of trespasses and sins.

**Prelude: Just As I Am**

**by Roosevelt Andre Credit  
(1966- )**

*Please stand.*

## **CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**

P. Blessed be the holy Trinity, ✠ one God,  
our creator, our protector, our wellspring of life. **C. Amen.**

P. Trusting that God receives our words and the meditations of our  
hearts, let us confess our sin.

Merciful God,

**C. you speak blessing and compassion into the world.**

**Forgive us for the ways we act with judgment, cruelty, or indifference.**

**We ignore the needs of our neighbors;**

**we give in to scarcity and fear; we assume the worst about one another.**

**Cleanse us from our faults and release us from their grasp.**

**Show us your lovingkindness. Restore our hearts and repair your world,  
that we may live in Christ's ways. Amen.**

P. God proclaims these words of assurance:

“Do not fear, for I have redeemed you. I have called you by name. You are mine.”

In ✠ Christ, you are forgiven. In the Spirit, you are made free. Refreshed by the  
waters of mercy, live anew as beloved children of God. **C. Amen.**



**GATHERING HYMN: Christ, Whose Glory Fills the Skies**

**ELW 553**

## **GREETING**

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

## KYRIE

Unity Mass, Norah Duncan



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## PRAYER OF THE DAY

P. 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.

**C. Amen**

## WORD

### First Reading: Isaiah 43:16-21

- <sup>16</sup> Thus says the LORD,  
who makes a way in the sea, a path in the mighty waters,  
<sup>17</sup> who brings out chariot and horse, army and warrior;  
they lie down, they cannot rise, they are extinguished, quenched like a wick:  
<sup>18</sup> Do not remember the former things, or consider the things of old.  
<sup>19</sup> I am about to do a new thing; now it springs forth, do you not perceive it?  
I will make a way in the wilderness and rivers in the desert.  
<sup>20</sup> The wild animals will honor me, the jackals and the ostriches;  
for I give water in the wilderness, rivers in the desert,  
to give drink to my chosen people,  
<sup>21</sup> the people whom I formed for myself, so that they might declare my praise.

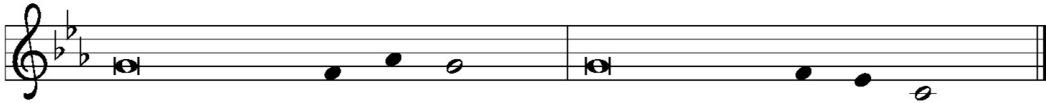


Word of God, word of life. **C. Thanks be to God.**

## Psalm 126



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



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

<sup>2</sup> **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.”**

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

<sup>4</sup> **Restore our for- | tunes, O LORD,  
like the watercourses | of the Negeb. R**

<sup>5</sup> Those who | sowed with tears  
will reap with | songs of joy.

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

## Second Reading: Philippians 3:4b-14

[Paul writes:] <sup>4b</sup> If anyone else has reason to be confident in the flesh, I have more: <sup>5</sup> 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; <sup>6</sup> as to zeal, a persecutor of the church; as to righteousness under the law, blameless.

<sup>7</sup> Yet whatever gains I had, these I have come to regard as loss because of Christ. <sup>8</sup> 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 <sup>9</sup> 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. <sup>10</sup> I want to know Christ and the power of his resurrection and the sharing of his sufferings by becoming like him in his death, <sup>11</sup> if somehow I may attain the resurrection from the dead.

<sup>12</sup> 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. <sup>13</sup> 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, <sup>14</sup> I press on toward the goal for the prize of the heavenly call of God in Christ Jesus.

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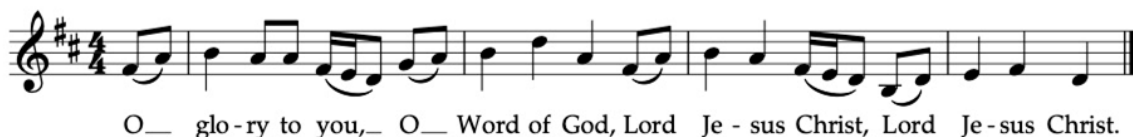
***Children's Message (10:30 a.m.)***

Annette Dittman

*Please stand.*

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**

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**Gospel: John 12:1-8**

P. The Holy Gospel, according to John, the 12<sup>th</sup> chapter.

**C. Glory to you, O Lord.**

<sup>1</sup> Six days before the Passover Jesus came to Bethany, the home of Lazarus, whom he had raised from the dead. <sup>2</sup> There they gave a dinner for him. Martha served, and Lazarus was one of those at the table with him. <sup>3</sup> 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. <sup>4</sup> But Judas Iscariot, one of his disciples (the one who was about to betray him), said, <sup>5</sup> "Why was this perfume not sold for three hundred denarii and the money given to the poor?" <sup>6</sup> (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.) <sup>7</sup> Jesus said, "Leave her alone. She

bought it so that she might keep it for the day of my burial. <sup>8</sup> You always have the poor with you, but you do not always have me.”

P. The gospel of the Lord. **C. Praise to you, O Christ.**

**Sermon: Lost to the World**

**Pastor Nancy Raabe**

*Please stand.*

**HYMN of the DAY: Faith Begins by Letting Go**

**ACS 1004**



1 Faith be - gins by let - ting go, giv - ing up what had seemed sure,  
2 Faith en - dures by hold - ing on, keep - ing mem-'ry's roots a - live  
3 Faith ma - tures by reach - ing out, stretch - ing minds, en - larg - ing hearts,



tak - ing risks and press - ing on, though the way feels less se - cure:  
so that hope may bear its fruit; prom - ise - fed, our souls will thrive,  
shar - ing strug - gles, liv - ing prayer, bind - ing up the bro - ken parts;



pil - grim - age both right and odd, trust - ing all our life to God.  
not through mer - it we pos - sess but by God's great faith - ful - ness.  
till we find the com - mon - place ripe with wit - ness to God's grace.

Text: Carl P. Daw Jr., b. 1944

Music: RATISBON, J. G. Werner, *Choralbuch*, 1815

## **APOSTLES' CREED**

P. Let us love one another, that with one mind we may confess the faith of the church, the faith in which we baptize.

C. 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

To the petition "God in your mercy," please respond, "Receive our prayer."

## GREETING OF THE PEACE

P. The peace of Christ be with you always. **C. And also with you.**

*Please be seated.*

## OFFERING

*The offering is collected at this time by the ushers, who will pass the offering plates. You may also use this QR code to give using your credit card, or text a gift to Grace at 844-613-0815. We rely on your gifts to sustain Grace and all its ministries. Forms for electronic giving are in the narthex or ask us for help.*



**Music at the Offering: Be Still**

**by Karen Marroll (1975- )**

*Please stand.*

## OFFERTORY



There is a balm in Gil-e-ad to make the wound-ed whole;



there is a balm in Gil-e-ad to heal the sin-sick soul.

## OFFERING PRAYER

A. Gracious Provider, you set your immense treasures among us, opening your heart to the world. As we prepare to feast on your bountiful love, deepen our commitment to sharing those treasures with others, through our Savior, Jesus Christ. **C. Amen.**

## GREAT THANKSGIVING

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

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

P. Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**C. It is right to give God thanks and praise.**

P. It is indeed right, our duty and our joy....and join their unending hymn:



## HOLY, HOLY, HOLY

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Ho - ly, Ho - ly, Ho - ly, Lord God of hosts.

Heav-en 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.



Blessed are you, O God of the universe....

In the night in which he was betrayed....

P. For as often as we eat of this bread and drink from this cup,  
we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

**C. Christ has died.**

**Christ is risen.**

**Christ will come again.**

## LORD'S PRAYER

P. Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us.

**C. Our Father, who art in heaven....**

## Invitation to Communion

P. All who are hungry, come!

The feast of grace is spread.

*Please be seated.*

## LAMB OF GOD

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Lamb of God, you take a-way the sins\_ of the world, have mer - cy on us, have

mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the sins\_ of the world, have

mer - cy on us, have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the

sins\_ of the world, grant\_ us\_ peace, grant\_ us\_ peace.

## Communion Hymn: There is a Balm in Gilead

*Please stand.*

## TABLE BLESSING

P. The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.

## POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

A. Generous Host,  
you have shared your feast with us and made us new.  
Send us now to set tables of love and grace in our communities,  
that your love might nourish the world,  
in the name of the crucified one, Jesus Christ our Lord. **C. Amen.**

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

*Please stand.*

## BENEDICTION

God our tender creator, God the crucified one, God the reconciling Spirit, ✠ bless  
you now and forever. **C. Amen.**

**SENDING HYMN: Oh, That I Had a Thousand Voices**

**ELW 833**

## DISMISSAL

A. Go in peace to love and serve as Christ.  
**C. Thanks be to God.**



**Postlude: Fugue in D Minor, Op. 16, No. 3**

**by Clara Wieck Schumann  
(1819-1896)**

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## **Serving today - Thank you!!**

Preacher and Presider: Pastor Nancy Raabe  
Minister of Music: Susanna Faust  
Lector: 8:00, R. Smyrl; 10:30, J. Shaffer  
Ushers: 8:00, R. Smyrl & B. Schmidt;  
10:30, K. Stone & L. Boyer  
Communion Asst: 8:00, K. Seiler; 10:30, F. Stone  
Altar Guild: 8:00, L. Kratz; 10:30, K. Stone & T. Sarm  
Altar Flower Prep: K. Stone  
Acolyte: 8:00, Usher; 10:30, Usher  
Coffee Hour: Ken Seiler  
Council Offering & Lockup: 8:00, D. Kunkel;  
10:30, J. Krout  
Video Team: Harold Schaefer, Dan & Tami Sarm

## **NEXT WEEK**

### **Luke 19:28-40**

*Entrance into the final days*

### **Isaiah 50:4-9a**

*The servant of the Lord submits  
to suffering*

### **Psalms 31:9-16**

*Into your hands, O Lord, I  
commend my spirit*

### **Philippians 2:5-11**

*Humbled to the point of death  
on a cross*

### **Luke 22:14—23:56**

*The passion of the Lord*

## **Lenten Community Worship**

Continuing the theme “Embracing Lament in our Lenten Journey,” please attend **April 9, Church of the Brethren, 1333 Cowpath Rd.** A reception follows the service so we can greet and get to know our neighbors. This concludes our series this year. Thanks to all who participated!



## Grace Easter Egg Hunt: Saturday April 12 2:00 PM, Rain or Shine



**CANDY donations** are needed for the Grace Easter Egg Hunt. Please place donations of wrapped candy and plastic eggs in the Narthex. Last day to donate is today. Plan to stay after the 10:30 service to help fill the plastic eggs!

**Pastoral Care** If you are ill, seeking pastoral care or need a helping hand for any reason, please contact Pastor Raabe through the office. Talk with her about prayer requests, illnesses, hospital stays, weddings, funerals, baptisms, and the joys in your life.



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**COFFEE HOUR** is served in the NARTHEX each Sunday. Please join us for coffee, tasty snacks, and conversation. Also, the nursery is available for parents and children; please make use of the “Busy Bags” for young children.



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