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5th Sunday in Lent

Sunday, March 17, 2024, 9:30 a.m.

We Approach God

Welcome and Call to Worship – We are glad you are here!!

Today we remember our mission. —————> **We are making God known through word & deed.**

Come to this space and time of repentance. —> **We gather as a people of God.**

Come to this time and space of renewal. —> **We gather as a people of Christ.**

Come to this space and time of grace. —> **We gather as a people of Spirit. We live as a people of hope.**

We Tell the Truth about Ourselves

Invocation

Walk with us on this journey, O God. Be present today on our paths to the cross even as you were with Jesus. May this journey have meaning for our worship together and for the lives we live daily. **Amen.**

Confession and Forgiveness

Blessed be the holy Trinity, ☩ one God, who writes the law on our hearts, who draws all people together through Jesus.

Amen.

Held in God's mercy, let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

(Silence is kept for reflection) Holy God,

we confess that we are caught in snares of sin and cannot break free. We hoard resources while our neighbors are hungry and cold. We speak in ways that silence others. We are silent when we should speak up. We keep score in our hearts. We let hurts grow into hatred. For all these things and for sins only you know, forgive us, Lord. Amen.

Here is a flood of grace: Out of love for the whole world, God draws near to us, breaks every snare of sin, washes away our wrongs, and restores the promise of life through ☩ Jesus Christ.

Amen.

Opening Song

“I Will Follow”

Where You go I'll go Where You stay I'll stay When You move I'll move I will follow Oh oh oh
All Your ways are good All Your ways are sure I will trust in You alone
Higher than my sight High above my life I will trust in You alone In You alone

(Chorus) Where You go I'll go Where You stay I'll stay When You move I'll move
I will follow You Whom You love I'll love How You serve I'll serve
If this life I lose I will follow (You) Yeah

Yeah I will follow You yeah Light into the world Light into my life I will live for You alone
You're the One I seek Knowing I will find All I need in You alone In You alone (Chorus)

Yeah I will follow You yeah In You there's life everlasting In You there's freedom for my soul
In You there's joy unending joy And I will follow (Chorus)

Yeah I will follow You yeah I will follow You yeah I will follow You yeah

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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.

Prayer of the Day

Let us pray. **O God, with steadfast love you draw us to yourself, and in mercy you receive our prayers. Strengthen us to bring forth the fruits of the Spirit, that through life and death we may live in your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

Special Music

“Shut De Do” Arr. Mark Hayes

Praise & Rejoice Choir; Directed by: Tera McDonnell

We Proclaim the Story

First Reading

Jeremiah 31:31-34

³¹The days are surely coming, says the LORD, when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and the house of Judah. ³²It will not be like the covenant that I made with their ancestors when I took them by the hand to bring them out of the land of Egypt—a covenant that they broke, though I was their husband, says the LORD. ³³But this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, says the LORD: I will put my law within them, and I will write it on their hearts; and I will be their God, and they shall be my people. ³⁴No longer shall they teach one another, or say to each other, “Know the LORD,” for they shall all know me, from the least of them to the greatest, says the LORD; for I will forgive their iniquity, and remember their sin no more.

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

Psalm

Psalm 51:1-12

¹Have mercy on me, O God, according to your steadfast love;
in your great compassion blot out my offenses.

²**Wash me through and through from my wickedness, and cleanse me from my sin.**

³For I know my offenses, and my sin is ever before me.

⁴**Against you only have I sinned and done what is evil in your sight;
so you are justified when you speak and right in your judgment.**

⁵Indeed, I was born steeped in wickedness, a sinner from my mother's womb.

⁶**Indeed, you delight in truth deep within me, and would have me know wisdom deep within.**

⁷Remove my sins with hyssop, and I shall be clean; wash me, and I shall be purer than snow.

⁸**Let me hear joy and gladness; that the body you have broken may rejoice.**

⁹Hide your face from my sins, and blot out all my wickedness.

¹⁰**Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me.**

¹¹Cast me not away from your presence, and take not your Holy Spirit from me.

¹²**Restore to me the joy of your salvation and sustain me with your bountiful Spirit.**

Gospel Acclamation

“Open the Eyes of My Heart”

(Chorus) Open the eyes of my heart Lord Open the eyes of my heart

I want to see You I want to see You (repeat chorus)

To see You high and lifted up Shining in the light of Your glory

Pour out Your power and love As we sing holy holy holy

Holy holy holy Holy holy holy Holy holy holy I want to see You

Holy holy holy Holy holy holy Holy holy holy I want to see You (Chorus x2)

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The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the 12th Chapter.

Gospel Reading

John 12:20-33

²⁰Now among those who went up to worship at the festival were some Greeks. ²¹They came to Philip, who was from Bethsaida in Galilee, and said to him, “Sir, we wish to see Jesus.” ²²Philip went and told Andrew; then Andrew and Philip went and told Jesus. ²³Jesus answered them, “The hour has come for the Son of Man to be glorified. ²⁴Very truly, I tell you, unless a grain of wheat falls into the earth and dies, it remains just a single grain; but if it dies, it bears much fruit. ²⁵Those who love their life lose it, and those who hate their life in this world will keep it for eternal life. ²⁶Whoever serves me must follow me, and where I am, there will my servant be also. Whoever serves me, the Father will honor. ²⁷“Now my soul is troubled. And what should I say—‘Father, save me from this hour’? No, it is for this reason that I have come to this hour. ²⁸Father, glorify your name.” Then a voice came from heaven, “I have glorified it, and I will glorify it again.” ²⁹The crowd standing there heard it and said that it was thunder. Others said, “An angel has spoken to him.” ³⁰Jesus answered, “This voice has come for your sake, not for mine. ³¹Now is the judgment of this world; now the ruler of this world will be driven out. ³²And I, when I am lifted up from the earth, will draw all people to myself.” ³³He said this to indicate the kind of death he was to die.

Song of the Day “10,000 Reasons (Bless the Lord)”

(Chorus) Bless the Lord O my soul O my soul Worship His holy name
Sing like never before O my soul I'll worship Your holy name

The sun comes up it's a new day dawning It's time to sing Your song again

Whatever may pass and whatever lies before me Let me be singing when the evening comes (Chorus)

You're rich in love and You're slow to anger Your name is great and Your heart is kind

For all Your goodness I will keep on singing Ten thousand reasons for my heart to find (Chorus)

And on that day when my strength is failing The end draws near and my time has come

Still my soul will sing Your praise unending Ten thousand years and then forevermore (Chorus x2)

Worship Your holy name Lord I'll worship Your holy name

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We Confess & Pray for Others

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.

Prayer Song “Lord Have Mercy”

Lord have mercy Christ have mercy Lord have mercy on me

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Prayers of the Church

Hospitalized/ill: *Tori Simon, Nicole Rislov, Randy Johnson, Teagan Benda, Cathy Stavig;*

Gretchen Morrow Bray- Daughter of Darline Morrow & Sister of Ann (Greg) DeSpiegler,

Deaths: *Mark Mandery, Claire Konold,*

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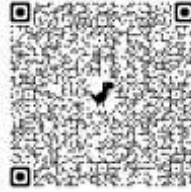
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We Offer Ourselves

Offering

Text to Give: 605-250-6765 or Scan the QR code located in the pew
Noisy Can Offering (for all ages) Mission of the Month:
ELCA World Hunger
Lenten Offering: LCOOR Preschool



Offertory Response

“Create In Me a Clean Heart”

Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me (repeat)
Cast me not away from thy presence, O Lord and take not thy Holy Spirit from me
Restore unto me the joy of thy salvation and renew a right spirit within me
Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me. (repeat)

Offering Prayer

Almighty God, we need not say, “Know the Lord,” —————> **For we all know you.**
You have made your will known to us; —————> **have inscribed it on our hearts.**
And so we bring these gifts before you. —————> **For we know it is your will.**
Through Jesus Christ our Lord. —————> **Amen.**

Lord’s Prayer

Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us.
Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done,
on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive
those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is
the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.

Announcements

Altar Flowers are given in memory of Dawn Burns (mom of Jenni) and Dawn's
Birthday (3-30-58) from Jenni, Ryan, Lydia & Lainey Nuttall

We Go Out with Gratitude

Blessing

Beloved, we are God’s own people, holy, washed, renewed. God bless you and keep you, shower you
with mercy, fill you with courage, and ☩ give you peace.
Amen.

Sending Song

“Everlasting God”

Strength will rise as we wait upon the Lord We will wait upon the Lord We will wait upon the Lord

Strength will rise as we wait upon the Lord We will wait upon the Lord We will wait upon the Lord

(Chorus) Our God You reign forever Our Hope our strong Deliv'rer

You are the everlasting God The everlasting God You do not faint You won't grow weary

You're the defender of the weak You comfort those in need

You lift us up on wings like eagles (from the beginning)

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Call to Service

Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Please share the peace, as well as your name when you leave today.

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Serving

Preaching: Jack Holmquest; **Presiding:** Cathy Zubke; **Sound & Projection:** Zach Stanton; **Worship Team;**

Ushers: Eric Beutler & Darwin Brinkman; **Coffee Servers:** Kevin & Bernie Luoma; **Lector:** Colton Hansen;

Welcome Center: Barb Frentz;



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HYMN OF THE WEEK

Lord Jesus, You Shall Be My Song

WEEKLY MILESTONES

Take a moment to tell or think about a recent mountain high and/or valley low in your life.

CARING CONVERSATIONS

Discuss in your home, small group, or use for personal reflections:

- Who is a famous person you would like to see? Why?
- Where and how do you see Jesus in the world today?

DEVOTIONS

Read: John 12:20-33.

Greeks, that is, non-Jews and people who represent the larger world beyond Galilee and Judea, want to see Jesus. This is an example of John 3:16, "for God so loved the world." Now is the time for Jesus as the Son of Man to be revealed to the whole world in glory. What does that reveal look like? The answer is death and resurrection described through a grain of wheat that must die in order to rise and bear fruit (v. 24). We, too, want to see Jesus and would love to hear a heavenly voice that points to Jesus among us. What we do see and hear is a community of faith that follows Jesus into the world. Through the work of Philip, Andrew, and all others who serve and follow Jesus, the message of his death and resurrection reaches the whole world.

Discuss: How do we as followers of Jesus make him known through our lives?

Pray: Eternal God, help us to see Jesus in the world and be seen and heard as his followers who serve him and give our all for the sake of your love for the world. Amen.

SERVICE

Jesus calls us to serve our neighbor in love. Based on the Daily Bible Readings and theme for this week, how can you help others experience the love and mercy of God?

RITUALS AND TRADITIONS

The cross is an ancient symbol of the Christian faith. It reminds us Jesus died that we may live with God forever and is a reminder of a way of life for Jesus' followers. Light five candles of the seven votive candles shaped like a cross being used for Lent. Sit in silence for a moment while looking at the cross.

Then pray: Dear Jesus, help us to see you in your suffering and death that we may glorify you through your cross and empty tomb. Amen.



THE WEEKLY WORD - ANNOUNCEMENTS

SAVE THE DATE

First Communion
For 2nd Grade & Older

Class:
Sunday, April 7 10:30-12:00

Recognition:
Sunday, April 21 9:30 or
Wednesday, April 24 6:30

During the April 7 class, students will receive instruction, make bread & paint their own pottery. Parents attend this class.

On March 20 & 24 during church school, students will learn about symbols & make plans for painting their pottery. Parents do not need to attend this class.

SPRING PLANTS FOR EASTER

Order Deadline: March 24

Help beautify our sanctuary by purchasing an Easter plant in memory or honor of a loved one or to the Glory of God. **Cost of each plant is \$20.** Complete an Easter Plant order form (found at the Welcome Center or Church Office). Please contact the church office if you have questions.

FREE WILL DONATION

PALM SUNDAY DONUTS

Donuts will be served before & after worship on March 24th. Free will donations will go towards off setting the cost of our new altar flower storage stand.

Route 56 Youth Group
5th-6th Graders

This month we will meet on **Monday, March 18 from 6-7:30 p.m.** for fellowship, snacks, crafts & more!

MEETS MONTHLY ON A MONDAY

We need Communion Bread!

Sign up at the Welcome Center. Recipe & instructions are provided.

NEW MEMBER RECOGNITION

New Member orientation is **Wednesday, March 20 at 5:15 p.m.**

If you are interested in attending please contact Twila in the church office at (605) 886-2696. *New Members will be recognized during worship services on March 20, 23 & 24.*

HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE
March 24-31

Palm Sunday (March 24):
Kids Sing for Worship with Procession of Palms at 9:30 a.m.

Maundy Thursday (March 28):
Worship with Holy Communion at 6:30 p.m.

Good Friday (March 29):
Tenebrae Worship at 6:30 p.m.

Easter Sunday (March 31):
with Holy Communion at all services:
7:00 a.m. Worship with Handbells
8:30 a.m. Worship with Choir
10:00 a.m. Worship with Choir

COOKIES NEEDED

Sandwich Ministry is in need of cookies. We have cookie kits available for pick up at the Welcome Center or church office. You can also bake your own & drop them off at the church. Thank you!

WATERTOWN COMMUNITY ECUMENICAL LENTEN SERVICES

2024 Host Church:
First United Methodist Church

All services begin at 12:05 p.m. and will be followed by a light lunch.

February 21	March 13
February 28	March 20
March 6 (LCOOR serving)	

Global Health Ministries

We are collecting hospice kits in March.

Instructions can be found at the Welcome Center or in the church office.

March 17-24

Print too small? Large print bulletins are available at all worship services.

Sunday March 17

No Church School- Spring Break
8:30 a.m. Watertown Sandwich Ministry
9:30 a.m. Blended Worship

Monday March 18

April Newsletter Deadline
8:00 a.m. Watertown Sandwich Ministry
5:15 p.m. Endowment Committee Meeting
6:00 p.m. Rt. 56 Youth Group (5-6 Grade)
6:45 p.m. Al-Anon

Tuesday March 19

10:00 a.m. Prayer Shawl Group
11:00 a.m. Text Study
1:00 p.m. Staff Meeting
6:00 p.m. Executive Committee
6:30 p.m. Church Council Meeting
6:30 p.m. Craft Night

Wednesday March 20

8:00 a.m. Watertown Sandwich Ministry
12:05 p.m. Community Lenten Service
4:45 p.m. Community Meal- Pizza
5:15 p.m. New Member Orientation
5:30 p.m. Church School
6:30 p.m. Worship

7:15 p.m. 7th/8th Grade Confirmation

7:30 p.m. Handbell Rehearsal

7:30 p.m. Praise & Rejoice Choir Rehearsal

Thursday March 21

9:00 a.m. Quilting
9:00 a.m. Watertown Area Ministerial
10:00 a.m. Pastors Conference
10:45 a.m. Preschool Chapel Time
1:15 p.m. Chair Yoga
5:15 p.m. Al-Anon

Friday March 22

Church Office Closes at Noon
8:00 a.m. Watertown Sandwich Ministry
9:00 a.m. Quilting

Saturday March 23

5:30 p.m. New Members Received
5:30 p.m. Traditional Worship

Sunday, March 24 (Palm Sunday)

8:30 a.m. Watertown Sandwich Ministry
8:30 a.m. Church School
9:30 a.m. Blended Worship
9:30 a.m. New Members Received
6:00 p.m. Luther League 2.0 (7-12 Grade)

Attendance & Offering

March 3 Live Stream- 92
Saturday, March 9- 40
Sunday, March 10- 211
Wednesday, March 13 - 120

Offering (3/10):

General Fund: \$10,046;
Debt Reduction: \$200;
Mission of the Month: \$46.53;
Lent: \$404;

Simply Giving Offering (3/4-3/8):

General Fund: \$5,274.15;
Debt Reduction: \$155; Other: \$184.65;
Mission of the Month: \$34.78;

Staff

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MARCH 17, 2024 FIFTH SUNDAY IN LENT

Jesus is revealed to the whole world.

DAILY BIBLE READINGS

These passages are related to the Lectionary texts for this Sunday.

Sunday	John 12:20-33	The hour has come
Monday	Jeremiah 31:31-34	A new covenant
Tuesday	Hebrews 5:5-10	Jesus as a high priest
Wednesday	1 John 4:7-12	God is love
Thursday	Numbers 12:1-9	Aaron, Miriam, and Moses
Friday	Acts 7:54-60	The stoning of Stephen
Saturday	Psalms 51:1-12	A prayer for cleansing
Sunday	Mark 11:1-11	Jesus enters Jerusalem

SCRIPTURE VERSE FOR THIS WEEK

*They [some Greeks] came to Philip, who was from Bethsaida in Galilee, and said to him, "Sir, we wish to see Jesus." **John 12:21 (NRSV)***

PRAYERS AND BLESSING

A Prayer for the Week:

Loving God, may your power and glory be seen in Jesus' death and resurrection that all the world may know of the depth of your care. Amen.

Mealttime Prayer:

Dear God, we thank you for this gift of food that we may be given strength and courage to follow you all the days of our lives through Jesus Christ. Amen.

A Blessing to Give:

May you see and hear of God's love for you.