

**Lent 5 (April 6<sup>th</sup>, 2025)**  
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## Opening Hymn: 575 My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less

*Stand*

*The sign of the cross may be made by all in remembrance of their Baptism.*

**P** In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**C** Amen.

**P** Our help is in the name of the Lord,

**C** who made heaven and earth.

**P** If You, O Lord, kept a record of sins, O Lord, who could stand?

**C** But with You there is forgiveness; therefore You are feared.

**P** Since we are gathered to hear God's Word, call upon Him in prayer and praise, and receive the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ in the fellowship of this altar, let us first consider our unworthiness and confess before God and one another that we have sinned in thought, word, and deed, and that we cannot free ourselves from our sinful condition. Together as His people let us take refuge in the infinite mercy of God, our heavenly Father, seeking His grace for the sake of Christ, and saying: God, be merciful to me, a sinner.

**C** Almighty God, have mercy upon us, forgive us our sins, and lead us to everlasting life. Amen.

**P** Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**C** Amen.

## Introit

Salvation belongs | to the LORD;\*  
your blessing be on your | people!

**But you, O LORD, are a shield a- | bout me,\*  
my glory, and the lifter | of my head.**

I cried aloud | to the LORD,\*  
and he answered me from his | holy hill.

**I lay | down and slept;\*  
I woke again, for the LORD sus- | tained me.**

I will not be afraid of many thousands of | people\*  
who have set themselves against me | all around.

**Glory be to the Father and | to the Son\*  
and to the Holy | Spirit;**

**as it was in the be- | ginning,\*  
is now, and will be forever. | Amen.**

Salvation belongs | to the LORD;\*  
your blessing be on your | people!

**C** Lord, have mercy;  
 Christ, have mercy;  
 Lord, have mercy.

### Salutation and Collect of the Day

**P** The Lord be with you.

**C** And also with you.

**P** Let us pray.

Almighty God, by Your great goodness mercifully look upon Your people that we may be governed and preserved evermore in body and soul; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C** Amen.

*Sit*

### Old Testament 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 forth chariot and horse,  
 army and warrior;  
 they lie down, they cannot rise,  
 they are extinguished, quenched like a wick:  
<sup>18</sup>“Remember not the former things,  
 nor consider the things of old.  
<sup>19</sup>Behold, I am doing 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 beasts 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  
 that they might declare my praise.”

**A** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God.

### Psalm

<sup>1</sup>When the LORD restored the fortunes of Zion,  
 we were like those who dream.

<sup>2</sup>**Then our mouth was 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; we are glad.

**<sup>4</sup>Restore our fortunes, O LORD,  
like streams in the Negeb!**

<sup>5</sup>Those who sow in tears  
shall reap with shouts of joy!

**<sup>6</sup>He who goes out weeping,  
bearing the seed for sowing,  
shall come home with shouts of joy,  
bringing his sheaves with him.**

## Epistle

*Philippians 3:8–14*

<sup>8</sup>Indeed, I count everything as loss because of the surpassing worth of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord. For his sake I have suffered the loss of all things and count 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 that which comes through faith in Christ, the righteousness from God that depends on faith— <sup>10</sup>that I may know him and the power of his resurrection, and may share his sufferings, becoming like him in his death, <sup>11</sup>that by any means possible I may attain the resurrection from the dead.

<sup>12</sup>Not that I have already obtained this or am already perfect, but I press on to make it my own, because Christ Jesus has made me his own. <sup>13</sup>Brothers, I do not consider that I have made it my own. But 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 upward call of God in Christ Jesus.

**A** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God.

*Stand*

## Holy Gospel

*Luke 20:9–20*

**P** The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the twentieth chapter.

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

<sup>9</sup>[Jesus] began to tell the people this parable: “A man planted a vineyard and let it out to tenants and went into another country for a long while. <sup>10</sup>When the time came, he sent a servant to the tenants, so that they would give him some of the fruit of the vineyard. But the tenants beat him and sent him away empty-handed. <sup>11</sup>And he sent another servant. But they also beat and treated him shamefully, and sent him away empty-handed. <sup>12</sup>And he sent yet a third. This one also they wounded and cast out. <sup>13</sup>Then the owner of the vineyard said, ‘What shall I do? I will send my beloved son; perhaps they will respect him.’ <sup>14</sup>But when the tenants saw him, they said to themselves, ‘This is the heir. Let us kill him, so that the inheritance may be ours.’ <sup>15</sup>And they threw him out of the vineyard and killed him. What then will the owner of the vineyard do to them? <sup>16</sup>He will come and destroy those tenants and give the vineyard to others.” When they heard this, they said, “Surely not!” <sup>17</sup>But he looked directly at them and said, “What then is this that is written:

‘The stone that the builders rejected  
has become the cornerstone’?

<sup>18</sup>Everyone who falls on that stone will be broken to pieces, and when it falls on anyone, it will crush him.”

<sup>19</sup>The scribes and the chief priests sought to lay hands on him at that very hour, for they perceived that he had told this parable against them, but they feared the people. <sup>20</sup>So they watched him and sent spies, who pretended to be sincere, that they might catch him in something he said, so as to deliver him up to the authority and jurisdiction of the governor.

**P** This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**C** Praise to You, O Christ.

## Nicene Creed

**C** I believe in one God,  
the Father Almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth  
and of all things visible and invisible.

And in one Lord Jesus Christ,  
the only-begotten Son of God,  
begotten of His Father before all worlds,  
God of God, Light of Light,  
very God of very God,  
begotten, not made,  
being of one substance with the Father,  
by whom all things were made;  
who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven  
and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary  
and was made man;  
and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate.  
He suffered and was buried.  
And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures  
and ascended into heaven  
and sits at the right hand of the Father.  
And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead,  
whose kingdom will have no end.

And I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the Lord and giver of life,  
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,  
who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified,  
who spoke by the prophets.

And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church,  
I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins,  
and I look for the resurrection of the dead  
and the life  $\dagger$  of the world to come. Amen.

*Sit*

## Hymn of the Day: 430 My Song Is Love Unknown

### Sermon

*Stand*

### Prayer of the Church

**P** In peace, let us pray to the Lord:

**C** **Lord, have mercy.**

**P** For courage, that God would deliver us from fear, give us boldness to confess His saving truth, and assure us of deliverance in time of trouble, let us pray to the Lord:

**C** **Lord, have mercy.**

**P** For pastors, that they would be faithful in the preaching of the Word and the administration of the Sacraments; and for the church, that we would receive these gifts in thankfulness that Christ was rejected by sinners so that we may be welcomed into His kingdom, let us pray to the Lord:

**C** **Lord, have mercy.**

**P** For parents, that God would bless them with every good gift to teach their children that salvation and life is theirs in Christ, let us pray to the Lord:

**C** **Lord, have mercy.**

**P** For civil authorities, that God would strengthen them to discourage evil and encourage good; and that He would keep us ever mindful that it is He who shields us and lifts our heads, let us pray to the Lord:

**C** **Lord, have mercy.**

**P** For:

Kay Brown (Sister of Dave and Lynn Matthews)

Lynn and Lori Matthews

Troy Stults (Son of Andy and Brenda Wolf)

Eldora Fuelling

Cheryl Caffee

Shelly Gerke (Wife of Troy Gerke)

Jim Thieme

Glen Deatrick for healing from a fall

Keith and Suzy Scherer

Susan Gerke (Sister of Steve and Jim Fuelling)

Harriet DeLong (Wife of Dan DeLong)

Denise Scherer

Noah Burns as he receives treatment for leukemia (Nephew of Renee Roussey)

And all who suffer in our midst, that our heavenly Father would remind them continually of His benefits, forgive all their iniquities, heal all their diseases and crown them with steadfast love, let us pray to the Lord:

**C** **Lord, have mercy.**

**P** For repentant hearts, that we may abandon all confidence in our flesh, counting all other gains as loss, and so receive Christ's body and blood for the forgiveness of our sins, let us pray to the Lord:

**C** **Lord, have mercy.**

**P** For all the faithful, that we may count all things as loss except Christ and Him crucified and be drawn to Him through Word and Sacrament, let us pray to the Lord:

**C** **Lord, have mercy.**

**P** O Lord, in Baptism You have shared Christ's suffering, death and resurrection with us, that we might be raised from the dead. Preserve us from taking His sacrifice for granted. Encourage us to forget what lies behind and strain forward to what lies ahead, until we attain the resurrection from the dead; through the same Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C** **Amen.**

*Sit*

## **Offering**

*Stand*

## **Preface**

*LSB 208*

**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 Him thanks and praise.**

**P** It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, O Lord, holy Father, almighty and everlasting God, for the countless blessings You so freely bestow on us and all creation. Above all, we give thanks for Your boundless love shown to us when You sent Your only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ, into our flesh and laid on Him our sin, giving Him into death that we might not die eternally. Because He is now risen from the dead and lives and reigns to all eternity, all who believe in Him will overcome sin and death and will rise again to new life. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:

## **Sanctus**

*LSB 208*

**C** **Holy, holy, holy Lord God of Sabaoth adored;  
Heav'n and earth with full acclaim shout the glory of Your name.  
Sing hosanna in the highest, sing hosanna to the Lord;  
Truly blest is He who comes in the name of the Lord!**

## Prayer of Thanksgiving

**P** Blessed are You, O Lord our God, king of all creation, for You have had mercy on us and given Your only-begotten Son that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have eternal life.

At Your command, Abraham prepared to offer his son Isaac as a sacrifice on the mountain; yet, in mercy You provided a ram as a substitute. We give You thanks that on Calvary You spared not Your only Son but sent Him to offer His life as a ransom for many.

As we eat and drink His body and blood, grant us, like Abraham our father, to trust in Your promise now fulfilled in Christ, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world.

Hear us as we pray in His name and as He has taught us:

## Lord's Prayer

**C** **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.**

## The Words of Our Lord

**P** Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: "Take, eat; this is My  $\text{✠}$  body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me."

In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: "Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in My  $\text{✠}$  blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."

## Pax Domini

**P** The peace of the Lord be with you always.

**C** **Amen.**



## Agnus Dei

LSB 210

- C** 1 O Jesus Christ, true Lamb of God,  
You take the sin of the world away;  
O Jesus Christ, true Lamb of God,  
Have mercy on us, Lord, we pray.
- 2 O Jesus Christ, true Lamb of God,  
You take the sin of the world away;  
Have mercy on us, Jesus Christ,  
And grant us peace, O Lord, we pray.

Text: Stephen P. Starke

*Sit*

## Distribution

427 In the Cross of Christ I Glory

431 Not All the Blood of Beasts

676 Behold a Host, Arrayed in White

*Stand*

## Nunc Dimittis

LSB 211

**C** 1 O Lord, now let Your servant  
Depart in heav'nly peace,  
For I have seen the glory  
Of Your redeeming grace:  
A light to lead the Gentiles  
Unto Your holy hill,  
The glory of Your people,  
Your chosen Israel.

2 All glory to the Father,  
All glory to the Son,  
All glory to the Spirit,  
Forever Three in One;  
For as in the beginning,  
Is now, shall ever be,  
God's triune name  
resounding  
Through all eternity.

## Post-Communion Collect

**A** Let us pray.

We give thanks to You, almighty God, that You have refreshed us through this salutary gift, and we implore You that of Your mercy You would strengthen us through the same in faith toward You and in fervent love toward one another; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C** Amen.

## Benedicamus

LSB 212

**A** Let us bless the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God.

## Benediction

- P** The Lord bless you and keep you.  
The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.  
The Lord look upon you with favor and ✠ give you peace.
- C** Amen.

## Hymn to Depart: 685 Let Us Ever Walk with Jesus

### In His Service Today:

**Preacher:** The Rev. Leonard Tanksley

**Organist:** Mrs. Jackie Sanderson

**Deacons:** Joe Werling (Head), Dan DeLong, Mitch Billington, Nathan Scherer

**Elders:** Fred D. Fuelling (Head), Steve Fuelling, Matt Braun, Rodney Busick

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

Offerings: March 23<sup>rd</sup>- Home Purpose: \$3,050.00, Missions: \$40.00, Building Fund: \$150.00, SPI: \$10.00, Picnic Grove: \$25.00, Vanco: \$543.91

March 30<sup>th</sup>- Home Purpose: \$3,162.00, Mission: \$30.00, Picnic Grove: \$25.00, Vanco: \$135.28

**\*NOTE: Needed each week to meet the ministry needs of St. Peter: \$5,700.00.\***



You may also donate your offerings online by scanning the QR code with your phone.

Mission total for 1<sup>st</sup> quarter is \$1,360.00

**Easter Flowers:** The order form is included in the inserts of the bulletin. Please note that orders need to be turned into **The Grainery by TOMMOROW, April 7<sup>th</sup>**. Thank you!

**Soup Supper Sign-Up:** There is still one spot remaining, for this Wednesday April 9<sup>th</sup>.

**May Newsletter Information:** due by Monday April 21<sup>st</sup> to Amber Shaffer. You can either call/text to 260-223-9897 , or email to splchurchsec@gmail.com. Thank you!

**SEMINARY FOOD CO-OP THEME for APRIL and MAY - "SAUCES":** During the months of April & May, we will be collecting "Sauces" for the Seminary Food Co-op. Items will be delivered the first of May just in time for grilling season. Suggestions are but not limited to: ketchup, mustard, mayo, BBQ sauce, soy sauce, marinades, salad dressing, buffalo/wing sauce & bottled marinades. Items can be placed in the gray and white bag at Church. Other items that are always in demand are breakfast cereal (excluding Chex) and tomato products. The Food Coop is also stocked with freezers and refrigerators. Freezers are stocked with frozen beef, pork, and chicken donated by some of our local farmers, processed and packaged for the Seminary by

Manley Meats. However, at this time the beef freezer has been very low of product. If anyone would be interested in donating toward the purchase of a steer/cow please notify Bruce or Brenda Scherer. We are not saying this is what we are going to do, but only inquiring as to any interest in helping in this way. Every time we deliver, no matter how much we have, the Co-Op is extremely grateful. All donations are a great benefit to the students and their families. **Thank you for all your donations.**

Happy 80<sup>th</sup> Birthday to Vern Witte! 50 years farming, and 80 years serving the Lord. May the good Lord continue to bless you in all you do Vern!

**Accepting Bids:** The SPI Trustees will be accepting bids for the groundskeeping duties of the school grounds for the spring, summer and fall of 2025. The SPI Trustees will be accepting bids for the custodian position for the 2025-2026 school year. If you are interested, please contact one of the trustees for the job description for either of these positions, (SP) Ben Franz, (I) Ralph Thieme, or the school office. Sealed bids are due to the trustees by Sunday, April 13, 2025.

**Reminder:** Fry Pie pick up is this Wednesday April 9<sup>th</sup> at SPI school. Time depends on what you filled out on your order form, either the dismissal line at 2:00pm or in the evening between 5:00-6:30. Thank you again for supporting our SPI students!

**Save the Date:** SPI will be having another Rummage Sale this year, Friday June 6<sup>th</sup> & Saturday June 7<sup>th</sup> with proceeds going towards redoing the gym floor . As spring cleaning begins please keep the SPI Rummage Sale in mind to donate your gently used clothing, shoes, household, toys, and books to. Donations can be dropped off at either church (at St. Peter there's a box in the basement) or school.

**Spring Rummage Sale** at St John Lutheran Church Flatrock gym, 12912 Franke Rd Monroeville, IN on Friday, April 11th 8am-5pm and Saturday, April 12th 8am-noon. Bag sale on Saturday.

**Emmanuel Ev. Lutheran Church- Soest:** Spring Rummage Sale & Bake sale is Thursday April 24<sup>th</sup> 10:00am-6:00pm and Friday April 25<sup>th</sup> 9:00am-NOON. Bag sale on Friday. Always a huge selection at great prices!

**CHURCH CALENDAR WEEK OF April 6<sup>th</sup>, 2025**

|           |          |                                 |
|-----------|----------|---------------------------------|
| TODAY     | 9:00 am  | Divine Service w/Holy Communion |
| TUESDAY   | 6:00 pm  | Elder's Meeting                 |
|           | 7:00 pm  | Council Meeting                 |
| WEDNESDAY | 10:00 am | Bible Study                     |
|           | 5:30 pm  | Soup Supper                     |
|           | 7:00 pm  | Lenten Midweek Service          |
| THURSDAY  | 9:00 am  | Ladies Aid Quilting             |
| SUNDAY    | 9:00 am  | Divine Service w/Holy Communion |

**Please Join Us for these Upcoming Worship Services**

**Wednesday April 9<sup>th</sup>, 2025**

Soup Supper begins at 5:30pm

Midweek Lenten Service at 7:00pm

**Sunday April 13<sup>th</sup>, 2025**

Palm Sunday Divine Service with Holy Communion at 9:00am

**Thursday April 17<sup>th</sup>, 2025**

Soup Supper begins at 5:30pm

Maundy Thursday Service with Holy Communion at 7:00pm

**Friday April 18<sup>th</sup>, 2025**

Good Friday Service with Holy Communion at 12:00pm

Good Friday Tenebrae Vespers Service at 7:00pm

**Sunday April 20<sup>th</sup>, 2025 Easter Sunday**

Sunrise Matins Service at 7:00am

Festival Divine Service of Holy Communion at 9:00am