

5th Sunday in Lent



GATHERING: The Spirit Calls Us Together

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

Confession and Forgiveness

Call to Worship

Gathering Song *“Return to God”*

Greeting

Kyrie

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Prayer of the Day

Special Music *“Peal con Brio”*

MS/HS Bell Choir

WORD: We Hear God in Scripture & Preaching

Children’s Message

Psalm 31:-9-16...Be gracious to me, O LORD, for I am in distress; my eye wastes away from grief, my soul and body also. ¹⁰ For my life is spent with sorrow and my years with sighing; my strength fails because of my misery, and my bones waste away. ¹¹ I am the scorn of all my adversaries, a horror to my neighbors, an object of dread to my acquaintances; those who see me in the street flee from me. ¹² I have passed out of mind like one who is dead; I have become like a broken vessel. ¹³ For I hear the whispering of many— terror all around!— as they scheme together against me, as they plot to take my life. ¹⁴ But I trust in you, O LORD; I say, “You are my God.” ¹⁵ My times are in your hand; deliver me from the hand of my enemies and persecutors. ¹⁶ Let your face shine upon your servant; save me in your steadfast love.

Word of God, word of life.

Thanks be to God.

Luke 23:39-43...One of the criminals who were hanged there kept deriding him and saying, “Are you not the Messiah? Save yourself and us!” ⁴⁰ But the other rebuked him, saying, “Do you not fear God, since you are under the same sentence of condemnation? ⁴¹ And we indeed have been condemned justly, for we are getting what we deserve for our deeds, but this man has done nothing wrong.” ⁴² Then he said, “Jesus, remember me when you come in your kingdom.” ⁴³ He replied, “Truly I tell you, today you will be with me in paradise.”

The Gospel of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Message Pastor Heather Grell

Hymn of the Day

“Lord Jesus, Think on Me”

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Prayers

Sharing God’s Peace

MEAL: God Feeds us with the Presence of Jesus

Offering

Special Music

Offertory

"Tree of Life and Awesome Mystery"

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Great Thanksgiving

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Words of Institution

Lord's Prayer Mile Marker

Lord's Prayer

Communion

Communion Songs

"Lamb of God"
"Jesus Remember Me"

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Communion Blessing

Post-Communion Prayer

SENDING: Being Loved, God Sends Us to Love

Blessing

Sending Song

"I Want Jesus to Walk with Me"

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Dismissal

Postlude

Announcements

- ⇒ **Food Pantry** Our next food pantry is Saturday, April 4 from 8 to 10am. [CLICK HERE](#) to help. As part of our mission to Feed the Hungry, our food bags include 2 cans each of fruit, tuna and soup. During our pantry distributions, we provide up to 155 food bags each pantry distribution day! Recent sale prices allowed our blue bin donations to overflow with soup allowing us to use funds on other items for the last pantry distribution! Truly a blessing! Every item donated from our pantry shopping list is very much appreciated. This week our specific focus will be fruit, tuna and soup.
- ⇒ **Altar Flowers** for 2026 are available for purchase for \$47. Please [click here](#) to sign up or contact the church office.
- ⇒ **15 Minute Lenten Meditation** led by Paula McDonald. You're invited to a short time of scripture, silent meditation and discussion Sundays at 11:30 AM and Wednesdays at 6:00 PM in the Sunday school hall meeting room. All ages and abilities are welcome.
- ⇒ **Lenten Worship Services** Join us Wednesday's in Lent at 6:30 pm for our Lenten Worship Services.
- ⇒ **Lenten Offerings** Our Lenten offerings this year will go towards the mission and ministry of San Andrés Iglesia Luterana in South Omaha. Our gifts will help to support their vision: *San Andrés is called to proclaim the Gospel by being a sign and witness of God's inclusive and universal love. Our commitment is to actively respond to the needs of our immigrant community, especially low-income ones, by creating educational-pastoral programs, and opportunities for engagement and community service that transform lives and promote change in our community.*
- ⇒ **Day Without Shoes** Getting ready to clean some closets? Are your shoe racks overflowing? If so, it's a perfect time to join the "Day Without Shoes" campaign. During the month of March, we are gathering gently-used and new shoes. **All types and sizes are needed.** This collection is part of a larger community event, sponsored by Cornhusker Bank, to benefit the Stephen Center, other local shelters, and schools in our area. Shoe insecurity is a very real issue for many people in our community and your donation matters! To donate, simply place your shoes in the marked cart in the Narthex. (If possible, please buckle or tie shoes together so pairs don't get separated.)
- ⇒ **Easter Egg Hunt** Our annual Easter Egg Hunt will take place on March 29th during the Sunday School hour. Families will meet in the Fellowship Hall for activities before heading outside for the egg hunt. To help make this event a success, please pick up a bag of Easter Egg's and return by March 25th with candy or treats.
- ⇒ **Easter Flowers** Help make the church beautiful for Easter! Easter flowers again this year will include lilies, hyacinth, tulips and daffodils. Flowers can be purchased for \$11, orders are due by March 30th. To purchase flowers electronically [Click Here](#) or use an envelope at the usher stand and place in the offering plate.
- ⇒ **Lord's Prayer Milemarker** Kelsey met with all 3rd graders in March for the Lord's Prayer Faith Milemarker. The Lord's Prayer Faith Milemarker recognition will take place during worship today.
- ⇒ **Metro East Spring Gathering for Women of the ELCA** will be held on April 18, 2026, at St Paul's Lutheran Church in Millard. The workshop speakers will be from Mosaic International and Project Harmony. A tangible offering will be gathered for Project Harmony. If you are interested in attending, please contact Barb Kay for registration forms.
- ⇒ **Thrivent Choice Dollars** Did you know, in 2025 HCLC received \$999 in Thrivent Choice dollars to help support our ministry? If you are a Thrivent Member, remember to direct your Thrivent Choice dollars by March 31st! [Click here.](#)
- ⇒ **Giving through Venmo** You can support the ministries of Holy Cross via Venmo. Find us on Venmo @HolyCrossLutheran.

Calendar for Upcoming Week

Sunday, March 22

9:30 am Worship
10:40 am Sunday School/Adult Forum
10:50 am MS/HS Ensemble
11:00 am MS/HS Bell Choir
3:00 pm Girl Scout Troop 48012 Mtg

Monday, March 23

6:30 pm Boy Scouts
9:00 pm CMA Meeting

Tuesday, March 24

7:30 pm AA Meeting

Wednesday, March 25

Newsletter Article Due
12:30 pm Tai Chi Balance Class
6:00 pm Confirmation/Uke Choir
6:30 pm Youth Worship
7:00 pm Radical Ringers/Youth Group

Thursday, March 26

6:30pm Carolan Bell Choir
7:30 pm Chancel Choir

Friday, March 27

1:00 pm Knitting in the Narthex
6:45pm AA—Good Orderly Direction

Sunday, March 29

9:30 am Palm Sunday Worship
10:40 am Easter Egg Hunt

Prayer Requests from our Church Community

Member Concerns: Julie Leahy; Anna Mae Carlson; Ashley Roberts; Norm Firkins; Donna McCoy; Connie Mertz.

Friends and Relatives: Georgia Jennings, niece of Walter Roberts; Gordon Blake, father of Alisa Krueger; Paisley & Porter Rodriguez, friends of Eric Gitt; Pablo Adame, great-grandson of Connie Mertz; Kim Jones, sister-in-law of Trisha Ryan; Jim O'Grady, uncle of Pastor Heather Grell; Scott Matheson, brother in law of Julie Noteman; Joshua Perilo, son of Sharon Perilo; Savannah Barb, cousin of Emma & Geno Roberts; Sonrisa Lewis, friend of the Harvey family; Ken Gross, cousin of Julie Noteman; Josh Moreau, friend of Wendy Brenner's family; Nancy Bartell, sister-in-law of Peg Schneider; Michael Schadendorf, grandfather of Edith and Tanya Valandra; Dave Huggins, friend of Jim & Peg Schneider; Mya Calendar, daughter of Trisha Ryan; Opal Calendar, foster granddaughter of Trisha Ryan; Kelsey Schneider, daughter of Jim & Peg Schneider; Theresa Ramelb, friend of Jacque Petersen; Shari Jensen, friend of Ed Krueger; Linda Anderson, Barb Kay's sister; Aaron McDonald and Family and Caregivers, McDonald's grandson.