Sunday, March 17, 2024 - Fifth Sunday in Lent

God promises Jeremiah that a "new covenant" will be made in the future: a covenant that will allow all the people to know God by heart. The church sees this promise fulfilled by Christ, who draws all people to himself when he is lifted up on the cross. Our baptismal covenant draws us to God's heart through Christ and draws God's love and truth into our hearts. We join in worship, sharing in word, song, and meal, and leave strengthened to share God's love with all the world.

Hymns and liturgy are located in the Red Hymnal unless otherwise noted.

Gathering

* indicates to stand if you are able

Prelude and Bell

Welcome and Announcements

- * Confession & Forgiveness (on screen)
- * "Eternal Lord of Love, Behold Your Church" #321
- * Greeting & Kyrie pg. 213
- * Hymn of Praise "Glory to God" pg. 213
- * Prayer of the Day

Word

First Reading: Jeremiah 31:31-34 (page 692 OT in the pew Bible)

Psalm 51:1-12 (on screen)

Second Reading: Hebrews 5:5-10 (page 194 NT in pew Bible)

- * Gospel Acclamation pg. 216 (Lent)
- * Gospel: John 12:20-33 (page 81 NT in pew Bible)

(after announcement of Gospel: **Glory to you, O Lord**) (response after reading of Gospel: **Praise to you, O Christ**)

Message

"Now the Green Blade Rises" **#379**

Baptism of Ivy Ann House (on insert)

- * Prayers of the Church
- * Sharing the Peace

Thanksgiving

* Offering/Offertory "Create in Me a Clean Heart" **#188**

- * Canticle of Thanksgiving pg. 219
- \star Thanks giving for the Word $\,$ pg. 220 $\,$
- * The Lord's Prayer

Sending

* Blessing *"Lift High the Cross"* **#660**

Dismissal and Bell

Thank you to Pastor Chris Richards for leading us in worship today.

Remember in your prayers

Anita Stoker, Mick Rose, those who serve in the military, families of victims of war, natural disasters, violence, those in our nursing homes and those who are homebound.

upcoming events and announcements

Holy Week Services:

Palm/Passion Sunday: March 24 at 11:00am
Maundy Thursday: March 28 at 7:30pm First Communion for 5th Graders
Good Friday: March 29 at 7:00pm at Faith Lutheran Joint service with First, Faith, Federated & Trinity Cyrus
Easter Sunday: March 31 at 11:00am Easter Breakfast served from 9:30-10:30am Egg bake, muffins, fruit, juice, milk and coffee

Donations and Volunteers Needed! Sign up sheets to donate food/volunteer for the Easter Breakfast are in the Narthex. We need your help!

- **Pie Sale** the Women of First will be selling homemade, fresh fruit pies on Saturday, March 23 from 1pm to 3pm (made fresh that morning), and again on Sunday, March 24 from 10am-11am and 12pm-1pm. Pies are \$17 each. Apple, Peach, Rhubarb, Blueberry and Cherry available while they last. These pies freeze well so stock up today!
- **Snack Crackers Needed!** 100 boxes of crackers/snacks needed for the Morris Elementary students. A donation box is located in the Narthex. All donations need to be dropped off by March 31.
- **Coffee/Fellowship** Join us in the fellowship hall prior to worship for a time of fellowship. Coffee and treats will be served. All are welcome!
- **2024 KMRS Radio Broadcast** available dates are: April 14, May 19, June 30, Aug 25, Oct 6, and Nov 17. Help support the ELCA Worship Hour by sponsoring a broadcast (\$65) in memory or in honor of a loved one. Contact the church office for more information.

Today's Worship Servants: Sunday, March 17

Ushers:Bob Heck, Dave Jungst & Lindy EkolaLector:Ward VoorheesNursery:Acolyte:Abram Suess & Connor SiegelVideo:Tony FeuchtenbergerTV Slides: Kye Suess

Wednesday: March 20 at 12:05pm Ushers: Bob Heck & Ward Voorhees

Next Week's Worship Servants: Palm Sunday, March 24

Ushers:AI Harris, Judy & Chance BuroNursery:Erica SwensonAcolyte:Mackenzie Just & Aubrey WilliamsonTV Slides:Abigail AndersonVideo:Mike OdelloTV Slides:Abigail Anderson

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> **TODAY: Sunday, March 17** 10:00am: Coffee/Fellowship 11:00am: Worship

Monday, March 18 12pm-3:30pm: Respite Group

Tuesday, March 19 11:00am: Pastor's Text Study

Wednesday, March 20

12:05pm: Worship at First 6:30pm: Worship at Faith | 5:15pm: Supper

Thursday, March 21

12:00pm: Newsletter Articles Due 2:00pm: Zipporah Bible Study in fellowship Hall

> Friday, March 22 no events scheduled

Saturday, March 23 8:00am: Men's Bible Study at Faith Lutheran 1:00-3:00pm: Pie Sale in fellowship hall

Sunday, March 24

10:00am: Sunday school 10:00am: Coffee/Fellowship 11:00am: Worship