



ZION
LUTHERAN † ANOKA

A WELCOMING FAITH COMMUNITY.
GROWING. CARING. SERVING.



APRIL 5/6, 2025
5TH SUNDAY IN LENT



Welcome to Worship

If you are a visitor please stop at the Welcome Desk in the lower level for a visitor bag.

PREACHING:

Pastor Mike Pancoast

ASSISTING:

8 AM Pastor Connie Tiede
9 AM Pastor Sue Wallager
11 AM Pastor Connie Tiede

READER:

5 PM Kathy Johnson
8 AM Marlene Gray
9 AM David Nelson

ORGANIST: Mary Jo Gothmann

Unbroken: A Living Faith

When so many people identify themselves as Christian how can we spend some time thinking deeply about what we really believe? What is the what? What are the foundational beliefs and how are they living and moving with us as we change and grow?

Faith is passed down from generation to generation - it's an unbroken line of ancestry that connects us all the way back to Jesus. The powers of the world wanted to break Jesus and yet this faith that we rest on is strong enough that they couldn't do it. We are a part of this great tradition that will not and cannot be broken.

Using the seven teachings from the emerging work of A Living Catechism, through worship and practice, this Lent we will explore how we are and always have been God's people:

- 1. God becomes human for us in Jesus Christ.*
- 2. God meets us in bread, wine & water.*
- 3. God feels our pain & suffering*
- 4. God delights in our goodness and judges sin.*
- 5. God speaks to us through Scripture and Spirit.*
- 6. God compels creation toward mercy.*
- 7. God loves us eternally.*

PRELUDE

GATHERING

WELCOME/ANNOUNCEMENTS

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS:

God of all grace, be near in the midst of our brokenness, turning us from the things that keep us from a right relationship with you, ourselves, and one another. Compel us toward compassion as we confess our sin, receive your forgiveness, and are strengthened to serve in your name.

Amen.

Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

A moment of silent reflection

God of mercy, you delight in goodness and judge sin. Give us open and honest hearts to recognize the ways we have turned from you, from our own belovedness, and from one another. We see the world through the lens of scarcity instead of your lens of abundance. We see people as "us" and "them", instead of one body in you. We participate in the brokenness of the world, caught in webs beyond individual choices of right and wrong. Quiet our inner and outer strife, O God, and draw us into your forgiveness and wholeness. Through your divine love, transform all that threatens to destroy the good that you have created.

Beloved people of God: At a table that Jesus sets, God forgives us and feeds us with eternal love. In water and promise, God brings us to new life and breathes into us gifts to serve the world. You are forgiven, in the name of Christ †, who calls us into the coming of God's reign where all are supported, nourished, and loved.

Amen.



1 O beau-ty ev - er an - cient, O beau - ty ev - er new,
 2 O beau-ty in cre - a - tion, in world of sound and sight,
 3 O beau-ty that is move - ment in liq - uid line of grace,
 4 O beau-ty of the Spir - it where love is shin - ing through,



di - vine and Ho - ly Pres - ence, my be - ing sings to you,
 O beau - ty in the si - lence, in dark - ness as in light,
 O beau - ty that is still - ness in love - ly form or face,
 O beau - ty ev - er an - cient, O beau - ty ev - er new,



Refrain

in grat - i-tude, in wor - ship my be - ing sings to you!

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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.

KYRIE



Ky - ri - e e - lei - son. Lord, have mer - cy.



Chris - te e - lei - son. Christ, have mer - cy.



Ky - ri - e e - lei - son. Lord, have mer - cy.

PRAYER OF THE DAY:

God of goodness, you love your whole creation, and you make the broken whole. Give us hearts to recognize the broken places in ourselves and the world, that we may join in the healing work of Christ, in whose name we pray. Amen.

WORD

WORD FOR KIDS (9 & 11 AM)

LESSON: Isaiah 43:16-21

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:



Noth-ing in all cre - a - tion can sep - a - rate us from the love of God.



Noth-ing in all cre - a - tion can sep - a - rate us from the love of God.

THE SERMON TEXT

The Holy Gospel according to John 12:1-8

Glory to you, O Lord.

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

THE SERMON: *"God Delights In Our Goodness and Judges Sin"* by Pastor Mike Pancoast

1 In the cross of Christ I glo - ry, tow'r - ing
 2 When the woes of life o'er - take me, hopes de -
 3 When the sun of bliss is beam - ing light and
 4 Bane and bless - ing, pain and plea - sure, by the

o'er the wrecks of time. All the light of
 ceive, and fears an - noy, nev - er shall the
 love up - on my way, from the cross the
 cross are sanc - ti - fied; peace is there that

sa - cred sto - ry gath - ers round its head sub - lime.
 cross for - sake me; lo, it glows with peace and joy.
 ra - diancance stream - ing adds more lus - ter to the day.
 knows no mea - sure, joys that through all time a - bide.

Text: John Bowring, 1792-1872
 Music: RATHBUN, Ithamar Conkey, 1815-1867

THE 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.

INSTALLATION OF COUNCIL MEMBERS

THE PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH:

After each petition

Lord of the Cross...

Hear us we pray, your mercy is great.

SHARING THE PEACE:

The Peace of the Lord be with you always.

And also with you.

(Share the peace with a wave and word of peace.)

MANY WAYS TO GIVE

TEXT: 763-710-2209

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<https://cutt.ly/ziongivetoday>

or



MEAL

OFFERING

SPECIAL MUSIC (9 AM):

"Be Not Afraid" by Campbell
Adult Choir; Jonathan Campbell, dir; Mary Jo Gothmann, organ

Be not afraid for I am your God. When you walk through the waters, I will be with you, when you walk through the fire you shall not be burned. Oh, be not afraid, for I am your God.

Fear not, little flock, I am with you till the end. I will wipe all tears away; death and pain will be no more. Oh be not afraid.

Be not afraid, you are mine.

OFFERTORY: When it Seems the Day Will End, vs 1 ACS 1034

When it seems the day will end, and all
light gives way to fear, we will speak your name a -
gain to re - mind us you are here.
Refrain
New life ris - ing, New life ris - ing, ash - es fall - ing, ash - es fall - ing,
joy and weep - ing, joy and weep - ing, in your call - ing. in your call - ing.

Text: Justin Rimbo, b. 1980
Music: HUMBLE WALK, Justin Rimbo
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OFFERTORY PRAYER:

Generous God, you have blessed us with gifts of abundance and joy. Open our hearts so that we may share your goodness with all who hunger for bread, for safety, and for belonging. In Christ's name we pray.

Amen.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING:

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

THE LORD'S PRAYER:

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.

DISTRIBUTION

DISTRIBUTION HYMN: My Hope is Built on Nothing Less 597



1 My hope is built on noth - ing less than
2 When dark - ness veils his love - ly face, I
3 His oath, his cov - e - nant, his blood sus -
4 When he shall come with trum - pet sound, oh,



Je - sus' blood and righ - teous - ness; no mer - it of my
rest on his un - chang - ing grace; in ev - 'ry high and
tain me in the rag - ing flood; when all sup - ports are
may I then in him be found, clothed in his righ - teous -



own I claim, but whol - ly lean on Je - sus' name.
storm - y gale my an - chor holds with - in the veil.
washed a - way, he then is all my hope and stay.
ness a - lone, re - deemed to stand be - fore the throne!

Refrain



On Christ, the sol - id rock, I stand; all oth - er ground is sink - ing sand.

Text: Edward Mote, 1797–1874, alt.
Music: MELITA, John B. Dykes, 1823–1876



1 Take my life, that I may be con - se - crat - ed, Lord, to thee;
 2 Take my hands and let them move at the im - pulse of thy love;
 3 Take my voice and let me sing al - ways, on - ly, for my King;
 4 Take my sil - ver and my gold, not a mite would I with - hold;



take my mo - ments and my days; let them flow in cease - less praise.
 take my feet and let them be swift and beau - ti - ful for thee.
 take my lips and let them be filled with mes - sag - es from thee.
 take my in - tel - lect, and use ev - 'ry pow'r as thou shalt choose.

5 Take my will and make it thine; it shall be no longer mine.
 Take my heart, it is thine own; it shall be thy royal throne.

6 Take my love; my Lord, I pour at thy feet its treasure store;
 take myself, and I will be ever, only, all for thee.

Text: Frances R. Havergal, 1836–1879, alt.
 Music: PATMOS, William H. Havergal, 1793–1870

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POST COMMUNION BLESSING AND PRAYER:

Gracious God, we give you thanks for the abundance of your steadfast love. As we are filled with your grace and mercy, send us out into the world to participate in your reign of peace. In the name of Christ, the holy one, we pray. **Amen.**

SENDING

BENEDICTION

May the God who delights in your goodness bless you, keep you, and hold you in the depths of love and mercy. In the name of the Triune God (Father, † Son, and Holy Spirit).
Amen.

**WE WELCOME YOU
TO WORSHIP**

**Hearing Assistance
Units Available**

*Hearing assistance units
are available at the
sound booth at the
back of the Sanctuary.*

Mobility Concerns

*We have areas in the
Sanctuary where a wheel-
chair or walker will fit.
Ushers can assist you.*

Children Welcome

*Activity bags are avail-
able outside the Sanctu-
ary. We have two "pray
grounds" in the Sanctu-
ary with plenty of places
just outside the Sanctuary
as well where children
can sit and play.*

LIVE STREAM

SUNDAY 9 & 11 AM

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SENDING HYMN: Praise to the Lord, the Almighty, vs 1 & 3 858

1 Praise to the Lord, the Al - might - y, the King of cre - a - tion!
3 Praise to the Lord, who will pros - per your work and de - fend you;

O my soul, praise him, for he is your health and sal - va - tion!
sure - ly his good - ness and mer - cy shall dai - ly at - tend you.

Let all who hear now to his tem - ple draw near,
Pon - der a - new what the Al - might - y can do

join - ing in glad ad - o - ra - tion!
if with his love he be - friend you.

Text: Joachim Neander, 1650-1680; tr. Catherine Winkworth, 1827-1878, alt.
Music: LOBE DEN HERREN, *Ernewerten Gesangbuch*, Part II, Stralsund, 1665

DISMISSAL:

Go in peace, know you are loved.

Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE