

April 6, 2025
5th Sunday in Lent
w/Holy Communion



Leading Worship Today:

Pastor: Brian Entz

Lay Leader: Ashton Olsen

Accompanist: Ralph Johansen

*Please read along with all **Bold** text
All are invited to stand when there is an **

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PRELUDE

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

SILENT PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

May you live each day with sacred intuition to the terrors of this world. But may you never be swallowed by them. May you find peace as you let the divine guide you into inner rest in the face of all that might destroy you. May you tremble, but never alone. Amen.

-Cole Arthur Riley, Black Liturgies

GATHERING

CHORAL INTROIT

Glorify Thy Name

Adkins

*CALL TO WORSHIP

from Psalm 126

God has done great things for us,
and we are glad indeed.

Those who sowed with tears,
will reap with songs of joy!

Those who go out weeping, carrying the seed,
will come again with joy, shouldering their buddles of grain.

Come, let us worship the Holy One, our God!

*OPENING HYMN

#634 To God Be the Glory

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

The psalmist pleads, "Be mindful of your mercy, O Lord, and of your steadfast love." Trusting in the mercy of God, let us confess the wrong we have done and the good we have left undone.

For love, O God, you created us and all things. For love you came, incarnate in Jesus, to save us and show us the way. For love you have poured out your Spirit to call us to you. Forgive us when we do not receive your gracious love. Forgive us when we do not meet you, in return, with love, but rather with fear, disdain, and disbelief. Forgive us when we do not reach out in love to neighbors near and far, but rather meet them with fear, hate, prejudice, and apathy.

Renew in us a knowledge of your mercies, O God, that we would risk to trust your love and return it with a generosity matching your own. In Jesus Christ we pray, Amen.

***KYRIE**

#551 Lord, Have Mercy

Lord, have mercy; Christ, have mercy; Lord, have mercy upon us. Lord, have mercy; Christ, have mercy; Lord have mercy upon us.

As water is poured into the font remember your baptism and that in these waters you are named as one of God's beloved and joined to Christ forever.

***ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

Receive the good news! Anyone who is in Christ is a new creation. The old life has gone; a new life has begun. Know that you are forgiven and be at peace.

Thanks be to God!

***RESPONSE**

#570 Dying You Destroyed Our Death

Dying you destroyed our death; rising you restored our life. Lord Jesus, come in glory.

***PASSING OF THE PEACE**

Since we have been made righteous through Christ's faithfulness, we have peace with God. Let us also share peace with one another. The peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all.

And also with you.

The people may exchange with their neighbors, by words or gesture, signs of peace and reconciliation.

WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

As you have called us together, O God, open us by your Spirit to the word you have for us today, that we may receive it and respond in love and faith. Amen.

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Isaiah 43:16-21(NRSV)

16Thus says the LORD,
who makes a way in the sea,
a path in the mighty waters,
17who brings out chariot and horse,
army and warrior;
they lie down, they cannot rise,
they are extinguished, quenched like a wick:
18Do not remember the former things,
or consider the things of old.
19I am about to do 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.
20The wild animals 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,
21the people whom I formed for myself
so that they might declare my praise.

Holy Wisdom, Holy Word.

Thanks be to God.

NEW TESTAMENT READING

Philippians 3:4b-14 (NRSV)

4bIf anyone else has reason to be confident in the flesh, I have more: 5circumcised on the eighth day, a member of the people of Israel, of the tribe of Benjamin, a Hebrew born of Hebrews; as to the law, a Pharisee; 6as to zeal, a persecutor of the church; as to righteousness under the law, blameless.

7Yet whatever gains I had, these I have come to regard as loss because of Christ. 8More than that, I regard everything as loss because of the surpassing value of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord. For his sake I have suffered the loss of all things, and I regard them as rubbish, in order that I may gain Christ 9and be found in him, not having a righteousness of my own that comes from the law, but one that comes through faith in Christ, the righteousness from God based on faith. 10I want to know Christ and the power of his resurrection and the sharing of his sufferings by becoming like him in his death, 11if somehow I may attain the resurrection from the dead.

12Not that I have already obtained this or have already reached the goal; but I press on to make it my own, because Christ Jesus has made me his own. 13Beloved, I do not consider that I have made it my own; but this one thing I do: forgetting what lies behind and straining forward to what lies ahead, 14I press on toward the goal for the prize of the heavenly call of God in Christ Jesus.

The Word of God for the people of God.

Thanks be to God.

HYMN

#519 You Are My Strength When I Am Weak (You Are My All in All)

GOSPEL READING

John 12:1-8 (NRSV)

1Six days before the Passover Jesus came to Bethany, the home of Lazarus, whom he had raised from the dead. 2There they gave a dinner for him. Martha served, and Lazarus was one of those at the table with him. 3Mary took a pound of costly perfume made of pure nard, anointed Jesus' feet, and wiped them with her hair. The house was filled with the fragrance of the perfume. 4But Judas Iscariot, one of his disciples (the one who was about to betray him), said, 5"Why was this perfume not sold for three hundred denarii and the money given to the poor?" 6(He said this not because he cared about the poor, but because he was a thief; he kept the common purse and used to steal what was put into it.) 7Jesus said, "Leave her alone. She bought it so that she might keep it for the day of my burial. 8You always have the poor with you, but you do not always have me."

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

MESSAGE

Rev. Brian Entz

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

OFFERTORY

How Deep the Father's Love for Us

setting by Shackley

*"Let us present ourselves to God as those who have been delivered from death to life."
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***DOXOLOGY**

#606 Praise God From Whom All Blessings Flow

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise God, all creatures here below; praise God above, ye heavenly host; praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

***OFFERING PRAYER**

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**

The Nicene Creed

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father; through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary and became truly human. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

THE INVITATION TO THE LORD'S TABLE

THE GREAT PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Pastor: Lift up your hearts.

People: We lift them up to the Lord.

Pastor: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Pastor: We give you thanks and praise... Even dry bones in the valley of death stand to sing your praise:

SANCTUS

#552 Holy, Holy, Holy

THE LORD'S PRAYER

People: 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 debts, as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever. Amen.

BREAKING OF THE BREAD

SHARING THE LORD'S SUPPER

The Lord's Supper is for the hungry and thirsty. It's a feast for those seeking God, in Christ, to be nourished for the life of love to which God calls us all. So come, eat, drink, and meet our Lord Jesus.

*Please come forward to receive the elements. As you are served the bread you may eat it and as you are served the cup you may drink it. Please place your empty cup in the container provided. After you have been served you may return to your seat. **All bread is gluten/top 8 allergen free and all cups contain grape juice**, so that all people may eat the same loaf and drink from the same cup. Those unable to come forward to receive the elements will be served in their seat. We trust that as we are gathered around Christ's table we are also gathered in the Spirit with Christ and surrounded by a great cloud of witnesses.*

*PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Gracious and abundant God, even as we wait for the fulfillment of your creation, you meet us in Christ at this table, in this meal. We thank you for Jesus, our true food and drink, for feeding us with the bread of life and quenching our thirst with the cup of salvation. Now send us into the world by the power of your Holy Spirit to share your life and salvation with all whom we meet. Amen.

SENDING

*CLOSING HYMN

#223 When I Survey the Wondrous Cross

*CHARGE AND BLESSING

POSTLUDE

Loving all People, Living our Faith, and Following Jesus

WORSHIP NOTES

The Call to Worship is adapted from The Saint Helena Psalter, produced by The Order of Saint Helena.

All other liturgy comes/is adapted from the Book of Common Worship (2018) or is written in house.

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

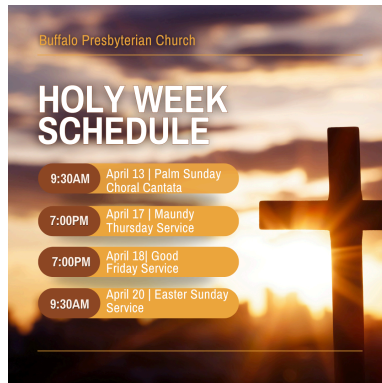
On the 1st Sunday of each month the money collected in the basket during coffee time is designated for the Deacon's Good Neighbor Fund. This is a discretionary fund that provides Congregational Care throughout the year. This care includes, but is not limited to, care packages for first year college students and gas/food cards for those connected to BPC in need. Your generous donations allow the Deacons to continue this important mission.

SPOT: Stations of the Cross: As we prepare for Holy Week and the remembrance of Jesus' passion and death you are invited to join us as we pray through the Stations of the Cross. The stations are a meditative prayer that takes us from Jesus' trail to his death and burial. Join us on **April 10th at 7pm.**

Sponsor a Backpack: We are hoping to donate 150 backpacks with supplies to the Buffalo Food Shelf. These will be given to students in the fall. Each backpack is \$10.00. The Backpack Drive will be from **March 9th through April 20th.**

Lenten Soup Suppers: Wednesdays March 12th through April 9th. We will be sharing our Soup Suppers with our friends at Spirit of Joy. These suppers will be from 6-7:30pm. The sign up sheet is out in the Narthex. Please sign up to help set up, clean up, or bring a soup to share. We will be joined by SOJ and they are also signing up to help. This will be a great opportunity to continue getting to know our siblings in Christ.

Spring Clean-Up Day: Our BPC Spring Cleanup Day will be **Saturday, April 26, beginning at 8:30 am.** We'll conclude with lunch together in the Fellowship Hall. Come when you can, stay as long as you want. It will include both indoor and outdoor projects, some very easy ones and some that require a bit more physical effort. We need all the help we can get! Our cleanup day coincides with the City of Buffalo Spring Cleanup Days so we will be hauling any junk or obsolete items to the city that morning. We encourage you to look around the church and identify any of those "haul-away" items. If you have any questions, please see Chuck Klaassen.



How can we pray for you?

Along with the blue prayer request cards found in the pews you can also submit prayer requests on the BPC website. Scan this QR Code with your smartphone to be taken directly to the prayer request form. All prayer requests go directly to Pastor Brian.



BPC Prayer List:

- Larry Pattee
- Nancy Grittman
- Dennis Sletten, friend of Diane
- Sherry Sletten, friend of Diane
- Milla Spike, Kevin's granddaughter
- Lois Lindstrom
- Theresa
- Madree
- Jim, Elaine Thole's brother, following a diagnosis
- Donna, a friend of Lana Kopplin, who has cancer
- Jill, the niece of Al DeBellis, who has terminal illness
- Jonathon, a friend of Barb & Larry Janski
- Shannon, Virginia's former daughter-in-law
- Daniel Elliot
- Erva Hance
- Barb and Tom Stone
- Jan Brown, early morning Women of Faith
- Dennis Dietz, Virginia's friend
- Rochelle Tandrian, Angela's daughter
- Jimm and Jodie Underwood, Lanny & Shirley's son-in-law and daughter
- Brittany Daniels
- John and Charlotte Collins

Upcoming This Week

Today, April 6th

9:30a Worship with Communion
10:30a CCC: Pastor Brian
11:30a Worship & Music Committee Meeting

Monday, April 7th

6:30p Prayer Shawl Group

Tuesday, April 8th

9:00a Crafty Ladies
9:00a Men's Breakfast at Forget Me Not Cafe
5:00p Missions Committee Meeting
6:30p Faith Formation Committee Meeting

Wednesday, April 9th

10:30a Personnel Committee Meeting
6:00p Lenten Soup Supper
7:30p Adult Choir

Thursday, April 10th

7:30a People of Faith
10:00a Women of Faith
5:30p Racial Justice Reading Group
7:00p SPOT: Stations of the Cross

Friday, April 11th

Saturday, April 12th

Sunday, April 13th

9:30a Worship:
"I Am the Lord of the Dance" Choral Cantata
10:30a CCC: Coffee & Conversations

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ADORATION

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To God Be the Glory

1 To God be the glo - ry; great things he has done!
2 Great things he has taught us; great things he has done,

So loved he the world that he gave us his Son,
and great our re - joic - ing through Je - sus the Son;

who yield - ed his life an a - tone - ment for sin,
but pur - er and high - er and great - er will be

and o - pened the life - gate that all may go in.
our won - der, our trans - port, when Je - sus we see.

This American gospel song became popular in England in the late 19th century, then returned to this country in the mid-20th century with the Billy Graham crusades. Its continuing popularity may well be due to the freedom from subjective considerations in its praise of God.

ADORATION

Refrain



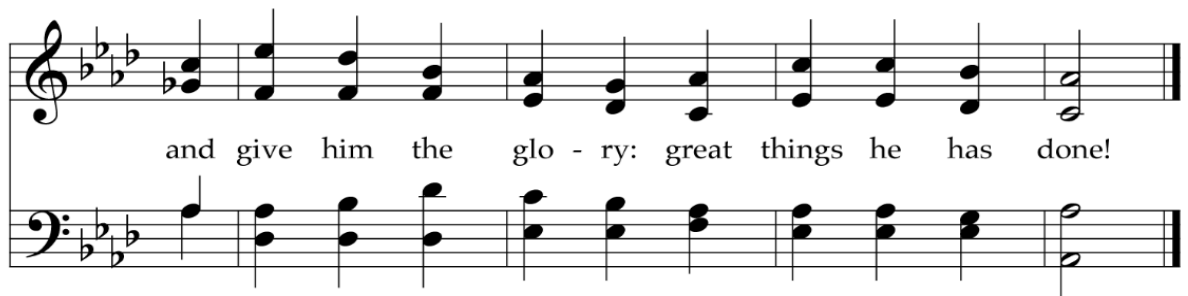
Praise the Lord, praise the Lord; let the earth hear his voice!



Praise the Lord, praise the Lord; let the people rejoice!



O come to the Father through Jesus the Son,



and give him the glory: great things he has done!

You Are My Strength When I Am Weak 519

You Are My All in All

Capo 5: (C) (G) (Am7) (Em) (C)
 F C Dm7 Am F

**F*

You are my strength when I am weak; you are the treasure that I

(Dm7) (C) (G7) (C) (G7) (C) (G)
 Gm7 F C7 F C7 F C

seek; you are my all in all. When I fall down, you pick me

(Am7) (Em) (C) (Dm7) (C) (G7) (F) (C)
 Dm7 Am F Gm7 F C7 B^b F

up; when I am dry, you fill my cup; you are my all in all.

(C) (G) (Am7) (Em) (Dm7) (C) (G) (C) (G7)
 F C Dm7 Am Gm7 F C F C7

**F*

Je - sus, Lamb of God, wor - thy is your name!

(C) (G) (Am7) (Em) (Dm7) (C) (G7) (F) (C)
 F C Dm7 Am Gm7 F C7 B^b F

Je - sus, Lamb of God, wor - thy is your name!

**May be sung as a canon.*

The expression "all in all," meaning "everything," owes much of its endurance in English usage to its appearance in 1 Corinthians 15:28, though many phrases leading up to it here have parallels in Hebrew Scripture. The second section echoes the song to the Lamb in Revelation 5:12.

When I Survey the Wondrous Cross 223

1 When I sur - vey the won - drous cross on which the
 2 For - bid it, Lord, that I should boast, save in the
 3 See, from his head, his hands, his feet, sor - row and
 4 Were the whole realm of na - ture mine, that were a

Prince of glo - ry died, my rich - est gain I
 death of Christ my God; all the vain things that
 love flow min - gled down; did e'er such love and
 pres - ent far too small; love so a - maz - ing,

count but loss, and pour con - tempt on all my pride.
 charm me most, I sac - ri - fice them to his blood.
 sor - row meet, or thorns com - pose so rich a crown?
 so di - vine, de - mands my soul, my life, my all.

This familiar text from the beginning of the 18th century grew out of Isaac Watts's desire to give Christians the ability to sing about gospel events. It is set here to a very restrained tune from the early 19th century inspired by the patterns of Gregorian chant.