

Fifth Sunday in Lent
March 17, 2024



Welcome to *ASCENSION!*

We are delighted to have you with us today. That we may know you better, please sign the Guest Registry in the Narthex and introduce yourself to the Pastor after the service. May God bless you with the assurance of His forgiveness, life, and salvation in the Lord Jesus Christ. Thank you, and ... **Peace be with you!**



Rev. James D. Gier, Senior Pastor
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✠ HOLY COMMUNION ✠

Holy Communion is administered to **COMMUNICANT MEMBERS** of Ascension, of other Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod (LCMS) congregations, and of Lutheran Church bodies in declared fellowship with the LCMS, who have been instructed, examined, and *confirmed* in the Christian faith as taught by the Evangelical Lutheran Church, and so publicly declared their unity of faith in all doctrines of Holy Scripture in fellowship with LCMS.

All **COMMUNICANT MEMBERS** desiring to commune today are to fill out a *Member Communion Card* or *Guest Communion Card* and hand it to the Ushers when coming forward to commune.

All others we kindly and respectfully request to abstain from communing until such public declaration is made in keeping with Christ's institution.

If you would like to know more about receiving Holy Communion at Ascension, please speak to the Pastors after the service and they will be glad to instruct you to that end.
Thank you!

Preaching Pastor ✠ Rev. James Gier
Assisting Pastor ✠ Rev. Dr. Gary Zieroth
Fieldworkers ✠ Zachary Benkert and Sergiu Trifa

Organist ✠ JoAnn Zieroth

Prelude ~ 8:00 ~ "My Song Is Love Unknown" – Michael Burkhardt
10:45 ~ "Prayer of St. Gregory" – Alan Hovhaness

Voluntary ~ "Come to Calvary's Holy Mountain" – Michael Burkhardt

Communion ~ 8:00 ~ "Indonana" – Westland Choir (see translation)
"Old Irish Blessing" – Westland Choir

10:45 ~ "Sing, My Tongue, the Glorious Battle" - Choir

Postlude ~ "Christ, The Life of all the Living" – J.S. Bach

Special Music ~ 8:00 ~ Westland Lutheran High School, Westland, Mich.

10:45 ~ Middle School Choir, Jeff Neuman, director
Jeff Neuman, trumpet

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Introit (*Psalm 116:1–4, 8; antiphon: Psalm 43:1*)



Vindicate me, O God, and defend my cause against an ungodly | people,*
from the deceitful and unjust man de- | liver me!

**I love the LORD, because | he has heard*
my voice and my pleas for | mercy.**

Because he inclined his | ear to me,*
therefore I will call on him as long | as I live.

**The snares of death encompassed me; the pangs of Sheol laid | hold on me;*
I suffered distress and | anguish.**

Then I called on the name | of the LORD:*
“O LORD, I pray, deliv- | er my soul!”

**For you have delivered my | soul from death,*
my eyes from tears, my feet from | stumbling.**

**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.**

Vindicate me, O God, and defend my cause against an ungodly | people,*
from the deceitful and unjust man de- | liver me!

Collect of the Day

P. 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.

Gradual (*Hebrews 12:2*)

[O come, let us fix our eyes on] | Jesus,*
the founder and perfecter | of our faith,

who for the joy that was set before him endured the cross, despise- | ing the shame,*
and is seated at the right hand of the | throne of God.

Old Testament Reading - *Jeremiah 31:31–34 (ESV)* ³¹“Behold, the days are coming, declares the LORD, when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and the house of Judah, ³²not like the covenant that I made with their fathers on the day when I took them by the hand to bring them out of the land of Egypt, my covenant that they broke, though I was their husband, declares the LORD. ³³But this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, declares the LORD: I will put my law within them, and I will write it on their hearts. And I will be their God, and they shall be my people. ³⁴And no longer shall each one teach his neighbor and each his brother, saying, ‘Know the LORD,’ for they shall all know me, from the least of them to the greatest, declares the LORD. For I will forgive their iniquity, and I will remember their sin no more.”

Pastor: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Epistle Reading – *Hebrews 5:1–10 (ESV)* ¹Every high priest chosen from among men is appointed to act on behalf of men in relation to God, to offer gifts and sacrifices for sins. ²He can deal gently with the ignorant and wayward, since he himself is beset with weakness. ³Because of this he is obligated to offer sacrifice for his own sins just as he does for those of the people. ⁴And no one takes this honor for himself, but only when called by God, just as Aaron was. ⁵So also Christ did not exalt himself to be made a high priest, but was appointed by him who said to him, “You are my Son, today I have begotten you”; ⁶as he says also in another place, “You are a priest forever, after the order of Melchizedek.” ⁷In the days of his flesh, Jesus offered up prayers and supplications, with loud cries and tears, to him who was able to save him from death, and he was heard because of his reverence. ⁸Although he was a son, he learned obedience through what he suffered. ⁹And being made perfect, he became the source of eternal salvation to all who obey him, ¹⁰being designated by God a high priest after the order of Melchizedek.

Pastor: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Pastor: The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark, the 10th chapter.

People: Glory to You, O Lord.

Holy Gospel – *Mark 10:35–45 (ESV)* ³⁵And James and John, the sons of Zebedee, came up to him and said to him, “Teacher, we want you to do for us whatever we ask of you.” ³⁶And he said to them, “What do you want me to do for you?” ³⁷And they said to him, “Grant us to sit, one at your right hand and one at your left, in your glory.” ³⁸Jesus said to them, “You do not know what you are asking. Are you able to drink the cup that I drink, or to be baptized with the baptism with which I am baptized?” ³⁹And they said to him, “We are able.” And Jesus said to them, “The cup that I drink you will drink, and with the baptism with which I am baptized, you will be baptized, ⁴⁰but to sit at my right hand or at my left is not mine to grant, but it is for those for whom it has been prepared.” ⁴¹And when the ten heard it, they began to

be indignant at James and John. ⁴²And Jesus called them to him and said to them, “You know that those who are considered rulers of the Gentiles lord it over them, and their great ones exercise authority over them. ⁴³But it shall not be so among you. But whoever would be great among you must be your servant, ⁴⁴and whoever would be first among you must be slave of all. ⁴⁵For even the Son of Man came not to be served but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many.”

Pastor: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

People: Praise to You, O Christ.

"Indodana" by Michael Barrett and Ralf Schmitt

In the original language of Xhosa:

Ngob'umthatile eh umtwana wakho

Uhlale nathi hololo helele

Indodana ka Nkulunkulu

Baba Jehova

English translation:

The Lord has taken His Son who lived among us

The Son of the Lord God

was crucified.

Oh, Father God.

MY SERMON NOTES

“Faith comes from hearing and hearing through the Word of Christ.” ~ Rom. 10:17