

## The Fifth Sunday in Lent

# ST. JOHN'S EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH AND SCHOOL

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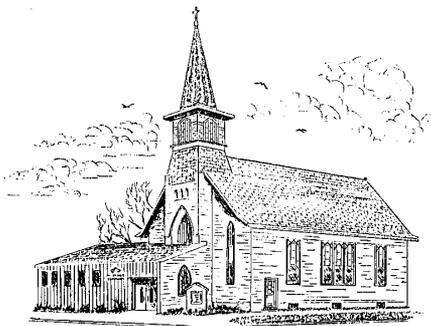
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**WELCOME** To all of you who are visiting our service this morning, we extend a most cordial welcome in Jesus' name. It is our hope that you will feel at home in our midst and will be blessed by our message of Christ crucified and risen for the sins of the world.

If you would like to know more about our church or school, please see the pastor. He will be happy to visit you at your convenience.

**Organist** Mrs. Lana Strike

**Hymn** 758 *Christ is Made the Sure Foundation*

**Epistle Lesson** 1 Corinthians 1:21-31 For since, in the wisdom of God, the world through wisdom did not know God, it pleased God through the foolishness of the message preached to save those who believe. For Jews request a sign, and Greeks seek after wisdom; but we preach Christ crucified, to the Jews a stumbling block and to the Greeks foolishness, but to those who are called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God. Because the foolishness of God is wiser than men, and the weakness of God is stronger than men. For you see your calling, brethren, that not many wise according to the flesh, not many mighty, not many noble, *are called*. But God has chosen the foolish things of the world to put to shame the wise, and God has chosen the weak things of the world to put to shame the things which are mighty; and the base things of the world and the things which are despised God has chosen, and the things which are not, to bring to nothing the things that are, that no flesh should glory in His presence. But of Him you are in Christ Jesus, who became for us wisdom from God—and righteousness and sanctification and redemption—that, as it is written, “He who glories, let him glory in the Lord.”

**Gospel Lesson** John 8:46-59 Which of you convicts Me of sin? And if I tell the truth, why do you not believe Me? He who is of God hears God’s words; therefore you do not hear, because you are not of God.” Then the Jews answered and said to Him, “Do we not say rightly that You are a Samaritan and have a demon?” Jesus answered, “I do not have a demon; but I honor My Father, and you dishonor Me. And I do not seek My *own* glory; there is One who seeks and judges. Most assuredly, I say to you, if anyone keeps My word he shall never see death.” Then the Jews said to Him, “Now we know that You have a demon! Abraham is dead, and the prophets; and You say, ‘If anyone keeps My word he shall never taste death.’ Are You greater than our father Abraham, who is dead? And the prophets are dead. Who do You make Yourself out to be?” Jesus answered, “If I honor Myself, My honor is nothing. It is My Father who honors Me, of whom you say that He is your God. Yet you have not known Him, but I know Him. And if I say, ‘I do not know Him,’ I shall be a liar like you; but I do know Him and keep His word. Your father Abraham rejoiced to see My day, and he saw *it* and was glad.” Then the Jews said to Him, “You are not yet fifty years old, and have You seen Abraham?” Jesus said to them, “Most assuredly, I say to you, before Abraham was, I AM.” Then they took up stones to throw at Him; but Jesus hid Himself and went out of the temple, going through the midst of them, and so passed by.

**Hymn** 325 *O Thou that Hear'st When Sinners Cry*

**Sermon** John 12:1-8 Then, six days before the Passover, Jesus came to Bethany, where Lazarus was who had been dead, whom He had raised from the dead. There they made Him a supper; and Martha served, but Lazarus was one of those who sat at the table with Him. Then Mary took a pound of very costly oil of Spikenard, anointed the feet of Jesus, and wiped His feet with her hair. And the house was filled with the fragrance of the oil. Then one of His disciples, Judas Iscariot, Simon's son, who would betray Him, said, "Why was this fragrant oil not sold for three hundred denarii and given to the poor?" This he said, not that he cared for the poor, but because he was a thief, and had the money box; and he used to take what was put in it. Then Jesus said, "Let her alone; she has kept this for the day of My burial. For the poor you have with you always, but Me you do not have always.

## **Anointed for Burial...**

**Offering of Thankful Hearts**

**Hymn** 175 *When I Survey the Wondrous Cross*

**Prayer + The Lord's Prayer**

**Benediction**

**Hymn** 151:1, 6-7 *Christ, the Life of All the Living*

**BAPTISM** Vivian Christine Baumgard, daughter of Cole Baumgard and Brooke nee DeWall was born on January 31, 2018. She was born again of water and the Spirit in holy Baptism in a private service yesterday. *"He who believes and is baptized shall be saved"* (Mark 16:15)

**LENT** This Wednesday is the final midweek service of the year. Be sure to take advantage of this opportunity to nourish your faith.

**LENTEN HYMNS** If there are Lenten hymns you would like to sing in the remaining weeks of the season, please write them on the sheet in the entryway.

**NIGHT OUT** If you are interested in joining your sisters in Christ for dinner at Ground Round in Worthington, please sign the sheet in the entryway.

**ORGAN CONCERT** If you are unable to attend the concert in Mankato today, you can watch it online. It will be streamed live at:

<https://www.ssndcentralpacific.org/news-events/live-streaming/our-lady-of-good-counsel>

**ARTS CAMP** Immanuel, Mankato is offering Arts Camp again this year for students in grades 5-8. Camp runs April 13-15. You may register online at [immanuelmankato.org](http://immanuelmankato.org) More information is available upon request. Deadline to register is April 4th.

**CLC NEWS** Pastor David Schierenbeck, Inver Grove Heights, will be retiring at the end of June. Nathan Pfeiffer, Spokane, WA has the call to Fond du lac, WI.

**Nominations for CLC offices at this summer's Convention** – There is a new process which will be used for nominating CLC officers and board members this summer. Any voter from a CLC congregation may submit one or more nominations, with a deadline of March 31. Voters may submit nominations online at the CLC website, [www.clclutheran.org](http://www.clclutheran.org) (look for the link on the right-hand column marked “2018 CLC Officer Nominations.”). If a printed copy is preferred, please see the pastor.

**Boy's Dorm Supervisor** ILC needs to replace their current Dorm Supervisor by this Fall. Brian Fox, who currently serves in this capacity, has accepted the call to teach in Clarkston, WA. *“This is a very important position at ILC. Of all the adults on campus the dormitory supervisor has the most immediate and constant contact with the students under his care. He is to be concerned not only with their physical needs, but their spiritual needs as well. On every level he is like a father pro-tem. Therefore it is with care and prayer that we look for and hire a new supervisor.”* If you have any questions please speak with the pastor.

**USHERS** Bruce E., Steve R., Joe L., Nathan A.  
Larry B., Kendall B., Kraig B., Jonathen L., Jonah A.

**CLEANING** (Wk 1) J. Kazemba, J. DeWall, R. DeWall, T. DeWall  
D. Aden, B. Dronen, J. Thaemlitz