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The Fifth Sunday in Lent

8:00 AM & 10:30 AM

March 22, 2026

OUR THEME FOR THIS YEAR IS LOVE AND ZEAL: A GOOD MIX FOR 2026!

"Never be lacking in zeal, but maintain your spiritual fervor, serving the Lord." ~ Romans 12:11

We welcome you to Our Shepherd. It is a joy to have you with us today! We pray that you will be strengthened and uplifted through our worship.

ORDER OF WORSHIP

Organ Prelude: Prelude and Fugue in C Minor, BWV 549 . . . J. S. Bach

Welcome and Announcements

Opening Hymn: LSB 543 – What Wondrous Love is This

Invocation

P: In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: *Amen.*

Exhortation

P: Beloved in the Lord! Let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins unto God our Father, beseeching Him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.

P: Our help is in the name of the Lord,

C: *who made heaven and earth.*

P: I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord,

C: *and You forgave the iniquity of my sin.*

Confession of Sins

P: O almighty God, merciful Father,

C: *I, a poor, miserable sinner, confess unto You all my sins and iniquities with which I have ever offended You and justly deserved Your temporal and eternal punishment. But I am heartily sorry for them and sincerely repent of them, and I pray You of Your boundless mercy and for the sake of the holy, innocent, bitter sufferings and death of Your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, to be gracious and merciful to me, a poor, sinful being.*

Absolution

P: Upon this your confession, I, by virtue of my office, as a called and ordained servant of the Word, announce the grace of God unto all of you, and in the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the T Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: *Amen.*

Prayer of the Day

P: Let us pray,

C: *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. Amen.*

Scripture Readings (Back of Bulletin)

Old Testament Reading: Ezekiel 37: 1-14

Anthem (10:30): Surely He Hath Borne Our Grievs from Messiah . . . G. F. Handel

*Surely, Surely He hath borne our griefs,
And carried our sorrows,
Surely, surely He hath borne our griefs,
And carried our sorrows.
He was wounded for our transgressions,
He was bruised,
He was bruised for our iniquities,
The chastisement, the chastisement
Of our peace was upon Him.*

LSB 184

Epistle: Romans 8: 1-11

Holy Gospel: John 11: 1-45

P: The Gospel of the Lord

C: Thanks be to God

Hymn of the Day: LSB 430 – My Song is Love Unknown

Children’s Message

Message from the Word:

Sermon Series: ESTRANGEMENT, Part 5 – Repairing the Rift

Sermon Text: Genesis 33: 1-17

Apostle’s Creed: I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth. And in Jesus Christ, his 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 into hell. The third day he rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From thence he will come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body and the life everlasting. Amen.

Offering

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Responsive Prayer

P: Precious in the sight of the Lord is the death of his saints.

C: *I love the Lord, because he has heard my voice and my pleas for mercy.*

P: Because he inclined his ear to me,

C: *therefore I will call on him as long as I live.*

P: The snares of death encompassed me; the pangs of Sheol laid hold on me;

C: *I suffered distress and anguish.*

P: Then I called on the name of the Lord:

C: *“O Lord, I pray, deliver my soul!”*

P: For you have delivered my soul from death,

C: *my eyes from tears, my feet from stumbling.*

Prayers/Lord’s Prayer

Words of Institution/The Lord’s Supper (10:30 a.m.)

The Bible is specific about who should attend the Lord’s Supper (1 Corinthians 10: 16-17; 11: 27-30). We invite those who wish to confess their sins and believe they receive Christ’s body and blood in this sacrament, for their forgiveness, to join us at the Lord’s Table for their spiritual strengthening.

Communion Hymn: **Agnus Dei** (LSB p. 198)

O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy upon us.

O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world, Have mercy upon us.

O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world, grant us Thy peace. Amen.

Communion Hymn: LSB 548 – Thanks to Thee, O Christ, Victorious

Post-Communion Canticle: **On My Heart Imprint Your Image** (LSB 422)

On my heart imprint Your image,
Blessed Jesus, King of grace,
That life’s riches, cares and pleasures
Never may Your work erase:

Let the clear inscription be:
Jesus crucified for me,
Is my life, my hope’s foundation,
And my glory and salvation!
All glory to the Spirit, forever Three in One:

Closing Hymn: LSB 433 – Glory Be to Jesus

Benediction

Postlude: Thanks to Thee, O Christ, Victorious . . . D. Christiansen

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

FIRST-TIME VISITORS: Welcome to our guests and visitors! Please take home an Our Shepherd gift bag located on the table in the narthex as a “thank you” for being here!

LENT: We will have services at 7:15 p.m. each Wednesday during Lent.

MALACHI 3:10 CHALLENGE: Each year Our Shepherd challenges its members to pledge 20% of found or unexpected money to the Lord in an offering based on the passage Malachi 3:10. Please sign up to participate and share the blessings received because of your commitment.

SERVE AT THE EBENEZER BREAKFAST: On Saturday, April 4, 2026, we are asking for 4-5 volunteers. We make and serve breakfast for those in need beginning at 7:30 a.m. Please sign up online if you can volunteer, see our website for the link.

GOOD FRIDAY PRAYER VIGIL: Join your fellow congregation members in a time of prayer and reflection during our 24-hour prayer vigil. This will be in the Fish Building chapel – sign up for the time that works best for you.

EASTER FLOWERS: Please see the sheet on the bulletin board to sign up to purchase Easter flowers. Pricing and styles available are listed. You can take the plants home after the 10:30 service on Easter Sunday.

EASTER BREAKFAST: We will have our annual Easter Breakfast this year following the 7:00 a.m. sunrise service on April 5. Please sign up if you plan to attend!

SCHEDULE OF SERVICES AND ACTIVITIES THIS WEEK

Monday	Women’s Bible Study	2:00 PM
Monday	Bell Choir	3:30 PM
Monday	Adult Bible Study	6:30 PM
Tuesday	Share Our Strengths (S.O.S.)	6:00 PM
Wednesday	Men’s Bible Study	6:00 AM
Wednesday	Women’s Bible Study	9:30 AM
Wednesday	Bell Choir	6:45 PM
Wednesday	Lenten Worship	7:15 PM
Wednesday	Senior Choir	8:00 PM
Saturday	Worship Service	6:00 PM
Sunday	Worship Service	8:00 & 10:30 AM
Sunday	Sunday School/Adult Bible Class	9:30 AM

EASTER SCHEDULE

Thursday, April 2	Maundy Thursday Worship	7:15 PM
Friday, April 3	Good Friday Worship	7:15 PM
Saturday, April 4	Worship Service	6:00 PM
Sunday, April 5	Easter Sunrise Service	7:00 AM
Sunday, April 5	Easter Breakfast	8:15 AM
Sunday, April 5	Sunday School/Adult Bible Class	9:30 AM
Sunday, April 5	Easter Worship	10:30 AM

The Word Today is aired locally on Sunday mornings at 7:45 on WJYI 1340 AM and at 8:30 on WRJN 1400 AM.

Listener Responses to The Word Today

Saraike

I'm a 25-year-old housewife. I rejoice in Christ. My hubby is a laborer. I learned about the Bible and how to read it efficiently one day while listening to TWT Radio Programs. It provided me with peace of mind. I am hoping that God will hear my prayers and bless me with a child. Jesus Christ is my hope and my strength.

Sindhi

I am from Sindh. I drive a three-wheel vehicle that transports passengers from one location to another. I am forty years old. I listen to TWT Sindhi broadcasts daily. When I have passengers in my car, I also activate these programs. They are also paying close attention. Then I informed them about these programs.

Nepali

I am one of the listeners of the TWT-Nepali program. I am from a very strong Buddhist family background. Our beliefs and practices are like worshipping Buddha and meditating on his chants. Actually, real things to say that I have been so fading off by doing all kinds of filthy things so in my heart I have kept already that I have to come up with a realistic view and do the right things. So as time went on I found some of my neighborhoods go to a prayer meeting. So one day I decided to go and went with them and sat there and watched every activity. By intensely watching everything that has given me some meaningful sense in my life. After that, I decided to follow that new way. I began to listen to the word of God; I began to listen to the Radio program and participate in church activities. These all my acts refining my life and my behavior and thoughts. So still I am not strong in my faith, but I have been growing in the word of God and my spiritual life through the TWT-Nepali program. In my transitional life, I can give a grant to the Radio Program and My God Jesus Christ who has been making all the elements for my favorable spiritual life.