

Fifth Sunday in Lent
Commemoration of Dietrich Bonhoffer
6 April 2025

HIGHWOOD LUTHERAN CHURCH
419 Northmount Drive NW
Calgary, Alberta T2K 3H7
Telephone: 403-289-8206

Pastor: Rev. Michael Wellman

Organist: Rick VanderWoude **Secretary:** Liz Northam

Office Email: secretaryhlc@outlook.com

Email: pastorhlc@outlook.com

Website: www.highwoodlutheran.com

Organist's Blog: <https://highwoodorganist.wordpress.com>

Zoom: <https://us04web.zoom.us/j/4111340591>

PW: highwood

Zoom by Telephone Dial 1-587-328-1099

Meeting ID: 411 134 0591 # Passcode: 592794 #



~~~~~

**+ HOLY COMMUNION SETTING ONE +**

**ORGAN PRELUDE**

“A Lamb Goes Uncomplaining Forth” (#340) G. Krapf

**GATHERING**

Pg. 94

**CATECHETIC MOMENT**

**THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM**

Pg. 94

Baptismal Anniversaries Celebrated this month:

Dave Wong, Judith Nagel, Walter Anderson Jr, Ken McTavish,  
Mark Strand, Shane Strand, Sandi Whitehead, Ashton Rasmuson,  
Shelby Rasmuson, Trevor Rasmuson, Helen Sandau, Christiane  
Wenzlawe, Ivy Cress

**GATHERING HYMN** Through the Night of Doubt and Sorrow **No. 327**

**GREETING/ KYRIE**

Pg. 98

**P** We pray. Creator God, you prepare a new way in the wilderness, and your grace waters our desert. Open our hearts to be transformed by the new thing you are doing, that our lives may proclaim the extravagance of your love given to all through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C Amen.**

*Please be seated.*

### THE PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

**FIRST LESSON** A Reading from the Book of Isaiah

Thus says the Lord, who makes a way in the sea, a path in the mighty waters, who brings out chariot and horse, army and warrior; they lie down, they cannot rise, they are extinguished, quenched like a wick: Do not remember the former things, or consider the things of old. I 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. The wild animals will honour me, the jackals and the ostriches; for I give water in the wilderness, rivers in the desert, to give drink to my chosen people, the people whom I formed for myself so that they might declare my praise. (*Isaiah 43:16-21*)

**A** The word of the Lord.

**C Thanks be to God.**

**PSALM** *Sung* **Psalm 126**

When the Lord restored the for- | tunes of Zion,

then were we like | those who dream.

Then was our mouth | filled with laughter,

and our tongue with | shouts of joy.

Then they said a- | mong the nations,

"The Lord has done great | things for them."

The Lord has done great | things for us,

and we are | glad indeed.

Restore our for- | tunes, O Lord,

like the watercourses | of the Negev.

Those who | sowed with tears

will reap with | songs of joy.

Those who go out weeping, carry- | ing the seed,  
will come again with joy, shoulder- | ing their sheaves.

**SECOND LESSON** A Reading from the Letter to the Philippians

If anyone else has reason to be confident in the flesh, I have more: circumcised 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; as to zeal, a persecutor of the church; as to righteousness under the law, blameless. Yet whatever gains I had, these I have come to regard as loss because of Christ. More 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 and 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. I want to know Christ and the power of his resurrection and the sharing of his sufferings by becoming like him in his death, if somehow I may attain the resurrection from the dead. Not 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. Beloved, 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, I press on toward the goal for the prize of the heavenly call of God in Christ Jesus. (*Philippians 3:4b-14*)

A The word of the Lord.

**C Thanks be to God.**

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION** Let your steadfast love...

Pg. 103

*Please stand as you are able.*

**THE HOLY GOSPEL**

P The Holy Gospel...

**C Glory to you, O Lord**

Six days before the Passover Jesus came to Bethany, the home of Lazarus, whom he had raised from the dead. There they gave a dinner for him. Martha served, and Lazarus was one of those at the table with him. Mary 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. But Judas Iscariot, one

of his disciples (the one who was about to betray him), said, "Why was this perfume not sold for three hundred denarii and the money given to the poor?" (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.) Jesus said, "Leave her alone. She bought it so that she might keep it for the day of my burial. You always have the poor with you, but you do not always have me." (*John 12:1-8*)

P The gospel of the Lord.

**C Praise to you, O Christ.**

*Please be seated.*

### SERMON

#### HYMN OF THE DAY "In Christ Alone"

- 1 In Christ alone my hope is found;  
He is my light, my strength, my song;  
This cornerstone, this solid ground,  
Firm through the fiercest drought and storm.  
What heights of love, what depths of peace,  
When fears are stilled, when strivings cease!  
My comforter, my all in all—  
Here in the love of Christ I stand.
- 2 In Christ alone, Who took on flesh,  
Fullness of God in helpless babe!  
This gift of love and righteousness,  
Scorned by the ones He came to save.  
Till on that cross as Jesus died,  
The wrath of God was satisfied;  
For ev'ry sin on Him was laid—  
Here in the death of Christ I live.
- 3 There in the ground His body lay,  
Light of the world by darkness slain;  
Then bursting forth in glorious day,  
Up from the grave He rose again!  
And as He stands in victory,  
Sin's curse has lost its grip on me;  
For I am His and He is mine—  
Bought with the precious blood of Christ.

- 4 No guilt in life, no fear in death—  
This is the pow'r of Christ in me;  
From life's first cry to final breath,  
Jesus commands my destiny.  
No pow'r of hell, no scheme of man,  
Can ever pluck me from His hand;  
Till He returns or calls me home—  
Here in the pow'r of Christ I'll stand.

*IN CHRIST ALONE" Words and Music by Keith Getty & Stuart Townsend Copyright © 2002  
Thankyou Music(PRS) ADM Worldwide at Capitalcmgpublishing.com*

## THE APOSTLES CREED

Inside Front Cover and Page 105

## THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

*Please stand as you are able.*

The response to "*Hear us, O God.*" is "***Your mercy is great.***"

- A Seeking the grace, mercy, and love of almighty God, we offer our prayers for the church, for people in need, and for all of creation.

*A brief silence.*

- A God of resurrection and new life, inspire your church to reconsider what makes us holy. When we focus on our own piety or others' sin, show us Christ's faithfulness. Hear us, O God.

### **C Your mercy is great.**

- A Wherever destruction by flood, famine, or fire has devastated land and lives, cause green shoots to spring up, giving hope and vision for your promised future. Hear us, O God.

### **C Your mercy is great.**

- A Wipe away the tears of those who weep under the burdens of hard labour and despair. Restore them, and bring them into the joy of your presence. Bring peace to Ukraine and all other countries at war or facing disasters. Hear us, O God.

### **C Your mercy is great.**

- A Permeate this world with the sweet perfume of Christ's anointing. Fill your people with such gratitude that it spills over into service of those who are poor or in any need. Heal the sick and strengthen their caregivers. We pray for: Bruce Beamer, Anna Berwanger, Simret Bogale, Chrystine Cuch, Mariette Erasmus, Adeline Erick, Dolores Hollowell, Donna Harbor,

Genevieve Janssen, Julie Janssen Downe, Eleanora Lahoda, Fay Larsen, Amy Lynch, Jean McCowan, Mark Mutschlechner, Bruce and Judith Nagel, Karin Olafson (Dakota, Remi and Ada), Jerry Rasmuson and family, Jim and Joyce Rasmussen, David Sr. and Joan Richardson, Ron Sauer, Vern Schnell, Rose Sinclair, John Watt, those we name aloud ... and those we carry in our hearts. Hear us, O God.

**C Your mercy is great.**

A We pray for your holy catholic Church:

- the Eastern Synod, synod staff, pastors, people, and Bishop Carla Blakley
- the West Central Area Leadership Team, pastors, and people
- all spouses and families of rostered ministers
- Hosanna Lutheran, Edmonton
- the students, faculty, and staff of Lutheran Theological Seminary, Saskatoon
- Prince of Peace Congregation, Tunja, Colombia
- the pastors and people of the Lutheran Church in Tanzania
- the ministers and people of the Evangelical Churches in Canada
- the pastors and people of the Anglican, Mennonite, and Moravian Churches of Canada

For all these, Hear us, O God.

**C Your mercy is great.**

A Accompany those for whom death draws near. Bring us with all your saints to receive the abundance of heavenly glory through the covenant Christ sealed in his death and resurrection. We pray for the family and friends of Mary Joselin, that they may be comforted by your promises of comfort and eternal life. Hear us, O God.

**C Your mercy is great.**

A For all virtually gathered for this service, and those attending to the care of others and to beneficial endeavours that keep them away from worshipping. Hear us, O God.

**C Your mercy is great.**

P Reveal your will as you receive our prayers, and conform our ways to your ways; through the saving work of Jesus Christ our Lord.

**C Amen.**

**THE PEACE**

Pg. 106

**P** The peace of the Lord be always with you.

**C And also with you.**

**OFFERING**

**OFFERTORY** Lamb of God G. Faure

*Setting of the altar and reception of the Offerings.*

*Please be seated.*

**OFFERTORY PRAYER** (Lent)

Pg. 64

**THE GREAT THANKSGIVING**

Pg. 107

**EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER**

**THE LORD'S PRAYER**

*(\*Abana means "Our Father" and is pronounced Eh-Beh-Nah)*

\*Abana, in heaven, hallowed be your holy name.

Your Kingdom come, Your will be done in all the earth as in heav'n

Your Kingdom come, Your will be done in all the earth as in heav'n

And give to us, give us this day our daily bread, O Lord, we pray.

Forgive our sins as we forgive those who have sinned against us.

And save us in time of trial. Deliver us from evil.

Yours is the kingdom, Yours the power, Yours is the glory now and  
ever.

Abana, in heaven, Amen.

*Text and Music 2009 Presbyterian Church of Egypt*

**THE FRACTION**

**P** When we eat this Bread, we share the Body of Christ;  
when we drink the Cup, we share the Blood of Christ.

**C** **Reveal yourself to us, O Lord, in the breaking of the bread,  
as once you revealed yourself to the disciples.**

**LAMB OF GOD**

Pg. 112

**THE ADMINISTRATION OF THE SACRAMENT**

*Please be seated. Assistants and those in need commune first.*

**COMMUNION HYMNS**

When I Survey the Wondrous Cross  
Beneath the Cross of Jesus

**No. 803**

**No. 338**

TABLE BLESSING  
POST COMMUNION PRAYER (Lent)  
*Please be seated.*

Pg. 65

ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE SENDING FORTH OF THE COMMUNITY

BENEDICTION Pg. 114

SENDING HYMN Lift High the Cross No. 660

DISMISSAL Pg. 115

P Go in peace...  
C Thanks be to God!

ORGAN POSTLUDE "Lift High the Cross" (#660) D. Basarow

~~~~~

WELCOME to all gathered here today. Join us for refreshments and conversation downstairs after worship, Questions? Ask one of today's servants or speak with the pastor.

WE THANK TODAY'S SERVANTS

Usher:	Gerry & Barb Patychuk
Lector:	Gerry Patychuk
Assistant:	Art Wildeman
Altar Guild:	Our Volunteer
Refreshments:	Gerry & Barb Patychuk
Zoom Host:	Phil Tang, Ahmed Conteh

OFFERING AND ATTENDANCE

Last week	30 March	Budget 2025
Current	\$ 1,042	\$2,911
Benevolence	\$ 0	
Building Fund	\$ 20	
Other	\$ 1,062	
Attendance	39	

ACTIVITIES THIS WEEK

Today	6 Apr	11:45 PM	Fellowship and Refreshments
		2:00 PM	CFMA Worship
Monday	7 Apr	7:00 PM	12 Step Program
Tuesday	8 Apr	6:00 PM	Elders
		6:30 PM	S.A.F.E. Place Peer Support

Wednesday	9 Apr	10:00 AM	12 Step Program
		7:00 PM	12 Step Program
Friday	11 Apr	7:00 PM	12 Step Program
Saturday	12 Apr	9:00 AM	House of Hope Worship
Sunday	13 Apr	10:30 AM	Palm Sunday

FOOD BANK DRIVE –Our Food Bank Drive is almost over! Our goal is to gather donations and have everything ready for Palm Sunday, (that’s next Sunday!) so we can deliver them to the distribution centre. We encourage you to drop off your non-perishable items or food box donations at the Narthex. Every contribution counts, and your support is greatly appreciated! Thank you for your generosity and commitment to helping those in need.

EASTER FLOWERS – Are you able to donate funds to provide flowers for Easter Sunday? If so, please mark your envelope. Thanks for your generosity!

HOTSHOTS – Tuesday 15 April 2025 at 10:00 AM join us for the movie “Jack the Bear” with a soup and bun lunch to follow. We have great discussions about the movies, so add your thoughts to the mix. Sign up sheet is downstairs.

HOSPICE CALGARY – Dying to Know “*Explaining Wills & Probates*” Tuesday 15 April 2025 at 6:00 PM. Register for this online session [here](#).

LUTHERAN HOSPITAL MINISTRIES - The annual Fundraising Walk, Run or Roll is set for April 26th. Start and finish at Faith Lutheran Church. Registration at 8:30 AM, Walk begins at 9:30 AM. Donations may be added to your envelope, specify Lutheran Hospital Ministry. See poster and forms on bulletin board.

TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE – If you need a ride to church, contact Elizabeth Anderson 587 897 0548 or Bill Strand 403 239 9894

NEXT WEEK’S READINGS	Palm Sunday
Isaiah 50:4-9a	Psalm 118:1, 2:19-29
Philippians 2:5-11	Luke 19:28-40

LENTEN SERVICES

HOLY WEEK

April 13 – 20

Palm Sunday

13 April

10:30 AM

THE TRIDUUM

Maundy Thursday

17 April

7:00 PM

Good Friday

18 April

10:30 AM

EASTER SUNDAY

20 April

10:30 AM