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THE FIFTH SUNDAY IN LENT

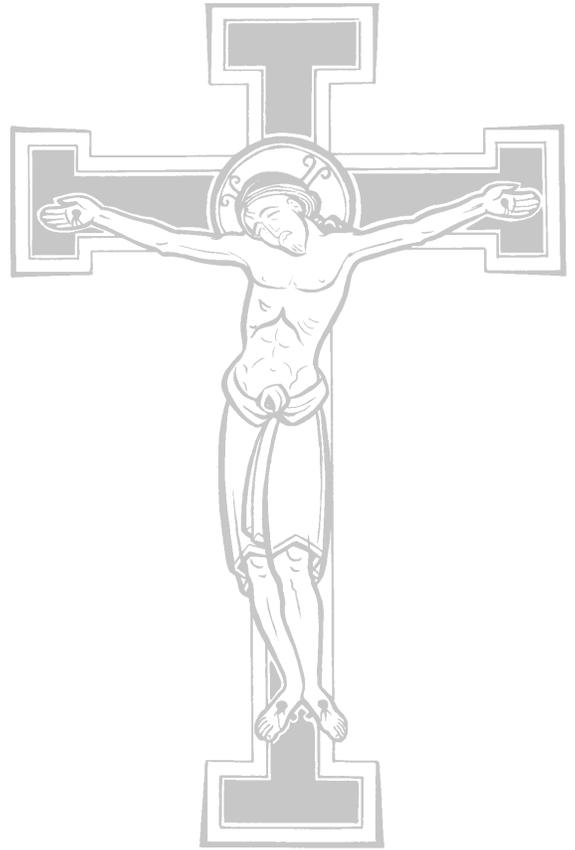
MARCH 22, 2025 ✕ 8:00 AM AND 10:15 AM

## A SPECIAL WELCOME TO OUR GUESTS!

We're thrilled that you are here and we want you to feel at home.

- \* Restrooms are near the door that you came in today.
- \* The service is printed in this worship folder. Join in as you're comfortable. Ask anyone if you're lost - they'll be glad to help!
- \* We're glad you brought your kids! We know and Jesus knows that little kids have a hard time sitting quietly sometimes. They are still welcome here. Jesus said: Let the little children come to me! If your little one is restless, feel free to spend a minute in the entryway, you should still be able to hear through speakers.
- \* If you could use some hearing assistance, please ask the usher in the entryway, we have headsets available.

Please introduce yourself to Pastor Boettcher or Pastor Peil. They would love to meet you and serve you however they can!



## OUR OFFERING APP/ELECTRONIC GIVING IS CHANGING!

**Please note that we are rolling out a new app that will be a home for much of the communication and scheduling and giving we do here at PoP.**

**Here's a QR code that takes you to our church center app: Please get the app and look around! It's easy to sign up and this will also be our new church directory.**



**If you currently have a recurring gift set up through Pushpay (our former system), you will need to cancel recurring gifts there.** You can find your Pushpay account at [pushpay.com/g/popslc](https://pushpay.com/g/popslc)

## Sharing of the Peace

Sharing of Peace is an ancient Christian custom, originally referred to as the "Kiss of Peace." Paul wrote to the Romans and the Corinthians and the Thessalonians: "Greet one another with a holy kiss." (Rom 16:16, 1 Cor 16:20, 2 Cor 13:12, 1 Thess 5:26). There are constant references in the following centuries to Christians sharing a holy kiss during worship, either after the Lord's Prayer or just before communing together as a sign of unity in the presence of Jesus, as Ephesians 4:3 calls us to: "Make every effort to keep the unity of the Spirit through the bond of peace." Eventually the kiss became a handshake with the words, "peace be with you" in most of the Western Christian churches. We'll follow this lovely ancient custom and say, "peace be with you" to those seated around us and perhaps offer a handshake during Lent as a symbol of our reconciliation to each other in the peace of Jesus and as an expression of our love for one another.

# THE DIVINE SERVICE

*☞ The congregation speaks and sings the words in BOLD type. ☞*

## HYMN 502 Children of the Heavenly Father

PLEASE STAND.

### INVOCATION

In the name of the Father and of the Son ☩ and of the Holy Spirit.  
**Amen.**

*Matthew 28:19*

### CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

If we claim to be without sin, we deceive ourselves and the truth is not in us.

**If we confess our sins, God is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins  
and purify us from all unrighteousness.**

*1 John 1:8-9*

Let us confess our sins to the Lord.

**Holy God, gracious Father,**

**I am sinful by nature**

**and have sinned against you in my thoughts, words, and actions.**

**I have not loved you with my whole heart;**

**I have not loved others as I should.**

**I deserve your punishment both now and forever.**

**But Jesus, my Savior, paid for my sins**

**with his innocent suffering and death.**

**Trusting in him, I pray: God, have mercy on me, a sinner.**

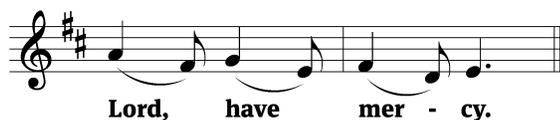
*Silence for reflection*

Our gracious Father in heaven has been merciful to us. He sent his only Son, Jesus Christ, who gave his life as the atoning sacrifice for the sins of the whole world. Therefore, as a called servant of Christ and by his authority, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ☩ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**Amen.**

### LORD, HAVE MERCY

In peace let us pray to the Lord.



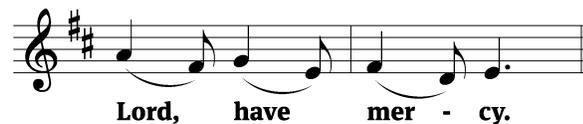
For the peace from above and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.



For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God, and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.



For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise, let us pray to the Lord.



Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.



## PRAYER OF THE DAY

The Lord be with you.

2 Timothy 4:22

**And also with you.**

Let us pray.

Eternal God and Father, help us to remember Jesus, who obeyed your will and bore the cross for our salvation, that through his anguish, pain, and death we may receive the forgiveness of sins, victory over the grave, and finally inherit eternal life; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**Amen.**

*Be seated.*

## FIRST READING

## 2 Kings 4:17-37

*God enables the prophet Elisha to prove to a grieving mother that God can and will raise people from the dead.*

**B**ut the woman became pregnant, and the next year about that same time she gave birth to a son, just as Elisha had told her.

The child grew, and one day he went out to his father, who was with the reapers. He said to his father, "My head! My head!"

His father told a servant, "Carry him to his mother." After the servant had lifted him up and carried him to his mother, the boy sat on her lap until noon, and then he died. She went up and laid him on the bed of the man of God, then shut the door and went out.

She called her husband and said, "Please send me one of the servants and a donkey

so I can go to the man of God quickly and return."

"Why go to him today?" he asked. "It's not the New Moon or the Sabbath."

"That's all right," she said.

She saddled the donkey and said to her servant, "Lead on; don't slow down for me unless I tell you." So she set out and came to the man of God at Mount Carmel.

When he saw her in the distance, the man of God said to his servant Gehazi, "Look! There's the Shunammite! Run to meet her and ask her, 'Are you all right? Is your husband all right? Is your child all right?'"

"Everything is all right," she said.

When she reached the man of God at the mountain, she took hold of his feet. Gehazi came over to push her away, but the man of God said, "Leave her alone! She is in bitter distress, but the Lord has hidden it from me and has not told me why."

"Did I ask you for a son, my lord?" she said. "Didn't I tell you, 'Don't raise my hopes'?"

Elisha said to Gehazi, "Tuck your cloak into your belt, take my staff in your hand and run. Don't greet anyone you meet, and if anyone greets you, do not answer. Lay my staff on the boy's face."

But the child's mother said, "As surely as the Lord lives and as you live, I will not leave you." So he got up and followed her.

Gehazi went on ahead and laid the staff on the boy's face, but there was no sound or response. So Gehazi went back to meet Elisha and told him, "The boy has not awakened."

When Elisha reached the house, there was the boy lying dead on his couch. He went in, shut the door on the two of them and prayed to the Lord. Then he got on the bed and lay on the boy, mouth to mouth, eyes to eyes, hands to hands. As he stretched himself out on him, the boy's body grew warm. Elisha turned away and walked back and forth in the room and then got on the bed and stretched out on him once more. The boy sneezed seven times and opened his eyes.

Elisha summoned Gehazi and said, "Call the Shunammite." And he did. When she came, he said, "Take your son." She came in, fell at his feet and bowed to the ground. Then she took her son and went out.

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

## PSALM 25B



1 I lift my soul to you, LORD, I trust, O God, in you.  
2 Your cov - e - nant and mer - cy are with me all my days

Send forth your truth to guide me, and teach me what to do.  
to com - fort and to bless me, to keep me in your ways.

Re - mem - ber your great mer - cy, your ev - er - last - ing love;  
When - ev - er I look up - ward, I find you wait - ing there,

for - give me, God, my Sav - ior, my guilt and sin re - move.  
to bear me and to keep me all safe be - neath your care.

## SECOND READING

Romans 8:11-19

*The Father promises to raise me from the dead and make me an heir of everlasting glory.*

**A**nd if the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead is living in you, he who raised Christ from the dead will also give life to your mortal bodies because of his Spirit who lives in you.

Therefore, brothers and sisters, we have an obligation—but it is not to the flesh, to live according to it. For if you live according to the flesh, you will die; but if by the Spirit you put to death the misdeeds of the body, you will live.

For those who are led by the Spirit of God are the children of God. The Spirit you received does not make you slaves, so that you live in fear again; rather, the Spirit

you received brought about your adoption to sonship. And by him we cry, “Abba, Father.” The Spirit himself testifies with our spirit that we are God’s children. Now if we are children, then we are heirs—heirs of God and co-heirs with Christ, if indeed we share in his sufferings in order that we may also share in his glory.

I consider that our present sufferings are not worth comparing with the glory that will be revealed in us. 19For the creation waits in eager expectation for the children of God to be revealed.

The Word of the Lord.  
**Thanks be to God!**

*Please stand*

## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION - Lead Me, Lord

Hymn 926

Lead me, Lord, lead me in thy right - eous - ness;  
make thy way plain be - fore my face.  
For it is thou, Lord, thou, Lord on - ly, that  
mak - est me dwell in safe - ty.

## THE HOLY GOSPEL

John 11:17-27,38-45

*Jesus calls a Samaritan woman to faith, providing living water for her thirsty soul.*

**O**n his arrival, Jesus found that Lazarus had already been in the tomb for four days. Now Bethany was less than two miles from Jerusalem, and many Jews had come to Martha and

Mary to comfort them in the loss of their brother. When Martha heard that Jesus was coming, she went out to meet him, but Mary stayed at home.

“Lord,” Martha said to Jesus, “if you had been here, my brother would not have died. But I know that even now God will give you whatever you ask.”

Jesus said to her, “Your brother will rise again.”

Martha answered, “I know he will rise again in the resurrection at the last day.”

Jesus said to her, “I am the resurrection and the life. The one who believes in me will live, even though they die; and whoever lives by believing in me will never die. Do you believe this?”

“Yes, Lord,” she replied, “I believe that you are the Messiah, the Son of God, who is to come into the world.”

Jesus, once more deeply moved, came to the tomb. It was a cave with a stone laid across the entrance. “Take away the stone,” he said.

“But, Lord,” said Martha, the sister of the dead man, “by this time there is a bad odor, for he has been there four days.”

Then Jesus said, “Did I not tell you that if you believe, you will see the glory of God?”

So they took away the stone. Then Jesus looked up and said, “Father, I thank you that you have heard me. I knew that you always hear me, but I said this for the benefit of the people standing here, that they may believe that you sent me.”

When he had said this, Jesus called in a loud voice, “Lazarus, come out!” The dead man came out, his hands and feet wrapped with strips of linen, and a cloth around his face.

Jesus said to them, “Take off the grave clothes and let him go.”

Therefore many of the Jews who had come to visit Mary, and had seen what Jesus did, believed in him.

The Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise be to You, O Christ!**

*Be seated*

## **HYMN OF THE DAY 571 O God, the Lord of Heaven and Earth**

*The duet will sing stanzas 1 +2; the congregation joins in stanzas 3+4.*

## **SERMON John 11**

*Please stand*

## **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.**

*Romans 10:10; Dt 6:4  
Matthew 6:9; Ex 6:3  
Genesis 1:1; John 1:1  
Colossians 1:16*

*Romans 10:9  
Matthew 16:16  
John 3:16  
John 1:1,8,12,17:22  
Colossians 2:9  
John 1:2  
John 10:30  
Hebrews 1:2; John 1:3  
1 Tim 2:4; Rom 3:23  
John 6:41; Luke 15:20  
Luke 1:34-35  
John 1:14  
Mk 15:25; Jn 19:16-18*

**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 in unity with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified,  
who has spoken through the prophets.  
We believe in one holy Christian 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.**

*Jn 19:1-3; Lk 23:53  
1 Cor 15:4; Lk 24:6  
Acts 1:9  
Acts 7:55  
Matthew 26:64  
Acts 10:42; My 3:12  
2 Peter 1:11  
  
Jn 14:26; Acts 2:38  
Genesis 1:2; John 3:6  
John 15:26  
Mt 3:16-17  
Ez 11:5; 2 Pt 1:20-21  
1 Peter 2:5; Eph 2:19-22  
Ephesians 4:5; Acts 2:38  
1 Co 15:35-49; 1 Thes 4  
Psalm 106:48*

*Be seated*

## PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

For true wisdom in Christ, that the faithful may recognize that the foolishness of God is wiser than the wisdom of the world, let us pray to the Lord: **Lord, have mercy.**

For the holy Christian Church throughout the world and for all who confess the name of Christ, that God would guard and defend us from the temptations of the devil, the world, and our sinful nature, let us pray to the Lord: **Lord, have mercy.**

For a daily return to baptism, repentance and sorrow for sin, that the Old Adam in us should be drowned and die with all evil desires, and that a new man should daily emerge and arise to live before God in

righteousness and purity forever, let us pray to the Lord: **Lord, have mercy.**

For those who have wandered from the faith, that the Holy Spirit would use us to call them home to the Father, let us pray to the Lord: **Lord, have mercy.**

For those who suffer from hunger, homelessness, poverty, or unemployment, that God's great mercy and love would preserve and relieve them, let us pray to the Lord: **Lord, have mercy.**

*We pray for...*

Into Your hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in Your mercy, through Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord.

**Amen.**

## OFFERING

*Moved by God's love in Christ, we return to God our first and best gifts, purely out of thanks to Him.*

*There is an offering plate in the entry way for those who wish to give in that way.*

*One time or recurring GIFTS can be given through an account on our app: Church Center (QR Code on the left.)*

*Or, for a one time gift, text **Give + dollar amount (example: Give\$5) to 1 (844) 791-0302.** You'll receive a link to follow in response.*



**A NOTE TO OUR GUESTS** *Children and those who are not communicant members of our church may come forward for a blessing. Those who do are asked to cross their arms on their chest to indicate this.*

Prince of Peace practices closed communion, because the Bible teaches it and because we love you. That means we ask that only members of Prince of Peace or other congregations in our fellowship take the Lord's Supper this morning. This is not a judgment of anyone's faith, it is simply our desire to uphold what God says in 1 Corinthians 10 and 11 about who should receive Holy Communion and how. Because we believe from these words that Jesus' body and blood is really present in and with the bread and wine, we want to be sure that it is received in the manner He has commanded us.

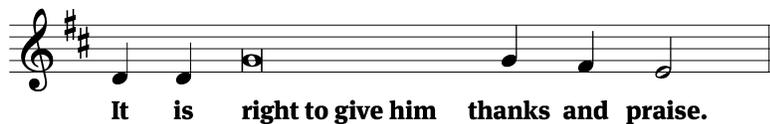
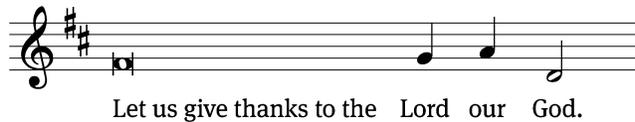
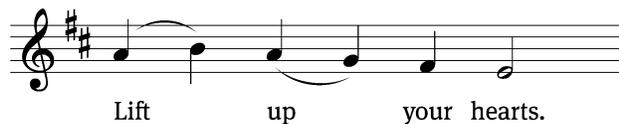
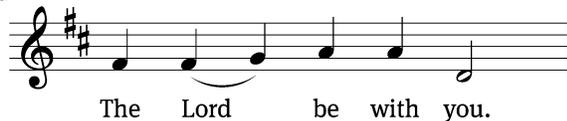
Please speak to Pastor Boettcher or Pastor Peil about communing with us in the future if you're not part of our congregation. **Thank you for your understanding!**

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## THE SACRAMENT

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Stand



It is truly good and right that we should at all times and in all places give you thanks, O Lord, holy Father, almighty and everlasting God, through Jesus Christ our Lord, who brought the gift of salvation to all people by his death on the tree of the cross so that the devil, who overcame us by a tree, would in turn by a tree be overcome.

Therefore, with all the saints on earth and hosts of heaven, we praise your holy name and join their glorious song:

## HOLY, HOLY, HOLY

*Tune: AURELIA*



1 Sing, "Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord God of hosts on high,  
2 Ho - san - na in the high - est! How blest is Christ our King,



your ev - er - last - ing glo - ry fills earth and sea and sky."  
who died as our Re - deem - er, e - ter - nal life to bring!



Our voic - es cry, "Ho - san - na!" Lord, hear our hum - ble plea:  
How blest are you, Lord Je - sus, now com - ing in God's name!



in mer - cy, come and save us; in love, come set us free.  
"Ho - san - na in the high - est!" our grate - ful hearts pro - claim.

## PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

Blessed are you, Lord of heaven and earth. In mercy for our fallen world you gave your only Son, that all who believe in him should not perish, but have eternal life. We give thanks to you for the salvation you have prepared for us through the all-sufficient sacrifice of Jesus Christ. Send now your Holy Spirit into our hearts, that we may receive our Lord with repentant joy as he comes to us in his holy supper. **Amen.**

**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 trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever and ever. Amen.**

## THE WORDS OF OUR LORD JESUS

Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night He was betrayed, took bread; and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to His disciples, saying, "Take and eat; this is my  $\text{✠}$  body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

Then He took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it to them, saying, “Drink from it, all of you; this is my blood of the new covenant, which is poured out for you for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, whenever you drink it, in remembrance of me.”

The peace of the Lord be with you always.

**Amen.**

## SHARING THE PEACE OF OUR LORD JESUS

*(for more information on this practice we observe this Lent, see the inside cover of this bulletin)*

Our Lord Jesus Christ has forgiven us and reconciled us to God and promised us the power to forgive and love each other. Extend to each other the peace of our Lord Jesus Christ as a sign of forgiveness and unity. “Dear friends, let us love one another, for love comes from God.” (1 John 4:7)

*The congregation extends the peace of Christ by turning to each other, shaking hands, and saying:*

**Peace be with you.**

## LAMB OF GOD



Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world; have mer - cy on us.

Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world; have mer - cy on us.

Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world; grant us, grant us peace.

*Be seated*

## DISTRIBUTION OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

**HYMN 819 If God Himself Be For Me**

**HYMN 676 Take and Eat**

*After the distribution, the minister speaks this blessing:*

The true body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen and preserve you to life everlasting. Your ✝ sins are forgiven.

**Amen.**

*Stand*

### PRAYER

Give thanks to the Lord, for He is good;

**His mercy endures forever.**

*Psalm 118:1*

Whenever we eat this bread and drink this cup,

**we proclaim the Lord's death until He comes.**

*1 Corinthians 11:26*

We give you thanks, O Lord, for the foretaste of the heavenly banquet you have given us in this Sacrament. Through this gift you have fed our faith, nourished our hope, and strengthened our love. By your Spirit, help us to live as your holy people until that day when you will receive us as your guests at the wedding supper of the Lamb, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**Amen.**

### BLESSING

*Numbers 6:24-26*

The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you.

The Lord look on you with favor and ✝ give you peace.

**Amen.**

*Be seated*

### CLOSING HYMN 544 I Am the Bread of Life

*The soloist will sing stanza 1; the congregation is invited to join in the rest of the hymn.*

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*Thank you to Greta Boettcher, Chandra Lange and Zach Brandt for using their gifts to serve us and our Savior with music this morning!*

