



# *Fifth Sunday in Lent*

Immanuel Lutheran Church  
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9:15 a.m.

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*Building community in the name and likeness of Jesus Christ.*

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*The Lord our God makes all things new. In the first reading God promises it. In the gospel Mary anticipates it, anointing Jesus' feet with costly perfume in preparation for the day of his burial. In the second reading we recall the transformation of Saul, the persecutor, into Paul, the apostle. In baptism, God's new person (you!) rises daily from the deadly mire of trespasses and sins.*

# ORDER OF WORSHIP

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## PRELUDE

## WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

## CONFESSION & FORGIVENESS

Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God, who gathers us in the wilderness to redeem us, anoint us, and make us new.

**Amen.**

In these forty days, let us be honest, confess our sin, and receive God's promise of mercy.

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

God at the margins,

**We have wandered far from your home; again and again, we lose our way. We turn inward, afraid of the world around us. We forget that you have saved your people before and promise to do so again. Do not remember the deeds of our past, but turn our faces toward the future, where your forgiveness is sure, your welcome is clear, and your love overflows. Amen.**

Like a hen who gathers her chicks, God embraces you in tender care. Like manna in the desert, God feeds you with surprising mercy. Like a loving parent, God runs to meet you again this day, forgiving your sins for the sake of † Christ, leading you from death into life.

**Amen.**

GATHERING HYMN: **"Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord God Almighty"**

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GREETING [congregational response] **And also with you.**

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

FIRST READING: Isaiah 43:16-21 *The Lord gives water in the wilderness to the chosen people*

PSALM: Psalm 126 *Those who sowed with tears will reap with songs of joy [126:5]*

[cantor sings verse, assembly sings refrain]

<sup>1</sup>When the LORD restored the for- | tunes of Zion,  
then were we like | those who dream.

<sup>2</sup>Then was our mouth filled with laughter, and our tongue with | shouts of joy.

Then they said among the nations,

“The LORD has done great | things for them.” **REFRAIN**

<sup>3</sup>The LORD has done great | things for us, and we are | glad indeed.

<sup>4</sup>Restore our for- | tunes, O LORD, like the watercourses | of the Negeb. **REFRAIN**

<sup>5</sup>Those who | sowed with tears will reap with | songs of joy.

<sup>6</sup>Those who go out weeping, carry- | ing the seed,

will come again with joy, shoulder- | ing their sheaves. **REFRAIN**

SECOND READING: Philippians 3:4b-14 *To know Christ and his resurrection, to share in his sufferings*

GOSPEL: John 12:1-8 *Mary anoints Jesus for his burial*

Announcement: ***Glory to you, O Lord.*** Conclusion: ***Praise to you, O Christ.***

CHILDREN’S SERMON / SERMON

Pastor Rod

HYMN OF THE DAY: “**Love, Love**” French folksong

arr. Nachtway/Allaway

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION: *L: Hear us, O God. C: Your mercy is great.*

**June** Anderson

**Heather** Davidson

**Kathryn** Olson

**Rolf** Anderson

**Melissa** Kerr

**Tim** Schmidt

**Baby Jaylee** Bartleson

**Duane** Moe

**Missionaries Colin, Jeni, Josie & Amos** Grangaard

**Nick** Damm

**Ione** Nelson

**Evangelical Lutheran Church of the Magallenes**

SHARING OF THE PEACE: The peace of Christ be with you always. **And also with you.**

OFFERTORY: “O the Deep, Deep Love of Jesus” Joseph M. Martin

The Choir

OFFERING PRAYER

WORDS OF INSTITUTION / LORD’ PRAYER

