

**Order of Worship  
With One Voice**

Time for Silent Meditation

Prelude

**Gathering**

Gathering Song...**WOV # 712**...'Listen, God Is Calling'

The word is near you,  
**on your lips and in your heart.**

If you confess with your lips that Jesus is Lord,  
**and believe in your heart that God raised him  
from the dead, you will be saved.**

Faith comes from what is heard,  
**and what is heard comes through the word of Christ.**

*Romans 10*

Scripture Song ... page 47 ... 'Salvation belongs to our God...'

Prayer of the Day\*

The Lord be with you.  
**And also with you.**

*The congregation joins in the prayer of the day.*

Let us pray.

*A brief silence is kept before the prayer.*

God of compassionate,  
**you welcome the wayward, and you embrace us all with  
your mercy. By our baptism clothe us with garments of your  
grace, and feed us at the table of your love, through Jesus  
Christ, our Saviour and Lord, who lives and reigns with you  
and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

**Word**

First Reading...Joshua 5:9-12

*Israel eats bread and grain, the produce of the land*

The word of the Lord

**Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 32.....*read responsively by whole verse*

<sup>1</sup> Happy are they whose transgressions are forgiven,  
and whose sin is put away!

<sup>2</sup> **Happy are they to whom the LORD imputes no guilt,  
and in whose spirit there is no guile!**

<sup>3</sup> While I held my tongue, my bones withered away,  
because of my groaning all day long.

<sup>4</sup> **For your hand was heavy upon me day and night;  
my moisture was dried up as in the heat of summer.**

<sup>5</sup> Then I acknowledged my sin to you, and did not conceal my  
guilt.

I said, "I will confess my transgressions to the LORD." Then  
you forgave me the guilt of my sin.

<sup>6</sup> **Therefore all the faithful will make their prayers to you  
in time of trouble; when the great waters overflow, they shall  
not reach them.**

<sup>7</sup> You are my hiding-place; you preserve me from trouble;  
you surround me with shouts of deliverance.

<sup>8</sup> **"I will instruct you and teach you in the way that you  
should go; I will guide you with my eye.**

<sup>9</sup> Do not be like horse or mule, which have no understanding;  
who must be fitted with bit and bridle,  
or else they will not stay near you."

<sup>10</sup> **Great are the tribulations of the wicked;  
but mercy embraces those who trust in the LORD.**

<sup>11</sup> Be glad, you righteous, and rejoice in the LORD;  
shout for joy, all who are true of heart.

Second Reading...2 Corinthians 5:16-21

*The mystery and ministry of reconciliation*

The word of the Lord

**Thanks be to God.**

Gospel Acclamation..... page 48...'Word of life...'

Gospel ... Luke 15:1-3, 11b-32

*The parable of the prodigal father and the repentant son*

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

*The gospel is proclaimed, concluding:*

The gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

Sermon

*written by Pr Julio Romero*

*Silence for reflection follows the sermon.*

Hymn of the Day...**WOV # 783**...'Seek Ye First'

*(replace Alleluia with Amen)*

**Response to the Word** ... page 49

In Christ, you have heard the word of truth,  
the gospel of your salvation.



Sunday, March 30, 2025

**Fourth Sunday in Lent**

**WITH ONE VOICE**  
SERVICE OF WORD AND PRAYER

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**We believe in him and are marked with the seal of the promised Holy Spirit.** *Ephesians 1:13-14*

Let us confess our faith using the Apostles' Creed.

**I believe in God, the Father Almighty, creator of heaven and earth.**  
**I believe in Jesus Christ, God's 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 to the dead.**  
**On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the living and the dead.**  
**I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.**

Build yourselves up on your most holy faith;  
**Pray in the Holy Spirit.** *Jude 20*

Keep yourselves in the love of God;  
**Look forward to the mercy of our Lord Jesus Christ.** *Jude 21*

If anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation;  
**Everything old has passed away; behold, everything has become new!** *2 Corinthians 5:17*

God has given us the ministry of reconciliation.  
Therefore, let us be reconciled to God and to one another.

Gracious God,  
**have mercy on us. In your compassion, forgive us our sins, known and unknown, things done and things left undone. Uphold us by your Spirit so that we may live and serve you in newness of life, to the honor and glory of your holy name; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.**

The almighty and merciful Lord grant us pardon, forgiveness, and remission of all our sins. **Amen.**

Peace ... page 50

Sisters and brothers, rejoice. Mend your ways, encourage one another, agree with one another, live in peace.  
*2 Corinthians 13:11*

The peace of the Lord be with you always.  
**And also with you.**

Let us share God's peace with one another.  
**Peace be with you.**

Offering  
*The gifts are brought forward as the Offertory is sung.*

Offering Song ... page 50 ... second verse

Offertory Prayer

Let us pray  
Gracious God,  
**in the abundance of your steadfast love, you call us from death to life, from silence to speech, from idleness to action. With these gifts we offer ourselves to you, and with the Church through all the ages we give thanks for your saving love in Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

Prayers of Intercession

*Each portion of the prayer ends with these or similar words.*

God, in your mercy,  
**receive our prayer.**

*The prayers conclude with these or similar words.*

As we embrace simplicity and self-denial in our Lenten journey, remind us of your boundless abundance, trusting in your steadfast love. Receive the prayers of our hearts, through Jesus Christ, our Saviour. **Amen.**

The Lord's Prayer

**Sending**

Blessing\*

God our tender parent, God the crucified one,  
God the reconciling Spirit, ☩ bless us now and forever.

Sending Hymn... **WOV # 660**... 'I Want Jesus to Walk with Me'

Dismissal

Go in peace. Care for others as God cares for you.  
**Thanks be to God.**

Postlude

**Announcements**

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**Listen, God Is Calling**

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**I Want Jesus to Walk with Me**

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## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### **Sunday, March 30 – Fourth Sunday in Lent**

- Sunday School 10:55 AM
- With One Voice Service of the Word 11:00 AM
- Announcements
- Birthday Sunday Coffee Hour

### **Thursday, April 3 – Bible Study 10:30 AM – 12 noon**

### **Sunday, April 6 – Fifth Sunday in Lent**

- Sunday School 10:55 AM
- Holy Communion Worship Pr Doreen McFarlane 11:00 AM
- Announcements
- Coffee Hour

### **Wednesday, April 9 – WoF 1:30 – 3:00 PM**

### **Thursday, April 10 – Bible Study 10:30 AM – 12 noon**

### **Thursday, April 17 – NO Bible Study**

#### **- Maundy Thursday Service**

- Holy Communion Worship Pr Doreen McFarlane **4:00 PM**

### **Friday, April 18 – Good Friday**

- Worship Service Pr Julio Romero **2:00 PM**

**Bunny Hop Community Care** – The Witness Committee is sponsoring a “Bunny Hop” Drive. Donations of items for small Easter Bags for children are being collected. Suggestions: wrapped chocolate bunnies and candy, baby or toddler cookies or smoochies, crayons, small toys, pencils or pens, bubbles, skipping ropes, chalk, small books, socks, fidgets and hair supplies etc. **Deadline: Sunday, April 6**  
Monday, April 7th the bags will be filled and delivered to the Food Bank.

### **Deadline for Next Newsletter – Today, March 30**

Vacation photos & write-ups, poems, appropriate jokes, information of general interest are all accepted. Be mindful of copyright with submissions. Please email your submissions to Darlene. dingram@vaxxine.com

### **Bishop’s Spiritual Retreat for Laypersons - April 4-6**

Mount Carmel Spiritual Centre, 7020 Stanley Ave, N.F.

Theme: “Grief Matters” learning how to speak the language of grief Cost: All inclusive- **\$300**, Commuter - **\$150**

More information is posted on the bulletin board in the narthex and on the Synod website: [www.easternsynod.org](http://www.easternsynod.org)

**Community Care** – .Let us continue to remember the less fortunate by donating to the Food Bank. Besides nonperishable foods, things such as hygiene products like travel size toothpaste, toothbrushes, toilet paper, diapers and gently used clothing are also needed.

**Portals of Prayer** and **Eternity For Today** Devotional Booklets for April 1 – June 30 are now available. They are located on the shelf by the lift in the narthex. Please feel free to pick up a copy of one or both.

**Pastoral care** – If you are in need of pastoral care please call the church and leave a message (messages will be checked daily), or, in an emergency, call Pr. Julio on his cell phone 289-407-3993. If it is not an emergency please keep in mind that Saturday and Monday are his days off.

### **Free Event – Navigating a Life-Changing Diagnosis –**

#### **7 Keys For More Choice and Control** presented by

Dr Sammy Winemaker & Dr Hsien Seow at Club Italia Event Centre 2525 Montrose Rd, N.F **Thursday, April 10. 4 – 8 PM**

Register at: [waitingroomrevolution.com/events](http://waitingroomrevolution.com/events).

More information is posted on the bulletin board in the Fellowship Hall