

Fifth Sunday of Lent

March 17, 2024

10:00 am Worship



FIFTH SUNDAY  
*in*  
LENT



**McFARLAND LUTHERAN CHURCH**

**SHARE GOD'S WORD | SHOW GOD'S LOVE | SERVE GOD'S WORLD**

# This Week at MLC

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## **Monday, March 18**

9:00 am - Giving Quilters  
5:30 pm - Care of Creation Committee  
6:30 pm - Global Missions Committee  
6:30 pm - Stewardship Committee

## **Tuesday, March 19**

8:30 am - "Piece" Corp Quilters  
6:30 pm - Property Committee  
6:30 pm - Council

## **Wednesday, March 20**

7:00 am - High School Breakfast  
5:30 pm - Lenten Meal  
6:15 pm - Handbell Choir Rehearsal  
6:30 pm - Worship  
7:35 - Vocal Choir Rehearsal

## **Thursday, March 21**

6:30 pm - Men's Basketball

## **Saturday, March 23**

5:00 pm Worship

## **Sunday, March 24**

8:00 am - Worship  
9:00 am - NO SUNDAY SCHOOL/  
CONFIRMATION  
9:15 am - Facetime  
10:00 am - Worship

## **Fifth Sunday in Lent**

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**Preacher** - Pastor Paulette Cresswell

**Assisting Minister** - Deb Hettrick

**Lector** - Paul Hundt

**Musicians** - Kate Kroes, Chris Landerud,  
Deb Nygaard

**Pianist** - John Scoville

**Ushers** - Cheryl Brown, Paul Hundt

**Communion** - Brenda Moen

**Sacristans** - Devon Christenson,  
Deb Wellman

**Sound** -

**Door Close** - Barb Doran

## **Mid Week Lenten Schedule**

### Lenten Meals

Wednesday from 5:30 to 6:30 pm  
March 20th

### Mid-Week Lenten Services

Wednesday at 6:30 pm  
March 20th

# Gathering

A time to prepare ourselves for worship.

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*Please remember to silence your cell phones.*

## GATHERING "Lord Be Glorified"

**In our life, Lord, be glorified, be glorified.  
In our life, Lord, be glorified today.**

**In our song, Lord, be glorified, be glorified.  
In our life, Lord, be glorified today.**

**In your church, Lord, be glorified, be glorified.  
In my life, Lord, be glorified today.**

**In our life, Lord, be glorified, be glorified.  
In our life, Lord, be glorified today.**

## WELCOME

### CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

P: Blessed be the holy Trinity, ☩ one God, who writes the law on our hearts, who draws all people together through Jesus.

**C: Amen.**

P: Held in God's mercy, let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

P: Holy God,

**C: we confess that we are caught in snares of sin and cannot break free. We hoard resources while our neighbors are hungry and cold. We speak in ways that silence others. We are silent when we should speak up. We keep score in our hearts. We let hurts grow into hatred. For all these things and for sins only you know, forgive us, Lord. Amen.**

P: Here is a flood of grace: Out of love for the whole world, God draws near to us, breaks every snare of sin, washes away our wrongs, and restores the promise of

life through ✕ Jesus Christ.  
**C: Amen.**

### Opening Song "Same Love"

You choose the humble  
And raise them high  
You choose the weak  
And make them strong  
You heal our brokenness inside  
And give us life

Chorus  
The same love that set the captives free  
The same love that opened eyes to see  
Is calling us all by name  
You are calling us all by name  
The same God that spread the  
Heavens wide  
The same God that was crucified  
Is calling us all by name  
You are calling us all by name

You take the faithless one aside  
And speak the words "You are mine"

You call the cynic and the proud  
Come to me now

Chorus

Oh, Oh...

You're calling, You're calling  
You're calling us to the cross  
You're calling, You're calling  
You're calling us to the cross  
(Repeat)

Chorus

Oh, Oh...

### GREETING

P: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

**C: And also with you.**

### PRAYER OF THE DAY

A: Let us pray.

**C: O God, with steadfast love you draw us to yourself, and in mercy you receive our prayers. Strengthen us to bring forth the fruits of the Spirit, that through life and death we may live in your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.  
Amen.**

# Word

God speaks to us in scripture reading, preaching, and song.

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## CHILDREN'S TIME

### FIRST READING

**Jeremiah 31:31-34 (NRSV)**

L: Word of God, word of life.  
**C: Thanks be to God.**

### SECOND READING

**Hebrews 5:5-10 (NRSV)**

L: Word of God, word of life.  
**C: Thanks be to God.**

### THE GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

"As The Grains of Wheat"

**As the grains of wheat once scattered on the hill  
were gathered into one to become our bread;  
so may all your people from all the ends of earth  
be gathered into one in you.**

P: The Holy Gospel according to John the 12th chapter:

**C: Glory to you, O Lord.**

### GOSPEL

**John 12:20-33 (NRSV)**

P: The Gospel of the Lord.  
**C: Praise to you, O Christ.**

### SERMON

Pastor Paulette Cresswell

SONG OF THE DAY  
"At The Foot of the Cross"

**At the foot of the cross  
Where grace and suffering meet  
You have shown me Your love  
Through the judgment You received  
And You've won my heart  
Yes, You've won my heart, now I can**

Chorus  
**Trade these ashes in for beauty,  
And wear forgiveness like a crown.  
Coming to kiss the feet of mercy,  
I lay every burden down.  
At the foot of the cross.**

**At the foot of the cross  
Where I am made complete  
You have given me life  
Through the death You bore for me  
And You've won my heart  
Yes, You've won my heart, now I can**

Chorus  
(repeat)

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.**

## THE PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

A: Hear us, O God.

**C: Your mercy is great.**

## SHARING OF GOD'S PEACE

A: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

**C: And also with you.**

## *Holy Meal*

God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ.

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## OFFERING

"He Has Made Me Glad/This Is The Day"

Kid's Chorus

## OFFERING PRAYER

## THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

P: The Lord be with you.

**C: And also with you.**

P: Lift up your hearts.

**C: We lift them to the Lord.**

P: Let us give thanks to the Lord Our God.

**C: It is right to give God thanks and praise.**

## WORDS OF INSTITUTION

## THE LORD'S PRAYER

**Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and forever. Amen.**

## BLESSING FOR THOSE WORSHIPING ONLINE

### THE DISTRIBUTION

*You are welcome at this table, the Lord's Table. Jesus is fully present to each of us in the bread and the wine. Please come forward to receive this gift of grace. If you would prefer gluten free or grape juice, please let your server know. This gift is "for you." A blessing will be given to those of any age who come forward and do not commune. The ushers will direct you as to how and when to come forward.*

**P:** Bread for the journey. A feast for hungry hearts. Come!

**C:** **Thanks be to God.**

### COMMUNION MUSIC

"Remember"

This is the body that was torn for us  
This is the blood that was spilt  
Points to the pain You endured for us  
Points to the shame, the blame, the guilt

Father, Son and Holy Spirit  
Come, move our hearts to remember  
This is the Lamb who was slain for us  
So we, the church may enter in  
So bitter sweet when we think of You  
The One who bore our curse, our sin

Father, Son, and Holy Spirit  
Come, move our hearts to remember, to remember

Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, come  
Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, come  
Move our hearts to remember

### POST COMMUNION PRAYER



# *Sending*

God blesses us and sends us in mission to our neighbors

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## BENEDICTION

### SENDING SONG

“When I Survey The Wondrous Cross”

**When I survey the wondrous cross  
On which the prince of glory died,  
My richest gain I count but loss  
And pour contempt on all my pride.**

**Forbid it, Lord, that I should boast  
Save in the death of Christ, my God;  
All the vain things that charm me most,  
I sacrifice them to his blood.**

**See, from his head, his hands, his feet,  
Sorrow and love flow mingled down.  
Did e’er such love and sorrow meet,  
Or thorns compose so rich a crown?**

**Were the whole realm of nature mine,  
That were an offering far too small;  
Love so amazing, so divine,  
Demands my soul, my life, my all!  
So shine, shine, shine, where you are  
You are a star in the night**

### SENDING

**A:** Go in peace. Share your bread.

**C:** Thanks be to God.

### POSTLUDE

## **MLC QR Code for Financial Giving**



## Welcome, Guests!

We love having guests at MLC, and we welcome you to participate fully in worship with us today! Please allow us to thank you for worshipping with us by completing a "Welcome to Worship" card in front of you in the pew-chair racks. You can put the card in the offering plate, or hand it to an usher. Thank you, and we invite you to join us again. May God bless and keep you!

### Latest News

Altar Flowers are given **in memory of Richard Doran** by the Doran Family.

Communion wine is given **in memory of Dad, Harry Brunker** by the Kathy Westby.

#### Last week's attendance:

Saturday 5:	36
Sunday 8:	69
Sunday 10:	112
<b>Total:</b>	<b>217</b>

### Congregational Information

#### Easter Flowers

Donate in honor or memory of a loved one and take home a lovely plant or flower on Easter Sunday! Stop by the Welcome Center to fill out an order. Place it in the offering or leave it in Heather's mailbox by the conference room door by March 24th. Suggested donation is \$15.

#### Kids Chorus Will Be Singing More!

Our youngest vocalists shared their musical gifts in worship. It was such a hit that they're invited to participate again!

Rehearsals will be in the sanctuary on Sundays immediately following the 10:00am worship for roughly 15 minutes. Students will sing during the 10:00am worship.

Rehearsals on April 7 and 14. Sing on April 21.

All students are welcome to participate!

## **“The Most Fun You Will Have In A Yellow T-Shirt!”**

Please join the Local Missions Committee and volunteer at the Madison Brat Fest on Saturday, May 25 between 10am-2pm, with check-in 20 minutes prior to your shift. **The INITLIVE registration website (see below) goes live on March 15 th at 10AM.** Volunteer shifts fill up quickly, so log in right away at 10AM to create an account and sign up for a slot. Positions are assigned on a first-come, first-serve basis. Minimum age to volunteer is 14. Volunteers receive a yellow Brat Fest t-shirt, coupon good for a free food item, a free scoop of Chocolate Shoppe ice cream, and earn \$10 for every volunteer hour, which will go to McFarland Lutheran Church. More information to come closer to the Brat Fest date. If you have any questions or problems signing up, please contact Paul Hundt at (608) 225 - 0377 or hundtsi1@yahoo.com.

Sign-Up at <https://app.initlive.com/JE/2lh0kiwu5hyftv>

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## **Walk4Water 2024**

The Global Mission Team wants to invite a few more people to our innovative and fun W4W planning committee this year! The 2024 Walk4Water will be held Saturday, September 21st at McDaniel Park.

The time commitment is minimal and a lot is accomplished with emails. We meet as needed to establish timelines and divide up assignments. We will also be assembling the amazing and artistic silent auction baskets!

Over the past ten years, MLC has raised enough money to drill nearly eleven bore holes with sustainable wells in rural Ugandan villages. Thanks be to God, our church and the community for bringing safe, clean water to these very grateful people! The need for wells continues as so many people still rely on dirty and unreliable water sources.

We would really love to get some new people involved with planning the Walk. So if you have ever thought "WOW - the people on that committee seem to have such a great time" this is your big chance!

Please contact Gudrun Sindermann with questions, suggestions or to help us out at [gudrun1213@gmail.com](mailto:gudrun1213@gmail.com). Thank You and God's Peace!

## Thrivent Choice Dollars

Your Thrivent Choice dollars are an opportunity for you to make a difference. Please take a moment to allocate your Thrivent Choice dollars to support the ongoing ministry here at MLC.

The allocation **deadline is March 31st, 2024**. It only takes a few minutes to direct your personal Thrivent Choice dollars. To direct your dollars, please visit [www.Thrivent.com/thriventchoice](http://www.Thrivent.com/thriventchoice) or call Thrivent at 1-800-847-4836 before the March 31st deadline.

Thrivent Choice Dollars and Thrivent Action Teams make a huge impact on the ministries you choose to support.

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## Book Club Schedule

The book club **meets on the third Tuesday of the month, 10:00 am** at the Skaalen Village Clubhouse. If you have any questions, please call Cheryl Ackley at 608-838-3329.  
Hope to see you there.

**March 19** - *Remarkably Bright Creatures* by Shelby Van Pelt  
**April 16** - *Finding Me: A Memoir* by Viola Davis

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## No Nursery Attendant

There will be no nursery attendant March 24th or March 31st. The nursery will still be open if families wish to be in there with their children.

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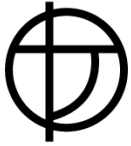
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**Worship Services: Saturday 5:00 pm, Sunday 8:00 & 10:00 am**

<b>Pastoral Team:</b>	Pastor Kelli Schmit*, Associate Pastor
<b>Lay Staff:</b>	Chris Landerud, Coordinator of Youth Ministries John Scoville, Organist/Pianist
<b>Administrative Team:</b>	Rita Jenkins*, Office Manager Heather Wedan, Administrative Assistant
<b>Musicians:</b>	Deb Nygaard, Chris Landerud, Kate Kroes
<b>Custodians:</b>	Ken Brost, Sharon Strattan
<b>CLM Administrator:</b>	Sara Phelan* 838-4425
<b>CLM Program Director:</b>	Deb Nygaard
<b>CLM Preschool Teachers:</b>	Jessica Liston, Jane Updike, Michelle Sampson, Jenny Foye, Katie Schaaf, Beth Daoust-Miller, Sara Phelan, Deb Nygaard, Brooke Ruengpinyophun, Kayla Langman
<b>CLM School Age Teacher:</b>	Hailey Clark, Olivia Schmidt, Ashlee Bittrick, Katherine Houle
<b>CLM Childcare Teacher:</b>	Ashlyn Altenberger, Tess Williams, Lily Gallegos Rachel Scott, Kayla Langman, Kaitlyn Ackley

*\*Designates full-time staff; others are part-time*

## 2023-2024 Council Members

Doug Buechel	Jane Licht (Secretary)
Wayne Corey	Sharon Mylrea (Vice-president)
Mike Devine (Treasurer)	Scott Potts (President)
Christina Hughey	Jon Schadeberg
Paul Hundt	Sarah Schutt
Erin Kraemer	Carri Wolff
Matt Lancaster	

## McFarland Lutheran's Worldwide & Local Partnerships

<b>Our Companion Synod:</b>	Northern Evangelical Lutheran Church of India
<b>Our Missionary in Egypt:</b>	Rev. Christie Manisto
<b>Working Relationships With:</b>	St. Andrews Refugee Services - Egypt Lutheran Church of the Reconciliation - Puerto Rico Hope 4 Kids International - Uganda Outreach for World Hope - Guatemala