

**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.

**SENDING**

**Benediction**

**CLOSING HYMN**

“Be Thou My Vision”

ELW, #793



**LENTEN SCHEDULE**

Every Wednesday evening:  
6:00 P.M.—Soup and Salad Supper  
7:00 P.M.—Worship

Saturday, April 12, 10 A.M.–3 P.M.—Prayer Vigil

Sunday, April 13, 9:30 A.M. —Palm/Passion Sunday

Thursday, April 17, 7:00 P.M.—Maundy Thursday

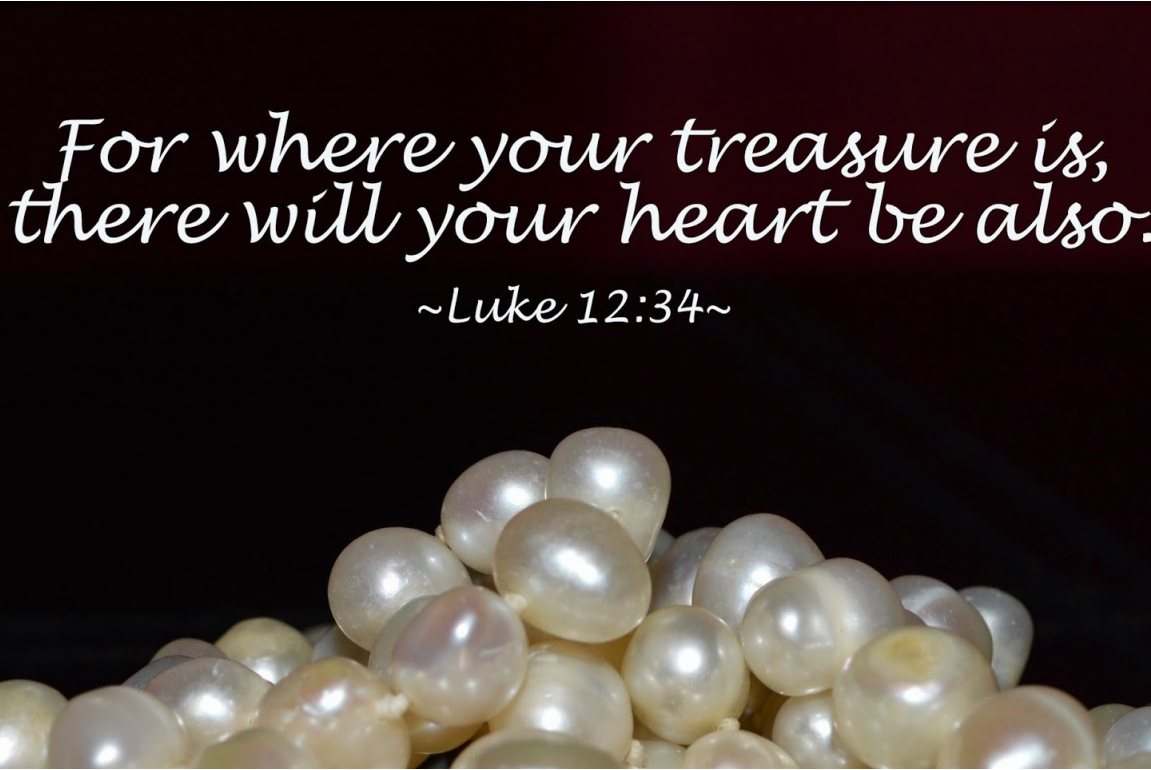
Friday, April 18, 7:00 P.M.—Good Friday

Saturday, April 19—Easter Egg Hunt  
& Games for children

Sunday, April 20—Easter  
6:30 A.M. & 9:30 A.M.  
Easter Breakfast—7:30–9:00 A.M.

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**FOURTH WEDNESDAY OF LENT**

April 2, 2025

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April 2, 2025  
7:00 p.m.

PRELUDE:

Welcome

LENT HYMN “Turn Your Eyes Upon Jesus” (chorus only, 3 times)

CHORUS:  
**Turn your eyes upon Jesus,  
Look full in His wonderful face;  
And the things of earth  
will grow strangely dim  
In the light of His glory and grace.**  
  
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Catching Our Breath

Prayer for Clearing Out:

P Let us pray a “prayer for clearing out...”  
Forgiving God, we are not sure we can slow down.  
C **Help us *make* room for You.**  
P We have too often crowded you out, too busy even to make a change.  
C **Help us *find* room for You.**  
P We come to you wanting it to be different.  
C **Let us *be* room for You.**  
P In the name of Jesus, who invites us to wholeness.  
C **Amen.**

OPENING HYMN “I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say” ELW #611

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.**

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

First Reading ..... Jeremiah 17:7–8, 14–16

Blessed are those who trust in the LORD, whose trust is the LORD.  
<sup>8</sup>They shall be like a tree planted by water, sending out its roots by the stream.

It shall not fear when heat comes, and its leaves shall stay green;  
in the year of drought it is not anxious, and it does not cease to bear fruit.  
<sup>14</sup>Heal me, O LORD, and I shall be healed; save me, and I shall be saved; for you are my praise.  
<sup>15</sup>See how they say to me, “Where is the word of the LORD? Let it come!”  
<sup>16</sup>But I have not run away from being a shepherd in your service, nor have I desired the fatal day.  
You know what came from my lips; it was before your face.

Second Reading .....2 Corinthians 4:7–18

But we have this treasure in clay jars, so that it may be made clear that this extraordinary power belongs to God and does not come from us. <sup>8</sup>We are afflicted in every way, but not crushed; perplexed, but not driven to despair; <sup>9</sup>persecuted, but not forsaken; struck down, but not destroyed; <sup>10</sup>always carrying in the body the death of Jesus, so that the life of Jesus may also be made visible in our bodies. <sup>11</sup>For while we live, we are always being given up to death for Jesus’ sake, so that the life of Jesus may be made visible in our mortal flesh. <sup>12</sup>So death is at work in us, but life in you.  
<sup>13</sup>But just as we have the same spirit of faith that is in accordance with scripture—“I believed, and so I spoke”—we also believe, and so we speak, <sup>14</sup>because we know that the one who raised the Lord Jesus will raise us also with Jesus, and will bring us with you into his presence. <sup>15</sup>Yes, everything is for your sake, so that grace, as it extends to more and more people, may increase thanksgiving, to the glory of God.  
<sup>16</sup>So we do not lose heart. Even though our outer nature is wasting away, our inner nature is being renewed day by day. <sup>17</sup>For this slight momentary affliction is preparing us for an eternal weight of glory beyond all measure, <sup>18</sup>because we look not at what can be seen but at what cannot be seen; for what can be seen is temporary, but what cannot be seen is eternal.

The Holy Gospel..... Luke 12:16–34

Then he told them a parable: “The land of a rich man produced abundantly. <sup>17</sup>And he thought to himself, ‘What should I do, for I have no place to store my crops?’ <sup>18</sup>Then he said, ‘I will do this: I will pull down my barns and build larger ones, and there I will store all my grain and my goods. <sup>19</sup>And I will say to my soul, ‘Soul, you have ample goods laid up for many years; relax, eat, drink, be merry.’ <sup>20</sup>But God said to him, ‘You fool! This very night your life is being demanded of you. And the things you have prepared, whose will they be?’ <sup>21</sup>So it is with those who store up treasures for themselves but are not rich toward God.”  
<sup>22</sup>He said to his disciples, “Therefore I tell you, do not worry about your life, what you will eat, or about your body, what you will wear. <sup>23</sup>For life is more than food, and the body more than clothing. <sup>24</sup>Consider the ravens: they neither sow nor reap, they have neither storehouse nor barn, and yet God feeds them. Of how much more value are you than the birds! <sup>25</sup>And can any of you by worrying add a single hour to your span of life? <sup>26</sup>If then you are not able to do so small a thing as that, why do you worry about the rest? <sup>27</sup>Consider the lilies, how they grow: they neither toil nor spin yet I tell you, even Solomon in all his glory was not clothed like one of these. <sup>28</sup>But if God so clothes the grass of the field, which is alive today and tomorrow is thrown into the oven, how much more will he clothe you—you of little faith! <sup>29</sup>And do not keep striving for what you are to eat and what you are to drink, and do not keep worrying. <sup>30</sup>For it is the nations of the world that strive after all these things, and your Father knows that you need them. <sup>31</sup>Instead, strive for his kingdom, and these things will be given to you as well.  
<sup>32</sup>“Do not be afraid, little flock, for it is your Father’s good pleasure to give you the kingdom. <sup>33</sup>Sell your possessions, and give alms. Make purses for yourselves that do not wear out, an unfailing treasure in heaven, where no thief comes near and no moth destroys. <sup>34</sup>For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.”

HYMN OF THE NIGHT: “Lord of All Hopefulness” ELW, #765

Sermon “Living Light” Pastor Barb Lemke

Prayers