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“Tell Me Something Good:

Grounding ourselves in the Good News this Lent”

Fifth Sunday of Lent:

*“The Good News Is...rooted in justice, mercy, and
faithfulness”*

March 22, 2026

GATHERING

INTRODUCTION TO THE LENTEN SERIES *The theme of our 2026 Lent series is, “Tell Me Something Good: Grounding ourselves in the Good News this Lent.” Throughout this season, we will return to what was central to Jesus’ life and ministry: radical welcome, love for neighbor, care for the vulnerable, feeding the hungry, and nonviolence in the face of injustice. At the heart of Jesus’ teachings, we find liberation, mercy, love, and grace – Good News meant for all. This series invites us to reconnect with the roots of our faith and consider how we might live as “good news” people in a world that often feels weighed down by bad news. This Lent, may we be grounded more deeply in God’s goodness and be inspired to live out Jesus’ teachings with courage and compassion.*

PRELUDE

Christie Semmler

BELLS

WELCOME/ANNOUNCEMENTS

LENT THEME SONG *“Improbable”*

CALL TO WORSHIP

PRAYER OF THE DAY

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OPENING HYMN *“Amazing Grace”*

*LBW #448**

WORD

FIRST READING

John 8:2-11

HYMN

Jesus Loves Me

CHILDREN'S TIME

HYMN

Jesus Loves Me

GOSPEL READING

Matthew 5:1-12

SONG OF THE DAY “*Take My Life, that I May Be*” LBW #406 (vs. 1,2,5,6)

SERMON

Beatitude Readings by the Bible Study

Group

REFLECTION SONG

“The Good News”

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH FOR THE SEASON OF LENT

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PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

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MEAL

OFFERING

Youth Emergency Shelter and Services

LORD'S PRAYER

SENDING

BLESSING FOR LENT

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BELLS

SENDING SONG “*The Glory of These Forty Days*” WOV #657 (vs. 1, 4,)

DISMISSAL

P: Go, live and share the Good News of Jesus Christ.

C: Amen! Thanks be to God!

POSTLUDE

Christie Semmler

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THIS WEEK'S BIBLE READINGS

Mon	Psalm 143; 1 Kings 17:17-24; Acts 20:7-12
Tue	Psalm 143; 2 Kings 4:18-37; Ephesians 2:1-10
Wed	Psalm 143; Jeremiah 32:1-9, 36-41; Matthew 22:23-33
Thu	Psalm 31:9-16; 1 Samuel 16:11-13; Philippians 1:1-11
Fri	Psalm 31:9-16; Job 13:13-19; Philippians 1:21-30
Sat	Psalm 31:9-16; Lamentations 3:55-66; Mark 10:32-34
Sun	Psalm 31:9-16; Isaiah 50:4-9a; Philippians 2:5-11; Matthew 26:14-27:66

SERVICE ASSISTANTS

	This Week	Next Week
Greeters	Jess Lecy	Denice Johnson
Ushers	Kirk & Melissa Stover	Kirk & Melissa Stover
Reader	Bernie Beck	Diana Schwenke
Communion		Shannah & Chloe Geimer

Prayer Concerns: Peace in the Middle East, Ukraine, and Venezuela, The YESS Program; The family & friends of Sara Tibbets, The family of Dawn Miller; Marlys Stainbrook, Carl & Linda Anderson, Phyllis Carlson, Tim Atwater (brother-in-law of Carol Jones), Jean (cousin of Vi Sundermeyer), Emily (friend of Vi Sundermeyer), Elaine Kelsey (friend of Peg Davies), Rose & Don (Vi Sundermeyer's sister and brother-in-law), Jerry Johnson (brother of Jay Johnson), Ryan Lau, Carla & Scott (friends of Corina Bronczyk), Karen Rich (sister of Mike Jones), Bonnie & George Lueck, Tina Riggs (friend of Bobbie Wosicka), Jerry Leverson (Resurrection Band singer), Jim Thomsen, Gail Buck, Erika W. (friend of Vi Sundermeyer), Jennifer Lyons (niece of Carol Jones), Jimmie & Joyce Lecy (Harry Lecy's brother & sister-in-law), Dr. Brian Bratloff, Phyllis Deer, Georgia Alexander (Pat Tinklenberg's granddaughter), Bruce Dahl (friend of Jay Johnson), Pat Tinklenberg (Heather Lenander's mom), Bernice Seward (De Carlson's mother), Nicky (friend of Peg Davies), Kent Stover (Kirk Stover's brother), Paul Benson (Betty Lecy's brother), David VanEye, Mellisa Tibbets, Jeff Massie, Harry Lecy, Johanna, Jana Dunham, Nellie, Bill T. (Shannah's cousin), Pr. Jim & Ann Davis, Steve Olafson, Sue Fiene (Linda Anderson's sister) Jane Andress (friend of Bobbie Wosicka), Daryl Hendrickson (friend of Peg Davies), Charlie Keith (great grandson of Jim & Linda Kolar), Richard VandenEykel (friend of Bobbie Wosicka), Coralyn Lempola (friend of Peg Davies), TK Flynn (friend of Greyson Geohring), Cherie (niece of Carol Jones)

Opportunities This Week

Today	Bible Study	9:00 AM
	Worship Service	10:00 AM
	Coffee Fellowship	11:15 AM
Sun	Bible Study	9:00 AM
	Palm Sunday Worship Service – gather in the narthex	10:00 AM
	Coffee Fellowship	11:15 AM

COMING UP:

Palm Sunday – March 29

Gather in Narthex for the Procession of Palms – 10:00 am

Good Friday – April 3

Good Friday Tenebrae (Service of Darkness) – 7:00 pm

Easter Sunday – April 5

Easter Breakfast and Easter Activities for the Kids – 9:00 am

Easter Sunday Celebration Service – 10:00 am

Easter Egg Hunt!!! – 11:15 am

Youth Emergency Shelter and Services

At YESS, we are dedicated to providing a safe and supportive environment for youth experiencing homelessness or in crisis who need shelter. Our team is committed to helping young people in northern Minnesota communities get back on their feet by offering emergency shelter, counseling, and other necessary support. We believe every young person deserves a chance to thrive and are here to help ensure that happens. With the help of donations, we provide emergency residential care, temporary housing, counseling, and preventative services to help kids transition into a more stable living situation. We are a 501 (C) 3 non-profit organization established in 2023 to assist children and families in northern Minnesota.

We will be collecting the following items during the month:

Crafting items, including beads and string, paint.

Pop (cans), Root Beer or Orange

Hygiene items, shampoo/conditioner, lotions, chapstick

(Full size hygiene items)

Walmart Gift Cards \$10-\$20.

If you wish to donate monetarily, please make your check to FLC with YESS on the memo line.