



Come to Believe † Come to Belong
SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER
April 27, 2025

PRELUDE

Janice Schonberg

“Come to believe, Come to belong, Come to receive, the promise of God”

P) Alleluia! Christ is risen! C) **He is risen indeed! Alleluia!**

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen

Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love You, and worthily magnify Your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen

If we say we have no sin we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness. Therefore, let us confess our sins in the presence of God and of one another.

(Silence for self-reflection)

Most merciful God,

We confess that we are in bondage to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved You with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways, to the glory of Your holy name.

Amen.

In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us, and for His sake God forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained minister of the church of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore declare unto you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

GATHERING SONG

“Blessed Assurance”



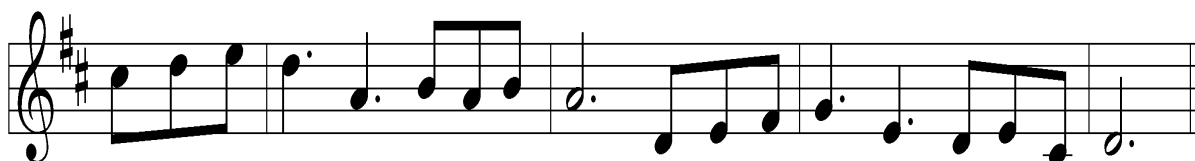
- 1 Bless-ed as-sur-ance, Je-sus is mine! Oh, what a fore-taste of glo-ry di-vine!
- 2 Per-fect sub-mis-sion, per-fect de-light, vi-sions of rap-ture now burst on my sight;
- 3 Per-fect sub-mis-sion, all is at rest; I in my Sav-ior am hap-py and blest,



Heir of sal-va-tion, pur-chase of God, born of his Spir-it, washed in his blood.
an-gels de-scend-ing bring from a-bove ech-oes of mer-cy, whis-pers of love.
watch-ing and wait-ing, look-ing a-bove, filled with his good-ness, lost in his love.



This is my sto-ry, this is my song, prais-ing my Sav-ior all the day long:



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GREETING

Alleluia! Christ is risen!


He is risen indeed! Alleluia!

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

And also with you.

KYRIE (*Lord, Have Mercy*)

Refrain




Ky-ri - e e - lei - son, on our world and on our way.




Ky-ri - e e - lei - son, ev-'ry day.



- 1 For peace in the world, for the health of the church, for the
- 2 That we may live out your im - passioned re - sponse to the
- 3 For peace in our hearts, . . . for peace in our homes, . . for
- 4 For your Spir - it to guide; that you cen - ter our lives in the



u - ni - ty of all; for
hun - gry and the poor; that
friends and fam - i - ly; for
wa - ter and the word; that you



this ho - ly house, for all who wor-ship and praise,
we may live out truth and jus - tice and grace,
life and for love, for our work and our play,
nour-ish our souls . . . with your bod - y and blood,



let us pray to the Lord, let us pray to the Lord. *Refrain*

PRAYER OF THE DAY

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Let us pray together: **Almighty and eternal God, the strength of those who believe and the hope of those who doubt, may we, who have not seen, have faith in you and receive the fullness of Christ's blessing, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

CHILDREN'S SERMON

FIRST READING

Acts 5:27-32

²⁷ And when they had brought them, they set them before the council. And the high priest questioned them, ²⁸ saying, "We strictly charged you not to teach in this name, yet here you have filled Jerusalem with your teaching, and you intend to bring this man's blood upon us." ²⁹ But Peter and the apostles answered, "We must obey God rather than men. ³⁰ The God of our fathers raised Jesus, whom you killed by hanging him on a tree. ³¹ God exalted him at his right hand as Leader and Savior, to give repentance to Israel and forgiveness of sins. ³² And we are witnesses to these things, and so is the Holy Spirit, whom God has given to those who obey him."

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM

Psalm 150

¹ Praise the LORD!

Praise God in his sanctuary;

praise him in his mighty heavens!

² Praise him for his mighty deeds;

praise him according to his excellent greatness!

³ Praise him with trumpet sound;

praise him with lute and harp!

⁴ Praise him with tambourine and dance;

praise him with strings and pipe!

⁵ Praise him with sounding cymbals;

praise him with loud clashing cymbals!

⁶ Let everything that has breath praise the LORD!

Praise the LORD!

SPECIAL MUSIC

"At the Cross"

Bonnie, Dennis & Pastor Gary

SECOND READING

Revelation 1:4-8

⁴John to the seven churches that are in Asia:

Grace to you and peace from him who is and who was and who is to come, and from the seven spirits who are before his throne,⁵ and from Jesus Christ the faithful witness, the firstborn of the dead, and the ruler of kings on earth.

To him who loves us and has freed us from our sins by his blood⁶ and made us a kingdom, priests to his God and Father, to him be glory and dominion forever and ever. Amen.⁷ Behold, he is coming with the clouds, and every eye will see him, even those who pierced him, and all tribes of the earth will wail^[a] on account of him. Even so. Amen.

⁸“I am the Alpha and the Omega,” says the Lord God, “who is and who was and who is to come, the Almighty.”

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Thy word is a lamp unto my feet and a light unto my path.

Thy word is a lamp unto my feet and a light unto my path.

When I feel afraid, think I've lost my way, still you're there right beside me

And nothing will I fear as long as you are near, please be near me to the end.

Thy word is a lamp unto my feet and a light unto my path.

Thy word is a lamp unto my feet and a light unto my path.

GOSPEL

John 20:19-31

The holy gospel according to St. John, the 20th chapter.

Glory to You, O Lord!

¹⁹On the evening of that day, the first day of the week, the doors being locked where the disciples were for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said to them, “Peace be with you.”²⁰ When he had said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples were glad when they saw the Lord.²¹ Jesus said to them again, “Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, even so I am sending you.”²² And when he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, “Receive the Holy Spirit.²³ If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you withhold forgiveness from any, it is withheld.”

²⁴Now Thomas, one of the twelve, called the Twin, was not with them when Jesus came.²⁵ So the other disciples told him, “We have seen the Lord.” But he said to them, “Unless I see in his hands the mark of the nails, and place my finger into the mark of the nails, and place my hand into his side, I will never believe.”

²⁶Eight days later, his disciples were inside again, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were locked, Jesus came and stood among them and said, “Peace be with you.”²⁷ Then he said to Thomas, “Put your finger here, and

see my hands; and put out your hand, and place it in my side. Do not disbelieve, but believe.”²⁸ Thomas answered him, “My Lord and my God!”²⁹ Jesus said to him, “Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have believed.”

³⁰ Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of the disciples, which are not written in this book;³¹ but these are written so that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that by believing you may have life in his name.

The gospel of the Lord.

Praise to You, O Christ!

SERMON

Pastor Gary Heltsley

HYMN OF THE DAY

“Up from the Grave”

Low in the grave He lay, Je - sus my Sav - ior!
 Vain - ly they watch His bed, Je - sus my Sav - ior!
 Death can - not keep his prey, Je - sus my Sav - ior!

Wait - ing the com - ing day, Je - sus my Lord!
 Vain - ly they seal the dead, Je - sus my Lord!
 He tore the bars a - way, Je - sus my Lord!

Up from the grave He a - rose, With a might - y tri - umph o'er His
 foes; He a - rose a Vic - tor from the dark do - main, And He
 lives for - ev - er with His saints to reign, He a - rose! He a -
 rose! Hal - le - lu - jah! Christ a - rose!

NICENE CREED

**We believe in one God,
the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,
the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God, begotten, not made,
of one Being with the Father.
Through him all things were made.
For us and for our salvation
he came down from heaven;
by the power of the Holy Spirit
he became incarnate from the virgin Mary,
and was made man.**

**For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered death and was buried.
On the third day he rose again
in accordance with the Scriptures;
he ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son.
With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified.
He has spoken through the prophets.
We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.
We acknowledge one Baptism for the forgiveness of sins.
We look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come. *Amen.***



PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

P) Let us pray for the whole Church of God in Christ Jesus and for all people according to their needs.

Glorious Lord, you have worked the salvation of the world through the death and resurrection of your Son. Give strength to our praise, and let our hearts and mouths be filled with the joy of your wondrous works.

Lord, in your mercy, *hear our prayer.*

Heavenly Father, you sent your Son to die for our sins and to rise for our justification. By His holy wounds, bless us with the forgiveness of sins, and bless those sent to serve us in your name, that your Church would be built up in our time and in the ages to come.

Lord, in your mercy, *hear our prayer.*

Merciful God, remember those who have wandered from the household of faith. Faithful to your promises, remind them of their need for your unending grace and steadfast love that they might return to the faith and delight in your Son, crucified and raised for them.

Lord, in your mercy, *hear our prayer.*

Lord, with our brothers and sisters in Christ, we pray you would lead and guide our president, Congress, our governor, and the legislature of our state; and all who make, administer and judge our laws. Protect and defend those within our community who enforce the rule of law, respond in emergency and disaster, and guard our liberty here and abroad.

Lord, in your mercy, *hear our prayer.*

O Great Physician, even the shadows of your apostles brought healing to the afflicted people of Jerusalem. As we rest under the shadow of your wings, heal our brothers and sisters who suffer in mind, body, or spirit, especially those we name out loud or silently in our hearts (*allow time for silent or spoken prayers*) May they all come to rejoice in Your steadfast love.

Lord, in your mercy, *hear our prayer.*

Alpha and Omega, almighty God, who was and is and is to come, with you, all the souls of the faithful rest in safety and in the assurance of the resurrection of all flesh. Make safe our way to join them, and bring us with John and all the saints into the marriage feast of the Lamb in His kingdom.

Lord, in your mercy, *hear our prayer.*

P) We ask these things through the same Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. *Amen.*


SHARING OF THE PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you always.

And also with you.

OFFERING

OFFERTORY *Doxology*

 Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
praise him, all creatures here below;
praise him above, ye heav'nly host;
praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. A-men

OFFERING PRAYER

Let us pray together...

We offer with joy and thanksgiving what you have first given us—our selves, our time, and our possessions, signs of your gracious love. Receive them for the sake of him who offered himself for us, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

DIALOGUE

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

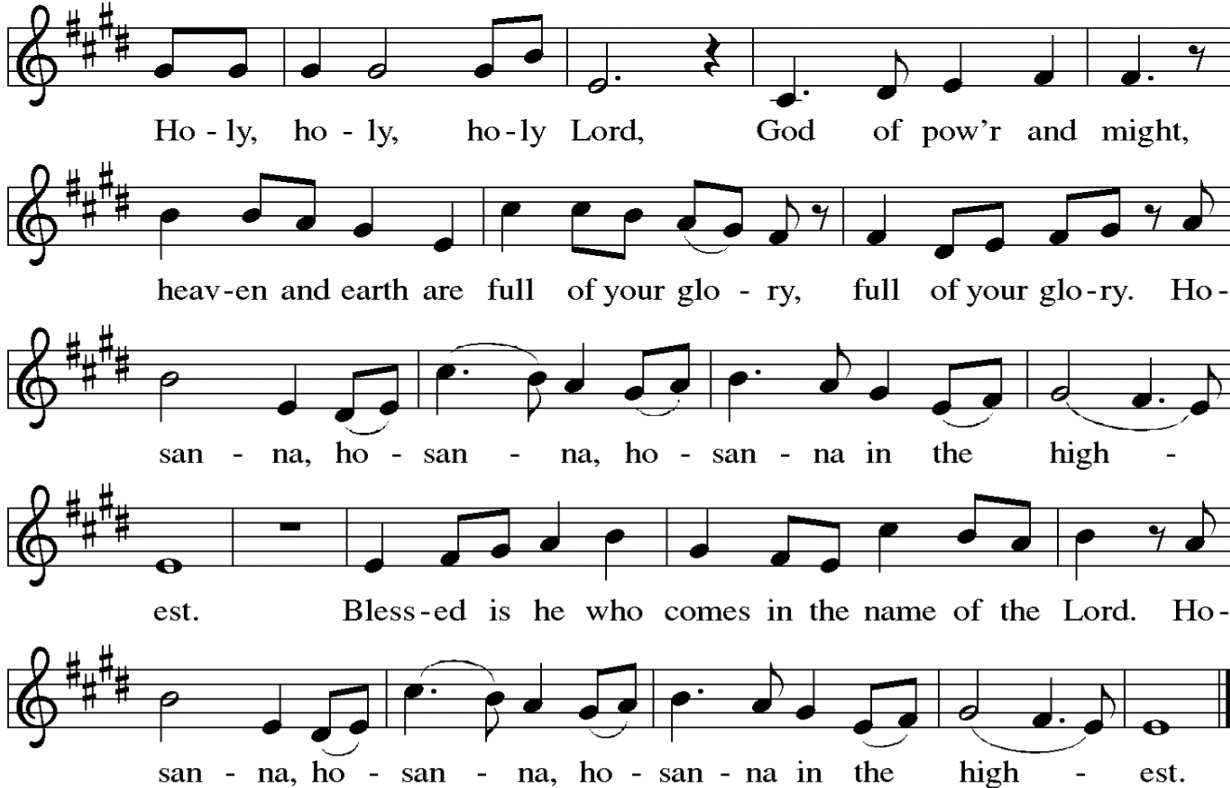
Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give Him thanks and praise.

It is indeed right...(*pastor continues, concluding with*), we praise your name and join their unending hymn:



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might,
heav-en and earth are full of your glo - ry, full of your glo-ry. Ho -
san - na, ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high -
est. Bless-ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho -
san - na, ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

THE LORD'S PRAYER *(Sung)*

*Our Father, which art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name,
Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our
debtors; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For Thine is
the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.*



INVITATION TO COMMUNION – We believe and teach that Christ is truly present in the bread and wine/juice, which are his body and blood. All are welcome at the Lord's Table (*the red liquid is wine; the white liquid is grape juice*).

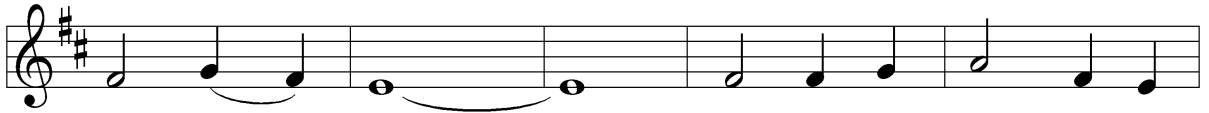
"Lamb of God"

Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have
mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the
world; have mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the
world; grant us peace, grant us peace, Lamb of God.

“Seek Ye First”



1 Seek ye first the king - dom of God and its
2 Ask and it shall be giv - en un - to you; seek and



righ - teous - ness, and all these things shall be
you shall find; knock and the door shall be



add - ed un - to you. Al - le - lu, al - le - lu - ia.
o - pened un - to you. Al - le - lu, al - le - lu - ia.

“Just a Closer Walk with Thee”

Refrain



Just a clos-er walk with thee, grant it, Je - sus, is my plea;



dai - ly walk-ing close to thee, let it be, dear Lord, let it be.



1 I am weak but thou art strong: Je - sus, keep me from all wrong;
2 Through this world of toil and snares, if I fal - ter, Lord, who cares?
3 When my fee - ble life is o'er, time for me will be no more;

Refrain



I'll be sat - is - fied as long as I walk, let me walk close to thee.
Who with me my bur - den shares? None but thee, dear. . Lord, none but thee.
guide me gent - ly, safe - ly o'er to thy king - dom. . shore, to thy shore.

"I'll Fly Away"



1 Some glad morn-ing when this life is o'er,
2 When the shad-ows of this life have grown, I'll fly a - way;
3 Just a few more wea - ry days and then,



to a home on God's ce - les - tial shore,
like a bird from pris - on bars has flown, I'll fly a - way.
to a land where joys shall nev - er end,

Refrain



I'll fly a - way, oh glo - ry, I'll fly a - way;



when I die, hal - le - lu - jah by and by, I'll fly a - way.

"This is the Day"



This is the day, this is the day that the Lord has made, that the



Lord has made; we will re-joice, we will re-joice and be



glad in it, and be glad in it. This is the day that the



Lord has made; we will re-joice and be glad in it.



This is the day, this is the day that the Lord has made.

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

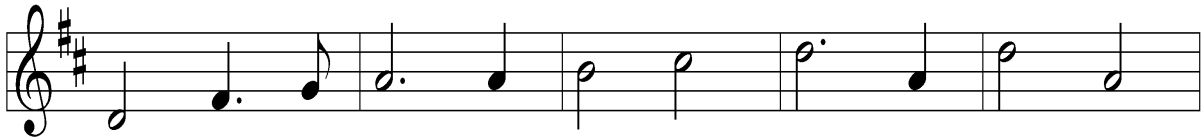
The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you, and keep you in His grace. *Amen.*

Let us pray together.....**God of abundance, with this bread of life and cup of salvation you have united us with Christ, making us one with all your people. Now send us forth in the power of your Spirit, that we may proclaim your redeeming love to the world and continue forever in the risen life of Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.**

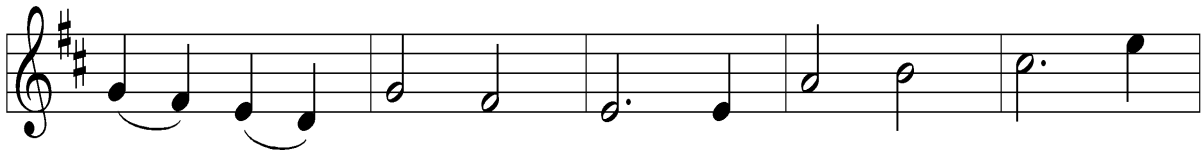
BLESSING

SENDING SONG

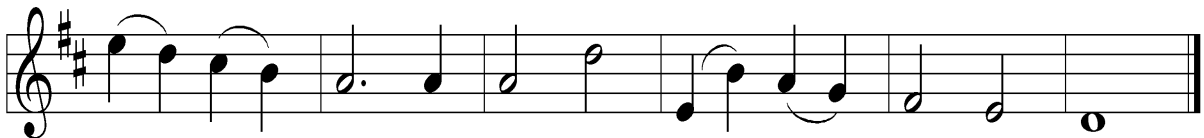
“Christ is Alive, Let Christians Sing”



1 Christ is a - live! Let Chris - tians sing. His cross stands
2 Christ is a - live! No long - er bound to dis - tant
3 Not throned a - far, re - mote - ly high, un - touched, un -
4 In ev - 'ry in - sult, rift, and war, where col - or,
5 Christ is a - live! As - cend - ed Lord— he rules the



emp - ty to the sky. Let streets and homes with
years in Pal - es - tine, he comes to claim the
moved by hu - man pains, but dai - ly, in the
scorn, or wealth di - vide, he suf - fers still, yet
world his Fa - ther made, till, in the end, his



prais - es ring. In death his love shall nev - er die.
here and now and con - quer ev - 'ry place and time.
midst of life, our Sav - ior with the Fa - ther reigns.
loves the more, and lives, though ev - er cru - ci - fied.
love a - dored shall be to all on earth dis - played.

DISMISSAL

Go in peace, serve the Lord!

Thanks be to God!

Janice Schonberg - organ ~ Pr. Gary Heltsley – presiding
Dennis & Bonnie O’Hanlon – special music



TODAY’S WORSHIP ASSISTANTS

Greeters: Guy & Barb Bralley

Ushers: Howard & Jan Thoenke

Reader: Sandi Fleury

Altar Flowers: Linda Lorenz

Sacristans: Joleen Wheaton & Janet Wright

Communion Assistants: Ronda Jensen & Shari Stormo

Barista: Steve Dixon

Close Up: Ronda Jensen

Last Week’s Attendance: 163 **Last Week’s Offering:** \$4,419.76

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Welcome to North Bay Lutheran Community Church! It is with great joy that we welcome you to this holy space. May you feel the warmth of God’s love and the fellowship of His people. If you are a visitor, please feel free to fill out an attendance card located in the slot in front of you and drop it in the offering plate. We also invite you to stay for fellowship following our service. We are glad that you’re here!

Fellowship time – Chili dogs & Fritos. **May 4th** -Birthday Cake (cake provided by NBLCC).

Neighborhood Bible Study will meet on **Tuesday, April 29th at 12:45 pm.**
For more information, please contact Sue Nichols or call the church office.

Dementia Support Group will meet on **Wednesday, April 30th at 10:00 am.**
For more information, please contact Patty Rogers or call the church office.

The Chosen Viewing - You are invited to join Pastor Gary to view Season 2 of *The Chosen* on **Wednesday, April 30th at 6:00 pm.** We will gather in the Fellowship Hall to watch Episode 2 & 3 and then have an informal discussion and time to share our thoughts. ***All are welcome!***

Women of North Bay, come join us **Friday, May 2nd** as we rejoice in God's gracious gift of prayer. All women are welcome. Bring a friend! We've planned a fun morning of joyful fellowship, prayer, singing, and a great lunch. See you there...**10:00 am** in the Fellowship Hall.

Men's Bible Study - will meet this **Saturday, May 3rd at 8:00 am** as we continue our study of the Book of Genesis.

Outreach Meeting – On **Thursday, May 8th @ 4:00 pm** the Outreach Committee will be meeting to review our benevolence giving recipients. All are welcome.

Jerry Pedersen's Memorial Service will be held on **Saturday, May 10th at 11:00 am**. All are welcome to attend.

Office Hours this week are 9:00 am to 1:00 pm on Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday.

Pastor Gary is in the office Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday, 9:30 am to noon.

Prayers – Please call the church line with your prayer requests, or if you need pastoral care (360) 275-3390.

READINGS FOR MAY 4, 2025

Acts 9:1-6 ~ Psalm 30 ~ Revelation 5:11-14 ~ John 21:1-19



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