



Our God makes all things new. In the first reading God promises it. In the gospel Mary anticipates it, anointing Jesus' feet with costly perfume in preparation for the day of his burial. In the second reading Paul recalls his transformation from the persecutor Saul into an apostle. In baptism, God's new person (you!) rises daily from the deadly mire of trespasses and sins.

COMMUNITY IN CHRIST

For just as the body is one and has many members...so it is with Christ. For in the one Spirit we were all baptized into one body.... If one member suffers, all suffer together with it; if one member is honored, all rejoice together with it (1 Corinthians 12:12-13, 26). Recommendations from the CDC and ecumenical church worship guidelines, have been prayerfully considered by our leaders for our worship practices. Therefore at this time in the Covid pandemic we are worshipping in this way:

WELCOME

- **IN-PERSON WORSHIPERS**, please leave the first few spaces in the front parking lot for parking lot worshipers. Further information on page 2.
- **IN-PARKING LOT WORSHIPERS**, please park in the first few spaces closest to Dock Street and tune your radio to **90.1 FM**.
- **VISITORS**, we welcome you! In this uncertain time of a pandemic, we believe that grace-filled love of God made known in Jesus Christ, and proclaimed in scripture, prayer, and worship sustains us even now. We are glad that you are here with us, so that together, we all can receive the Good News of Jesus Christ, and then be strengthened in daily love for God and our neighbors.

LARGE PRINT WORSHIP binders are available in the church lobby.

HOLY COMMUNION

Fifth Sunday in Lent – April 3, 2022

Jerusalem Evangelical Lutheran Church

252 Dock Street, Schuylkill Haven, PA 17972

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CURRENT WORSHIP PRACTICES

- We have resumed congregational speaking and singing in the building.
 - Hymnals are available in the pew racks, and distributed to and collected from people worshipping in the parking lot.
 - Large print worship binders are available inside. Those worshipping in the parking lot can request large print from an usher.
 - Wine and grape juice are once again being offered from the chalice inside, with intinction being offered outside. Please space yourselves as you come forward.
 - The offering plates are in the back of the sanctuary by the door until we can safely pass the plates through many hands.
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PREPARATION

PRELUDE

Be Thou My Vision

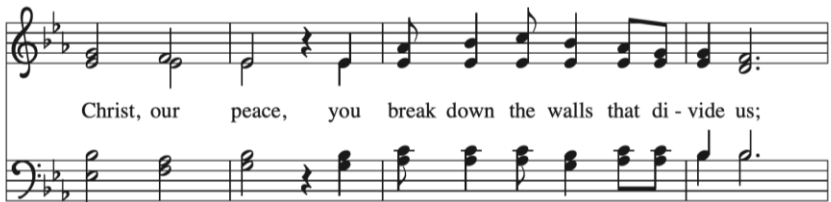
arr. Gordon Young

The bell rings calling us to worship.

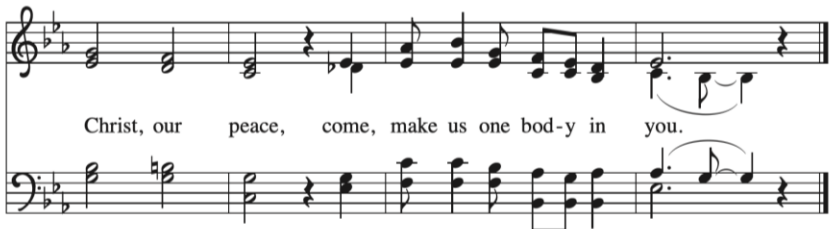
GREETING SONG

Christ, Our Peace

Marty Haugen



Christ, our peace, you break down the walls that di - vide us;



Christ, our peace, come, make us one bod-y in you.

GATHERING

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

All may make the sign of the cross, the sign marked at baptism, as the presiding minister begins.

In the name of God,
who makes a way in the wilderness,
walks with us,
and guides us in our pilgrimage.

Amen.

Silence is kept for reflection.

Holy One,
**we confess that we have wandered far from you:
we have not trusted your promises,
we have ignored your prophets in our own day,
we have squandered our inheritance of grace,
we have failed to recognize you in our midst.
Have mercy on us!
Forgive us and turn us again to you.
Teach us to follow in your ways,
assure us again of your love,
and help us to love our neighbor.**

Amen.

Beloved in Christ,
the Word draws near to you,
and all who call out to God shall be saved.
In Jesus, God comes to you again and again
and gathers you under wings of love.
In † Jesus' name, your sins are forgiven.
God journeys with you and teaches you how to live in love.

Amen.

ENTRANCE HYMN

Christ, the Life of All the Living
Red Hymnal # 339

GREETING

The presiding minister and the assembly greet each other.

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.

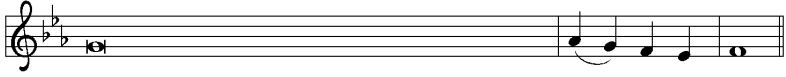
KYRIE



In peace, let us pray to the Lord.



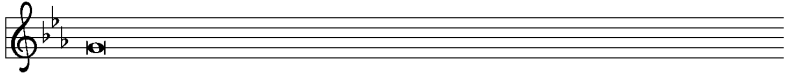
Lord, have mer - cy.



For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



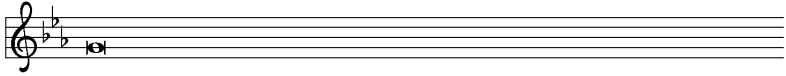
For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God,



and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



For this holy house, and for all who offer here their worship and praise,



let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gra - cious Lord.



A - men, a - men.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Creator God, you prepare a new way in the wilderness, and your grace waters our desert. Open our hearts to be transformed by the new thing you are doing, that our lives may proclaim the extravagance of your love given to all through 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

FIRST READING

Isaiah 43:16-21

The assembly inside is seated.

¹⁶Thus says the LORD,
 who makes a way in the sea,
 a path in the mighty waters,
¹⁷who brings out chariot and horse,
 army and warrior;
they lie down, they cannot rise,
 they are extinguished, quenched like a wick:
¹⁸Do not remember the former things,
 or consider the things of old.
¹⁹I am about to do a new thing;
 now it springs forth, do you not perceive it?
I will make a way in the wilderness
 and rivers in the desert.
²⁰The wild animals will honor me,
 the jackals and the ostriches;
for I give water in the wilderness,
 rivers in the desert,
to give drink to my chosen people,
 ²¹the people whom I formed for myself
so that they might declare my praise.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM

Psalm 126

¹When the LORD restored the for- | tunes of Zion,
 then were we like | those who dream.
²**Then was our mouth filled with laughter, and our tongue with | shouts of joy. Then they said among the nations, “The LORD has done great | things for them.”**
³The LORD has done great | things for us,
 and we are | glad indeed.
⁴**Restore our for- | tunes, O LORD,**
 like the watercourses | of the Negeb.
⁵Those who | sowed with tears
 will reap with | songs of joy.

**⁶Those who go out weeping, carry-¹ing the seed,
will come again with joy, shoulder-¹ing their sheaves.**

SECOND READING

Philippians 3:4b-14

[Paul writes:] ^{4b}If anyone else has reason to be confident in the flesh, I have more: ⁵circumcised on the eighth day, a member of the people of Israel, of the tribe of Benjamin, a Hebrew born of Hebrews; as to the law, a Pharisee; ⁶as to zeal, a persecutor of the church; as to righteousness under the law, blameless.

⁷Yet whatever gains I had, these I have come to regard as loss because of Christ. ⁸More than that, I regard everything as loss because of the surpassing value of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord. For his sake I have suffered the loss of all things, and I regard them as rubbish, in order that I may gain Christ ⁹and be found in him, not having a righteousness of my own that comes from the law, but one that comes through faith in Christ, the righteousness from God based on faith. ¹⁰I want to know Christ and the power of his resurrection and the sharing of his sufferings by becoming like him in his death, ¹¹if somehow I may attain the resurrection from the dead.

¹²Not that I have already obtained this or have already reached the goal; but I press on to make it my own, because Christ Jesus has made me his own.

¹³Beloved, I do not consider that I have made it my own; but this one thing I do: forgetting what lies behind and straining forward to what lies ahead, ¹⁴I press on toward the goal for the prize of the heavenly call of God in Christ Jesus.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

The assembly inside stands to welcome the gospel.



GOSPEL

John 12:1-8

The holy gospel according to Luke.

Glory to you, O Lord.

¹Six days before the Passover Jesus came to Bethany, the home of Lazarus, whom he had raised from the dead. ²There they gave a dinner for him. Martha served, and Lazarus was one of those at the table with him. ³Mary took a pound of costly perfume made of pure nard, anointed Jesus' feet, and wiped them with her hair. The house was filled with the fragrance of the perfume. ⁴But Judas Iscariot, one of his disciples (the one who was about to betray him), said, ⁵“Why

was this perfume not sold for three hundred denarii and the money given to the poor?" ⁶(He said this not because he cared about the poor, but because he was a thief; he kept the common purse and used to steal what was put into it.) ⁷Jesus said, "Leave her alone. She bought it so that she might keep it for the day of my burial. ⁸You always have the poor with you, but you do not always have me."
The gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

CHILDREN'S SERMON

The Rev. Larry Laine

SERMON

The Rev. Larry Laine

Silence for reflection follows the sermon.

HYMN OF THE DAY

Take My Life, That I May Be

Red Hymnal # 685

The assembly stands. All proclaim the word of God in song.

APOSTLES CREED

We confess our faith with the whole church using the ancient baptismal creed that summarizes the teaching of the scripture and the apostles.

**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.**

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

As a local assembly of believers, we pray for the whole world and church, as well as our local congregation and neighborhood.

Drawn close to the heart of God, we offer these prayers for the church, the world, and all who are in need.

A brief silence.

Our common ways of doing things may need improvement or revisions. Open us, O Lord, to see the new light of your presence beyond our “comfortable” ways of doing things. Let us view change with enthusiasm, difference with inquisitiveness. May we abandon those things which no longer serve the risen Christ. Merciful God,

receive our prayer.

Creation yearns for a new birth – a re-creation. Give us re-birth with sensitivity to climate change and environmental destruction. Bring new insight, understanding and application from scientists and researchers to revive habitats, marine biology, and air quality. Merciful God,

receive our prayer.

O Lord, you break down the walls that divide us – as individuals, as families, as political enemies, and nations. Build up new structures that bring peace, concord, and collaboration among all peoples. Merciful God,

receive our prayer.

Many of us suffer from unemployment, from lack of proper shelter, food, clothing, and medical attention. May we find relief from the stress, anxiety, and uncertainty of suffering turning our sorrows into joys. Bring health and healing to the ill, the lonely, and the wounded – especially those we name aloud before you. Merciful God,

receive our prayer.

A change is coming as we encounter new experiences of human life. Amplify the voices of the poor and impoverished, the ignored and forgotten, the destitute and expendable. Help us listen and respond to those people. Remove from us the barriers of judgement, indifference, elitism, and white superiority. Merciful God,

receive our prayer.

Fill us with the knowledge of Christ, the power of God the creator, and the presence of the Holy Spirit, as we give thanks for those who have joined the heavenly chorus. May we live in the now and await your coming among us. Merciful God,

receive our prayer.

Pastor: Accept the prayers we bring, O God, on behalf of a world in need, for the sake of Jesus Christ.

Amen.

PASSING THE PEACE

We greet each other with a nod or gesture of Christian fellowship from a distance, and we also invite you to text or email a word of peace to someone.

The peace of Christ be with you always.

And also with you.

ANTHEM

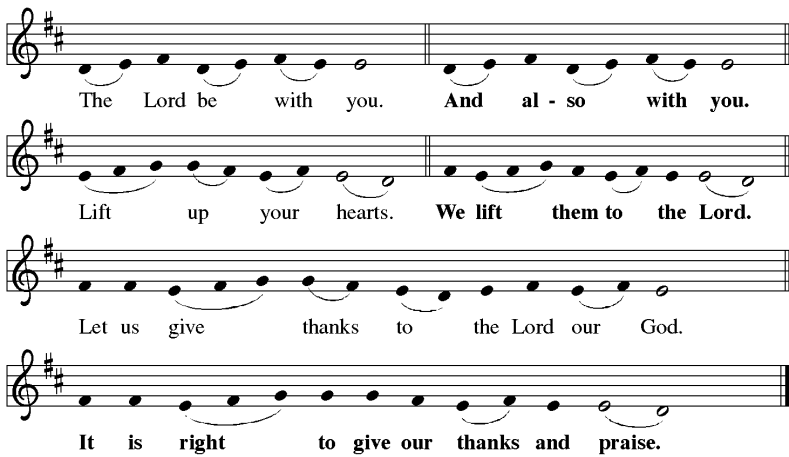
Surely the Lord is in this Place

Carl Mueller

MEAL

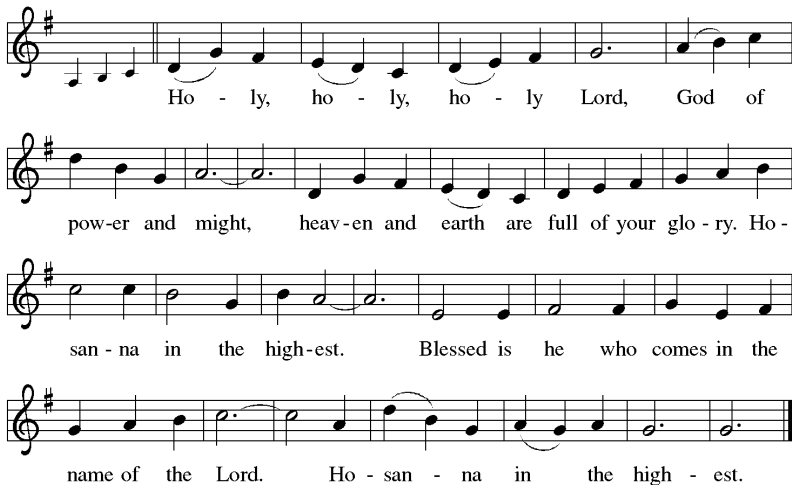
THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

The assembly stands. The presiding minister invites the assembly to give thanks.



The Lord be with you. And al - so 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 our thanks and praise.

The presiding minister continues with the communion preface; and then the assembly responds with “Holy, Holy, Holy.”



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

EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER IV

...With this bread and cup
we remember our Lord's passover from death to life
as we proclaim the myste[r] of faith:

Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

...Grace our table with your presence.

Come, Holy Spirit.

...burning with justice, peace, and love.

Come, Holy Spirit.

...blessed and holy Trinity, now and forever. **Amen.**

LORD'S PRAYER

Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us.

Our Father, who 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 trespasses,

as we forgive those

who trespass against us;

and lead us not into temptation,

but deliver us from evil.

For thine is the kingdom,

and the power, and the glory,

forever and ever. Amen.

COMMUNION

Come to the banquet for all is now ready.

INSIDE WORSHIPERS: Ushers will dismiss you by pew. Please take an empty glass if you wish to receive wine, or a glass prefilled with grape juice.

OUTSIDE WORSHIPERS: The Lord's Supper will be brought to those outside by a Communion Assistant, who will use an intinction set.



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.

COMMUNION HYMN

As the Winter Days Grow Longer

Purple Hymnal # 924

POST COMMUNION BLESSING

The body of our Lord, Jesus Christ, strengthen and keep you in his grace.

Amen.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

The assembly stands. The assisting minister leads the prayer.

Blessed Jesus, in this rich meal of grace,

you have fed us with your body, the bread of life.

Now send us forth to bear your life-giving hope

to a world in need. **Amen.**

SENDING

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The assembly may be seated.

BLESSING

The presiding minister proclaims God's blessing.

You are children of God,

anointed with the oil of gladness

and strengthened for the journey.

Almighty God,

motherly, majestic, and mighty,

✠ bless you this day and always. **Amen.**

SENDING SONG

Beneath the Cross of Jesus

Red Hymnal # 338

DISMISSAL

The assisting minister sends the assembly into mission.

Go in peace. Jesus meets you on the way.

Thanks be to God.

CHIMES

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PRAYER LIST

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Major Michael Shay, Staff Sgt. Joseph Moyer, Senior Airman Matthew Nettles, Airman Jackie Nettles, Sgt. Travis D. Miller, Sgt. Anthony Cooper, Private 3rd Class Caleb Levan

WORSHIP LEADERS FOR TODAY

	8:00am	10:30am
Assisting Ministers	Ellayna Boyer	Rob Baessler
Lectors	Julie Coleman	Jill McCloy
Communion Assistants	Karen Ochenrider	Linda Covert
Ushers	Faith Batz John Macnutt	Greg Gross Noah & Luke Hale
Sound Board	Melissa Boyer	Rachel Kramer
Counters	Linda Collins, Deb Reed, Marie Shay	

WORSHIP LEADERS FOR NEXT SUNDAY (PALM SUNDAY)

	8:00am	10:30am
Assisting Ministers	Lou Messina	Lloyd Wertz
Lectors	Karen Ochenrider	Greg Gross
Communion Assistants	Joy Heffner	Rabekah CdeBaca
Ushers	Conner Roeder Donald Nettles	Tom Gohsler Amy Gohsler
Sound Board	Paul Boyer	Gary Reager
Counters	Lou Messina and Janet Sattizahn	

THE FLOWERS IN THE ALTAR VASES are to the Glory of God, in loving memory of my parents, William & Carole Gehrig, by daughter, Karen Dudley.

THE BULLETINS are to the Glory of God and in honor of the birthdays of my brother, Daniel, and my sister, Lisa, by Debbie Reed.

COLLECTION FOR UKRAINE. Since the conflict began late in February, more than 3 million people have fled Ukraine, with hundreds of thousands more in dire need within their country. Jerusalem is collecting monetary donations to help our sisters and brothers from Ukraine during the month of April. Your special offerings for Ukraine will go to Lutheran World Relief to provide food, shelter, care kits, medical supplies, etc. Please make your check out to Jerusalem Lutheran Church and write "UKRAINE" in the memo area. You can also take a blue jar from the display in the church lobby home and fill it with your spare change and return it to church. Thank you in advance for your generous giving!

CAPITAL CAMPAIGN UPDATE. As of the end of March, our total for the Capital Campaign has reached \$332,574.41! Thank you for your continued giving and generosity!

THE FINAL HOLDEN EVENING PRAYER, our Mid-week Lenten Service, is this Wednesday, April 6 at 6:30 PM.

THE FINAL WEEKLY SOUP SUPPER: WEDNESDAY AT 5:30 P.M.

THE SUNDAY OF THE PASSION/PALM SUNDAY worship services will be held on Sunday, April 10. We will have the Procession with Palm branches and the reading of the Passion of Jesus according to the Gospel of Luke. We will need readers to participate in the reading of the Passion gospel. If you would like to be part of this, see Pastor Jim Covert.

GOOD FRIDAY TENEBRAE WORSHIP will be held on Good Friday, April 15 at 6:30 pm. A Tenebrae is a worship where the church is gradually darkened as the service progresses. Tenebrae means darkness or shadow. We will need people to participate in the service, including readers of the seven last words of Jesus, someone to do some sound effects, someone to extinguish candles as the service progresses, and most of all, someone to operate the dimming of the lights. If you would be willing to help, see Pastor Jim Covert.

PLEASE JOIN US FOR SPECIAL PALM SUNDAY & EASTER SUNDAY MUSIC. Arrive by 7:45 am for the 8:00 am service and 10:15 am for the 10:30 am service.

HOLY WEEK WORSHIP – mark your calendars now!

- **Sunday, April 10th,** at 8:00am and 10:30am, Jesus' triumphant entry into Jerusalem with the waving of PALMS gives way to his PASSION – the road to the cross.

- **April 14th, HOLY THURSDAY**, at 6:30pm, we hear that Jesus takes the towel of a servant to wash the feet of his disciples, then instead of a Last Supper, he initiates a First Communion.
- **April 15th, GOOD FRIDAY**, at 6:30pm we hear and participate in Jesus' journey to the cross.
- **Sunday, April 17th, EASTER DAY**, at 8:00am and 10:30am, we celebrate the light of the risen Christ, renew our baptismal vows, and in Word and Meal rejoice in Christ's forgiveness and life given for us.

ATTENTION WORSHIP VOLUNTEERS! Schedules for the month of April are available for pick up at the “Sign-up” Center in the church lobby. You can also download a copy from our website at jerusalem.lutheran.com (click the members tab). Thank you again for giving Jerusalem your time and helping worship run smoothly!

AN UPCOMING SPRING CONCERT. SAVE THE DATE! April 24, 2022 at 3:00pm, Clarinet and Piano concert featuring Dr. Steven Christ on Clarinet with Caleb Flick on Piano and Dr. Annie Rose Tindall-Gibson on Piano.

FREE SUMMER CLOTHING “GIVE AWAY”! St. John’s UCC in Schuylkill Haven is offering a summer clothing give away on April 23rd (rain date is April 30th) from 9:00 am til noon. If anyone would like to contribute clean, gently used clothing for this mission, the items can be dropped off at St. John’s Church on the corner of Dock Street and Main Street any Tuesday from 9:30 am – 3:00 pm. Or on March 29th, April 5th, or April 12th from 5:00 – 7:00pm. Thank you!

CALENDAR FOR THE WEEK:

TODAY	8:00am Worship 9:15am Sunday School 9:15am Bell rehearsal 10:30am Worship 3:00pm Gabriel Chamber Ensemble
MONDAY	7:00pm Call Committee Meeting (Library)
TUESDAY	10:00am Meet and Greet Fellowship Hour (Library) 6:00pm Schuylkill Mission District Council Meeting (Library)
WEDNESDAY	5:30pm Soup Supper 6:30pm Holden Evening Prayer Worship 7:30pm Choir Rehearsal
THURSDAY	6:30pm Worship and Music Committee Meeting

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Inspired by the ELCA's Lenten study, "A Way in the Wilderness", the Social Ministry committee would like to encourage you to participate in your own Lenten discipline by giving weekly suggestions for you to enhance how you make your way through Lent.

Week 5: A Way in the Wilderness

"I am about to do a new thing; now it springs forth, do you not perceive it? I will make a way in the wilderness and rivers in the desert" (Isaiah 43:19)

So, what is this 'new thing' that God is about to do? God shows us what to do when we see others in need. Through these past 4 weeks of Lent, you have been encouraged to pray for others, to seek ways to show kindness, to donate to the ELCA's Safe Water projects, and to fight hunger in our community.

"Since there will never cease to be some in need on the earth, I therefore command you, "Open your hand to the poor and needy neighbor in your land" (Deuteronomy 15:11) In his commentary on Deuteronomy, Martin Luther writes, "'The poor you always have with you,' just as you will have all other evils. But constant care should be taken that, since these evils are always in evidence, they are always opposed."

"The poor you always have with you" is not a resignation but a call to activation of the people of God in the service to others!

How will you be called to "act"? Amid many challenges ahead, the "new thing" God is doing springs forth, that God is even now working to "make a way in the wilderness and rivers in the desert". Your challenge this week is to seek out something new. What can you do to make our world a better place? Perhaps you'd like to be more involved in the ministries of the church. Pray about what that means for you. Let God guide you. God is here, always with us.