

**Fifth Sunday in Lent**  
**22 March 2026**

**Presentation of the Offering**

Lord Jesus, it is with humble hearts that we lay this offering on Your altar. The most we can give is but a penny compared to Your love which sent You to the cross for us and showers us now with manifold blessings of body and soul every day. Lord, whom we love, accept our offering and ever strengthen our will to live for You. Amen.

**Prayer of the Church — Ektene Form**

For all the baptized, that they would live according to the Spirit they have received, shunning the works of the sinful flesh and living in the hope of the resurrection of the righteous, let us pray to the Lord: **Lord, have mercy.**

For Matthew, our Synod president; Mark, our district president; and Timothy, our circuit visitor and our pastor whom the Lord has sent to prophesy His Word to us, that His Spirit's breath would enter us and we may live forever, let us pray to the Lord: **Lord, have mercy.**

For the home, that God would soften obdurate hearts, turning parents and children toward each other in love and patience; and that He would banish the spirit of impudence, stubbornness and rebellion from all, let us pray to the Lord: **Lord, have mercy.**

For those in authority over the lives of our people, that they would exercise this God-given duty humbly and in accord with His will, let us pray to the Lord: **Lord, have mercy.**

For those suffering affliction, including Linda, Ellen, Ann, Marty, Paula, Cindy, Joyce, John, Betty, Chad, Marcia, Jessica, Rosalie, Linda, Jodi, Mary Jayne, Joline, Aaron, Justin, Drew, David, Jeff, Lyall, Carolyn, Denise, and Marilyn, that God would strengthen their hope, show them His steadfast love, redeem them from all their iniquities, and grant healing and relief according to His will, let us pray to the Lord: **Lord, have mercy.**

For Kaleb Rahn, that our heavenly Father would bless him in body and soul with all things needful for this life and eternity, let us pray to the Lord: **Lord, have mercy.**

For all who mourn, that they might not grieve as those who have no hope but as those whose hope is the crucified and risen One, let us pray to the Lord: **Lord, have mercy.**

O Lord, God almighty, through Your Son You have kept the promise of the ages and rescued us from sin. You have raised up the dry bones of a people captive to death and made us alive in Christ forever. Sustain us in this hope, that we may endure the tests, trials and troubles of this life and be ready when our Savior comes again in His glory; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

**Collect of the Day**

Almighty God, by Your great goodness mercifully look upon Your people that we may be governed and preserved evermore in body and soul; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**Collect for Grace**

O Lord, our heavenly Father, almighty and everlasting God, You have safely brought us to the beginning of this day. Defend us in the same with Your mighty power and grant that this day we fall into no sin, neither run into any kind of danger, but that all our doings, being ordered by Your governance, may be righteous in Your sight; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.