Sunday, April 6, 2025 ~ Lent 5, Service of the Word

Welcome & Announcements

Opening Prayer		Pastor Matt Cordes
Opening Hymn	"We All Are One in Mission"	ELW # 576
Confession & Forgiveness		Screen
Sharing the Peace		
Kyrie		ELW page 213
Hymn of Praise		ELW page 213

Prayer of the Day

ALL: 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.

Children's Message		Pastor Diane Goulson
Noisy Offering		
First Reading	Philippians 3:4b-14	
Gospel Acclamation		ELW page 216
Gospel	John 12:1-8	
Sermon		Pastor Matt Cordes
Choir Anthem	"Take Up Your Cross"	Worship Choir
Prayers of Intercession	Response is "Receive Our Prayer"	
Offering & Prayer of Tha	inks	
Holy Communion		
Communion Hymns	"As We Gather at Your Table" "Just As I Am, without One Plea"	ELW # 522 ELW # 592
Blessing and Benediction P: People of Hope, our Mi Service!	ssion is to C: Gather in Faith, Grow in	Grace and Go forth in
Sending Song	"Savior, Again to Your Dear Name"	ELW # 534 vs. 1,2

First Reading Ph

Philippians 3:4b-14

⁴though I myself have reasons for such confidence. If someone else thinks they have reasons to put confidence in the flesh, I have more: ⁵ circumcised on the eighth day, of the people of Israel, of the tribe of Benjamin, a Hebrew of Hebrews; in regard to the law, a Pharisee; ⁶ as for zeal, persecuting the church; as for righteousness based on the law, faultless. ⁷ But whatever were gains to me I now consider loss for the sake of Christ.⁸ What is more, I consider everything a loss because of the surpassing worth of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord, for whose sake I have lost all things. I consider them garbage, that I may gain Christ ⁹ and be found in him, not having a righteousness of my own that comes from the law, but that which is through faith in Christ—the righteousness that comes from God on the basis of faith. ¹⁰ I want to know Christ—yes, to know the power of his resurrection and participation in his sufferings, becoming like him in his death, ¹¹ and so, somehow, attaining to the resurrection from the dead. ¹² Not that I have already obtained all this, or have already arrived at my goal, but I press on to take hold of that for which Christ Jesus took hold of me. ¹³ Brothers and sisters, I do not consider myself yet to have taken hold of it. But one thing I do: Forgetting what is behind and straining toward what is ahead, ¹⁴ I press on toward the goal to win the prize for which God has called me heavenward in Christ Jesus.

Gospel John 12:1-8

¹Six days before the Passover, Jesus came to Bethany, where Lazarus lived, whom Jesus had raised from the dead. ² Here a dinner was given in Jesus' honor. Martha served, while Lazarus was among those reclining at the table with him. ³ Then Mary took about a pint of pure nard, an expensive perfume; she poured it on Jesus' feet and wiped his feet with her hair. And the house was filled with the fragrance of the perfume. ⁴ But one of his disciples, Judas Iscariot, who was later to betray him, objected, ⁵ "Why wasn't this perfume sold and the money given to the poor? It was worth a year's wages." ⁶ He did not say this because he cared about the poor but because he was a thief; as keeper of the money bag, he used to help himself to what was put into it. ⁷ "Leave her alone," Jesus replied. "It was intended that she should save this perfume for the day of my burial. ⁸ You will always have the poor among you, but you will not always have me."