

**Serving today March 17th 2024  
Fifth Sunday in Lent  
Holy Communion**

Presiding Minister: *Rev. Bart Coleman*  
Assisting Minister: Mike Bernatz  
Reader: Mike Bernatz  
Organist: *Sheila Brown*  
Altar Preparations: Margaret Young  
Usher: *Jerry Marr*

**GATHERING**

**General Order of Confession**

God of all mercy,  
We confess that we have sinned against you,  
Opposing your will in our lives.  
We have denied your goodness in each other,  
In ourselves, and in the world you have created.  
We repent of the evil that enslaves us,  
The evil we have done,  
And the evil done on our behalf.  
Forgive, restore, and strengthen us  
Through our Saviour Jesus Christ,  
That we may abide in your love  
And serve only your will. Amen.  
Kyrie (ELW pg 213 from Service of the Word)  
Prayer of the Day  
Hymn

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**WORD**

First Reading Jeremiah 31:31-34  
Psalm 51:1-12 **Bold spoken by all**  
1 Have mercy on me, O God, according to your steadfast love;  
**In your great compassion blot out my offenses.**

2 Wash me through and through from my wickedness,  
**And cleanse me from my sin.**

3 For I know my offenses,  
**And my sin is ever before me.**

4 Against you only have I only sinned  
And done what is evil in your sight;  
**So you are justified when you speak  
And right in your judgment.**

5 Indeed, I was born steeped in wickedness,  
**A sinner from my mother's womb.**

6 Indeed, you delight in truth deep within me  
**And would have me know wisdom deep within.**

7 Remove my sins with hyssop, and I shall be clean;  
**Wash me, and I shall be purer than snow.**

8 Let me hear joy and gladness;  
**That the body you have broken may rejoice.**

9 Hide your face from my sins,  
**And blot out all my wickedness.**

10 Create in me a clean heart, O God,  
**And renew a right spirit within me.**

11 Cast me not away from your presence,  
**And take not your Holy Spirit from me.**

12 Restore to me the joy of your salvation  
**And sustain me  
With your bountiful Spirit.**