

PEACE LUTHERAN CHURCH

5th Sunday in Lent

March 17, 2024

9:00 a.m.

WE PREPARE FOR WORSHIP

Silent Meditation, Personal Confession, Announcements, Prelude

WE GATHER FOR WORSHIP

Sojourners and Pilgrims

GATHERING

LENTEN CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

We gather in the name of the Father, and of the + Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen

Come and let us walk as sojourners and pilgrims in the light of the Lord.

And he will teach us of his ways, and we will walk in his paths.

Father of mercies and God of all consolation; come to the aid of your people, turning us from our sin to live for you alone. Give us the power of your Holy Spirit that we may attend to your Word, confess our sins, receive your forgiveness, and grow into the fullness of your Son Jesus Christ, our Lord and our Redeemer. Amen

We are witnesses to all that Jesus did both in Judea and in Jerusalem. They put him to death by hanging him on a tree. But God raised him on the third day and made him to appear. All the prophets testify about him that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name.

(Acts 10:39-40, 43)

Silence for reflection and self-examination.

Gracious God...

Have mercy on us. We confess that we have turned from you and given ourselves into the power of sin. We are truly sorry and humbly repent. In your compassion forgive us our sins, known and unknown, things we have done and things we have failed to do. Turn us again to you, and uphold us by your Spirit so that we may live and serve you in newness of life through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen

God, who is rich in mercy, loved us even when we were dead in sin, and made us alive together with Christ. By grace you have been saved. In the name of Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven. Almighty God strengthen you with power through the Holy Spirit, that Christ may live in your hearts through faith. **Amen**

GATHERING SONG

"Lamb of God"

ELW #336
(Attached)

GREETING

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

And also with you.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us Pray

Holy God, through your Son you have called us to live faithfully and act courageously. Keep us steadfast in your covenant of grace, and teach us the wisdom that comes only through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

CHOIR

“Lord, Have Mercy”

J. S. Bach

Arranged by Hal. H. Hopson

FIRST LESSON

Jeremiah 31:31-34

³¹“The days are coming,” declares the LORD, “when I will make a new covenant with the people of Israel and with the people of Judah. ³²It will not be like the covenant I made with their ancestors when I took them by the hand to lead them out of Egypt, because they broke my covenant, though I was a husband to them,” declares the LORD. ³³“This is the covenant I will make with the people of Israel after that time,” declares the LORD. “I will put my law in their minds and write it on their hearts. I will be their God, and they will be my people. ³⁴No longer will they teach their neighbor, or say to one another, ‘Know the LORD,’ because they will all know me, from the least of them to the greatest,” declares the LORD. “For I will forgive their wickedness and will remember their sins no more.”

The word of the Lord

Thanks be to God.

PSALM 119:9-16

⁹How can a young person stay on the path of purity? By living according to your word.

¹⁰**I seek you with all my heart; do not let me stray from your commands.**

¹¹I have hidden your word in my heart that I might not sin against you.

¹²**Praise be to you, LORD; teach me your decrees.**

¹³With my lips I recount all the laws that come from your mouth.

¹⁴**I rejoice in following your statutes as one rejoices in great riches.**

¹⁵I meditate on your precepts and consider your ways.

¹⁶**I delight in your decrees; I will not neglect your word.**

SECOND LESSON

Hebrews 5:1-10

¹Every high priest is selected from among the people and is appointed to represent the people in matters related to God, to offer gifts and sacrifices for sins. ²He is able to deal gently with those who are ignorant and are going astray, since he himself is subject to weakness. ³This is why he has to offer sacrifices for his own sins, as well as for the sins of the people. ⁴And no one takes this honor on himself, but he receives it when called by God, just as Aaron was. ⁵In the same way, Christ did not take on himself the glory of becoming a high priest. But God said to him, “You are my Son; today I have become your Father.” ⁶And he says in another place, “You are a priest forever, in the order of Melchizedek.” ⁷During the days of Jesus’ life on earth, he offered up prayers and petitions with fervent cries and tears to the one who could save him from death, and he was heard because of his reverent submission. ⁸Son though he was, he learned obedience from what he suffered ⁹and, once

made perfect, he became the source of eternal salvation for all who obey him ¹⁰ and was designated by God to be high priest in the order of Melchizedek.

The Word of the Lord

Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Restore in Us, O God



1 Re - store in us, O God, the splen-dor of your love; re -
2 O Spir - it, wake in us the won - der of your pow'r; from
new your im - age in our hearts, and all our sins re - move.
fruit-less fear un - furl our lives like spring-time bud and flow'r.

The holy gospel according to St. Mark, Chapter 10

Glory to you, O Lord.

GOSPEL

Mark 10:35-45

³⁵ Then James and John, the sons of Zebedee, came to him. "Teacher," they said, "we want you to do for us whatever we ask." ³⁶ "What do you want me to do for you?" he asked. ³⁷ They replied, "Let one of us sit at your right and the other at your left in your glory." ³⁸ "You don't know what you are asking," Jesus said. "Can you drink the cup I drink or be baptized with the baptism I am baptized with?" ³⁹ "We can," they answered. Jesus said to them, "You will drink the cup I drink and be baptized with the baptism I am baptized with, ⁴⁰ but to sit at my right or left is not for me to grant. These places belong to those for whom they have been prepared." ⁴¹ When the ten heard about this, they became indignant with James and John. ⁴² Jesus called them together and said, "You know that those who are regarded as rulers of the Gentiles lord it over them, and their high officials exercise authority over them. ⁴³ Not so with you. Instead, whoever wants to become great among you must be your servant, ⁴⁴ and whoever wants to be first must be slave of all. ⁴⁵ For even the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many."

The gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

SERMON

"His Scoreboard is the True Gamechanger"

Pr. Andrew Young

HYMN OF THE DAY

"As the Deer"

(Attached)

THE SMALL CATECHISM OF MARTIN LUTHER:

In ancient and modern times, Lent has been the time for instruction of candidates preparing for their baptism at the Easter Vigil. At the same time, the whole Church anticipates Easter through acts of repentance and spiritual renewal. It is therefore appropriate that we review the basics of our faith during these Sundays in Lent, so that we all might be renewed by our baptismal covenants and made ready for the celebration of Easter.

The First Article of the Apostles' Creed concerns Creation. What does it mean?

I believe that God has created me and all that exists. He has given me and still preserves my body and soul with all their powers. He provides me with food and clothing, home and family, daily work, and all I need from day to day. God also protects me in time of danger and guards me from every evil. All this he does out of fatherly and divine goodness and mercy, though I do not deserve it. Therefore I surely ought to thank and praise, serve and obey him. This is most certainly true.

The Second Article of the Creed concerns Redemption. What does this mean?

I believe that Jesus Christ -- true God, Son of the Father from eternity, and true man, born of the Virgin Mary -- is my Lord. At great cost he has saved and redeemed me, a lost and condemned person. He has freed me from sin, death, and the power of the devil -- not with silver or gold, but with his holy and precious blood and his innocent suffering and death. All this, he has done that I may be his own, live under him in his kingdom, and serve him in everlasting righteousness, innocence, and blessedness, just as he is risen from the dead and lives and rules eternally. This is most certainly true.

The Third Article of the Creed concerns Sanctification. What does this mean?

I believe that I cannot by my own understanding or effort believe in Jesus Christ my Lord, or come to him. But the Holy Spirit has called me through the Gospel, enlightened me with his gifts, and sanctified and kept me in true faith. In the same way he calls, gathers, enlightens, and sanctifies the whole Christian church on earth, and keeps it united with Jesus Christ in the one true faith. In this Christian church day after day he fully forgives my sins and the sins of all believers. On the last day he will raise me and all the dead and give me and all believers in Christ eternal life. This is most certainly true.

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

Lord, In Your Mercy

RESPONSE: “*Hear Our Prayer*”

PEACE

The peace of our Lord, Jesus Christ be with you always
And also with you.

OFFERING

OFFERTORY HYMN

Accept, O Lord, the Gifts We Bring

1 Ac - cept, O Lord, the gifts we bring to place up - on your ta - ble.
2 The vines were plant - ed, seeds were sown. They grew in your good plea - sure.
3 Our hopes and dreams, our toils and cares we lift in prayer be - fore you.

We do not wor - ship as we ought but on - ly as we're a - ble.
What once was com - mon, dail - y food be - comes a ho - ly trea - sure.
Lord, by your grace now come to us, as hum - bly we a - dore you.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

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 our thanks and praise.

*WORDS OF INSTITUTION

*LORD'S PRAYER

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

The body of Christ, given for you. **Amen.**

The blood of Christ, shed for you. **Amen.**

All who believe in the words, "Given and shed for you for the forgiveness of sins" are welcome to come to the Lord's table. (Grape juice is on outside rim of serving tray. Bread is gluten free.)

SENDING

Blessed are those whose strength is in you,
whose hearts are set on pilgrimage.
They go from strength to strength,
till each appears before God in Zion.

Let us pray.

Compassionate God, sustain us in our Lenten pilgrimage: may our fasting be hunger for justice; our alms, a making of peace; and our prayer, the song of grateful hearts, through Jesus Christ our Savior and Lord. Amen.

As you travel on your way, may Almighty God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, bless you and keep you. May his face shine upon you and be gracious unto you. May he look upon you with favor and give you his peace.

SENDING SONG

“I Want Jesus to Walk With Me”

ELW #325
(Attached)

Fellow Pilgrims and Sojourners... go in peace to love and serve.
Thanks be to God.

WE GO AND WORK IN THE LORD’S KINGDOM

Ministers: All who believe

Pastor: Andrew Young

Piano:	Jackie Currey
Greeters:	Byrd Family
Reader:	Wynne Gillis
Refreshments:	Upper Room Potluck
Acolyte:	Anders Paulson
Council:	Val Ross/Derrick Monson/Paula Reynolds/Mike Hansen
March Altar Guild:	Karlene Swenson/Heather Geiger/Char Somers/Julie Hanson

Prayers for Healing and Hope

Darlene Idland recovering from knee replacement surgery.

Prayers for Helene Greninger as she searches for housing.

Mike Russell underwent heart-related tests at the Mayo Clinic. Surgery being scheduled

Deb Durham continues to deal with pneumonia and other lung issues.

A friend of Jenn Kolling's Great Aunt Betty, Lynn.....congestive heart failure.

Kyle, son of a long time friend of Linda Miller, battling cancer.

Dianne Coughlin continues to recover from recent surgeries.

George McClain, father of Mike Mattson's housemate, battling cancer. Continued prayers.

Continued prayers for Diane Oddy as she continues to pursue medical treatment.

Continued prayers for Abby Ross's friend, Jack.....his medical team, his partner, & his family.

Vickie Streich ongoing health issues.

Continued prayers for Pr. Andrew's Aunt Becky following a stroke.

Dwain and Olive Lavinder and Darryl Brown, all dealing with cancer.

Prayers for Dee Feddes's friend Megan from Billings.....diagnosed with ALS.

Mike Mattson's sister, Donna, Stage 4 breast cancer.

Mary Gaub, Joni Sando's mother.....continues cancer treatment.

Carl Watts, friend of the Young family....wife Jane in a care facility because of advanced Parkinson's.

Yoki Johnson, friend of Larry & Char Somers, metastatic breast cancer, stage 4.

Prayers of Thanks and Praise

An update on Jack, a dear friend of Abigail Ross..... He is officially in remission as of March 4th!!! He has now five years of monitoring. He is overwhelmed with joy and many other emotions, and is so thankful for his team, including the PLC prayer warriors. Thank you Peace, for sending so much love to him, he felt it the entire time.

Prayers for Blessings and Encouragement

Christ's Gift Academy in Mbita, Kenya